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Service Agencies of the Island

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The annual Spring Town will be held on SUNDAY FROM 2 - 4 P.M. MARCH 13TH in the Peaks Island Community Room.

The Agenda:
1. New Public/Government Wharf: Rules and regulations
2. Allocation of parking spots in new garage: what's our suggestion for system
3. Peaks Island Waste Treatment facility: revisited
4. Casco Bay Island Transit District: update/questions
5. Removal of junk cars/ problems with junk cars
6. Island Neighborhood organization: would it be more effective than the Town Meeting Forum

OLD BUSINESS:
1. Assignment of numbers to our houses for emergency purposes

WE HOPE YOU WILL ALL TAKE THE TIME TO COME AND PARTICIPATE. WE HAVE, AS USUAL, INVITED THE CITY FATHERS TO COME DOWN. MARK YOUR CALENDERS FOR 3/13/88 2 - 4 P.M.

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State Senator Tom Andrews has made a commitment to come to Peaks Island on Monday, March 7th at 7:00 P.M. at the Community Center for one of his annual "Town Meetings".

Sen. Andrews is always interested in listening to our concerns; and, he is willing to work for the betterment of our community in Augusta.

PLEASE COME.
Report from the Island Affairs Committees of Brackett Memorial and St. Christopher's Churches: Transportation on Peaks Island

There was some confusion over the content of the last article printed in the STAR concerning transportation on Peaks Island. The article was written by Annie O'Brien and Irene Fitzgerald as representatives of their respective churches. The effort being made to establish a long term solution to the transportation needs of the elderly and handicapped stems from both churches - not from any private individual.

2/17/88 Uptown Meeting:

The initial meeting was snowed out in Portland; and rescheduled for 2/17/88. although the City was noticeably absent, the following organizations were present: Council of Government, Southern Maine Area Agency on Aging, Southern Maine Association of Handicapped Persons, Rep. Joseph Brennan's office, St. Christopher's Church and Town Taxi. Also in attendance were Carl Hall for the Health Center and Senior Citizens, Betty Van Wyck for Friends Meeting, and a number of concerned citizens: Henry Adamson, Peg Harmon, Anne Knowles and Jan Sullivan.

There appear to be three approaches:

1. Private
2. Public
3. Private/Public partnership

Sources to look at:

1. Private grants
2. Federal/state and/or city subsidies
3. Combination of private and public

All in attendance agreed that the City needs to acknowledge their responsibility to the Islands' transportation needs.

2/21/88 Island Meeting

We had a good turn out of 25 people to discuss the results of the Uptown meeting, and work out a plan of action. The meeting was conducted by Anne O'Brien who did a marvelous job getting the facts out.

Larry Gross from Southern Maine Area Agency on Aging was present as well as John Curry who is running against Joseph Casale for the City Council Seat.

Results:

Health Center Board will be approached as a possible non-profit funding source for grants' purposes. A committee will be set up with representatives from: St. Christopher's, Brackett Memorial, Health Center, School, Senior Citizens, Sisters of St. Joseph and Town Taxi. Lloyd Hamilton, driver for Town Taxi, was appointed the ad hoc Chairman of the Committee to ensure that it does not get dropped; and, that a permanent solution will be worked out.
A half hour multi-media presentation of Computer Professionals for Social Responsibility and Interlock Media Associates, offers a critical look at the reliability of computers in our nation's defense program with major emphasis on the proposed "Star Wars" system.

This film won a gold medal for best documentary: Association for Multi-Image in New England.

It will be shown at the Peaks Island Community Room on Sunday, March 6th at 7:00 P.M. Discussions and refreshments will follow.

The Peaks Island Investment Club is looking for a few new partners. The Club, a partnership, is now in its third year. A partner must contribute a minimum of twenty dollars each month. At monthly meetings we vote to invest the money available in stocks or bonds. Each partner's account is recorded separately. Partial or full withdrawal of a partner's share can occur after notice in accord with an agreement signed by all the partners.

There are thousands of Investment Clubs in the United States. Here are some of the reasons people participate:

1. to learn about the stock market
2. an individual's small amount combined with small amounts from others allows for more efficient investment of larger sums
3. the club concept forces savings for regular investment
4. the combined knowledge and judgement of a group may help to pick winners
5. to share the enjoyment of a common interest and a team effort to "beat the market"

Current partners are:

Ralph Ashmore
Bill Cass
Tom Cox
Irene Fitzgerald
Betty Heller
Howard Heller
Roberta Jackson
Bara Miller
Bob Miller
Tom Morse
John Romanyshyn
Gene Taylor
Rob Tiffany
Betty Van Wyck

For more information contact any of these partners, or call Bob Miller 766-2460, Gene Taylor 766-2811 or Rob Tiffany 766-2875.

