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April 1, 1988

Dear Island Neighbors:

Governor McKernan's Supplemental Appropriations Bill (LD 2156) includes funding for the Peaks Island dock. The transfer bridge facility is critical to the citizens of Peaks Island and the Casco Bay Island Transit District which services them 365 days a year. When this Legislature votes at the end of April, its decision regarding LD 2156 will seriously influence the lives of all Peaks Islanders -- and eventually, all islanders.

If each island citizen would take the time to write a brief letter to one or two legislators regarding the importance to you of LD 2156, it could affect the outcome of the vote very favorably. Letters sent by President Garman of the CBITD Board of Directors received favorable responses, including thanks from one legislator for making him aware of current conditions at island docking facilities. Communication from us is needed and appreciated by legislators and can even fill important gaps in information. Never think your letter couldn't make a difference, because it can and will.

A letter to a legislator can be as simple as a one-sentence statement that you support LD 2156 and would like him/her to, as well. Or you might explain that our wharves are our highway bridges, but unlike the mainland, if our bridge is out of operation, we can't get home or leave home. The State spends only $50,000 every two years on maintenance of the island docking facilities. Long Island, Great Diamond Island, and Chebeague Island wharves were built over 20 years ago and will need major improvements in the next few years.

The Peaks Island Transfer Bridge facility is over 21 years of age and badly deteriorated. The passage of LD 2156, which includes funding for the Peaks dock, is a vital first step to improving our islands' infrastructure. Please use the enclosed mailing lists to let a legislator know just how vital you feel it is.

Send letters no later than April 11 to reach legislators before they vote.

Sincerely,

M. Irene Fitzgerald, Clerk
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Corinna, Me 04928

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268 Westbrook Street
South Portland, ME 04106
STAR OF THE SEA THEATER

Happy Spring to all. Our dancers are busy rehearsing for our next show, "Scenes from the Music Man". It will be held in the Lion's Club Playhouse in Greenwood Gardens on Thursday & Friday, June 23 & 24 at 7:30 p.m. Scholarships will be awarded after the show.

Our next comedy drama "West of Pacos" will be presented in late August by the Starlight Players. We would like to welcome to the Starlight Players: Gene Taylor, Isaac and Mark Harney.

The cost of presenting all shows, scripts, costumes, scenery, music, etc; can be very costly. The dance program and the Star of the Sea Boutique & Aerobic Exercise Classes all help to provide the funding for the Theater, plus, the college scholarship fund.

We would like to thank everyone who takes part and supports our enterprises.

If you haven't yet seen the Boutique, please come in for a visit. It has grown over the last two years. Some very nice clothes, gifts, toys and Yours Truly hand knit fashions.

The Annual Spring Fair will be held on Saturday, April 16, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the Community Building. Hope to see you there.

Musically Yours Doreen McCann

SENIOR CENTER NEWS

March has been a busy and full month for us.

Senator Tom Andrews was at the Community Center on the 7 of March. He was very interested in problems presented and assured us he would speak for us on the issues in Augusta.

On the 16, we held our monthly meeting at the Community Center. There were 16 present. All enjoyed the abundance of food. Following luncheon, we had a very informative program of hints in saving energy, presented by Ed. Flathery of CMP. Mr Flathery presented a slide program, answered questions and had material that we all were welcome to take.

There was a trip on Saturday, March 19. Seven of us enjoyed the trip to Bailey Island with a little side trips to points of interest. It was a gorgeous day and the weather was great. Our meal, provided by the Chuck Wagon was good. The gift shop at Bailey Island was open so we could all browse and do a little shopping. Just a wonderful day.

Have you noticed the windows at the Senior Center? It is great talents for the 4th & 5th graders of Peaks Island School. The Artists were Peter Deane, Ernie Callow, Shawn Klingenger and Jessica Champagne. Thank you children. It has brought great pleasure to all who have seen it.

