Service Agencies of the Island
PEAKS ISLAND NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
NEWS
Membership meeting 1/25/90

THE P.I. WHARF

* Mr. Russell Spinney from the Me. Dept. of Transportation reported that at least 3 pile caps, one of which is directly opposite the waiting "room", have failed. Thus, the wharf is unsafe for vehicle access and blocked with a large concrete block.

* At the moment, NO repairs are planned because there is no such money available and because a new concrete pier is planned once the new vehicle pier has been built.

* PINA is not satisfied with the possibility of several years on no vehicle access and will continue to explore options toward getting the wharf repaired.

FIRE PROTECTION

The PINA Police and Safety Committee introduced a proposal that PINA support the Peaks Island callmen's request that we be granted 24-hour coverage by professional firefighters (one on duty at all times). Captain Don Jackson of the Portland Fire Department gave some background on fire protection on Peaks and said that there was a good chance that our request would be granted. The membership voted unanimous support.

ZONING

Since the recent zoning ordinances passed for the other islands exempted Peaks temporarily, PINA decided that the time had come to take a more active role in working with City planners to come up with a zoning plan acceptable to most islanders. A special committee, chaired by Gene Taylor, has been formed for this purpose. After some explanation and discussion, the membership voted against asking the City for any special growth-control measures while the committee works on the issue. A decision regarding Peaks is expected to be made this summer. To make your ideas known, call Gene (2811).

GUN CONTROL

The membership voted (35 yes, 6 no) to support Portland Police Chief Chitwood's efforts to obtain gun control, including a 7-15 day waiting period before purchase of a handgun and a child safety law which would hold the adult gun-owner responsible in cases of negligence involving children and guns.

OTHER NEWS

* Thanks to the special efforts of our Peaks Island police officers and people at City Hall, including City Manager Bob Ganley, we now have a defibrillator on the ambulance, greatly increasing the ability of our emergency medical technicians to save the lives of heart attack victims.
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* The City has promised to resurface some roads and grade the gravel of others in the spring.
* Many PINA memberships have expired and should be renewed...still one dollar! Mail to Laurie Cox, Willow St.
* Both Day Care and the Health Center will need public support in lobbying City Hall for absolutely needed-for-survival finding. Watch for announcements soon indicating how YOU can help.

* Maine Children's Trust Fund has granted money for parenting workshops on Peaks.
  * The ferries will soon carry wheelchairs to help impaired passengers on and off the boats and the Peaks wharf. Someone will need to notify a deckhand who will then bring the chair and help the passenger on or off.
  * The ill, injured and elderly are encouraged to take advantage of the Meals on Wheels program. Call Phyllis at the Sr. Citizens' Center (2545).
* Debris at the dump will NOT be burned.
* There will be a meeting with George Flaherty in mid-February to discuss final closure plans for the dump. If interested, call Kay Taylor (2811).
* In the spring, an effort will be made to push brush back at the (unofficial) brush dump in order to allow the water collecting there to flow its natural course.
  * About 75% of Peaks households participate in the recycling program. If you'd like to join, call Carol Eisenberg (3323). Used motor oil can be left at Hillside Lumber; 166 gallons have been collected thus far.

***** Mark your calendars now for the next PINA membership meeting:
  Thursday, April 26, 7:30
  Community Center

WE NEED YOUR INVOLVEMENT!

PEAKS ISLAND CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER
Central Avenue • Peaks Island, Maine 04108 • 207-766-2854

HAPPY GROUNDHOG’S DAY! While most people are longing for longer, warmer and dryer days, our sledding enthusiasts are hoping a sunny day will scare the groundhog back into hibernation! This winter has brought us plenty of snow, and snow lovers of all ages have been thrilled. This past snowstorm also brought down a very large limb in our playground — until its removal please caution children to perhaps find another play area.

Indoors, we experimented with our sense of smell in our science area by soaking sponges with various extracts. The school age group made Chinese lanterns to hang in their area just in time for the Chinese New Year.

We'd like to welcome Christopher Richards and Andrew Shaw to our preschool program.

We'd also like to bid a fond farewell to Dick Howland who has been our Kitchen Manager for the past two years. Because of a lack of necessary funds, we must reduce our food program and will no longer be able to provide hot lunches as part of our program...we will continue to serve our morning breakfast and afternoon snack. Thank you Dickie for all those wonderful meals!!!!

