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Service Agencies of the Island
The Steering Committee hopes that all islanders enjoyed a wonderful holiday season and we wish all of you a very prosperous and happy 1993. We would like to thank all of the people involved with our community tree. Special thanks to the Peaks Island Grade School, the City of Portland, Mr. Richard Bruns, and Fay Garman’s Community Service Committee. A job well done and appreciated by the residents who have enjoyed your efforts.

Larry Walden has resigned as our president and as a member of our Steering Committee. Larry’s resignation was for personal reasons. The P.I.N.A. membership wishes him the best and we thank him for all that he has done for the island. Ron Benner was elected to fill the position of president for the remainder of the year. The Steering Committee will elect a new Steering Committee member after the January General Meeting. Those interested in consideration may contact our Secretary, Loretta Voyer, for information. Loretta’s telephone number is 766-2523.

On December 10, a meeting was held on the island with members of M.D.O.T., City of Portland Public Works, Portland Water District, and Casco Bay Lines to discuss the Phase II Peaks Island Pier Project. The meeting was very informative and much public input was received. An architectural firm will use the public input to structure a unified plan for the pier lying in Welch Street and the surrounding areas. This arrangement is expected to be beneficial to all and although everyone can not get all they would like, the community should be satisfied with an overall package which is beneficial to all. An excellent job of communication and support by everyone involved in this project.
The next General Meeting of P.I.N.A. is scheduled for January 19, 1993 at 7:30 P.M. The meeting should be held in the Peaks Island Community Center Building. The agenda will include a statement by State Representative Ann Rand to the islanders regarding our relationship with the City of Portland and her co-sponsorship of a bill allowing the island residents to vote to separate from the city. P.I.N.A. can not and will not show support for or against this issue but we will try to provide as much information and education to all of our residents as possible. Watch the community bulletin boards for bulletins with other agenda items for the January meeting. We remind ALL islanders that they are welcome and we invite EVERYONE to attend and join in the discussion of OUR island's issues.

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SELF GOVERNMENT BILL IS FILED FOR PEAKS ISLAND

Representative Herb Adams filed a bill in mid December which will allow Peaks Islanders to choose self government next November if they wish. The legislation which is patterned after the Long Island Bill Provides a tighter definition of Assets and Debt aimed at arriving at a more reasonable settlement of those issues than in the case of Long Island. Co-sponsors are Senator Gerard Conely and Representative Ann Rand.

Based on its extensive research and the results of a canvass earlier this year which showed that 93% of the Islands voting residents want the chance to vote on self government, the Peaks Island Research Committee (PIRC) is continuing it's work. They have retained the firm of Runyon, Kersteen, Ouellette, & Lessard, Specialists in Municipal Accounting, to assist them in preparing the legislation. Certified Public Accountant Glen Kersteen is also assisting the committee to prepare its budget recommendations for presentation to the legislature and the residents of Peaks Island.

An Island wide meeting will be held early in 1993 to review the bill, the work of the committee, and most important to answer your questions and concerns.

Representative Adams and Glen Kersteen will make presentations along with others. Watch for announcements as to time and place.
PORTLAND RECREATION ON PEAKS ISLAND

JANUARY ACTIVITIES

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RESERVE THE COMMUNITY ROOM, YOU MUST CONTACT DENISE (766-2970) AT LEAST TWO DAYS IN ADVANCE. DO NOT LEAVE A MESSAGE ON THE MACHINE. IF DENISE IS NOT THERE, PLEASE CALL 874-8793 DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS.

ADULT ACTIVITIES: OPEN TO ALL ADULTS

Men’s Basketball  Tuesday evenings  6:30-8:30 pm School gym
New 10-week session begins on Jan. 12. Membership fee is $15.00
Deadline to register is Jan. 5

Coed Volleyball  Wednesday evenings  7:00-9:00 pm School gym
New 10-week session begins on Jan. 27. Membership fee is $15.00.
Deadline to register is Jan. 13. We must have 10 paid members by that date to continue the program.

January 20 - Wednesday  Craft Day  1:00-3:00 pm Com Ctr
Bring your own craft to do, or call Denise for supplies to make a "mystery" craft

OFF-ISLAND ACTIVITIES

Pre-registration required for all off-island activities. Senior adults are given top priority. Non-seniors may register on a space available basis. Sign-up sheets are at the Sr. Center (open M-F, 10:00-11:00 am; call ahead if coming in the afternoon: 2545). Registrations left on the answering machine CANNOT be guaranteed. Space is limited. A minimum of 8 people is required. If you have any questions, please call Denise at 2970.