Mr. Pednault, Asst. State Director in Maine of AARP gave a very impressive slide production of AARP operations. Following he spent great time answering all our questions. If interested, there is material at the Senior Center.

On March 31, a gorgeous sunny spring day, the Senior Citizens presented an Easter egg hunt at the Community Center for 15 Day Care children—little bags of goodies for children to find. It was great & all had a good time. The children all sported their bunny ears hats, and also had some for all the adults. Following the hunt, the children enjoyed a cup of juice.

We are still holding card games on Monday afternoons, Chit Chat Coffee hour on Tuesdays (do come join us—bring your knitting, crocheting, sewing, needlepoint or even mending) Thursday morning Sr Ann does her painting. She would live to have you join her. As soon as the taxi service is on the island, we will be having Bingo on Friday. Wouldn't you like to join us?

Just a brief rundown of coming events in April. April 6 - movies 1:00 p.m. Community Center. April 15 - Mystery Trip call for details. April 20 - Senior Citizens monthly meeting—Community Center, noon. The program will be Rev. Delena Gilman presenting her slides of her trip to the Holy Land. Public invited to program.

April 22 I will host all my volunteers (this is National Volunteer Week) to a luncheon at Senior Center at noon. Will all volunteers plan to attend?

April 28, It is our hope to get together the last Thursday of each month and to dinner. This month we meet at the Gull at noon. So all you Senior Citizens members join us on Friday April 28.

May 4 Movies at the Community Center at 1:00 p.m.

Just a few reminders. May 15 we will be serving coffee and muffins to the walkers in the BC/
Walkathon. Would anyone want to spend few hours helping, bake some muffin. Please call Senior Center if interested in helping. May 28 there will be a food sale at Center. Further details next month. This is your Center - Any suggestions? Call 766-2545

DAY CARE NEWS

March certainly came in like a lion and went out like a lamb. Our sleds and snowpants are packed away until next year. Although April snowstorms can surprise us, Spring is officially here and we have been keeping a watchful eye on the buds, the flowers and the return of our summer birds, and other signs of spring. We found a yellow dandelion blossoming by our front door and watched quietly one day as a garter snake poked his head up through the leaves to bask in the warm sun. We were very successful in forcing the forsythia, lilac and apple blossoms to open on our science table. The blossoms were shortlived, so we’re testing our green thumbs with some indoor gardening. We took a trip to the hardware store to purchase nasturtium seeds, seedling trays and potting soil. Now our seedlings are growing strong and healthy. David built a hanging plant rack which the children helped paint a bright sunny yellow, and the plants now sit in the window by the front door.

We would like to thank the Senior Citizens for putting on an Easter egg hunt for the Day Care children. Earlier in the week the children made bunny ears and on Thursday morning 15 little bunnies hopped over to the Community Center to hunt for the goodies. Also seen around the island were some not so little bunnies, who received gifts of bunny ears made by the children at the center. We hope you enjoyed them.

The community is invited to a Spaghetti Supper followed by a Family Contra Dance on April 16. It will be put on by the Peaks Island Child Development Center Board Members. Keep an eye out for posters for more details.

Congratulations to Angie Kelos, who runs the toddler program for the Child Development Center. The Southern Maine Association for the Education of Young Children has chosen Angie as Home Day Care Provider of the year. Angie will receive her honor at an award’s banquet later this month. Congratulations Angie.

NEWS FROM ST. CHRISTOPHER’S

Masses Sat. 7:00 p.m. Sunday 9:30 a.m.

Activities: Wed, Beano 7:30 p.m. Parish Hall, Thursday Prayer group 9:45 a.m. Erica Home, Island Ave.; Thurs. April 7 - May 12 7:30 p.m.-9:15 p.m. At St. Christopher’s, Scripture Study and prayer, Trainer, Catherine Larello. Call Rectory 766-2585.