MARCH 27 AT 2:00 P.M. at the Peaks Island community Room there will be a Public Hearing on Wastewater Treatment Facilities Plan. (Federal and State Law require that a minimum construction of a Primary Wastewater treatment on Peaks Island). Copies of the Draft Facilities plan can be reviewed at the Peaks Island Library.

OPEN HOUSE TO VIEW THE NEW AMBULANCE will be on Saturday, March 12 from 10 - 2 at the Peaks Island Fire Station.

FRIENDS MEETING (Quakers) Every Sunday at 11 a.m. Everyone Welcome. IT is at Betty Van Wyck's house on Adams St. 2 blocks up the hill from the ferry. turn right, second house on left. Blue home with white pickett fence. You may call 766-2959.
New Books at the Library:
- Fred Howard. Wilbur and Orville.
- Marilyn French. Her Mother's Daughter.
- Noel Coward. Pomp and Circumstance.
- Murder and Mystery in Boston.
- Garrison Keillor. Leaving Home.
- Boston Women's Health Book Collective. The New Our Bodies, Ourselves.

Our new cassette tapes are proving very popular. Here are some more new ones:
- Boston Pops. Pops In Space.
- Michael Jackson. Bad.
- CATS (original cast recording)
- Amadeus (movie soundtrack)
- Smetana. The Moldau.
- West Side Story, with Kiri Te Kanawa and Jose Carreras
- The Big Chill (movie soundtrack)
- Poison. Look What the Cat Dragged In.
- Philip Ledger. Organ Music from King's College, Cambridge.
- Barbra Streisand. The Broadway Album.
- The Beatles. Love Songs.

Library Hours:
- Tuesday 2:00--8:00
- Wednesday 10:00--4:00
- Friday 10:00--2:00
- Saturday 9:00--1:00
- After School Movies, Tuesday at 3:15
- Pre-School Story hour, Wednesday at 10:15
- Home delivery available--just call 766-5540.

A few words from Louise Capizzo:
I am adding a few lines at the end of the Library news to let everyone know I have resigned as your Librarian.
I have loved every minute of my work over the past 10 years. What a joy to see this branch become such an important part of islanders lives and an important part of the whole Library system.
I decided to stay home and be with my 3 children. I can't imagine trying to leave the house each day with all of us and it was hard to find care for them. I also remember hearing all the rich, loving memories everyone shared with me throughout my pregnancy with Ray & I wanted to have memories to share when I was older.
I will miss serving you. I enjoyed the challenge of keeping books on the shelves. Or finding a book someone asked for. My favorite searches were from people who could remember the author or title but the story was about a woman in a castle.
Thank you all very much for making my job so interesting. I will still substitute when needed and I will be in to give "advice" whether Lorraine asks for it or not. I am not sure about what the Main Library will do about replacing me but, I am sure this branch will not be closed with your continued support.
Thanks again, Louise Capizzo
The Peaks Island Child Development Center offers year round toddler (18 mos. -- 3 years) childcare through our Homebase Component.

A staff member currently runs the program from her home, which is licensed by the state as a Family Day Care Home. Funds from the City of Portland, United Way, and parent fees support the program which enrolls up to five children at a time. The program is open M-F; 8am-5pm.

We are looking for a new home and two staff members for this program for September, 1988.

We would like to hear from any community members who might have the following:
1) Available Space: a few rooms, including a kitchen, closet, 
   bathroom, playspace -- all on ground level -- plus outdoor play-
   space.
2) Individuals who have an interest in becoming part of our toddler program and have experience with this age group. There is a need for both a full-time (35 hrs/wk) and part-time (15 hrs /wk) teacher. The full-time position involves being responsible for enrollments, scheduling, participation in the USDA food program, and development of a toddler play environment. The part-time teacher will assist in all these areas.

Please contact Janine Blatt Program Director, at 766-2854.

if you have any ideas, suggestions, or interest in learning more about this program and our center.

We need your help in order to continue to offer this important service to parents in our community.

Could those really be new buds on the trees? We discovered the buds on an afternoon walk and brought some branches back for our science area. We have apple, forsythia, lilac and maple saplings. We hope to have a glimpse of spring greenery at our Center by March 1. While we search for hints of Spring, our winter activities haven't ceased. Although the snow was melting on the roads and hills the shaded woods remain perfect for sliding.

Our computer is back in the classroom. The children are having fun while learning the basics of the keyboard and simple programs.

Dickie Howland is our new cook and we welcome him to the center. We also welcome Josh Lynch to our preschool program.

NEWS FROM BRACKETT MEMORIAL CHURCH

10:00 a.m. Worship, child care and Sunday for younger children. Coffee fellowship following worship. Please join us in the church hall.

