With over a hundred people in attendance at the Community Building, Pres. Larry Walden called the January 27 meeting of PINA to order at 7:30pm. He stated that the purpose of the meeting was to provide a forum for education on the issues facing the Island, primarily as a result of the recent tax increase, and to offer an opportunity for public discussion. Before introducing the panelists, a few brief announcements were made:

1. There is a well-stocked food pantry at the Child Development Center; call if you need food assistance.
2. The Health Center Board thanked the public for their support of Dr. Rudenberg who now has a patient load equal to that of Dr. Radis. There will be a dentist, a hygienist and office person to help them in the Center by mid-February.
3. The Shoreland Zoning hearings before City Council have been postponed.
4. Both Larry Walden and Delores Cole, on behalf of PINA, have gone to Augusta in support of the Transit District which is lobbying to keep the monopoly of Casco Bay, so necessary if reasonable cost public transportation is to be provided to all Islanders.
5. Claire Filliettaz reported that the Peaks Island Tax Study is alive and well and continuing to study the tax situation on the Islands. They have completed the computerization of tax information on Peaks and have sent a copy of the data base to Island Institute. They are currently studying the recently released State report on the revaluation; a copy of the analysis will be available at the P.I. Library. PITS will continue to help property owners who believe their assessments are in error.
6. Larry briefly introduced Paul Tyson who is running for City Council.

Following is a very brief resume of the four panelists’ presentations. Ron Benner, as co-chair of CBIAGC (with Pat Moore), spoke of the separation movement. He listed the negatives of staying with Portland, beginning with how few services we receive for the high taxes we will be paying. Citizens may be forced to sell and move off the Island if something isn't done. He admitted that the group was not prepared to go to Augusta now, but stated, "if we get our material together, we may go ahead. We will bring this to referendum at the appropriate time." He asked folks to join them in their effort to find answers to the questions which remain to be answered.

Mike Johnston discussed the village corporation model (which Cushings Island is proposing) in which the village receives an agreed-upon percentage of tax revenues back from the municipality and then, as a community, decides how it's spent. Traditionally, this form has been a way for outlying districts to supplement services received; it is the only form that provides for voting representation for seasonal residents.

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Kathy Caron explained her tax district proposal which, when circulated on a petition, garnered 350 names in ten days. It would set a separate lower tax rate for the year-round island communities of Peaks, Long and Cliff of not more than 50% of the City tax rate. Islands off the coast of Maine are an important part of Maine tradition; they provide a way of life that should be preserved. As the only islands under the jurisdiction of a municipality, the Casco Bay islands receive only nominal assistance for transportation and must bear high parking costs. "We'll pay our own way, but we can't subsidize City residents." She'd like to see it take effect on the September tax bills. The proposal has some support in the City and the State Attorney General is considering it; we should know in March if it's feasible.

Jerry Garman spoke in opposition to secession at this time on the basis that many important criteria have not been met and issues have not been resolved. Neither an operating budget nor a capital budget has been put forward. A piece of reasonable legislation, acceptable to both parties in the "divorce" has not yet been put forward. There needs to be more public discussion of the alternative types of self-government. Island-wide consensus needs to be built for a given alternative; this has not been done. He suggested a "State of the Island" process where many people are involved in asking: "What do we have? What do we want? Are we doing this to save taxes? Will it work? Are we really so interested in self-government?"

Anne Rand spoke, at her request, to explain why she felt it necessary to withdraw her support of the Peaks secession bill at this time. Among the players in this drama are (1) Peaks Island residents, some of whom are for secession, some against, and most still undecided. Some want the right to self-govern; most want an answer to high taxes. (2) The City of Portland would like the islands to remain a part of Portland. (3) Anne Rand, as our representative, said that with the list of criteria met, she favors allowing a vote on the Island on whether or not to secede. She does believe in the process. (4) The Legislature is the fourth player with power to influence the fate of the bill. Specifically, the 13-member Committee on State and Local Government has the job of deciding whether secession is in the best interest of both parties. They must balance and weigh the issues to determine that neither Portland nor Islanders would be unduly harmed. The Peaks Island bill is not ready. Too many issues are unresolved, among them: debt and asset negotiations with the City (this should take place on the local level), the sewage treatment plant, schools, wide community involvement and discussion, etc. Anne explained that she didn't let it go because, in her opinion, the Committee would kill it. A "no" vote would be used against us should the bill be brought up again. "It is not in your best interest to go forward at this time."

She went on to explain that she felt that Long Island had done all the things she felt necessary for presentation of their secession bill. At the legislative hearing on the Long Island bill, any member of the public can propose an amendment. This may mean that it is still possible to tack the Peaks portion of the bill back on. Stay tuned for developments.

