Service Agencies of the Island
"HISTORIANS" of PEAKS ISLAND

You are invited to share your Peaks Island Memorabilia

Sunday
April 8th, 2:30-4:30?

at the

Peaks Island Library

Bring your documents, photos, maps, old letters, post cards, etc.

Photocopier and macro photography available at cost for this project.

Orders can be placed for a reproduction of a 1914 Peaks Island Map at the meeting.

The Peaks Island Library is seeking to develop a file of information about Peaks Island History. We hope to start with copies of items brought to this meeting. The library would also be glad to accept any postcards (duplicates?) that anyone has of the island. Perhaps we can devise a means for islanders to jot down anything they know of the scene depicted and keep that information with the card.

For more information, call Lyn Sudlow at 766-5140 (evenings).
Zoning Committee promises report by early May

When the Portland City Council amended Island zoning ordinances in December, Peaks was temporarily exempted from the changes, largely because many Peaks landowners had appeared at both Planning Board and City Council meetings in opposition. The Council directed the Planning staff to come up with a new plan for Peaks. In essence, the ball is now in our court as City Councillors, Planning Board members and staff are saying to us: "Okay, now please tell us what the people on Peaks Island DO want."

In response, PINA created a committee which was formed in an effort to represent the spectrum of Islanders' views on housing density, business interests and environmental concerns. So far this winter and spring, about twenty Island residents have been involved in various discussions at more than half a dozen meetings.

When the report is completed, hopefully by early May, it will be considered by the Steering Committee of PINA, published and made available to Islanders, then discussed at a special public meeting where Islanders will be invited to comment.

The objective is to reach a consensus on what is desirable for our Island so that we can, indeed, tell the City what we want. If you would like to make your opinions known before the report is written, you may contact Gene Taylor, David Quinby, Will Winkelman or Ellen Zimmerman.

George Falherty discusses dump closure/transfer station

At a meeting attended by over twenty-five Islanders, George Flaherty, director of the Portland Parks and Public Works Department, discussed City plans for final closure of the dump and construction of a new "transfer station". Councillor Peter O'Donnell accompanied him and listened carefully to Islanders' comments and suggestions.

More engineering plans and permitting need to be done before an actual closure date can be given but sometime in May, the mountain of debris should begin to be hauled off. Actual closing of the dump is estimated to cost about 1.8 million dollars. This includes nearly two hundred thousand dollars to chew up the construction debris and dispose of it. This huge cost led to a discussion of the need for more PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY for one's trash. There is now an ordinance on the books that says that people who take out building or demolition permits are responsible for removing their own debris from the Island, but it has not been enforced. This situation will have to change.

The transfer station, which will be built adjacent to and to the west of the current dump, promises to be a great improvement with fencing, lighting, grassy and paved areas and perhaps landscaping. Specific areas will exist for separating glass, plastic, tin cans, newspapers, large items, etc. A large chipper has been requested to chop up brush and there will be space for composting.

It may be two years or more before it is a reality, but it's "in the works!" We'll keep you informed.
Earth Day, Sunday, April 22

Throughout the week preceding Earth Day, the City of Portland will be hosting many events which Islanders may wish to attend. Watch your newspapers for details.

On Peaks, we are planning a Clean-up Day for Sunday, April 22. A table will be set up outside the market from 10:00 am. to 2:00 pm. to hand out plastic bags for the clean-up, plastic bottles to put in your toilet tanks to aid in water conservation, and flyers concerned with composting and recycling.

Low interest loans and grants for home improvements

The City of Portland has notified us that they are offering several different programs to help finance housing rehabilitation by homeowners of modest income. If you are considering fixing up your home or making energy conservation improvements and are wondering WHERE you'll find the money, pick up the information at the P.I. Library to see if you qualify. You will find copies of the programs outlined as well as numbers at City Hall which you may call to get answers to your questions. It's worth a try.

HCD Funds

Although the P.I. Child Development Center did not receive the amount they requested, we are pleased that they received a small increase over last year's grant and that they will continue to provide much-needed child care services on the Island.

The Health Center, however, received only a small amount for equipment; it did not get the financial assistance requested. The Health Center is in a precarious financial situation. We Islanders own that building but have no regular source of income for maintenance. Perhaps we need to ask ourselves: Is it important to have on-Island health care available? If the answer is yes, then: What are we willing to do to support it?

It seems we must depend on our own generosity (gifts) and our patronage of the Health Center for primary as well as emergency health care.

If you feel you can make a monetary contribution, please send your check (tax-deductible, any amount appreciated) to: Casco Bay Health Center, P.O. Box 52, Peaks.

The PINA request for funding to expand the STAR and mail it to you was also turned down. We'll try again.