NEWS FROM ST. CHRISTOPHER'S

Masses: Saturday 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall
Sunday 9:30 a.m. Parish Hall
Parent Teacher Organization Meeting  
March 8th, 7pm, School Library

This will be an important meeting of the PTO and we encourage all interested parents to attend. It is vitally important to have input from parents to help in the focus, direction and planning of PTO goals. If you have any additional agenda items or questions please feel free to contact one of the PTO officers listed below.

Chairperson: Connie Cooley, 766-2627  
Secretary: Ginny LaCrow, 766-5801  
Treasurer: Roberta Deane, 766-2782

Proposed Agenda:

1. A community fundraiser. We will be contacting various organizations and inviting interested people in the planning of a community fundraising project that will be fun as well as make money.

2. A “Men’s Night”: the purpose being to encourage dads and interested men in the community to organize an event/activity to share with their children or special young person. We are looking for one or two men to organize such an event with the assistance of the PTO.

3. We are looking for a “Morning Activities Person” to coordinate simple games/activities several mornings per week between 8:15 and 8:45 am when parents have left on the ferry and teachers are just arriving at school. A stipend will be offered. Please contact Connie Cooley (62627)

4. We recognize the lack of an organized group of parents to represent children who commute to the middle and high schools in Portland and are encouraging a parent(s) to outreach to other parents with children of these ages, and hold a meeting to discuss concerns, ideas and possible activities which could be offered to these children. The PTO on the island would like to support the efforts of any parents concerned about their children’s after school activities.

5. David Neufeld has offered to perform at the school in June with five other performers and is requesting a fee of $250.00. We will hear more about his idea at the meeting and have an opportunity to ask more questions.

6. Ginny LaCrow and Lee Stirling will present highlights from the PAC meeting with Carolyn Holman, a curriculum developer with the Portland Public Schools.

7. There will be a brief update on the grant being written by Annie O’Brien, Lee Stirling and Ginny LaCrow entitled “The Diversity Project”.
Are you interested in taking an 8 week class here on the island and becoming certified as a CNA/HHA? (Certified Nurse Assistant/Home Health Aide) There is a possibility of the course being offered here on Peaks if ten or more people indicate they are interested. Contact the health center and give your name, address and phone number; call soon, and with quick results we may be able to start sometime in April!

FAMILY DENTISTRY
Robert Lundin DMD
phone 766-3343

Hours

Mon- Dental hygiene cleanings by appoint.
Wed. Dr. Lundin 10:30-5pm

Peaks Island Well Child Clinic

The City of Portland holds a well child clinic at the Peaks Island Health Center one day every other month. A certified Pediatric Nurse Practitioner is available to give complete physical examinations and immunizations to children and adolescents from birth to 18 years of age. Appointments can be made by calling the Munjoy Health Station Monday through Friday, 8 A.M. to 5 P.M. 773-6922.

See attached income eligibility guidelines.

*The next well child clinic date is MONDAY, MARCH 28, 1988 9-2pm.*
CUB SCOUT PACK 76 held its Annual Blue & Gold Dinner on March 2 at Brackett Memorial Church, with a spaghetti dinner. Peter Deane and Ernie Callow were awarded there 2 yr. Participation Pins. Peter Deane was awarded his Webelo Travel Achievement pin. Ernie Callow, Peter Deane, Richard Howland, Nate Kaynor, Evan Mills, Jeremy Reef, Scott Sarapas & Joshua Tonnissen were all surprised as they were awarded their Cub Scout Sports Basketball pins. The new Cubmaster is Ken Tonnissen, with Den Leader Alan Mills & Barb Tonnissen.

Tiger Cubs is now starting for 1st & 2nd grade boys & their parents. The first meeting will be Thursday, March 10 at 7:00 p.m. at Brackett Memorial Church. For more info, call 766-2486.

PEAKS ISLAND SENIOR CENTER NEWS

The monthly meeting for the Senior Citizens was held at Senior Center on Feb. 10 with 11 in attendance. Again we had an over abundance of "mouth watering" dishes of food, along with delicious desserts. This was our Valentine and birthday party for all Feb. birthdays.

A committee to plan a float for the Fifth Maine celebration in July was appointed. Carl Hall, Ellie Goodwin & Sr Ann Augusta.

Several have been meeting at the Center on Tuesday afternoons for our Chit Chat Coffee hour, knitting, crocheting. Wouldn't you like to join us?

Think spring!! We will soon be planning some day trips and other activities for spring & summer. Watch the window at the Center, we will try to keep you posted.

Now is the time I welcome your help and suggestions of summer activities. Do feel free to call or drop in and we can: discuss your ideas.

The Denter is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily. This is your Center, so let's ring in the spring with a bang.

The next monthly meeting will be held on March 16 at the Community Center. Meeting at noon, pot luck luncheon. Following luncheon, there will be a speaker from Central Maine Power. Public is welcome to join us as the speaker presents hi program.