The meeting was then opened to public discussion with questions put to the panelists and comments and opinions put forth by many Islanders. Several folks spoke in favor of this kind of informational meeting with opportunity for public input. The Neighborhood Association plans to hold a series of public forums this winter and spring to discuss our Island's future with a focus on specific issues such as schools, social services, public works, etc. Watch Feeney's bulletin board for dates and times.
PORTLAND RECREATION ON PEAKS ISLAND
FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES

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

ADULT ACTIVITIES: OPEN TO ALL ADULTS

Every Monday Women's Volleyball 7-9 p.m. School gym $2.00 drop-in fee (no program 2/17)

Every Tuesday Men's Basketball 6:30-8:30 p.m. school gym $2.00 drop-in fee (no program 2/18)

Note: Deadline for registration is February 4. Cost for activity membership is $15.00. A minimum of 10 registrants per program is required in order to have these activities. Call Patty Kamp (2791) to register:

FEBRUARY 12 - Wednesday Fun with Books! 1:00 p.m. Community Ctr. Topic: Your favorite Romance books Moderator: Ruth Sargent

FEBRUARY 13 - Thursday Craft/Game Corner Community Ctr. 10:30-12:00 p.m.

OFF-ISLAND ACTIVITIES: SENIOR ADULTS
(others welcome on a space available basis)

Pre-registration required for all off-island activities. Deadline is 2 days prior to event. Sign-up sheet at Sr. Center (Open M-F, 10:00-12:00 noon; call ahead if coming in the afternoon: 2545). For more information, call Denise at 2970.

FEBRUARY 4 - Tuesday Sleigh ride with other Portland seniors 11:15 boat Picnic lunch at Cummings Ctr (bring your own)

FEBRUARY 11 - Tuesday Cholesterol/blood pressure screening 2:30 boat Cummings Center

FEBRUARY 27 - Thursday SMTC lunch/Channel 6 T.V. tour 11:15 boat/4:30 return

YOUTH ACTIVITIES - Grades 1-5

Every Wednesday After School Program 2:45-4:00 p.m. Com. Ctr.

Note: Youth Drop-in program will be held on either Wednesday or Thursday during school vacation. Please leave message at 2970 if you want to be notified of date and time.
It has been very cold these past few weeks, and we haven't been going outside every day. We have enjoyed some fun indoor activities. One day we made hand and feet prints. Making the hand prints was quite familiar to most of the children, but rolling paint on your feet was quite an experience for all. The prints are in our Science Area along with a poster of many animal foot/hoof/claw prints. We have found some interesting tracks on Peaks Island, deer, horse, birds, dogs etc, this year.

In the Art Area we used an old potato, cut in half and dipped in paint to make potato prints. Some of these prints are hanging in our front hall.

We would like to welcome Kelly Dumont to our Center this last week of January. Kelly is volunteering with us as part of Catherine McAuley High School's Independent Study Week. This consists of a full week of school time given entirely to independent work by the students to learn about a career of particular interest to them. It is nice to have her working with us, and we hope she enjoys and benefits from her experience here.

* IMPORTANT DATE - Saturday March 28th is the day for our Spaghetti Supper. This is one of our major yearly Fundraisers. Please come and enjoy a delicious meal while supporting our Child Care Center. A Contra Dance following the supper is still questionable at this date.

* Our ongoing fundraiser/bottle drive continues at Feeney's market. It has raised $53.00 since last October. We thank all who donate their returnables to our account at Feeney's.

* Wednesday Morning Playgroup - This playgroup is open to the entire community. It's purpose is to offer parents and children alike a place to meet, play, and enjoy our Center and equipment. It happens each Wednesday morning between 10:15-11:00a.m. All children between the ages of 0-3 are welcome, along with their parent or babysitter. All children must be supervised.

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PEAKS ISLAND FOOD PANTRY

Located at the Peaks Island Child Care Center, Central Ave. in St. Christopher's Parish Hall.

Food is available for anyone who needs it. Stop in between 7-11am or 2:30-5pm Mon-Fri. or call 766-2854 and we will arrange for delivery.
Discussions about secession that go on around the copier here at the library usually get pretty hot, but they do have their lighter moments. On a recent morning, someone referred to the library as "an exotic little service" that the city provides. So, if you have a taste for the exotic, come on down and indulge yourself. Maybe the library is an avenue for pleasure you hadn't considered.

FICTION
Brendan Boyd, Blue ruin: a Novel of the 1919 World Series
Robin Cook, Blindsight
W.E.B. Griffin, Line of Fire
Stephen King, Needful Things
Dean Koontz, Hideaway
Lawrence Sanders, McNally's Secret
Joseph Wanbaugh, Fugitive Nights

NEW BOOKS
Deepak Chopra, Quantum Healing
Garrett Conover, Beyond the Paddle:
- Canoeist's Guide to Expedition Skills
Charles Shain, Maine Reader
- Martha Stewart's Gardening: Month by Month
William Ury, Getting Past No: Negotiating With Difficult People

NOTICE TO CONCERNED ISLANDERS
Listed are the names of Senators and Representatives you may call to petition and express your concerns regarding our right to vote yes or no on secession in Nov. 1992.