The P.I. Wharf

A State engineer has recently reexamined the wharf and discovered that it is in much worse shape than originally thought. PINA and CBITD are working with the State on possible solutions. We'll keep you updated.
The Portland Water District, after discussions with the City of Portland and the DEP, has decided to provide secondary wastewater treatment to the Peaks Island Sewer System instead of the previously planned primary treatment facility. This decision was brought on by the increased interest in maintaining and improving the water quality of Casco Bay and the fact that the existing waste discharge license will expire in 1993 with no guarantee of renewal at the primary treatment level. If we constructed a primary treatment facility and the pressure was great enough during the license renewal period, the District could be forced into upgrading the plant to secondary within three years of its construction.

The District has retained the services of Woodard and Curran, Inc. to assess the different secondary treatment alternatives for Peaks Island and to design the facility once the alternative has been selected.

The District will be scheduling a public meeting on the Island to discuss the different treatment alternatives and to get public input. Once an alternative is selected, design of the facility is expected to be completed during the summer or fall. After receiving federal and state approvals of the design plans, we would hope to advertise for bids and begin construction late this fall or early winter.

The change will also require that the site plan for the facility also go back to the planning board for their review and approval. Plans would be submitted to the Planning Board as soon as they are completed this summer.

PEAKS ISLAND CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER
Central Avenue • Peaks Island, Maine 04108 • 207-766-2545

We've been trying to herald spring in by creating flower gardens from egg cartons and are looking forward to our spring/eastertime gathering with our Senior Citizen Group so that we can share the results.

Our School Age group has been busy identifying and collecting rocks and thinking about Earth Day.

The Parenting Group will begin soon and we thank all of you for the strong interest. Please remember, this is made possible by a grant from the Maine Children's Trust Fund - if you haven't yet filed your taxes please remember to place a check next to Maine's Children.

Thanks to everyone for all the help in organizing the March Fish Chowder Dinner/Contra Dance - a great time was had by all. Thanks to Ellen and the Sea Slugs for great music. A special thanks to Patrick McInerney and Peter Gomez for their talents in the kitchen. We certainly appreciate all the donations received from island businesses and friends.
Story Time for Toddlers

Twenty-five or so of the smallest of our library patrons were there for the first program, which was in March. Parents have asked that we have the program more often, so we will try having story time for toddlers the first and third Fridays of the month.

In April story times for children ages 0-3 will be Fridays, April 6 and 20, at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome.

The regular story time for children 3-5 continues each Wednesday at 10:15 a.m., and after-school movies are on Tuesdays at 3:15 p.m.

Library Hours

Tues: 2-6 *movies at 3:15 pm
Wed: 10-4 *story time, 10:15 am
Fri: 10-2
Sat: 9-1

Dear Casco Bay Garage Patrons,

We would like to thank you heartily for your cooperation while we have been trying to sweep away the sand accumulated over this snowy winter. We will continue to post signs in front of the spaces where we intend to sweep. So far, we have not had to tow any vehicles in order to sweep. Because the vast majority of you have been able to move your vehicle at the requested times, we feel it is not necessary to tow those vehicles whose owners are ill or away. We will leave notices on those spaces until the owners show up, as well as posting the notices for the ramps we haven't swept yet.

As I stated last month, we will accept new monthly parkers no earlier than 30 days prior to the month in which you wish to begin parking. For example, if you want to begin parking June 1, we will accept payment and secure your space no sooner than May 1. If you have summer friends that would like to park in the garage, you might want to tip them off that we could have a waiting list by early May. For further clarification of this policy please don't hesitate to call.

Starting on the 15th of April, we will lockout the parking cards for all numbers that we do not have corresponding license plates for. Please don't be alarmed when your card doesn't operate the gate. If your monthly parking fee is paid to date, you must simply tell the booth attendant your license number to have your card reactivated.

It is going to be more important that you make certain that we have your license plate number than it has in the past. Quite frankly, we feel we may have been taken advantage of by a few people that are trying to park more than one car in the garage while paying for only 1 monthly space. If you forget your card you must be in the correct vehicle and be willing to produce a valid Driver's License or the booth attendant will require that you pay cash for hourly parking rates.

Sincerely, Dan Hogan, Mgr. Casco Bay Garage
LABOR AND DELIVERY SURVEYS

Though I have had a lot of interest in my survey of Labor and Delivery practices in our area, I need more responses. Peaks Island is a wealth of experience and I would like to hear from any women willing to share theirs by filling out my survey. Please call, and I'll be happy to get one to you. For anyone who has not returned their survey, again, please call and I will gladly pick it up from you, or mail it, please.

CHILDBIRTH PREPARATION CLASSES

My brochure outlining the class series is available by contacting me, or from the public notice board at the Library. A new series will begin later this spring (a refresher course is underway) or as anyone's needs occur. Private classes are available for those who can't make other times, and I'll offer discounts to all island couples.

Why go to town for classes? Why go to hospital-directed classes? Be informed consumers for your special delivery!

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PEAKS ISLAND SENIOR CENTER

Some of our members voiced interest in having instruction in knitting mittens. Gretchen Hall is graciously giving her time on Friday afternoons to help. Thank you Gretchen.