The Monday afternoon Sunday School Club decorated our windows for Valentine's Day. The children were Amanda Newell, Christine Voyer, Robert Voyer, Andrew Voyer and Richard Howland under supervision of Pat Rockwell.

Coming events you might like to mark on your calendar are: March 23, slides & speaker on AARP - public invited. This will be held at 1 p.m. at the Community Center; March 31 Easter egg hunt for Day Care children, held at Community Center at 10:00 a.m. Adults will be needed to help. If available give a call to the Senior Center; On April 6 we will hold a film program for Seniors at Community Center at 1 p.m. Public invited. Films will be Maple Sugar Farmer; also The Island.

On March 16 there will be a trip to Freeport for little shopping and sightseeing. Come join us, this is your Senior Center.

STAR OF THE SEA THEATER

Spring is in the air, that's our theme for a 3rd Annual Spring fair. We have new items, gifts, toys, Doreen's hand knit fashions, plants, flowers along with clothes, food table, and our luncheon special.

This will be held on the Saturday of April vacation week. We sincerely appreciate your support. All profits will go to our scholarship fund.

Scenes from the Music Man will be our next performance in late June. It has been a great musical favorite for everyone. We are looking forward to presenting this show for your entertainment.

"West of Paco's " to be presented in the late summer. Rehearsals for our chorus & players will resume soon.

Happy Spring to all. See you at the Fair Musically Yours, Doreen McCann

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

m Every Sunday 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. at St. Christopher's Hall. "A A 24-Hour Helpline" 774-4335.
Casco Bay Health Center

The Board of Directors of the Health Center is pleased to recognize the many gifts received during the past year. Treasurer, Ed Williams, reports gifts received to the general fund from:

Maine Dept. of Corrections, in memory of Winn Deane
Francis Deane & Family,
Pearl & Ed Williams,
Mary Dennison,
CBIDA,
Hilda Porter, in memory of Lenny Waugh
Elaine Quige
William M. Dickert
(2) Anonymous

One of the anonymous gifts was for a generous $2,500. The Board is grateful to all of these public-spirited people for their support which helps to maintain and equip an up-to-date medical and dental clinic for all Islanders.

The Board also gives special thanks to Doreen McCann who began a fund, with contributions of her own, to purchase a therapeutic whirlpool for the Health Center. She then followed through by soliciting donors to the fund as sponsors of a Christmas play (which she co-directed), and by contributing the proceeds from the performances to the fund. Donors to this fund include:

Doreen McCann
Senior Citizens Center
Dick & Phyllis LaClair
Joan A. White
Kay & Gene Taylor
Anne R. Witten
Bob & Ruth Briggs
Bayview Market
Don Smith

Lions Club
Randall-McVane Post
Ladies Aux., Randall-McVane Post
Legion Lounge, Randall-McVane Post
John, Annie & Victor Romanyshyn
Larry & Robin Walden
Bill & Connie Cooley
Port Island Realty
Bob & Bara Miller

The Whirlpool Fund is currently at $1,628, with about $2,200 needed to purchase this important piece of equipment. Imagine the inconvenience and discomfort of having to travel into town if you needed whirlpool therapy. This kind of treatment is not currently available on Peaks.

If you would like to support the Whirlpool Fund or the general fund you may make a tax-deductible contribution with a check, (noting which fund) to Casco Bay Health Center, P.O. Box 52, Peaks Island, Maine 04108.
A Report from the S.T.A.R. Foundation

The STAR Foundation has been going through a planning period in the past year focusing on the next five years. We have had some input from the community in the past and we are hoping that residents will be interested in some of our upcoming projects. We would like to take this time to tell the Peaks Island community that we are still alive and kickin' and that we have some on-going activities planned for this year.

During this past year the Foundation has sponsored two projects in the greater Portland area. This fall the Foundation designed and installed a science exhibit at the Children's Museum in Portland and began conducting educational outreach programs to schools in southern Maine. More recently the Foundation sponsored an arts needs assessment survey focusing on understanding the economic impact of the arts in the greater Portland area as well as the housing, studio and performance space needs of artists and arts organizations. The results of this study will be published by the Portland Chamber of Commerce in the summer of 1988.

Since 1984 the Foundation has concentrated its educational programs off the island. The STAR Foundation is now interested in exploring and discussing a number of plans for a modest program in the summer of 1988 on Peaks Island. Our thoughts have included but are not limited to: a series of short morning sessions for middle school aged children on such topics as island folklore, painting, and understanding island ecology; the recommissioning of the green houses and the possibility of another community garden; and other programs offered by interested residents. We welcome input from any individuals who would like to get involved in island based programs. Please call Ginny LaCrow at 766-5801.