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Service Agencies of the Island
A general meeting of P.I.N.A. was held on January 19th with a large attendance. Norm Proulx and Betty Kissen were the only candidates for the vacant board seat left by Larry Walen. Betty Kissen later withdrew making Norm Proulx the new board member.

John Flynn reported all is going well with the new car ferry wharf and this should be on schedule for the spring. John requested that cars not be left in the parking lot for extended periods of time as spaces are very limited.

Fay Garmen reported on Community Service. The youth group has become very active. They have been going to the soup kitchen to volunteer time once a month. They are planning a Rock-A-Thon to raise money on Feb. 6th and 7th. They are providing a service to those in need of shovelling free of charge. Look for their poster on the bulletin board. Plans for a new basketball court are still being worked on. If you have any ideas please let us know.

Betty Heller reported on the Environmental Committee. Discussion regarding the deer population took place. This is a situation that will continued to be monitored. Betty does not feel that Peaks Island would want to have a hunt such as Great Diamond. Anyone needing composting pallets please let Betty know. Recycle boxes are available at Carol Isenberg's house.

A request has been made to have lights installed at the waiting room on Peaks Island. We will look into having this done.

Representative Ann Rand was present and expressed her intention to co-sponsor the legislation to allow a referendum on Peaks Island regarding secession. The bill has not been completed as yet. Upon completion this bill will become available for review. She will co-sponsor the bill if it addresses the need for arbitration and a proper solution to the sewage treatment plant.

P.I.N.A. is requesting that a meeting with the Portland Water District be held very soon to answer questions with regard to the sewage treatment plant.

A report was given on Battery Steele project. Their first meeting was well attended. For anyone interested in becoming involved their next meeting is scheduled for February 10th at the Community Building.

Detailed minutes of all P.I.N.A. meetings are available at the library.
PORTLAND RECREATION ON PEAKS ISLAND
FEBRUARY 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

February 10 - Wednesday
Speaker: Sam McCain
Composting Presentation
FREE! Everyone invited!
2:00 pm Com. Ctr

February 17 - Wednesday
Craft Day
Bring your own craft to do, or call Denise for supplies to make a "mystery" craft
1:00-3:00 Com. Ctr

COED VOLLEYBALL
P.I. School Gym
6:30-8:30 pm
$2.00 drop-in fee

Please note: School gym is closed during February school vacation

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. Ctr (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.

February 2 - Tuesday
Shopping: K-Mart & Rich's
11:15 am/3:15 return

February 5 - Friday
SMTC Luncheon Buffet
11:15 am/3:15 return

February 23 - Tuesday
Movies - Hoyts Cinema
11:15 boat/4:30 return

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. "Super Saturday" program registrations being taken until Feb. 4 for children in grades 3-5. Call 2970 to set up time to register.

Teen Program
Monday and Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:30 pm

Interested in a First Aid course? Please call Denise (2970) to let her know of your interest. We can schedule a course in March if there is enough interest.
SECOND SECESSION BILL'S SUBMITTED
Peaks Has Another Go At Legislative Permission for a Referendum

Last year's bill to the legislature allowing a referendum to separate from Portland, has been revised and is ready for resubmission in 1993. The 1992 bill was authored by a committee of Peaks Islanders, passed by the legislature and became the cornerstone of a successful secession referendum on Long Island. The new bill, while a substantial reiteration of last year's language, has been composed with an eye to tighter clarification in negotiation of debts and assets between Portland and Peaks, stressing fairness to both communities in its outcome. The present version is authored by John Whitman, Russ Edwards, Herb Adams, its sponsor, and Glenn Kersteen, CPA, a specialist in municipal finance who consulted with Long Island on their budget preparation.

The new Peaks Island separation bill provides for:

The same opportunity to vote for self government as Long Island had and on a similar timetable

A Town Meeting form of government initially, with change at our option.

A just and due proportion in distribution of assets and debt.

A method to determine what constitutes assets and debts based on Portland's 1993 financial report.

Portland's continued sale of sewage treatment to Peaks Island to be billed at the same rate as other city users.

Inclusion of treatment plant capital costs in Peaks Island share of debt.

Transfer of all Portland's real and personal property to Peaks Island ownership.

Any balance of monies due either Portland or Peaks Island be paid in 10 equal annual installments.

Negotiation to resolve all other issues with binding arbitration if negotiations fail.