On April 7th, we had a get together -- old photos were brought in, passed around and story told about each one. Light refreshments were served. All had a good time.

Monthly luncheon was held on March 21st -- meeting at noon, followed by pot luck luncheon. Bob Jarrell told us how he started sets for his beautiful vegetables and flowers. Next meeting is April 18th -- get your Easter bonnets decorated for our Easter Parade -- meeting at noon, luncheon to follow -- and then the Parade. Do come and join us.

March 24th, thirteen members attended the flower show in Scarborough -- all reported a great day.

April 12th we will hold our Easter Egg Hunt for the Day Care Children at the Community Center.

On May 16th, we will have a small variety show -- have you worked up a small act for us? We need you.

If you wish to go to the Cathedral of the Pines on May 19th, price $15.00 for bus, please call and reserve real soon. If no interest, we will have to cancel trip.

Our annual fair will be held June 30th at the Community Center. Do you have any items for our sale? We need items, you and do appreciate your help.
ST. CHRISTOPHERS CHURCH

SUNDAY MASS 9:30 A.M. in PARISH HALL

ACTIVITIES _ SUNDAY-_ COFFEE AND SNACKS AFTER MASS in PARISH HALL

WEDNESDAYS -- MEAL 7:30 P.M. in parish hall

THURSDAY PRAYER GROUP 9:45 A.M. at ERICO HALL

WEEKDAY MASSES AS PRINTED IN THE BULLETIN

UPCOMING DATES MAY 26, RUMMAGE SALE in PARISH HALL

May 30, TRADING POST II OPENS FOR THE SEASON

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED, PLEASE CONTACT MARJORIE ERICO IF YOU CAN HELP.

DONATIONS OF CLEAN CLOTHES IN GOOD CONDITION, KNICK KNACKS, BOOKS, TOYS MAY

BE LEFT AT THE PARISH HALL AFTER MASS ON SUNDAYS AFTER APRIL 22. THANKS.

News from Brackett Memorial United Methodist Church

Beginning Palm Sunday (April 8) Sunday morning services will return to the sanctuary on Church Ave. at 10 a.m.

Maundy Thursday - April 12- We will gather for an Agape Meal in Brackett Memorial Hall where we will celebrate communion and remember the preparations that Jesus made for the Passover Meal with his disciples with the words of scripture and singing with both congregational and choir. 7p.m.

On Easter there will be a Sunrise Service at Whaleback followed by a pancake breakfast at Brackett Memorial Hall. 6a.m.

Easter Services will held at Brackett Memorial United Methodist Church with choral anthems, traditional hymns, and sermon at 10a.m. The United Methodist Women will meet at the home of Mary Dennison 12 noon on April 10.

Bible Study at the Peaks Island Sr. Citizens Center Wed. at 9a.m.

For further information call Rev. Ted Poland at 766-5013.

Peaks Island Friends (Quakers)

Sunday 11: a.m. at Betty Van Wycks Home at 42 Adams Street. 2nd house on the left. Come join us.

Donations to the printing of this months STAR were made by Faye & Gerry Garman, PINA and Anon. I, and II. Thank you.****

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News from the Peaks Island School

Our big emphasis in Kindergarten during April will be concerned with the environment, as we help celebrate Earth Day. Hopefully, Peaks Island will be seen in a new light - a place so important, we'll work to keep it!

Grade one is anxious to receive return letter from 18 different states. We made a survey to find out what first graders across the country enjoyed. We are graphing the results of our survey.

We are also keeping our fingers crossed for kite weather. We are going to create our own kites and fly them on the ball field.

Grade two will be finishing our dinosaur study in April. We have each made a paper maché dinosaur model, and the class has made a life sized paper maché femur model.

We are also busy writing poetry, making storyboards, writing a Casco Bay play and measuring, measuring, measuring!

Grades 3, 4, & 5 will be attending a symphony concert April 10th. The Island Life Project will be doing oral histories of long time island residents. We are celebrating Earth Day in April by offering to help senior citizens by cleaning up their yards. Please call school with names of those we can help or suggestions of those who might like to share their histories with us.

Dates to remember:

April 2 - 13: CAT Testing - Please be sure your child gets plenty of rest and a good breakfast to start the day.

April 4: Early dismissal for students in grades 1-5. Morning kindergarten students will not attend. Afternoon kindergarten students will attend in the morning.

April 9 - 13: Kindergarten Registration 7:00 - 3:00. Children must be five by October 15, 1990 in order to start school in September. Please bring your child's birth certificate and immunization records.

April 14 - 22: Spring Vacation

April 23: "Partners in Excellence" Awards Program

LOOKING FOR YOUNG STORYTELLERS Ages 7-11

Starting Tuesday night, April 17 at 7 pm, The Peaks Island Library will host a Junior Storytelling Workshop. Please come with a favorite story of your own or one already in print (like The Three Bears). Together we will practice for the next month and hope to have a "Night of Stories" in May. Pat Crowley-Rockwell will hold the reins on this group.