January 13 - Wednesday  Shopping: K-Mart & Rich’s  10:00 am boat/no later than 4:30 return
January 27 - Wednesday  Portland Museum of Art & Lunch  10:00 am boat/return  4:30
Special Exhibit at the Museum: Photographs of Ansel Adams  Museum fee: $2.50
February 5 -Friday  SMTC Luncheon Buffet  11:15 am boat/no later than 3:15 return
Approximate cost: $7.50

After School Program: Grades 1-5
Thursday afternoons from 2:45 - 4:00 pm. See The Link for details about Gr. 1-5 as well as special Kindergarten drop-in sessions. Note: No Drop-in program on Thursday, January 21

Coming in February: Presentation on composting by Sam McCain. If you have a T.V. you would be willing to loan for the day, a video on composting would be shown. Please call Denise at 2970 (ans. machine) if you have one to loan.

If you are interested in a first aid course, please call Denise to let her know. If there is enough interest, we will have one in the near future.
St. Christopher's Catholic Church Central Ave. 766-2585
Rev. Normand Carrier, Pastor

Masses: Weekend - Sat. 4 pm, Sunday, 9 am in the Parish Hall
Weekday - St. Joseph-By-The-Sea, 7:30 am

Activities: Sundays - Coffee and cake in the Parish Hall after Mass
Wednesdays - Bible Study, 9am, Senior Center
Beano - NO BEANO UNTIL APRIL

Thursdays - Prayer Group 9:45 am at Marge Erico's. For prayers
call 6-2844, 2502, 2641 or St. Joseph's 2284
50/50 Club - $5 a month or $50 per year, win half of the pot. Call Joyce
O'Brien 6-2001 for more information.

PARISH CONCERNS: Contact Paul Johnson 2910, Sr. Rosina 2284, Rectory 2585
** Donations for Food Pantry may be left in appropriate box or basket in the
Parish Hall. Your donations may help many.

RENEW PROGRAM - Are you interested in renewing your Renew Program. Open to
all. FMI call Father Carrier 2585. This could be a great Lenten series.

PARISH COUNCIL - New members of the Council are Paul Johnson, President; Sam
McCain, Susan Benner, and Vivian Parker, Secretary. Next Parish Council
meeting TBA in the church bulletin.

FOR FURTHER NOTICES REGARDING OTHER EVENTS PLEASE CHECK THE WEEKLY BULLETIN

BRACKETT MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Church Street - Telephone 766-5013
Pastor - Rev. Charles Hale
10:00 A.M. Sundays - Worship and Sunday School

Thursdays - 9:00 A.M. - Bible study at Senior Center.
Please note change of day from Wednesday to
Thursday. We believe this will be a more
convenient day.

January 12 - 12:00 Noon - Regular UMW meeting at the
home of Mary Dennison.

January 14 and - Get-together for all ladies interested
January 20 - in social afternoon and workshop on
things for our next Fair. Bring a sandwich
and have fun with us. At the home of Virginia
Paton, 141 Island Avenue, apartment 1 (Avenue
House). Time: 12:00 Noon.

January 16 - Pot luck supper in the church's Fellowship
Hall. Bring: sense of humor; also a wrapped
gift for a Yankee swap. Something in the house
you don't need/want. Or something you received
which you don't want/need. Or, well, you think
of something? (If you're worn out with wrapping,
put it in a paper bag!)

Thursdays - Regular Boy Scout meetings.

(F.S. Looks like Thursdays promise to be busy days this
month--go to bed early Wednesdays so you'll be fit.)
ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP: meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7 pm. January 5, Michael Dorris's Yellow Raft in Blue Water is the book for discussion. February 2, Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbitt will be the topic. All welcome to join us.

New Fiction
E. M. Forster, Howard's End
Joseph Heywood, Domino Conspiracy
Robin Cook, Terminal
Stephen King, Delores Claiborne
Susan Minot, Folly
Michael Ondaatje, English Patient

New Nonfiction
Noah Adams on "All Things Considered"
J. Campbell, Clutter Control
Kevin Coyne, Day in the Night of America
B. Peeters, Tintin and the World of Hergé
Neil Sheehan, After the War Was Over

And, two new additions about the Civil War in Maine:
Lynn Sudlow's Fifth Maine Regiment Community Building: a History
Alice Trulock, In the Hands of Providence (a biography of Joshua Chamberlain)

THANK YOU to the Lions Club for their very generous gift to the library.

