
Service Agencies of the Island

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On Saturday, February 5, the various PINA committees formed last fall to study Island issues and needs will present their recommendations for public discussion and VOTE. Some will be requests to the City of Portland; others will be suggestions to the Peaks community. Some will be easy to agree upon; others will spark debate and will elicit differences of opinion. We may well remain divided on some issues but will eventually vote on the committee recommendations.

Among the issues to be discussed are: the deer on Peaks, the dump, tax-related issues including taking a position on the creation of an Island Tax District, Island wastewater problems and solutions; recreation needs, etc. Obviously, not all issues can be presented and discussed at one meeting. We will hold as many meetings as needed to present the reports, discuss the findings and make our recommendations.

Please plan to participate in this community effort. Your input is valued and essential to the process.

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PEAKS ISLAND SCHOOL VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

Cynthia Cole has recently been hired as Volunteer Coordinator at the Peaks Island School to assist teachers with classroom activities and schoolwide events by recruiting and training parents and community residents as volunteers.

To establish a closer relationship between the school and the Island community is a goal shared by both parents and school personnel.

LOOK FOR A SURVEY FORM COMING SOON WHICH WILL LIST SOME OF THE TEACHERS’ NEEDS AND SOLICIT YOUR RESPONSE!
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 available, please call 874-8793 during regular business hours. Please note: The Community Center is in use on Monday and Thursday evenings as well as the first Tuesday of every month.

** ISLAND ACTIVITIES - OPEN TO ALL ADULTS **

FAMILY SING-A-LONG
for 4 and 5 year olds
Tuesday - February 1
12:30 - 1:30 pm - Community Center
All adults and children in Grade K invited!

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BINGO
Wednesday - February 2
1:00 - 3:00 pm - Senior Center
Bring one prize for each card you want to play (i.e. canned goods, note cards, etc.)

MOVIES IN YOUR OWN BACKYARD (Bring your own popcorn!)
Wednesday - February 9
1:00 pm - Community Center
Call Denise at 2970 (ans. machine) for more information

"BE MY VALENTINE" CELEBRATION
Tuesday - February 15
1:00 pm - Community Center
Share your favorite love poem, song and/or food (bring sample of food with the recipe)
Note: For information on the evening celebration, see the Peaks Island Library page

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**OFF-ISLAND ACTIVITIES for ADULTS**

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. Please call 766-2545 for Sr. Ctr. hours. Registrations left on the answering machine CANNOT be guaranteed. Space is limited. A minimum of 8 people is required, unless otherwise stated. If you have any questions, please call Denise at 766-2970.

AN OLD-FASHIONED SLEIGH RIDE and LUNCH
Thursday - February 17
(Deadline to register is February 10)
10:00 am boat/3:15 return
Cost: $3.00 (does not include lunch at Michel's)
Dress warmly and bring a thermos of hot coffee if you wish. Lunch will be after the ride.
With such cold weather, we’ve been settling into indoor play. We received a donation of fuzzy fleece scrap material and have been making soft material collages and learning how to sew. We’ve created a store in our Block Area which is our very own Feeney’s Market! We also made our own chocolate with hand mixers from Mexico and have been baking muffins for our afternoon snack. We’ve also had LOTS of practice with zippers, boots and snowpants!

Our Community Playgroup continues on Wednesday mornings from 10-11:15AM...it’s a great place to come with your young children...a time to have fun in our Center and share the company of others. This is on a Drop In basis with no fee involved.

We’d like to thank the Lions Club for their recent contribution to the Food Pantry. This is located in our Center for any who find themselves in need of extra food...simply stop in any weekday between 7AM-6PM or give us a call if you can’t get here. There is no verification involved...simply take what is needed.

Community members have supported this effort with donations of cash or food and we thank all of you. It is also funded with a small FEMA grant.

We also thank those of you who continue to credit your bottle return money to our account at Feeney’s Market.

The Center has been working with the PI Library and Portland Recreation to coordinate and strengthen the services and programs offered to families. We have been fortunate in receiving a small collaboration grant from the Cumberland County Child Abuse and Neglect Council to help with these efforts. The funds are from the Maine Children’s Trust Fund...you can help support these types of efforts by checking the Maine Children’s Trust Fund box on your state income tax form.