Blood Pressure Readings after Mass in Hall Sunday 10. Free to all. Healing Service led by Father MacKennon, Friday April 29 7:30 p.m. Parish hall, Open to all. SCAT Meeting, Sat. April 30 in rectory, 7:00 p.m. after Mass. First Communion is Sunday May 1.

NEWS FROM BRACKETT MEMORIAL CHURCH

10:00 a.m. Worship, child care and Sunday for younger children. Coffee fellowship following worship. Please join us in the church hall.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

m Every Sunday 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. at St. Christopher’s Hall. "A A 24-Hour Helpline" 774-4335.

FRIENDS MEETING (Quakers) Every Sunday at 11 a.m. Everyone Welcome. IT is at Betty Van Wyck’s house on Adams St. 2 blocks up the hill from the ferry, turn right, second house on left. Blue home with white picket fence. You may call 766-2959.

ISLAND SAFETY!

Bicycle safety rules for all! 1. Ride on right side of street 2. Ride single file 3. no passengers 4. Do not ride on the sidewalks! 5. Stop at all corners, look and listen before you cross. 6. If you ride after dark - use reflectors or a light and wear light colored clothing. Be a wise bicycle driver. Bicycling is great fun and exercise and SAFE when you obey the rules.
Spring is in the air, and again this year I'd like to jot down a few hints or the would-be dieter......

Stay away from the crash diets—these can take a toll on you by robbing you of much needed nutrients and can also slow your metabolism down so that you actually gain weight when increasing to normal portions.

Join a group or class—weight watchers like form your own support network of friends who are also working on losing pounds sensibly.

EXERCISE—whatever your pleasure—but try to do it regularly as a part of your daily routine. This will not only help in losing pounds, but it increases body awareness and zest of all makes you feel good!

*The last and most important factor in weight control: Don't expect yourself to be perfect, allow yourself to be human. Hold criticism and give yourself non-food rewards for your accomplishments. Think of yourself as a beautiful person inside and out, take time to visualize who you really are deep inside and let it shine through!

NEWS FROM THE COMMUNITY CENTER

Due to a few conflicts in engaging the Community Center recently, could I ask you to check early if you wish to use the room. This is your Community Center and we are glad to have you use it. Feel free to call at anytime.

If you have any complaints or problems at the Community Center, please call and bring to my attention. Call 766-2545, Phylis LaClair.

Land Clean up Day this month—April. Watch for posters for time, day & place to meet.

Moorthy Friel, Veterinarian will be available to Peaks Island Residents, Wednesday mornings, 9-11am. For emergencies call Westbrook Animal Hospital 797-4747.
A National Project Of The Public Television Outreach Alliance

Child Care America is a national public television awareness and community outreach campaign designed to reach parents, businesses, policymakers and child care professionals and to enhance and improve child care services at the local level. Child Care America was developed in partnership with the National Association for the Education of Young Children, and will be celebrated during the NAEYC’s “Week of the Young Child” April 10 - 16, 1988.

**MPBN Television**

**Who Cares For The Children?** Wednesday, April 13, 8:00 p.m.
Rhea Perlman hosts this one hour documentary which defines our urgent child care dilemma and showcases some of the most innovative and successful solutions around the country.

**Who Cares For Maine’s Children?** Wednesday, April 13, 9:00 p.m.
One hour live call-in with host John Greenman, and a panel of Maine child care experts.

**Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood** April 11-15, 12:30 and 4:30 p.m.
Five special “Mister Rogers Talks About Day Care” episodes will help prepare children and parents for the day care experience.

**Sesame Street** April 11-15, 9:00 and 11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.
During this week Gordon and Susan search for child care services for their son, Miles.

**The Nightly Business Report and The MacNeil/Lehrer NewsHour**
Additional coverage on child care in America.

**MPBN Radio**

**Maine Concerns** Tuesday, April 12, 12:30 p.m.
Hosts Virg Bisset and Keith McKeen focus on child care in Maine during this half hour live call-in program.