NEW STUDENTS PLEASE CALL FOR PLACEMENT.

WISHING EVERYONE A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR.
Happy New Year to all...we heralded in the holidays with a Pinata Party with our preschool crew. a sight to behold...followed by a reading of the Gingerbread Man by Priscilla Webster along with individual Gingerbread Cookies so we could all practice being the fox!

Our warmest thanks to the Senior Citizens for their wonderful gifts of handknit mittens to all 32 children who attend our programs.

If you're looking for some company, remember our weekly PLAYGROUP. offered every Wednesday from 10:15-11AM. It's a time for Infants/Toddlers/Parents to come and enjoy our playspace and the company of others.

A continuing thanks to all who donate their Bottle Returns to our food account at Feeney's. last year's total was just over $300. You can just have your bottle slips credited to the Child Care Center account at Feeney's. it's a great help and we appreciate the community support.

Thank you to Cathy Hasson for filling our fish tank for us...it's fun to finally have some sea life in it again.

If you find yourself needing some extra food, please don't hesitate to visit the Food Pantry located in our kitchen in the basement of St. Christopher's Parish Hall. Donations from the community, St. Christopher's Parish, and a FEMA grant will help us keep it stocked through the winter. Just stop in between 7-11:30AM or 2:30-6PM, Monday-Friday or give a call and we can arrange for food delivery.

We have an exciting project happening with plans to purchase and renovate a new space for our Child Care Center. We've embarked on this project because of flooding in our current space plus other environmental and accessibility concerns. We have applied for a significant portion of the costs from the City of Portland through the HCD (Housing and Community Development) Grant process which will hold public hearings in March. You will be hearing more about this from us and we hope that community members who support this project will join us in letting the City know how important this project is to our community and our children.

TAP CLASSES will be starting the week of January 11th for children ages 5 and up, and adults as well. Join us! For more information call Billie Johnston- 766-2751
The Island Health Center Hours for medical care are:

- Mondays: 8:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.
- Wednesdays: 8:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.
- Thursdays: 12:30 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

All medical emergencies should call 911 before calling the health center.

Call 766-2929 for an appointment. Please leave a message on our answering machine. Thank you for your continuing support of the Peaks Island Health Center.

*** AIDS Forum ****

Everything you always wanted to know about AIDS, a forum with Brian Allen, AIDS Educator, Director, Merry Meeting AIDS Support Services, Brunswick, and two friends infected with HIV.

Tuesday, January 12, at 7:00 P.M.
Brackett Memorial Church, Fellowship Hall

Co-sponsored by the Peaks Island P.T.O., Peaks Island Health Center, and Casco Bay Health Center Board.

Senior Citizen Luncheon
Child Dev. Ctr. children with their mittens on the senior citizens

Tree Lighting Ceremony
Santa and his friends
January 1, 1993

Dear Casco Bay Garage Patrons,

Monthly parking payments must be received by the Fore River office or the booth attendant no later than the end of the 5th day of each month. We charge a late fee of $5 per month for amounts received after that day. If your check is returned to us by the bank because of insufficient funds in your account, we must bill you $15 to cover the bank fee and additional CBG staff expense for processing. In the future, all fees must be paid in order to continue parking in the garage. We will place your name on the lockout list and you will be allowed to enter or exit only once until all payments are received.

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 4:30pm. If you let your parking payments lapse, you must pay all back charges in order to be able to park again. Please return your card to let us know that we should no longer charge you for parking!

Casco Bay Garage offers a special rate for overnight parking during declared snow emergencies. The rate is $4 and you must enter the garage after 4pm and leave before 8am the following morning. Any time before 4pm or after 8am will be charged at the regular rate of 50 cents per half hour. The first half hour will not be free under this special rate.

To save wear and tear on the deck and to save money, we will have elected again this year not to plow the open upper levels. We will barricade the area when snow is expected and remove the barrier only when the snow melts.

During major storms, snow will frequently drift in and build up around parked cars. If you are entering the garage, please do not park in a space that someone has just vacated if there is snow sludge in it. Let us clear the space first and we will avoid skidding, spinning, bumping and related heartaches.

Please remember to 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. Casco Bay Garage is not responsible for theft from or damage to vehicles.

Drive Safely!

*** December donations to the STAR were made by Peaks Island Lions Club, Mardianne Green, and Anon. I, II and III. Thank you all very much.