ISLAND SERVICES SHARE OUR RESOURCES!

Last spring the Cumberland County Child Abuse and Neglect Council received an $18,000 grant from the Maine Children’s Trust Fund. They were asked to make this money available to help fund collaborative community efforts in Cumberland County which support families. The Peaks Island Child Development Center applied for funds and received a $1000 grant. The grant will fund collaborative efforts of the Center, the Peaks Island Library and Portland Recreation Programs that benefit island families. Some of the funds will help purchase family software for the new computer in the library. Some will be used to help with costs of family outings coordinated by Portland Recreation...an upcoming sleigh ride in February is one to look forward to! Some will be used to coordinate an enriched summer reading program. It’s inspiring to plan and dream together...it’s also exciting to have funds from the Maine Children’s Trust Fund at work in our community.
Dear Star Reader:

Kathleen Newell was recognized by the Portland Public Schools for her many contributions to the Peaks Island School. Kathy was the only custodian and one of six school employees that was asked to speak on the topic School Improvement: What have we learned? Kathy gave a great speech on her involvement in the School Improvement Process, Action teams, monthly staff meetings and additional involvements. We are proud to have her as not only an outstanding custodian but part of our professional team. The school and the community has benefited greatly by her many contributions.

Our School Improvement Team has established three Action Teams. These Action Teams will be working in the areas of Self-Esteem Building, Landscape, and investigating the feasibility of a Primary Unit at our school. An Action Team has between 7 and 12 members who develop strategy to meet needs at the school and meet once a month or as needed.

If you would like to serve on an Action Team or have other concerns or Kudos, please contact us at 766-2528.

Peaks Island Community Enrichment Program

The Peaks Island Community Enrichment Program is publishing a cookbook with recipes from Island residents. The cookbook will be available in late spring and proceeds from the sale of this cookbook will support the Program in 1995. We are seeking recipes from Peaks Island residents, children and adults, for all types of recipes — from old family favorites, healthy and low fat recipes to ethnic favorites. Please turn in your recipes to the Peaks Island School, the Peaks Island Health Center, the Peaks Island Senior Citizens center and the Recipe Box at Feneys. All Recipes are due by March 7, 1994.

Please be sure to include your name, telephone number (in case we have a question) and your age (optional). All contributions will be considered. If you have any questions about this cookbook, please contact the Cookbook Committee:

Marika Blades/766-5562
Jennifer Hicks/766-2528
Robert Deane/766-2782
Karen Friedman/766-2361
Pat Crowley-Rockwell/766-2421
Karen Hawkes/766-5135

Welcome to Winter! With all these freezing temperatures, now is the time for you and your kids to sign up for the Community Enrichment Program! We have several activities that are ongoing and some that are new. Remember that classes are filled on a first come first-serve basis — please don’t wait until the last minute to return your enrollment forms. If there’s a snow day, and an activity has been scheduled, then the activity is automatically canceled.

Kudos: Many thanks to Susan and her fifth grade helpers -- Annie Baker, Amy Tuttle and Marguerite Walsh for helping out with Craft Days! Thanks gals!

Now Playing
Awesome Aerobics! A great way to keep in shape this winter!
Mondays & Wednesdays -- 6 to 7 pm -- Peaks Island School Gym -- Fee: $2.00 per class

Upcoming Classes
Introduction to Therapeutic Herbalism -- Learn more about herbs and their natural healing characteristics! Jenny Yasi brings to you a special four week class on different types of local, common herbs and their therapeutic uses as well as kitchen herbs and how they can be used to relieve colds, etc. You can come to one class or attend all four. For teens and adults.
Friday evenings, February 4, 11, 18 and March 4 -- 6:30 to 8 pm -- Peaks Island School Gym
Fee: $20 for the four week class or $10 per class. Make checks payable to Jenny Yasi.
This class is limited to 15 people with a minimum of 5 people -- Deadline for enrollment: January 31, 1994

Valentine Cooking! Made especially for children grades 3 to 5, this cooking class introduces the basics of cooking as well as lets kids make several valentine goodies. Karen Hawkes, an avid cook, brings her enthusiasm for cooking to this class. Grades 3 to 5.
Two sessions: Wednesday, Feb. 9 and Thursday, Feb. 10 -- 2:45 to 4 pm -- Special Note: This class is limited to 10 children per class. Classes are filled on a first come, first serve basis. Deadline for enrollment is Wed., Feb. 2.

