DEALING WITH THE JUNK CARS

Within the next few weeks the City of Portland will sign a contract with a private contractor to remove junk cars on Peaks Island.

Several months ago the police department identified over 200 junk vehicles on the island both on public and private property. In compliance with City code sections 12-76 through 12-81, the Portland Police Department will be notifying owners of junk cars on private property prior to scheduled removal.

On receipt of the notice the vehicle owner may remove the vehicle within ten days or the City will remove it. If the private contractor hired by the City removes the vehicle the owner will be responsible for the charges.

The week of December 12th many vehicles which were left on public property were removed to a temporary holding area to facilitate plowing operations. These and any other vehicles on public property will be immediately removed by the contractor without notice and the owner will be billed for their removal.

I think everyone will agree that the junk car problem is one in need of a long term solution, however that solution has thus far alluded us.

Several ideas have been considered for implementation, however their problems outweighed their advantages. One recommendation is to require full registration for island vehicles which would have owner information on the DMV computer for retrieval. The present system is not computerized and it is difficult to research owner information.

Knowing who the owner is allows for better enforcement of the present ordinances in controlling the junk car problem. The only difference to island residents is the additional registration fee. It will not require vehicles to be safety inspected at a state inspection facility.

I am in hopes that more can be done to prevent the accumulation of junk vehicles on Peaks and other islands. The ultimate responsibility belongs to the vehicle owners.

I would be willing to listen to your ideas in addressing this problem which has existed for years and recently seems to be overwhelming.

LT. Googins
Portland Police Department
NEWS FROM THE SENIOR CENTER

The Meals on Wheels program is looking for volunteers to drive the meals to the folks. It's been a struggle to deliver with people having miserable colds or being away with family. If you would be interested in helping out one day a week please let us know. The route takes approximately one hour.

If there is anyone who is finding it difficult to get their noon meal please feel free to call and we can discuss your problem and maybe offer a solution.

We are still having films at the Community Center on the first Tuesday of each month at 2:00 p.m. The program lasts an hour. Come on down and enjoy some good films.

On the 7th of December Chris Cyr and Janet Anderson gave us an interesting afternoon of valuable information on dried flower arrangements. Thank you ladies.

Our Christmas party was held on December 14. Despite the community center being so cool, spirits were warm. The turkey dinner, with all the fixings, was great. The children from the Day Care center were in and received gifts, sang carols to us and presented us all with a gift they had made. A bird feeder. Thank you children, we love to have you come.

Our next monthly meeting will be on January 18th at the Senior Center at noon. The meeting begins at noon followed by pot luck luncheon. All members are welcome. If you are 55 years of age and wish to join us, do feel free to join us at our meeting, pay your dues and become one of us.

NEWS FROM THE PEAKS ISLAND CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

We hope everyone had a joyous holiday. Things were very busy, and fun at the center. We decorated Christmas cookies, made ornaments to hang on our crepe paper tree, made pinecone/sunflower bird feeders, painted gingerbread people, candycane and cut out many beautiful snowflakes to decorate the walls. We also have a post office set up in the House Area for giving and receiving letters, cards and presents that we make for each other at the center. The Post Office is a very busy place this time of year, real and pretend.

We would like to thank the Sr. Citizens for inviting the Daycare to their annual Christmas Party. There were many wonderful presents for the children, and we gave them pinecone birdfeeders, handmake by the children. We sang a few impromptu Christmas carols, led by Jon Hammond, Sean Leslie, and Annie McInerny who knew the beginning to Rudolph. We exchanged our gifts, introduced ourselves and had a wonderful time. We thank you!

Other holiday activities planned for the school-age group include, sledding on a giant hill in So. Windham, (weather permitting-let it snow!), intown playground hopping, movies, ice skating and more to keep busy during school vacation.

Special thanks to Sandi Radis and Yunhee O'Brien for their special treats to the P.I.C.D.C. staff. Have a Happy New Year Everyone!

**SCHOOL AGE ACTIVITIES**

The Peaks Island Child Development Center is working on a project to help coordinate after school activities for Peaks Island children aged 6 to 11. The following is a list of after school activities currently offered on the island (check with contact people listed for specific ages and meeting places).

