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Service Agencies of the Island

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Three cheers for A. J. Alvez and the men of Peaks Public Works for the first class job of snow removal. We were all able to travel around without getting bogged down.

The good news is the month of January has gone by. Let's hope February's weather treats us more kindly.

We were right to cancel January's pot luck luncheon. We could not have possibly got to Brackett Memorial in the storm.

We will have a "Valentine's Pot-luck" luncheon on Monday, February 12th, 12 noon at Brackett Fellowship Hall-weather permitting. We will visit New Zealand via slides. Members will be notified by phone.

Some of our members are using the Center each morning 8 AM to 11 AM, playing cards, enjoying coffee and cake, etc.

Jan Sullivan has formed a sewing knitting group meeting every Thursday afternoon at 1 PM in the Center. An invitation to all women is extended. You don't have to be a Senior or member, just make yourself at home.

Anyone can make arrangements to use the Center day or night, just call Tom Quigg, Nick Broadwater, Locke Blaney or Grace Wright. Phone numbers are listed in the book.

One sad note to report. Lillian Clough died Saturday, January 13th. She had been in poor health for quite a while.

Saturday, January 20th a Memorial Service was held at Brackett Memorial Methodist Church. Rev. Charles Hale officiated and Rev. Ted Poland attended.

Harriet M. Murray, 84, died Friday January 19. Many Islanders remember the family on Peaks.
TO THE SWAMPSCOTT

THE SWAMPSCOTT! IT'S A WONDER BOAT
A WONDER "TIS IT STAYS AFLOAT
BUILDING IN TIMES, WHEN SHAKESPEARE WROTE
IT'S A MELLOW SHIP ITS LOOKS DENOTE.

RUSTY IRON AND SCALING PAINT
DRIVEN BY WEAKENED ENGINE PAINT
BROAD OF WAIST, SNUB OF NOSE
HITCHING ACROSS THE BAY IT GOES.

ACROSS THE BAY, HER WAY SHE POUNDS
THIS BONNY BOAT OF EDGER ROUNDS
WHILE NERVOUS PATRONS ALL GO WILD
AT THE DRIFT OF EDGER'S SPEEDLESS CHILD.

FROM PORTLAND PIER TO FOREST DOCK
SHE HITS THE STRIDE OF AN EIGHT-DAY CLOCK
LUMBERING TO AND FRO SHE CRAWLS
AS OVER HALF THE BAY SHE SPRAWLS.

SHE HAS TWO BEAMS, AS MANY STERNs
BACK AND FORTH BUT NEVER TURNS
SHE HAS THE SPEED OF A FLOCK OF WORMS
AND RAINS ED WITH THE COAL SHE BURNS.

AND THE PURSER! WALTER, ALL CONCEIT
ONE WOULD THINK HIM ADMIRAL OF A FLEET
HE CAUSES SOMETHING OF A STIR
WITH HIS "YES, SIR YES AND YES, YES SIR!"

HE MUST BE FOUR FEET THREE OR FOUR
BUT IN HIS MIND HE'S SIX FOOT O"ER
WITH A BANTAM STRUT, TAKES HIS TEN-CENT FARE
WITH HIS "YES, SIR, YES, AND HIS YES, YES, SIR"

THEY SAILED ONE DAY THIS YEAR
AND LEFT OUR WALTER ON THE PIER,
AND THEY WERE DOWN THE HARBOR FAR
BEFORE THEY MISSED THEIR SHINING STAR.

THE MATE BELIEVED - BY HECK!
HE WAS WITH THE CAPTAIN ON THE UPPER DECK,"
THE CAPTAIN SAYS "NO, NO - NORA NO
HE'S WITH THE ENGINEER BELOW,"

THEY WORRIED THE BOAT BACK IN THE SLIP
WHERE STOOD THE PURSER, SMILE ON LIP
HE JUMPED ABOARD WITH HIS USUAL STIR
WITH HIS "YES, SIR, YES AND HIS YES, YES SIR!"

SHE IS A PART OF OUR SUMMER STAY
WE WOULDN'T HAVE HER ANY OTHER WAY
I HOPE FOR YEARS ACROSS SHE'LL ROCK
FROM PORTLAND PIER TO FOREST DOCK.

A. C. HASKEll "28"
The mission of the Peaks Island School is to provide a nurturing, challenging environment which will enable each child to become a lifelong learner and a contributing citizen.

The Fifth Maine Regiment Community Center and the Peaks Island School Alumni Association received a grant to present to the fourth and fifth grade students a semester-long enrichment program which will teach them about life on Peaks Island during the latter decades of the twentieth century. The program will include classroom sessions, oral history interviews and a walking tour. It will culminate with the production by the students of a short book about life on Peaks at the turn of the twentieth century. We thank Kim MacIsaac, Kathleen Newell and Martha Gross for the hard work in making this a reality.