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE:

Senators: Georgette B. Berube - Chair. (D.Androscoggin)
- Beverly Miner Bustin (D.Kennebec)
- Jerome A. Emerson (R.Penobscot)

Representatives: Ruth Joseph (D. Waterville) Chair.
- Conrad Heeschen (D.Wilton)
- Anne K. Larrivee (D.Gorham)
- Marge L. Kilkelly (D.Wiscasset)
- Glenith C. Gray (D.Sedgwick)
- George J. Kerr (D.Old Orchard Beach)
- Kerton C. Waterman (D.Buxton)
- Theone F. Look (R.Jonesboro)
- Lawrence F. Nash (R.Camden)
- Elmer N. Savage (R.Union)

(Senator's name)
State of Maine
Senate
State House - Augusta
04333-2002
1-800-423-6900

(Representative's name)
State of Maine
House of Representatives
State House - Augusta
1-800-423-2900
DANCE CLASSES ON THE ISLAND ARE BUSY PREPARING FOR THE JUNE SHOW. OUR DRAMA CLASSES ARE WELL UNDERWAY WITH TWO NEW PLAYS, THE JR. PLAYERS ARE WORKING ON, "THE SHADY SHADOWS", THE ADULTS ARE REHERSING FOR AN IRISH SHOW TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY MARCH 22nd. IN ST. CHRISTOPHERS PARISH HALL. OUR PLAY, "THE LEPRECHAUN SHOEMAKERS", WITH SOME OF OUR DANCERS. PROCEEDS WILL BENIFIT BRACKETT MEMORIAL AND ST. CHRISTOPHERS CHURCHES. ADULTS $2.00--------CHILDREN $1.00

ON SUNDAY FEBRUARY 9th. THE GOLDEN GIRLS OF PEAKS ISLAND WILL PERFORM IN THE COMMUNITY CENTER. SOME OF OUR DANCERS WILL BE ON THEIR PROGRAM. A REPEAT PERFORMANCE THE FOLLOWING SUNDAY FEB. 16th. WILL BE PUT ON IN OUR LIL! THEATRE, PROCEEDS TO BENIFIT OUR THEATRICAL FUND.

STAR OF HOPE 1,2 ARE VERY BUSY, STUDIO 1 AT RIVERTON, NOW HAVE TWO DAYS OF DANCE CLASSES, MON. AND WED. THURSDAY STUDIO 2 AT ST. DOMINICS IS GROWING. THEY PERFORMED AT ST. JOSEPHS MANOR, WE ARE HOPING TO RETURN IN MARCH, WITH SOME OF OUR ISLAND DANCERS.

THE BOUTIQUE WILL BE OPEN ONLY ON THE WEEKENDS, SAT. 10am TO 4pm. AND SUN. 12 NOON TO 4pm. THIS SPRING WE WILL HAVE SOME NEW ITEMS: "CATHYS ALL OCCASION GIFT BASKETS". THIS IS A VERY POPULAR NEW ITEM, THEY WILL BE CUSTOMIZED FOR ALL OCCASIONS, ALONG WITH OUR ASSORTED CONSIGNMENTS, DENISES BASKETS, JOYCE LANDRY'S BUNNY'S AND STUFFED TOYS, DOT MCTIGUE'S BABY SWEATERS, BLANCH'S NOVELTY GIFTS, AND YOURS TRULY IS BUSY WORKING KNITS FOR NEXT CHRISTMASS ORDER, THANKS TO SISTER ANN AGUSTA, SHE DID HER CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EARLY!!.

THE WEEK END BAKE SALE WILL RESUME VERY SOON BY POPULAR DEMAND. WATCH FOR THE POSTERS.

HAPPY VALENTINE TO ALL

MUSICALLY YOURS
DOREEN MCCANN

AMERICAN LEGION LADIES AUXILLARY EVENTS

February 29th--Bean supper at the American Legion
5:30pm-7:00pm Adults-$4.00 & children under 12 yrs.-$2.50

March 15th--Fuller Brush Party at 1:00pm at the
American Legion.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME
**have YOU had these lifesaving tests?**

### Cancer

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- **Digital rectal exam for colorectal and prostate cancer**
- **Colon blood test for colorectal cancer**
- **Sigmoidoscopy for colorectal cancer**
- **Endometrial tissue sampling**

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**OTE:** The above guidelines are for those who are healthy and have no symptoms. If you have symptoms, a family history of cancer, heart disease or diabetes, or are otherwise at risk for these conditions, you may need to be tested more frequently.
Senior Citizens

It is worth a trip to the Senior Center just to look at the loan of books developed by the first grade! The "d-a-a-a-rk" book is made to be read aloud by two or three in chorus, with all the stops out. Try it.