The opportunity for each community to enter into any mutual aid compact or other inter-municipality agreements it has with any other cities and towns.
Star of the Sea Dance Studios

Our new season is underway with lots of activities coming up. Saturday, February 27th, we will put on a supper at St. Christopher's Parish Hall to benefit the Children's Drama Class and Dance Programs. Chop Suey, homemade bread, salad, coffee and dessert will be served 5:30-6:45 for a donation of $3.50 for adults and $2.00 for children. Following the dinner, at 7 PM, the Drama Class will present "Children of the Calendar". On Sunday, March 21st, at 2:30 PM, we will present a very special show entitled "Fairy Tea". It is based on a new book by Annie Ullrich (Doreen's niece). Doreen has special permission to make the book into a play. Many Island people will remember Mr. and Mrs. Green (Doreen's parents), who are the characters in the book. Our "Star of the Sea" Players and Dancers will perform the play. Following the play, we will have refreshments, (Fairy Tea Party), and proceeds will benefit both Brackett Memorial and St. Christopher's Churches. Donations will be $3.00 for adults and $1.50 for children. The same show will be presented in our Portland Studio at Riverton Community Center on Saturday, March 27th, at 4:30 PM. Proceeds will benefit the Maine Children's Cancer Research Program in Portland.

We appreciate your support.

Musically Yours,
Doreen and Company

The Island Health Center Hours for medical care are:

Wednesdays 8:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

The Island Health Center Hours for calling in are:

Mondays 8:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Thursdays 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Dr. Elizabeth Rudenberg had a baby boy, Jacob, on Monday, Jan. 25!! Dr. Dan Merson, Dr. Rudenberg's husband, has been coming to the Peaks Island Health Center on Wednesdays and will continue through the time when Dr. Rudenberg returns. At this time, Dr. Rudenberg is planning to return on April 1. On Mondays and Thursdays, Karen will be in the office to make appointments for Wednesdays and to help with any questions.

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.
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 Erica'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 - Next Parish Council meeting TBA in the church bulletin.

FOR FURTHER NOTICES REGARDING OTHER EVENTS PLEASE CHECK THE WEEKLY BULLETIN

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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.

Thursdays - Regular Boy Scout Meetings.

February 7 - 7:00 P.M. - Evening Bible study at the parsonage.

February 4 and 18 - Noon - Further get-togethers of the women to work on fair items and ideas, and at the same time have a pleasant afternoon. Come and bring a sandwich to the home of Virginia Paton, the Avenue House. Beverage, dessert, and continual conversation provided.

February 5 and 6 - 5 P.M. to 5 P.M. - Rock-a-thon in the Fellowship Hall. A twenty-four/endeavor by the Peaks Island Neighborhood Group! People are encouraged to make a per/hour guess at the rocking chair endurance of any participant, and sponsor them for that period. Quite a way to make a treasury grow!

February 9 - Noon - Regular monthly meeting of the UMW at the home of Mary Dennison. A Valentine theme; so everyone bring a (paper) Valentine for her near-and-dear (be it a person, an idea, emotion, or what-have-you).

Watch the bulletin board at Feeney's for date of our covered dish supper. You'll enjoy it, for sure!
February 1, 1993

Dear Casco Bay Garage Patrons,

Most of this letter is a repeat of January's letter because of the importance of snow removal issues. As a group you earned a b+ in cooperation during the last storm. I know you can bring that grade up with a little bit of concentration.

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 be sure that there are sufficient funds in your bank account when you pay for parking by check. If your check is returned to us by our bank because of insufficient funds, we must bill you $15 to cover the bank fee and the additional CBG staff expense needed to process the transaction. In the future, this fee 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. This is the same policy that applies for regular monthly payments.

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!

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! ...Dan Hogan

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NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE

You can now send your donations to the GOODWILL on the Casco Bay Lines boats FREE OF CHARGE.
We'd like to welcome Cruise Bogle, Alex Wellington and Nathaniel Walden to our Preschool Program.

We enjoyed the snow while we could...we'd sure like some more! Our School Age group is enjoying some new games recently purchased...it's fun to finally have all the pieces again!

Teachers recently attended a Southern Maine Association for the Education of Young Children (SMAEYC) Discussion Group where the topic was Curriculum for Diversity...a training video was viewed and ideas/classroom technics shared for a culturally diverse and non biased classroom.

As many of you know, we've been working on plans for a new home for our Child Care Center. A model is now on display at the library...our sincerest thanks go to Dick Reed and Tanya Seredin for their help with this project and model. The Center has submitted a major proposal to the City of Portland for HCD (Housing and Community Development) funds to help with this project. We will be hosting a meeting on:

THURSDAY FEB 11 7:30PM
at the Child Care Center
St. Christopher's Parish Hall
Central Avenue

to discuss this funding opportunity and ways we can be sure the City Council understands our need. We'd like to invite any interested community members to attend...there will be a Public Hearing coming up in early March and community input will make our new home a reality!