Thank you, also, to all community members who will be taking the time over the next month to let our city councilors know the importance of our Childcare Center, Health Center, and Neighborhood Association as city council members make their decisions about HCD funding requests.
New Story Time for Toddlers

Beginning Friday, March 2, at 10:30 am, there will be a story time for very young children, birth to 3, the first Friday of each month. Parents and caretakers who have had to choose between playgroup at the Child Development Center and story hour at the library on Wednesday mornings have requested this program. All are welcome.

New Magazines for Children

The library now subscribes to four magazines for children (in addition to Mad, Circus, Hot Rod, Glamour and Seventeen for teens). They are on the bottom shelf of the magazine rack, and the titles are: *Our Backyard Fun* (for the pre-Ranger Rick crowd), *Ranger Rick* National Geographic's World, and *Junior Sports Illustrated* Elementary school children with parents' permission might like to stop by on their way home from school Tuesdays to read a while and stay for the movies, which start at 3:15 and end by 4 pm.

Topics File (*'Vertical File'*)

Martha McCain has volunteered to maintain our "vertical file," which is a collection of information clipped from magazines, newspapers and other sources, and stored in file folders, on topics that may be helpful for school homework assignments, as well as of general interest. There are folders for each state, but some still need better information. Other sample topics are holidays, nuclear energy, Peaks Island history, cooking, wood burning, etc.

If anyone has information to contribute or can let us know topics about which you would like us to collect information, Martha, Lorraine or Priscilla would be glad to hear from you.

Tax forms

Tax forms are available at the library, and there is a book with all the forms, which may be photocopied.

Volunteers

The Peaks Island Library has several new volunteers who have joined our faithful and dedicated regulars. It is very exciting to have so much interest in the library. The extra hands enable us to offer more service, and our whole island community benefits. Thank you to each of our helpers.

Upcoming at the main library

There will be two programs of special interest in March at the main library, in Portland. Authors Stephen King and Ashley Bryan will give two separate programs. Mr. Bryan is a children's author and illustrator now living in Maine. Three of his books will be available at the Peaks Island Branch Library for you to look at ahead of the program. Watch for times and dates for both.

New Books*

**Fiction**
- Barnes, A HISTORY OF THE WORLD IN 10/2 CHAPTERS
- Beattie, PICTURING WILL
- Jong, ANY WOMAN'S BLUES
- Michael, A RULING PASSION

**Non-Fiction**
- Sams, FORBIDDEN; FAMILY. WARTIME MEMOIR OF THE PHILIPPINES
- Shirer, 20TH CENTURY JOURNEY
- Weinstein, YOUR FERTILITY SIGNALS
- World Today Series, LATIN AMERICA

*There is a complete list at the library of new books received in January.

Library Hours

Tues: 2 - 8  *movies at 3:15 pm
Wed: 10 - 4  *story time, 10:30 am
Fri: 10-2
Sat. 9-1
Anne F. Collins, M.D.

Wednesday 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.
Friday 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.
Saturday 8:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.

Please note the change in Dr. Collins hours. The office will now be open from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., on Wednesday. The evening hours did not appear to be needed, at this time.

Anyone who becomes ill on the Island, during the above office hours, can be seen in the office. Even if you have a primary doctor in town, Dr. Collins will be happy to see you. Remember to dial 911, in the case of an emergency, including the hours when Dr. Collins is on the Island.

To make an appointment, please call 766-2929 or 766-2920. When the office is not open, please leave a message on our answering machine. State your name, telephone number, and the day of your call. Karen will be reviewing the messages on Monday evenings.

NEWS FROM THE CASCO BAY HEALTH CENTER BOARD

We have written two grants seeking funding for equipment for the Health Center and for assistance in staff support. The City Council hearing prior to their making decisions regarding funding requests will occur in February. We ask as many of you who can to attend that meeting (watch the bulletin board in front of Bayview) and to write the City Council supporting both the Health Center’s and the Day Care Center’s requests for funds.

An anonymous gift of $500 and another of $20 are received with deep appreciation. These gifts allow us to continue our efforts to create an environment that supports Dr. Collin’s work. Dr. Josiah Carpenter has located a car that Dr. Collin’s can use as she travels the island to make home visits. Together we make a great team, don’t we?
CYNTHIA G. SARGENT, RN  
Certified Massage Therapist  
By Appointment 766-2135

Massage Therapy can help reduce mental and physical fatigue, improve circulation and body tone and enhance the function of joints and muscles.