**Maine Things Considered** April 11-15, 5:30 p.m.
Will report on latch key children in Maine.

CHILD CARE AMERICA on MPBN is made possible by grants from:

- Eastern Maine Association for the Education of Young Children
- Department of Human Services
- Interdepartmental Coordinating Committee Preschool Handicapped Children

**FRIENDS OF THE PEAKS ISLAND LIBRARY**

The Friends of the Peaks Island Library would like to invite everyone for PUNCH ‘n COOKIES in honor of Louise Cappizo, Peaks Island’s long-time librarian who resigned this spring. Join us from 2 to 4 pm on SATURDAY, APRIL 30TH at the COMMUNITY ROOM. See you there!

The Friends would also like to remind you that if you have any books that you no longer want, please consider donating them to the Friends. Donated books are either added to the Peaks Island Library collection or are saved for the Annual Book Sale (held at the end of July) which benefits the Library. If you have books you would like to donate please let Lorraine Spear at the Library know or call Lorraine at 6-5593.
ANOTHER SPAGHETTI SUPPER & CONTRADANCE!!

On Saturday, April 14 at Brackett Memorial Church Hall the P.I.D.C. fathers and other willing island men will be preparing a scrumptious spaghetti supper for the community. It will be followed by an evening of Contradancing with the Sea Slugs performing. This evening is a benefit for Peaks Island Day Care and is in celebration of The Week of the Young Child.

5:00 - 7:30 Supper
7:45 - 9:00 Family Contradance
9:00 - 11:00 Adult & older children Contradance

Donations:
Supper and Dance until 9:00 - $12.00 Families
$4.00/3.00 Adults / Seniors & Children

Supper and Dance until 11:00 - $16.00 Families
$6.50 / 5.00 Adults / Seniors & Children
$3.50/2.50/1.00 supper only or dance only

We hope to see many people there and to fill the hall with much gaiety!

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY
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We have some new cassettes at the library.
Beethoven, Piano Sonata No. 14 in C Sharp Minor
Collins, Judy Judith
Haydin, Symphony No. 93 in D Major
Beethoven, Symphonie No. 8 F-Dur Op 93
Mendelssohn A midsummer night's dream
Amazing Grace

And some new books
Ludlum, Icarus Agenda
Freeman, Last Princess
Kenney, Sailing...
Michael Inheritance
Francis Hot money
Maupin, Armistead, Tales of the City
More tales of the city
Further tales of the city
Baby Cakes

And much, much more.
Remember our library hours: Tuesday 2 - 8
Wednesday 10 - 4
Friday 10 - 2
Saturday 9 - 1
Phone 766-5540
Dear Parents and Friends,

On Saturday, April 16th the Peaks Island School will join in a national “For Kids Sake” celebration. The purpose of the day is for family & friends to share time together.

The “Fun Run” is being planned for you as well as for the children. The event is not for athletes only, you may walk, stroll, jog, dance or run if you please. You can break a world record if you’d like dodging the record number of pot holes in a three mile course!

A minimum $4.00 entrance fee is asked for individual entries, although the children will be looking for sponsors for themselves from people in the community. Additional sponsor sheets & registration forms will be available at the school.

The first 50 entries will receive “Fun Run” t-shirts.

If you have any questions or would like to help out in any way please call Connie Cooley at 766-2627.

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**ENTRY FORM**

for the **Peaks Island “RUN FOR KIDS SAKE”**

Saturday, April 16th

9 AM registration/ 9:15 start
Peaks Island School

Name_________________________________________ Phone #________________________

Age _______ □ 3.2 mile run □ 1 mile run/walk (please check one)

* The first 50 people to register are eligible for t-shirts, so register soon!

In consideration of this entry being accepted, I hereby for myself, my Heirs, Executors, Administrators, waive and release any and all Rights and Claims for Damages I may have against the organization holding this event, its Agents, Representatives, Successors and Assigns for any and all injuries suffered by me at said event. (Parents must sign for runners under age 18)

Signature ___________________________ Date__________________