Please use the new bike rack that is located on the Sterling St. side of the Community Building. Portland Recreation would like to thank Richard Howland for recognizing the need and for bringing it to our attention. His persistance was instrumental in getting it over to the island.
Senior Citizens

The next Luncheon will be on February 15th, which is celebrated as Presidents Day. Suggestions for future plans and activities may be passed on to Gretchen Hall at 766-3361, so that they may be incorporated in the agenda for this most important planning meeting.

There were more than six tiny reindeer at the Senior Citizen Christmas party on December 14. In fact there was a whole troupe who entertained us royally, clapping their newly mittened hands.

Thanks to the many who contributed the mittens. By the time of the party, there was a whole bag of extra mittens to be available as needed through the winter, at the Child Development Center.

In talking with John Kelso, we learned that people who visit the food pantry often also need the extra warm clothing Peaks Island calls for in the winter. Caps, mittens, scarfs, sweaters, jackets — either for children or for adults — need not be new. Things may be left at the Senior Center or taken to the Child Development Center.

The Senior Center is available to responsible adults for committee meetings and other gatherings of fewer than fifteen people. Use of the Center may be cleared through Gretchen Hall at 766-3361. The key may be picked up at 20 Lower A Street.

If you live alone, especially if you have medical problems, the following may save you the price of a new door lock.

1. Put your name and your Peaks Island address on a good envelope.
2. Put a key to your door in the envelope.
3. Write the following on a paper to put in the envelope:
   A The names, addresses and telephone numbers of family members.
   B If no family member lives on Peaks Island, the name of a neighbor who in emergency could check your property.
4. Get the envelope to the cops at the Public Safety building.

*** Deadline for the March STAR is Tuesday FEBRUARY 23 ***
Book Discussion Group
Tuesday, February 2, at 7 pm: Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbitt

Tuesday, March 2, Matting by Norman Rush

Tuesday, April 6, A River Runs Through It by Norman McLean

To join, all you have to do is read the book and come. You do not have to be there every time. If the book appeals to you, read it and join us, the first Tuesday of the month at 7 pm. Jan Thomas is the coordinator for the group, so speak to her if you have questions.

From the New Book List

Fiction
William Cohen Murder in the Senate
Catherine Cookson My Beloved Son
Rosalind Laker Venetian Mask
John Mortimer Dunster
Miss Read (Saint) Changes at Fairacre
Bob Reiss Last Spy

Nonfiction
Martin Kevan Best of Montreal and Quebec City
Alan Nye How to Stop Paying High Property Taxes in Maine
Henry Petrosky Evolution of Useful Things
David Pisetsky Duke Univ. Medical Center Book of Arthritis

Of Note: 1) The Peaks Island library has two new biographies of Justice Thurgood Marshall, who has just died: one by Michael Davis, Thurgood Marshall: Warrior at the Bar, Rebel on the Bench, and one by Carl T. Rowan, Dream Makers, Dream Breakers. Both are highly praised by Peaks Island readers and national reviewers alike.

2) New magazine subscriptions include Growing Without Schooling; Money: Musician; New England Hunting & Fishing; and Tightwad Gazette. Magazines may be checked out of the library, just like books.

Those who do not read are no better off than those who cannot read.
HAVE YOU WALKED THE TRAIL?

Begin to look for the Indian Trail on the right after you have crested the hill on Brackett Avenue.

Before there were horse-and-buggy roads, and traditionally, before there were white people, this was the way anyone walked across the island from "down front" to the back shore most directly.

The course of the original Indian trail is followed through pine woods as far as the remains of the WW II Battery Steele Control Bunker on Alderbrook Road.

A short distance off-and-on Alderbrook Road brings the trail to Whaleback Road, then past Battery Steele. The trail then bears left behind Battery Craven, and on to Hussey Road, leading directly to Whaleback.

Whaleback is still the most spectacular of the fingers of ledge jutting out into the open Atlantic on the outer side of Peaks Island. Until the great February storm of 1987, one could see where the ledge got its name. That great winter storm loosened fragments of rock two feet square and fifteen feet long, then flung them like jackstraws onto the beach below. Every winter since, Whaleback has lost more of its identity as great surges off the Atlantic have added to its fragmentation.

The Trail continues on asphalt Seashore Avenue, past Big Cat Daddy, a WW 2 mine encasement, turning off inland on an old trail opposite Wharf Cove.

Sometimes on old roads, and sometimes following the line of old trails, the last leg of the Indian Trail passes the remains of WW I (1916) bunkers, with WW II observation towers in sight; and returns to Brackett Avenue, less than half a mile from where it took off.

Thanks to —
The Casco Bay Island Development Assn.
The Peaks Island Neighborhood Assn.
The Appalachian Mountain Club
They had a hand in developing this Trail.