A special thank you to Coley and Terry Mulkern for volunteering their labor and equipment to remove four two-story snow piles. The removal of this snow has created a safer environment for our students.

As part of our "We are the World" theme, we are collecting summer clothing for Haitians. Thanks to Karen Friedman for organizing this effort.

Drivers please remember that we have students crossing the street around 8:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. We have had several near misses recently. The speed limit is only 15 miles per hour in a school zone.

THE PEAKS ISLAND CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The Children's Choir is now rehearsing again on Monday evenings at the Community Center from 5:15 to 6:00 p.m. If there is no school, there will be no rehearsal that day. We are now preparing for a Spring performance.

Children are welcome to sit in on a rehearsal and try it out but consistent attendance at rehearsals is important if children are to perform with the group.

It has been wonderful working with these children so far. Many thanks to members and parents for the great cooperation and support.

Jan Thomas

COMMUNITY NOTES

A Peaks Island nurse will be traveling to Haiti in February. She would like to ask the children of Peaks Island if they would donate used summer clothes and shoes (along with infant clothing) for a newly created orphanage associated with the Albert Schweitzer Hospital in Deschapelles, Haiti. There will be a drop off box at the Peaks Island School and the Child Development Center, until February 9th. For more information call 766-2385 or 766-2361.

The Peaks Island School is collecting Shaw's receipts, for possible computer equipment. A container for receipts will be placed on the community center bulletin board. Thanks for helping out.
The Route and Schedule Planning Group has completed its work of solving the "late boat" problem and had its recommendations adopted by the Board at the January 19, 1996, Directors' meeting. See the January Bayliner for details of changes affecting the Down Bay islands. Below are the Peaks Island schedules for Spring and Fall of 1996 and for Summer 1996:

### Spring and Fall 1996

**April 19 - June 20 + Sept. 3 - Oct. 20**

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#### Peaks Island

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The next meeting of the Friends of Peaks Island Animals will be on Tuesday, February 20, at 7 p.m. in the Community Center. All are welcome.

In conjunction with national Spay Day USA, February 27, the Friends of Peaks Island Animals will sponsor a lottery for the free spaying/neutering of ten island pets. To enter the lottery, just fill out an entry slip at Feeney's IGA between February 13 and February 27. The first ten people whose slips are drawn on February 27 will receive a certificate for free spaying or neutering of their dog or cat by Dr. Tim Friel or any other participating Maine veterinarian. Each year, 12 million unwanted dogs and cats are euthanized in the United States. Last year, nationwide, 28,000 animals were spayed/neutered in conjunction with Spay Day USA, preventing millions of unwanted, uncared for kittens and puppies. You can support Spay Day USA by entering our lottery, by having your own pet spayed/neutered, or by assisting someone you know with the financial aid or transportation they may need to have their pet altered. Discount certificates for spaying/neutering are always available from Friends of Peaks Island Animals. Let's make sure that every kitten and puppy on Peaks is wanted and cared for.

Peaks Island Yoga

Winter Yoga Session has begun, and there is still space in both classes (Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:30 PM to 8 PM). Beginners welcome; bring a friend. Call Rebecca Stephans at 781-4369 for information.

Also, I am seeking a large (300+ sq. ft.) warm, dry, open space for ongoing daytime and evening yoga classes. A clean basement, perhaps? I can offer free classes, a small rental fee, and we will fill your space with relaxing, healing energy. Please call me with ideas at the phone number above.

Third Annual Valentine Poetry Read

Tuesday, February 13, 7 PM
at the Community Room

Please join us for an adult evening of poetry, prose, song and multiple forms of the spoken word, all with the theme of LOVE. Romantics and skeptics alike, bring your words or those of your favorite writer. Rich and decadent DESERTS also welcome! For more information, call Suzanne Parrott, 766-2344.
Sledding, sledding and more sledding...that's been a prime January theme. We've also been establishing bird feeders and are beginning to have a steady crew of flying friends. We had a great science lesson...one fine day we arrived to find only the head of our previously sculpted snowperson...our preschoolers were sure it had melted. Lo and behold...our snowperson had been covered in snow by another snow!

The January Portland Museum of Art exhibits included the Maine American Institute of Architect (MAIA) 1995 design awards. The Peaks Island Children's Workshop Project was submitted by Reed & Co. Architecture and has been part of this exhibit! We hope some of you had an opportunity to visit the display...the exhibit runs through January 31.