Valentine's Special this month!

Member American Massage Therapy Association.
Senior Citizen discount.
Gift Certificates available.

NEWS FROM THE STAR OF THE SEA THEATER & DANCE CO.

1990 looks like it will be an exciting year. First off, I would like to thank those special people on the island for their support. The Dancers, the Exercise and Aerobic classes. Patrons of our new Boutique, Sister Ann Augusta, SND, Martha and Sam McCain for their enthusiasm and posters. Thanks also to Phyllis Le Clair and the support of my co-tenants, the Senior Citizen's Center. To a wonderful couple - Bob and Jo Ann Downing (our landlords), and finally to Al McCann and Diana McLennan-Tyson for helping to make the move into the new studio possible. God bless and sincere thanks.

Two new programs have been introduced this year:

A Baton class for the young children at 10 am in the Community Center, followed by Kids Aerobics at 10:45 a.m. Saturdays. All ages welcome. Our Baton instructor is Robin Wellington. She has many trophies and medals from competitions in Maine and New Hampshire.

Baton class is $6.00 per month. Aerobics is $.50¢ per class.

Theater Drama workshops are underway. We welcome back to our theater group Norval Serell who has been successfully working with other theatrical companies in Portland. "45 Minutes from Broadway" will be our first production in the '90's. We are looking for a small upright piano for our studio. If anyone knows where we can get one, please call us at the studio: 766-2727. We welcome any new members to our theater group.

Our junior members will start the year off with their own show: "The Children's Hour" on Sunday February 25th from 2:30 pm at the Community Building. This is their show - a chance to work on their own creativity. Donation for adults is $1.00, 50¢ for children. There will be refreshments.

If you would like to be in the "Children's Hour" --------------- Any child up to 16 years old wishing to dance-sing-recite, do something musical or magical---this is for you. Auditions are Saturdays 11:15 a.m. at the Community Center.

There will be a food sale Saturday, February 17th from 11am-4 pm in the new Boutique on Welch Street. The Downings are donating some of their delicious candy! Don't miss it!

Thanks everyone for your support.

Musically yours, Doreen
"Choices in Childbirth"

Wed. February 28th 7:00 pm Community Room

AN EVENING FOR WOMEN TO SHARE THEIR BIRTHING EXPERIENCES AND TO CONTRIBUTE TO A SURVEY OF OBSTETRICAL PRACTICES IN OUR AREA.

As a kick-off event for my Childbirth Preparation Classes, I will be showing two birthing videos, "Special Delivery" and "Birth: A Family Experience", along with a video on Breast Self-Examination by the Cancer Center.

A video by Rahima Baldwin to help you have a Special Delivery

This 40-minute video honors women in the work of birth as it shows three births (home, hospital and birth center) and addresses psychological and women’s issues.

"As a family therapist and childbirth professional, I find Special Delivery to be one of the most realistic and emotionally supportive videos I have viewed."

– Gayle Peterson, author of Birthing Normally

"Special Delivery video is beautiful—aesthetically, culturally, intuitively and intellectually. I have not seen a better video on birth."

– Sue Frizzell, childbirth educator.

ALL WOMEN WELCOME:

MOTHERS, NOT-MOTHERS, SOON-TO-BE MOTHERS, all please join me for refreshments and an evening of sharing.

Marcia Hart-Quinby, Certified Childbirth Educator
For more info. please call 766-2244

**Donations to the Star this month were received from Carol Eisenberg, Elizabeth Kilday, Marcia Hart-Quinby and Anon. I, II, and III. Thank you very much. **
News from the Casco Bay Garage:

The nor'easter snow storms we've been experiencing tend to blow a fair amount of snow into our covered parking garage. After the storm is over it would be helpful to us if you would refrain from parking in a space from which snow must be removed. Then again, maybe it won't snow anymore so it may not matter.

We are still looking for a vehicle registration, mailing address and day time phone number for some of our monthly parkers. Just this week, I tried to locate the owner of a vehicle that had a flat tire. I hope it isn't you that is late for work or an appointment one day and arrives at the garage to find that your car is immobile. This data is important for a variety of reasons so we may have to resort to locking out parking cards to meet the cardholder. Why not just jot down the information on a card and leave it with the booth attendant? (Don't forget to list your card number(s).