Juggling! Yes, it’s back! If you loved it last year and wanted more, we listened. If you didn’t get to take juggling last year, here’s your chance. Phil Friedman starts us off! Please bring your juggling equipment. Date: Thursday, March 3 to April 14 -- Time: To be announced.
Peaks Island School Gym -- Who: K to adult. Children in grades k to 1 must be accompanied by a parent or adult. Sign ups available Feb. 14

SENIOR CITIZEN

On January 17th, while the storm raged outside, eighteen members enjoyed pot luck at Brackett Church. More would have attended if it hadn't been a school holiday. Grandparents become quite useful on school holidays when parents still have to go to work.

There was discussion of the need to form committees to plan fund-raising events for spring and summer. We know there are plenty of talents and suggestions among us, just waiting to be called on.

We are discovering that third Mondays have a way of falling on school holidays, which seems to make a problem for grandparents who would like to attend our monthly luncheons. Valentines Day is not a school holiday, and comes this year on the second Monday in February. For that reason our February luncheon will be at noon on February 14th, at Brackett Church. We'll put our HEARTS into it and make it the best pot luck luncheon yet!

Blanche, we all certainly wish you Godspeed --- you and Don ---- in fulfilling your dream of a warmer clime ---- at the same time we appreciate every minute that you are still with us.

Thanks and appreciation especially to Fern Parker and the meals-on-wheels crew who have braved the elements to ensure not only a hot meal but a moment of human presence for us shut-ins.

We all have reason to appreciate the efforts of the island public works crew to cope with the impossible spell of zero weather in January. We all deserve a break in February and March.

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STAR OF THE SEA
THEATRE AND DANCE STUDIO'S
766-2727

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL. THE 1994 SEASON WILL BE VERY BUSY AND EXCITING

DANCE CLASSES FOR PEAKS ISLAND STUDIO ON WELCH STREET, WILL RESUME ON TUES. $15. per month, please call for time.

THE AEROBIC EXERCISE CLASSES ARE ON MONDAY AND THURSDAY AT 9.30am

THE THEME FOR THIS SEASON'S RECITAL (BY POPULAR REQUEST) WILL BE "MY FAIR LADY". OUR DANCERS WILL HAVE PLENTY OF VARIETY OF DANCING WITH TAP-JAZZ-BALLET AND OUR NEW COUNTRY TAP AND LINE DANCING AND CLOGGING.

PLANS ARE IN THE WORKS FOR A SINGING CHORUS. IT WILL BE GREAT FUN FOR ANYONE, TEENS THRU ADULTS, TO TAKE PART IN THISWONDROFUL MUSICAL OF "MY FAIR LADY" EVERYONE'S FAVORITE, TO BE PRESENTED ON SUN. JUNE 26th.


SINCERE APPRECIATION FOR YOUR SUPPORT. STAY WARM -STAY DANCING.
MUSICALLY YOURS
DOREEN

Donations to this month's printing of the STAR were received from Faye Garman and Anon. I & 2,........Thank you.
WINTER SCHEDULE OF Masses:
Weekdays: 7:30 am at St Joseph's Chapel
Weekends: Sat., 4 pm; Sun. 9 am in the Church Hall

ACTIVITIES:
- Sunday - Coffee and cake in Church Hall, after Mass
- Wednesday - 7:30 pm in Church Hall
  No beans to April!
- Thursday - Bible study, 9 am at the Senior Center
  No Prayer Group in February. Some will be in Florida.

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING - 1st Sunday of the month after 9 am
Mass and at 11 am at Brackett Memorial Methodist Church

50/50 CLUB - Contact Jim or Joyce O'Brien for more information.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - Feb. 15 after Mass in Parish Hall

PARISH CONCERNS - Contact Paul Johnson 2910 or Fr. Carrier 2585

MARDI GRAS POTLUCK SUPPER - Feb. 12, 5:30-7 P.M. in Parish Hall.
  FSM contact Paul Johnson 2910.