Our Food Pantry has been reorganized and we hope anyone in need of supplemental food will take advantage of it. We are in the midst of establishing new hours of use for it...at this point, please simply give a call before you come over. We can also help with milk and fresh produce, etc.

For those of you waiting for our Community Playgroup to resume...thanks for your patience...we need a bit more time to work out the logistics and use of the space and will keep you posted.

STAR OF THE SEA

DANCE STUDIO'S

AFTER A SLOW START WE HAVE STARTED DANCE CLASSES ON TUES.
1st. CLASS--------4yrs.-6yrs.---------3.30 to 4.15pm.
2nd. CLASS--------7yrs.-8yrs.---------4.00 to 4.45pm.
3rd. CLASS--------9yrs. THRU TEENS. 4.45 to 5.30pm.
ADULT CLASS INTERMEDIATE THRU ADVANCED 6.00 to 7.00pm.
$15. PER MONTH PER STUDENT. SPECIAL FAMILY RATE.
STARTING TUES. FEBRUARY 6th, SAME TIMES OUR STUDIO WILL
MOVE TO ST. CHRISTOPHERS PARISH HALL, (DOWN STAIRS). WE WILL BE
PUTTING ON OUR FUTURE SHOW'S IN THE PARISH HALL, TO BENEFIT ST.
CHRISTOPHERS PARISH.
THE JUNE SHOW'S THEME IS "HIGH ON AMERICA" A FUN PATRIOTIC
MUSICAL. IN SPRING WE HOPE TO PUT A SHORT PROGRAM ON FOR EASTER.
WE HOPE TO ENTERTAIN ONCE AGAIN AT THE LOCAL NURSING HOMES.
NEW STUDENTS SHOULD CALL 766-2727 TO BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE
IN THE SHOWS.

STAY WARM, STAY HAPPY, STAY DANCING
MUSICALLY YOUR'S
DOREEN AND CO.
Pre-School Story Hour:
Wednesdays at 10:15 AM

Adult Book Discussion Group will meet in the Community Room, Tuesday, February 6, at 7 PM to discuss *Breathing Lessons* by Anne Tyler. The book for March will be selected at that meeting.

Third Annual Valentine Poetry Read, begun and continued by Suzanne Parrott and devoted helpers and sponsored by the library, will again be held Tuesday, February 13, at 7 PM. See the notice elsewhere in this STAR for particulars.

New computers are up and running at the library for checking books in and out. The on-line public catalogue and internet server will be available before too long. It was decided to phase these services in a step at a time, ironing out wrinkles and adjusting to one phase before plunging headlong into another. Because the new system is operative, we are flooded with new books that were being held, so come in and enjoy the riches. The new book list is on the wall by the door.

PEAKS ISLAND HEALTH CENTER
STERLING STREET 766-2929
Monday 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and Friday 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

OUR OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY FEBRUARY 19TH FOR PRESIDENT'S DAY.

Tuesday February 6th Dr. Dorsey of the Cumberland County Foot Clinic will be in. For an appointment please call 761-3889.

The Dental Clinic has not scheduled any days as of yet, to make an appointment, please call Connie at 874-1025.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!!

A Family Friendly (children welcome) Buddhist Study Group

We meet Sunday mornings 10 am till about noon (including tea time), and everyone is welcome! We practice according to the teaching of the Vietnamese Buddhist Monk, poet, gardener Thay Nhat Hanh.

Each Sunday, we read a chapter from *Old Path White Clouds* by Thich Nhat Hanh, which tells the story of the life and teachings of Gautama Buddha. A copy of this book, along with Thay's *Living Buddha, Living Christ*, is available at the Peaks Island Library. We also have some hardcover copies of *Old Path White Clouds* available for purchase at a discount, with proceeds to be donated to the Buddhist Peace Fellowship. Check it out! It's a beautiful story.

So far the adults and children have enjoyed making snow Buddha's, practicing walking and sitting meditation, and mindfully eating a tangerine. For more information, or to join us call Jenny 766-2604.
Please mark your calendars: at a General Meeting on Tuesday, February 13, at 7:30 PM at St. Christopher's Parish Hall, the browntail moth will be the main topic of discussion. City Arborist, Jeff Tarling, will present the City's proposal for spraying, including maps of the hardest-hit areas. There will be an opportunity for public input. A follow-up meeting is scheduled for April to approve, add to, or subtract from the proposal. Action, if it is to be taken, must occur in early spring.