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Music - Group Introduction to Voice and Piano 3:00 - 4:00 and 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Contact: Nancy Hoffman

Cub Scouts - with David Neufeld
Contact: Barbara Tonnissen

Friday - Basket Ball Peaks Island School Gym
Contact: Paula Burkholder

NEW!!! Starting in January the Star of the Sea Theater will be directing a Children's Theater group. Contact: Doreen McCann 766-2727 about audition dates
NEW!!! Beginning in January the YWCA will sponsor a Saturday Afternoon Special
12:30 - 2:00 p.m. (Arts, crafts, games) location: Peaks Island Community Center
Cost: $12.00 for January Contact: Karen Emmons/YWCA/ 874-1132

NEW!!! Tiger Cubs for first grade boys and parents Contact: Barbara Tonnissen for more info. about this group. 766-2486

NEW!!! Are you interested in leading a girl scout group????? Contact: Laurie Cox 766-5588

PEAKS ISLAND LITTLE LEAGUE Please find out if your son or daughter is interested in being on a Peaks Island Little League Team. There will be a brief informational meeting about this on January 26 at 7:00 p.m. at the Child Development Center (St. Christopher's Parish Hall) We'd like to find out how many and what age children are interested, so please attend. If it's impossible to attend but you have a child who is excited about playing please contact: Cara Guerrieri at 766-2116

NEWS FROM ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CHURCH
Hesess: Saturday 7 pm and Sunday 9:30 am in Parish Hall
No prayer group in January. Will resume February 9 at Erica home 9:45 am.
Prayer requests--call 766-2641, 2502, 2578, 2844.

FRIENDS MEETINGS (Quakers):
Meetings are every Sunday at 11 am at Betty Van Wyck's house on Adams St. Directions: follow Welch St. up the hill from the ferry, past the Legion Hall and turn right, second house on the left (blue with white picket fence). Everyone is welcome. Call 6-2959 for more information.

NEWS FROM BRACKETT MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Sunday worship and Sunday School both begin at 10 am. Child care is provided during the service. Coffee and fellowship following worship.

REUNION - REUNION - REUNION
Are you interested? Are you ready? An Island Community Reunion for residents of the 1930's end into the early 1940's.
If your interested in a fun time notify or write to former class-mates, former neighbors and friends.
For further information and planning details write to Capt. J.W. Shute, U.S.N.(RET),
10622 Beverly Nalle, Jacksonville, Florida, 32225.
Don't let apathy take a bite out of your life. Write to Capt. Shute... Or call Doug MacVane at 766-2213.

We would like to thank everyone for the concern and help given to our son Jamie.... The John Feeney Family.
HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! On the Chinese Lunar New Year, which falls on February 6, 1989, we enter the year of the Snake. If you were born after the Lunar New Year in 1905, 1917, 1929, 1941, 1953, 1965, or 1977, then you are a Snake. Gong Xi Fa Cai!

New Books

For Children:
- *The Way Things Work*—David MacCaulay (adults will like this one too)
- *Johnny Appleseed*—Steven Kellogg
- *I Hear a Noise*—Diane Goode
- *Brave Little Toaster*—Thomas Disch
- *Foxbusters*—Dick King-Smith
- *Tyrannosaurus was a Beast*—Jeffrey Prelutsky
- *Phone Call From a Ghost*—Daniel Cohen

...and many more

For Adults:
- *American Appetites*—Joyce Carol Oates
- *Lyre of Orpheus*—Robertson Davies
- *One*—Richard Bach
- *Love Song*—Andrew Greeley
- *Peachtree Road*—Anne Siddons
- *Queen of the Damned*—Anne Rice
- *Till We Meet Again*—Judith Krantz
- *Sands of Time*—Sidney Sheldon
- *Medusa*—Hammond Innes
- *Glamorous Powers*—Susan Howatch
- *Privileged Lives*—Edward Stewart
- *Paul and Joanne: A Biography*—Joe Morella
- *Gracie: A Love Story*—George Burns
- *Do Your Own Divorce in Maine*—Pine Tree Legal Assn.
- *Clearing Your Credit: The Inside Guide to Consumer Credit*—Charlene Brown

Do you have a small bookshelf we can use to hold Videotapes behind the desk?

Shut Ins—If you can't get out and would like to have some books brought to you, please give us a call. (766-5540)

Hours:
- Tuesday 2 p.m. - 8 p.m.
- Wednesday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Friday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Saturday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

DONATIONS to the January StAR: Jane McDermott, Tom & Elaine Quigg, The Hortons, Peaks Island Lions Club, Anon. 1 and 2.