If you know of anyone who may want a monthly parking space this spring or summer, you might advise them that it is likely that they will run into a waiting list situation if they wait too long. We have spaces available now on a first-come, first-serve basis, and we will not reserve spaces in advance.

We wish to remind you that checks for monthly parking payments should be addressed to: Casco Bay Garage, P.O. Box 7525, Portland, ME 04112. Please, please remember to put your parking card number on the check. If you have two cards please include both numbers. If you have any questions regarding billing please call 879-1671 between 8:30am and 5:00pm.

Please help us maintain our excellent security record. Remove radar detectors, CB radios, and any other tempting items from your vehicle when you park. If you see children in the garage that are not accompanied by adults or adults that are acting suspiciously, please alert the garage attendant immediately.

Drive carefully and know when to say no. Sincerely,

Sincerely,

Dan Hogan, Mgr.
Casco Bay Garage

St. Christopher's Church


Wednesday: Beano at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Thursday: No Prayer Group this month. Prayer requests may be phoned in to 766-2502, 2641, or 2844. Prayer Group will resume Thursday, March 8, 9:45 a.m. at the Erica Home.

ASH WEDNESDAY services will be held on February 28, after the 7 p.m. mass in the UpperRoom of the Parish Hall.

FREE BLOOD PRESSURES SUNDAY FEB. 11 AFTER MASS. BY AN R.N.

A 100 DOLLAR BOND IS ON RAFFLE AND WILL BE DRAWN IN MARCH. TICKETS MAY BE OBTAINED THROUGH JUDY PLAIAJ AT BEANO OR AFTER MASS ON SUNDAY.
January has already flown by. We did have some lovely spring-like weather — smeared by winter weather. Anyway, we are one month nearer spring.

Our monthly meeting on January 17th was marvelous. Following our meeting and potluck luncheon, we were entertained by Edward Langlois — you folks who were not there missed a great afternoon. He carried us back to the thirties, forties, etc., with music and lots of interesting things about leading entertainers of that time, especially some with a Portland connection. Some time this spring we will try to have Mr. Langlois back for a return engagement.

The Bible Study group is still of great interest. This is held on Wednesday morning at the Senior Center — from nine to ten. Rev. Ted Poland is leading the group.

During the holiday season, our art class took a rest, but has resumed on Thursday morning -- 8 to 10 A.M. at Senior Center.

Many are working on mittens for the children for next December. If you have some done, you can bring them to the Center, where we can store them until the next occasion.

Anyone thinking of new items for our sale in June? These dreary days are the time to whip up some cuties. We need all the help we can get.

Did you realize we have 1990 pocket calendars, large calendars, cards and pens on sale? All money is used to help someone.

Watch the window at the Senior Center for listing of trips and upcoming events.

CALENDAR

February 14  Valentine party -- games, quizzes & observance of birthdays; with tea and munchies.
February 21  Monthly meeting and pot luck luncheon at noon. We ask you to bring items for silent auction.
February 22  Luncheon at Dockside at noon -- meet around noon.
March 21  Monthly meeting and pot luck luncheon. Bob Jarrell will tell us how to grow beautiful flowers and vegetables.
March 24  Hopefully, trip to Flower Show at Saco Island -- watch Center window for details.
April 12  Easter egg hunt for Day Care children at Community Building. Time announced later. If you wish to help, call Phylis.
April 18  Monthly Meeting and Pot Luck Luncheon. We will have Easter hat parade; all will be judged. Please start work on your originals.
April 25  Luncheon at Dockside at noon.
News from Brackett Memorial United Methodist Church

The members and friends of the Brackett Memorial United Methodist Church will be holding Sunday worship services temporarily at the Community Room of the Public Safety Building. This will continue through April 1st. This is being done upon the recommendation of the Administrative Council as a way to be better stewards of our limited resources. It will also assist us as we struggle to define our mission. It will assist us to see ourselves as a faith community--as the body of Christ--away from the traditional trappings. All who wish to gather with us to worship are welcome at 10a.m. on Sunday morning.

February 4th- Communion. The Church Conference will take place following the service. The Rev. S. Clifton Ives, District Superintendent, presiding.

February 13 The United Methodist Women will meet at the home of Mary Dennison, 12 noon.


Bible Study each Wednesday morning at the Peaks Island Sr. Citizens Center. 9a.m.

Anyone interested in a discussion group " The Gospel as Seen through Third World Eyes" Or confirmation contact Rev. Poland at 766-5013.