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FRACKETT MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Pastor - Rev. Charles Hale - Tel. 766-5013

Sundays - 9:00 A.M. - Sunday School
  10:00 A.M. - Worship Service
  4:00 P.M. - Bible Study at Parsonage

Wednesdays - 6:15 P.M. = AA Meeting in Fellowship Hall

Thursdays - 9:00 A.M. - Bible Study at Senior Center

Feb. 8 - 12:00 Noon - (Tuesday) - Regular UMW meeting
  at Mary Dennison's. Bring a sandwich. (Pray for good weather!)

Feb. 14 - 12 Noon - (Monday) - Senior Citizen Meeting at Fellowship Hall.
  Valentine's Day, so bring a happy heart. And we
  will have a speaker.

Would love to list a long schedule of activities for
the month; but it has been so snowy and slippery, we've
obviously turned into looking-out-the-windowers (from
the inside).

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YOGA CLASS

With emphasis on stretching, breathing and relaxing, this beginner's class will be on Monday evenings from 6:30 - 8:00 pm, starting February 7 and ending March 28. The instructor is Fred Lancaster, a certified Kripalu Yoga teacher. The cost is $10 per class, or $30 for the whole session. Location: Peaks Island Child Development Center. For more information and to register, call Robin Walden at 766-2185.
PORTLAND RECREATION ON PEAKS ISLAND
FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES
continued

**SPECIAL OFF-ISLAND TRIP FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN**

Sleigh ride and "Picnic" Lunch
Thursday - February 24
10:00 am boat/3:15 return
Cost: $2.00 per person for the sleigh ride

This program is co-sponsored by the Peaks Island Child Development Center. Pre-registration required. Deadline to register is February 16. Transportation available on a limited basis. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Sign-up sheet located on Denise’s door in the Community Building (blue door as you enter the building). For more information, please call Denise at 2970 or Janine at 2854.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES - GRADES 1-5

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM - "Drop-In"
2:45 - 4:00 pm - Community Center
Thursday afternoons: February 3 and 10

SPECIAL FEBRUARY VACATION ACTIVITIES: LET’S CREATE A NEWSLETTER
Tuesday morning, February 22
10:15 - 11:30 am - Community Center

Wednesday afternoon, February 23
2:45 - 4:00 pm - Community Center

YOUTH ACTIVITIES - GRADE K

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM - "Drop-In"
Valentine Crafts
12:30 - 1:15 pm - Community Center
Tuesday afternoon, February 8
Wednesday afternoon, February 16

SPECIAL FEBRUARY VACATION ACTIVITIES: MOVIES
Tuesday afternoon, February 22
1:00 - 1:45 pm - Community Center

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MEN’S BASKETBALL (Tuesday evenings, 6:30 - 8:30 pm - P.I. School Gym)
$2.00 drop-in fee No program on February 22

CO-ED VOLLEYBALL (Wednesday evenings, 7:00 - 9:00 pm - P.I. School Gym)
$2.00 drop-in fee No program on February 23
As part of our commitment to keep Peaks Islanders informed about the "goings on" relating to the Casco Bay Lines, one or more of the four island residents who serve on the CBITD Board will be writing this column in "The Star" on a regular basis. We hope this communication vehicle will answer some of your questions and keep you abreast of developments. We will also be posting notification of CBITD meetings at Feeney's, on the Peaks Community Center bulletin board, and other locations that you recommend.

A recent issue of the "Bayliner" (that's the monthly, or so, CBITD Newsletter available at the terminal) offered an explanation for the boat cancellations of Sunday, November 28th. Pat Christian, General Manager, has committed to "keep a crew on hand for at least one hour past the last scheduled trip to the island, so that, if conditions improve, service can be run." Furthermore, in the future, weather conditions will be reviewed on a trip-by-trip basis to assess if boats can operate safely. You can be assured that CBITD will make every attempt to safely run all boats as scheduled. We expect these developments will be welcomed by islanders.

The staff at CBITD is developing a process for informing islanders on a timely basis if boats need to be cancelled due to weather conditions. Various weather conditions, including winds at greater than 30 knots, could necessitate boat cancellations. At the CBITD Peaks Island Meeting held at the Community Center on Wed., Jan. 12, islanders in attendance made a number of recommendations for communication including the use of flags, special lights down by the pier, a dedicated call-in phone line, radio and TV updates and the use of Feeney's as a conduit for information, amongst other suggestions. All options are being reviewed by CBITD. We will be informed as soon as a communication process is decided upon. In any case islanders should always feel free to call the terminal at 774-7871 for a schedule update.