Save February 9 at two P.M. for THE GOLDEN GIRLS OF PEAKS ISLAND at the Community Center. Admission is two dollars; children are free if they are with parents.

The February Covered Dish Luncheon will be at the Senior Center on Presidents Day, the 17th, at noon. A dozen of us braved the cold for the luncheon on January 20th.

This winter weather has played havoc with the notices posted outside Feeney's, just when it is important that we all keep up with what is going on. Even if the legal-length documents survive the wind and storm, no one wants to stand out in the rain and snow long enough to read them all the way through. How about leaving them inside on a table at the Senior Center? Then those of us who are interested can sit in comfort as we absorb the material we need to make up our minds.

The only time we can promise that the Center will be open is from ten to twelve, while Fern Parker gets out meals-on-wheels. Sister Ann Augusta can meet you there by appointment any Monday afternoon between one and three (766-2284). Faithful Jan Sullivan (766-3303) does her best to be at the Center on Wednesdays between one and three. Thursday Bingo is on vacation through February; but Blanche Wilder (766-3398) is still more or less on call. The rest of the time Gretchen Hall (766-3381) might at least loan you a key to put material under cover, or peruse what is there.

The Southern Maine Area Agency on Aging is responsible for the Meals-on-Wheels delivered on Peaks Island five days a week. But that's not all the help they can be. You can call 775-6503 to get help in the following areas:
- Outreach and Advocacy Program provides telephone reassurance to isolated or frail older persons
- Home Care Managers develop and monitor a home care program which encourages maximum independence for elderly in their own homes
- Legal Services for the elderly puts older people or their relatives in touch with appropriate legal help
- SKAAA also keeps a file of openings in nursing homes.

Look at page 10 of the telephone book blue pages for more detail under Senior Services. SKAAA brochures on these and more services are available at the Senior Center.

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Recent donations to the STAA were received from Faye & Gary Garman, Carol Eisenberg & David Simpson, Kay & Gene Taylor & Anon 1 and 2. Thank you very much.
St. Christopher's Catholic Church  Central Ave.  766-2585

Masses: Weekend - Sat. 4 pm, Sun. 9 am Parish Hall
     Weekday - Wed. 4pm & Thur. 7:30am - Convent
      Fri. 7pm & Sat. 9am - Rectory
Activities: Sundays - Coffee and cake in the Parish Hall after Mass
              Wednesdays - Bible Study, 9am, Senior Center
                   CCD - K-S, 3pm, Pat Crowley-Rockwell’s, Welch St.
                   Beano - NO BEANO IN FEBRUARY
Thursdays - Prayer Group 9:45 am at Margo Erico’s. For prayers call 6-2844, 2502, 2641 or St. Joseph’s 2284
                   CCD - Grades 6-8, 7pm, Parish Hall with Sr. Rosina
Friday - Children’s Choir (Gr 6-8), 3:45 pm., Pat C-R’s
Blood Pressure Screening - Feb. 9, after Mass in Parish Hall

Parish Concerns: Contact Judy 2109, Sr. Rosina 2284, Fr. Grady 2585
Parish Council - First Sunday in March, 10:30 am at the Rectory
Feb. 8 - Memorial Mass for Bob Cass, check Feeley’s for time.
Feb. 9 - Golden Girls Show to benefit the Senior Center, 2pm, Parish Hall. Donation $2, children free.
Feb. 10-22 - Father Grady will be on vacation
Peaks Island Slide Show - Date and time to be announced, check Sunday bulletin and posters later this month.

Peaks Island Friends Worship (Quakers)
Sunday - 11 am Meetings held at Betty Van Wyck’s home at 41 Adams St.
Sunday March 8-5 pm Mark your calendar.. The Friends late-winter
Potluck at Jenny and Albert Presgraves followed by a presentation led by Jon Kelso and Peggy Dunn....
EXPLORING QUAKERISM....Everyone welcome. Please bring a question or concern. For more information call 766-2959, Betty Van Wyck.

Brackett Memorial United Methodist Church.
Sunday Worship - 10 a.m.
Sunday School - 10 a.m.

Wednesday 9 a.m. Bible Study at the Sr. Citizens Center
Choir rehearsal 9:15 a.m. Sunday.

Saturday 3 p.m. February 8 The marriage of Ted Poland & Sally Leeman at West Scarborough.

During the time the pastor is on his honeymoon, worship will be led each Sunday by Mark Matteau, a licensed lay speaker from the West Scarborough Church....February 9 and 16.