At the most recent Steering Committee meeting on Tuesday, January 9, Ellen Tripp was elected Vice-President of PINA (replacing Charlie Hale) and Kay Taylor was elected Secretary (replacing Norm Proulx). Current PINA President is John Flynn and Treasurer is Donald Webster. In case you missed the announcement in the January STAR, Claire Filliettaz and Judy Piawlock were elected to fill the two vacancies on Steering Committee. Other islanders currently serving on the Neighborhood Association Steering Committee are Lloyd Hamilton, Mary Evelyn Hults and Monique Levesque. All are interested in working on issues of concern to Peaks Islanders. Speak to us, give us a call and/or come to meetings.

Steering Committee is seeking additional information regarding possible solutions to our deer overpopulation problem. This topic will be discussed at future meetings.

The PINA Planning/Land Use Committee is meeting regularly on the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Senior Center. On Tuesday, January 30, at 6:00 PM, Annette Naegel and Lisa Shields of the Island Institute will join the group as it plans a strategy for guiding Peaks' future. The February meeting will be on the 27th at 7:30 PM at the Senior Center. Meetings are always open to all interested islanders.

The Casco Bay Garage will be announcing an increase to its basic monthly rate from $65.00 to $75.00, effective July 1, 1996. This will be the first increase since the garage opened for business in the fall of 1988. As you know, qualifying Island residents currently receive a subsidy in the amount of $10.00 per month off today's $65.00 monthly rate. The City is currently discussing with islanders how the subsidy program and the basic monthly rate increase will interact. The City has scheduled another meeting on February 21 at the conference room at the Ferry Terminal to discuss rates and continuation of the subsidy program for qualified islanders.

The garage is currently at its maximum number of monthly parkers, with a short waiting list for new customers. Since a waiting list is already in place, anyone needing an additional space should contact us promptly; we are already receiving calls from summer people looking for a space, and in the past, the waiting list has grown quickly during February. We also have the ability to take on a few monthly parkers for the months of February, March and April only; this would obviously only be suitable for those of you who may want to get your cars off the street just for the winter. We thank you for your business and look forward to continuing to serve your needs.
BRACKETT MEMORIAL CHURCH

Worship: 10:00 A.M.
Join us for worship and coffee hour after.
Sunday School: 9:45 A.M.
Bring your child and stay for worship with us.

Thursday afternoons at 1:00:
U.M.W. Women are meeting at the Senior Citizen Center to work on projects for the Summer Fair. Come join them!

Mother of the Good Shepherd Monastery By the Sea
Mass and Prayer Schedule

EUCHARISTIC SACRIFICE

Monday 8:00 am
Tuesday 8:00 am
Wednesday 5:00 pm
Thursday 8:00 am
Friday 8:00 am
Saturday 9:00 am

MORNING PRAYER

Sunday 8:30 am
Monday 7:20 am (with Office of Readings)
Tuesday 7:40 am
Wednesday 7:40 am
Thursday 7:40 am
Friday 7:40 am
Saturday 8:40 am

EVENING PRAYER

Sunday 5:00 pm (with Eucharistic Benediction)
Monday 5:30 pm
Tuesday 5:30 pm
Wednesday 5:45 pm
Thursday 5:30 pm
Friday 5:30 pm
Saturday 5:30 pm

The following is the schedule for the services in our Monastery. Please note that there will be a change in our Mass times, that is on Tuesday February 20th, Mass will be celebrated at 5:00 pm, and on Wednesday February 21st, (Ash Wednesday) Mass will be celebrated at 8:00 am. Please feel free to phone our Monastery at 766-2717 using our voice mail to see if there is a change in schedule before coming to the chapel.

Father Seamus, O.A.S. will present in three series, "Monasticism, it's gift to the spiritual life, and it's life of prayer in the Church". The classes will be held in the Monastery from 10:30 to 11:30 on Tuesday February 27th, Tuesday March 12th, and on Tuesday March 26th. All are welcome.
FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES ON PEAKS ISLAND
Sponsored by Portland Parks & Recreation

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. The Community Center is in use every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings. It is also in use the first and third Tuesday of the month and the second Tuesday of even-numbered months. Please note: For information on putting a display up in the Community Building, please call Denise at 766-2970 (answering machine).

Special Family Oriented Event - *Off Island*

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* Co-sponsored by Peaks Island Child Development Center

Limited transportation available. Pre-registration required. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Sign up sheets on Denise’s door in the community building.

**OFF-ISLAND ACTIVITIES FOR ADULTS**

Pre-registration is required for all off-island activities. Sign-up sheets are on the blue door of the Community Building. Many people from "in-town" are interested in coming with us on these trips. They will be receiving their notices a few days after the Star comes out. Please register as soon as you can. Don’t delay! 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.

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SMTC Luncheon

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