
Service Agencies of the Island
PEAKS ISLAND ISSUES

The annual Peaks Island Town Meeting proved unusually informative. It acted unanimously on a motion to petition that a navigational device be placed on Peaks Island to help pilots fly over the main shipping channel to alleviate air traffic noise over the Island. In addition the meeting was provided with clear information by the city officials and transit district management about the plan to recycle solid waste; diagrams, timetable and description of the new ferry terminal and the new ferry boat. Our city council member, Joe Casale, assured us that plans are going forward for Cable TV for the Island in the near future. An announcement was made of the international Volksmarch to be held on Peaks Island on September 29th. There was also a discussion of the need for street-house numbers for the Island.

The re-zoning issue still remains unresolved, CIBDA retaining a lawyer to ensure the well-being and future of all the Islands. The recent city planning board meeting on March 19 heard both sides of the issue from the public and set another meeting for April 2.

Concerns continue relating to the effect on various services if the Great Diamond development plans go through, particularly the water pressure question, if the developer’s plan to tap into the existing Peaks-Little Diamond line goes through. The Peaks Island Library has a letter from Albert Presgreaves to the Planning Board which confronts the issue with the official table of all the hydrant pressures on Peaks, showing the existing marginal pressures on the Island. Ask at the Library to see this and continue to be involved in this and all other Island issues.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK APRIL 14 - 19

The week of April 14-19 will be National Library Week on Peaks Island as it is all over the country. Come and join in the celebration with the Peaks Island Branch Library and the Portland Public Library. Watch for a calendar of events, which will be available at the Peaks Island Library by the first of April.

Donations to the printing fund for this month’s Peaks Island Star were given by the STAR Foundation and ANN-Onymous. Thanks for the help!
NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK AT THE PEAKS ISLAND LIBRARY

On Thursday, April 18 the Peaks Island Library will be having an Open House to celebrate National Library Week from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. We will have our new books on display; a children's book exhibit; our computers available. The school children in Grades 4 and 5 are reading "challenge" books and will make posters to be displayed on the Library's walls at that time.

The program for the evening:
5 - 6 p.m. Open House
6 - 7 Special Story Hour (Kids come in your p.j!'s and bring your parents)
7 - 8 Open House and refreshments

Please make an effort to come and show your support for your Island Library. Use National Library Week to get into the Spring of Reading!

COMMUNITY CENTER PLANS

The Portland Adult Community Education program is holding drawing classes, "Magic of Drawing," on Peaks Island at the Community Center every Wednesday evening starting March 20 through May 29, 6-9 p.m. (27 hours), $25 for the course ($12.50 for Seniors). To register contact PACE (797-0348).

Ruth Woodbury would like as many dates as possible for planned events throughout the summer for a formal calendar. All organizations and groups should give their dates to Ruth Woodbury at the Senior Citizen Center or leave them at the Library. This will be helpful in making sure that there will not be too many overlapping events and ensure good publicity for all.

SENIOR CITIZEN HONORS

The Senior monthly meeting and luncheon had a unique observance of giving out honors awards, each Senior receiving a certificate for services rendered the organization during the year.

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S NEWS

Holy Week Services will be held on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

Easter morning at 10:00 a.m. followed by coffee in the Hall.

Women's Council will meet on Tuesday evening, March 26th at 7:30 in the parish hall. There will be a party to honor all members and certificates will be given to each one noting the volunteer service rendered to others throughout the Island. Guests welcome to attend.

Needlepoint classes will be given at St. Joseph's every Wednesday afternoon 2-3 beginning after Easter. Contact 766-2284. Open to old and young--anyone interested. It is free to all.

BRACKETT MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Holy Week: Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service 7:30 April 4 with Communion

Good Friday: The Sanctuary will be open for meditation and prayer for anyone.

Easter Service at Whaleback at 6:00 a.m. followed by breakfast at church at 7:00 a.m.
BRACKETT MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH continued

Morning worship at 10:00 with special music by youth and regular choirs.

A potluck supper for all the RENEW groups will be held on Saturday, March 30 at 6:00 p.m. Evaluation of the total program will take place at that time.

HEALTH CENTER CLINIC

The Peaks Island Lions Club, with the very kind cooperation of the Islands Health Center, is holding a clinic at the Island Health Center on Saturday May 4th, 1985. Hours are from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Medical subjects for the clinic are:
1. Glaucoma and eye test
2. Diabetes test
3. Hearing test

If you require transport to and from the clinic, Ruth Woodbury at the Senior Citizens Center (766-2545) will take your request Mondays through Thursdays 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

This is a free clinic. Remember the date: Saturday May 4th 10:00 am to 2 pm.

AMERICAN LEGION POST #142

Attention Korean and Vietnam veterans. Your local American Legion Post #142, (Randall-MacVane), needs you.

Think about it, inquire, come and sign up. Rehabilitate the Post. Sponsor a ball club; service to your community and WW I veterans.

Post Adjutant "Skip" Baird
Finance Officer Steve Peder
Commander Peter Gomez

Qualifying dates.
WW I April 6, 1917-November 11, 1918
WW II December 7, 1941-December 31, 1946
Korea, June 25, 1950-January 31, 1955
Vietnam, December 22, 1961-May 7, 1975

MOTHERS’ DAY SWEATER SALE

Handmade sweaters will be for sale, made by Korean women. Saturday May 4, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Community Room.
DAY CARE DEVELOPMENTS

The beautiful spring weather recently has given us ample opportunity for outdoor activities. We have spent time at the beaches, the playground and walking around the Island. It has been wonderful for teachers and children alike to get outside after the long winter months. One special activity that the school-age children enjoyed was sketching at Picnic Point. We now have a very nice display of their artwork on one of the Center walls.