Our newest boat, the Maquoit II, is also making good progress. Photographs of the boat as it's being built in the Washburn & Doughty shipyard are on display in the Portland CBITD terminal. Please take a minute to check them out. With interior design and lighting decisions behind us, the Maquoit II is scheduled for Portland delivery by mid-June. A sincere thanks is extended to all the islanders who persistently and constructively shared their opinions, insights and expertise. A better boat, meeting more of your needs, will be the result.

The new Peaks Passenger Pier is well underway. Recently the MDOT rejected a delivery of steel piping due to poor quality coating. Officials at the state agency now estimate the pier's completion date to be during the June/July timeframe.

Recently, a petition was circulated to present a complaint concerning the handling of boat cancellations on November 28th. Petitions can, and often do, play an important role in providing feedback and influencing change. Ultimately, a revised petition was forwarded to the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) in Augusta as an official complaint. We are proud of the responsiveness that the Board and CBITD management have demonstrated when residents have voiced their concerns through petitions and other constructive means. We believe the timely responses to the events of November 28, described above, reflect both our commitment to you, our neighbors and, our integrity.

Thank you, Stephen Schuit
You are invited
to the
PEAKS ISLAND FIRST ANNUAL
VALENTINE'S CELEBRATION,
Tuesday, February 15, 7-9 pm
in the community room

This will be an adult evening of poetry,
prose and music devoted to the
subject of LOVE.
Join us for romantic classics, original
works, delicious food, and great
company. Bring your own favorites to
read aloud or come and be an
audience. Hors d'oeuvres are welcome.
Questions? Call the library.

Book Discussion
The Book Discussion Group will meet
Tuesday, February 2, 7 PM. February's
book: Dangerous Woman by Mary
Morris. (March's book: Madness of a
Seduced Woman by Susan Fromberg
Schaeffer.) Please join us.

Thank you
Thank you to the Peaks Island Lions
Club for their very generous donation
to the library.
And thank you to the Peaks Island
Child Development Center for the
educational games for our new
computer. Thanks to the Center's
interest in collaborating with the

NEW BOOKS
FICTION
V. C. Andrews Ruby
Wm. F. Buckley Very Private Plot
Bernard Cornwell Copperhead
Michael Crichton Disclosure
Harriet Doerr Consider This, Senora
Marilyn French Our Father
Iris Murdoch Green Knight
Lawrence Sanders Private Pleasures
Dorothy Simpson No Laughing Matter

NONFICTION
Stephen Clark: Katahdin: a Guide
to Baxter State Park
Neil Comins What If the Moon
Didn't Exist?
Carolyn Hall Pictorial Quilts
Alexander Humez Zero to Lazy Eight:
the Romance of Numbers
Evelyn Keller Feeling for the
Organism: Life and Work of Barbara
McClintock
Marian Morash Victory Garden Fish
and Vegetable Cookbook
On January 4, 1994, it was announced that the City of Portland had set aside some land between Commercial and Fore Streets (purchased in September as part of a bicycling and walking path around the Eastern Prom) for a gravel parking lot where Island residents may park FREE OF CHARGE.

This winter the area is being plowed and can accommodate 40-50 cars. In the spring, the lot will hold 100 to 150 cars. For now, the lot is not being policed. But if non-islanders are using the space, the City may create a sticker program, reserving the lot for islanders.

It is important to note that Bath Iron Works is leasing 1.4 acres, adjacent to the island parking area, paying $66,667 for the first 16 months and about $50,000 for each subsequent year. We must be careful not to park in the BIW area.

In order to maintain a circular traffic pattern, please ENTER off Fore Street; go through the BIW lot and into the island area through an opening in the fence. EXIT through the corner of India and Commercial Streets.

If there are problems or you have questions, please call Kay Taylor, chair of the PINA Transportation Committee: 766-2811.

A special thanks is in order to Carolyn Ladd for her persistence in seeking low-cost or free in-town parking for islanders, and to Claire for her help also spent many hours on this effort.