A popular indoor activity has been block building. Our extensive collection of various sizes and shapes of blocks allows for the creation of many different structures including racecars, boats, forts and houses among many others. The engineering ability of the children constantly amazes us.

The parenting workshops have been a big success. Those attending have given all the sessions thus far very good reviews. Each session focuses on a different topic which can be related to families with children of all ages from infant to teenager. The workshops take place every Thursday night at the Moonshell Inn from 7-9. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The Peaks Island Child Development Center has the following positions available:

2 Summer Day Camp Counselors (8 weeks, July and August). Emphasis on swimming; boating; hiking; nature and ecology; recreational sports and new games; creative arts and drama. Experience in one or more areas is necessary along with experience working with 6-10 year olds.

1 Preschool Teacher -- Mid-May through September with possibility of extension. Focus on experiential and developmentally based program. Child development background, flexibility and ability to work with varied age range (3-10 years) a must.

Please submit resume to Peaks Island Child Development Center indicating position of interest.

We are also looking for a person interested in doing playground maintenance and repair. Call Jon Kelsao at 766-2834 about this position.

PARENTING DISCUSSIONS PLANNED FOR APRIL

A four session series on how to develop Parenting skills will be sponsored by the Community Counseling Center, The Cumberland County Child Abuse and Neglect Council and the Portland Public Library. These sessions, which are free to the public, will be held April 1, 8, 22, 29, from noon to 1:00 p.m. in the Rines Auditorium at the Portland Public Library, 5 Monument Square.

These discussions will focus on why family members act as they do, the consequences of those acts, and how to cope with the demands of parenting. The four sessions are:

April 1 Introduction to Series and Family Tradition
8 Communicating with Family Members
22 Resolving Feelings
29 Coping as a parent

Each session will be led by a professional counselor and a community representative. April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. For further information call Community Counseling Center at 774-5727.
Important things are coming up on the school schedule:

Grade 4-5 students will be taking achievement tests the week of Mar. 18-21, with make-up tests administered the following week, Mar. 25-29.

Grade 1-3 students will be taking their achievement tests the week of April 1-5, with make-up tests administered the following week, April 8-12.

Parents are asked to prepare their children by seeing they receive proper rest, a good breakfast and a happy start in the morning. Peaks Island students generally fare well during these tests; the results place our students in fairly impressive stanines.

Friday March 22 - Teachers Inservice Day, no school.

Monday March 25 - King Middle School Guidance Counselor, Mark MacLean will be at school to talk with 5th graders about their upcoming move to Middle School.

Monday April 1 11:00 Awards Assembly

Wed. - Fri. April 10-12 Spring Conferences Morning sessions only (no lunch served)

Registration for students entering Kindergarten.
-children must be 5 years of age by October 15, 1985
-parents must present birth certificate (hospital certificate not acceptable) and immunization records
-parents may come to the school office at anytime during the week of April 8, 9:00 - 3:00.

The Peaks Island School Second Annual TV Turn-off is planned for the month of May. To take minds off missing T.V., the school will focus attention of People Around the World. It is intended that the Peaks Island students get to know island residents who have experience living in foreign countries. There are many of you who have lived away from home, in foreign countries. We would like to have you share with us your experiences, expand our understanding of the world-at-large and perhaps instill a curiosity within our students to seek the riches out there.

If you are one of these people or know someone who is, please give thought to what you might like to share with us. We welcome your ideas, your treasured items collected during your travels (promised lots of TLC in the handling & display at school) your time to visit school and talk with the students, show slides, whatever. Kristin Uhlig is the staff member heading this project. Please call school, 766-2528, or talk with one of the teachers with your ideas. Kristin will get back to you.

It is planned that the last week of May (26-31) will be an International Week of ethnic foods, music, costumes, etc, to which the island will be invited to attend/participate. Olé!
Thank you to those who came to our party a few weeks ago, as we need and appreciate your support. We hope that you all have the time to take a picnic out to the STAR Reservation this spring.

Ellen Klain organized the first meeting for people interested in making use of the STAR community greenhouses. We'll be planting on the 23rd. Anyone who would like to have a gardening space out in the reservation should call the office and speak with Jenny (766-2747). There is water, and a few basic garden tools available to share.

Peaks Islanders have the opportunity to show their sincere commitment toward the sustainable well being of our planet by participating and supporting the experimental waste recycling program (which will be picking up glass and newspapers one day per month). Please read the recycling material which is mailed to you!! Can we afford to waste precious resources forever?

Speaking about recycling, the compost piles on the Brackett Ave. roadside at the STAR Reservation welcome your garbage! These piles are built in layers of leaves, dirt, ashes and household garbage. Garbage and leaves can go right in the pile, cold wood ashes can go in if you'll please call Jenny first (6-2747).

Rumor has it that STAR gets federal or state money! Ha! If only that were true!! We are a group of hard working people who scrape by with contributions from our board of directors and the general public. We have recieved grants for special projects, notably the Jesse B. Cox Charitable Trust is to be thanked for making possible the Casco Bay Island Waste Awareness Project, which in turn has helped out the Peaks solid waste program. We are currently seeking funding for our Community, Environment and You summer program, which is being sponsored by North Yarmouth Academy, The Portland School System and The Cape Elizabeth School System. We rely heavily on the participation of volunteers for all of our activities, and welcome contributions of any kind to develop our programs and care for the reservation.