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PEAKS ISLAND NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

*****MEMBERSHIP MEETING, SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 3:15-5PM, COMMUNITY ROOM*****

If you are one of the over 125 Peaks Islanders who have already joined the Neighborhood Association, be sure and attend this meeting. If you haven't joined yet, come to this meeting and find out how the Neighborhood Association is working to be an effective voice for Peaks Island.

The PINA Steering Committee has regretfully accepted the resignations of Joe Curran and Will Winkelman from the Steering Committee. In accordance with PINA By-Laws John J. Flynn and Patrick McInerney have been elected to the Steering Committee to fulfill these vacancies. A revised list of Steering Committee members and the committees they chair is listed below.

Karen Taylor  766-2811  (President) ex officio all committees
Frank Davis  766-2014  (Vice-President) Public Safety
Laurie Cox  766-5588  (Secretary)
Carol Eisenberg  766-3323  Environmental
John J. Flynn  766-2525  City Services
Sam McCain  766-2162  Human Services
Patrick McInerney  766-5536  (Treasurer)
Marjorie Phyfe  766-2307  Communications
Larry Walden  766-2815  Legal, Legislative

Please feel free to notify any one of us of community concerns and/or community improvement ideas. All committees are seeking additional members, call the committee chair to volunteer.

Please join your voice with ours by becoming a member of the Neighborhood Association. Membership forms are available at Bayview Market, the Peaks Island Library, and from Steering Committee members. Membership dues are $1.00 per year per person. Return forms to Bayview Market or Laurie Cox.

Watch for signs announcing Spring Clean-up Day in late April or early May. If you are interested in helping organize Spring Clean-up Day, call Carol Eisenberg.

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During April the Portland City Council Finance Committee will be considering a request from CBITD for a $110,000 subsidy to assist CBITD in meeting this year's budget deficit. Without a subsidy CBITD will have to raise rates 10 to 12%. The City of Portland last year directly subsidized METRO's bus riders with $1.1 million in city tax dollars, and $421,000 in pass-through UMTA funds for approximately a one dollar per passenger trip subsidy. CBITD is asking that all public transit passengers be treated fairly and that modest subsidy be granted to avoid another rate increase. The PINA Steering Committee has voted to support CBITD's subsidy request. Watch for signs explaining how you can help lobby City Council to grant CBITD the subsidy funds they have requested.

Notice: The Portland Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, April 11 at 6:30 pm in Room 209 City Hall. The Planning Board is considering certain revision to the zoning ordinance related to the land area requirements for existing undersized lots in island zoning districts. Contact the Planning Office, Rm 211 City Hall for more information.

Rep. Anne Rand has notified PINA that the Taxation Committee of the Legislature will hold a public meeting on property tax relief on Saturday, April 22 at 1 pm on the second floor of Portland City Hall. There are a number of property tax relief proposals before the Legislature this year, come to the meeting to learn more about the proposed legislation and to express your concerns about rising property taxes.

NEWS FROM THE PEAKS ISLAND TAXI

It has been almost one year since we started the taxi on Peaks. We thought we would take a moment to let you know how things have been going.

We have carried over 3000 Sr. Citizens, over 2500 school children as well as our full fares, groceries, packages, freight etc.

We have also traveled over 19,000 island miles and the taxi is tired. We are proud of the fact that in all this time and all these miles we have only lost 2½ days due to breakdowns and repairs. However, there is now a need to have the taxi overhauled. Because of the car ferry schedule this will entail keeping the taxi uptown for a few days. We have tried to schedule this to cause the least interruption in service.

The taxi will leave Peaks Island at 3:10pm, Friday, April 14 and return at 9:30am, Tuesday, April 18. We are sorry if this inconveniences any one but it is necessary.

We thank all of you who have helped support the taxi this past year and welcome any new riders who would like to join us.

Thanks, Lloyd, Dot, Town Taxi

NEWS FROM THE PEAKS ISLAND CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Mud squishing and puddle jumping. April showers are here, but with the April rain come May Flowers. On walks to the school we've been watching a patch of snowdrops pop up then bloom. And our tulips are just starting to poke out of the ground.

If you happened to see ten little bunnies, and maybe a few big ones, hopping around before Easter, that was probably our preschool bunch hopping over to the Senior Citizen Easter Party. We would like to thank them for the lovely gifts and sharing their time with us.

The Daycare will be closed for an Inservice Day on Monday, April 17.

We would like to welcome Loryn Dagon to our Daycare Team. Loryn will begin working as of April 24.
1989 is the YEAR OF THE YOUNG READER! We know that nothing turns children into readers more effectively than reading aloud to them. Children of all ages enjoy listening to a story. Even children who can read very well will enjoy listening to an interesting book read to them in installments. When you read to a child:

- make it a happy relaxed time
- ham it up--children are a great audience
- take time to talk about interesting or confusing parts
- enjoy yourself

We've got lots of new books for young readers.

Story Hour--Wednesdays at 10:15.

Videotapes--We have a small but changing collection of Videocassettes which can be borrowed for up to a week by any patrons in good standing who are 18 years old or older. These include Children’s tapes (we just got a new set in), classic movies, instructional tapes, and others. We also have some series:

--Civilization and the Jews
--Claudius
--Gardening

New Books

"The Satanic Verses" - Salman Rushdie
"John Dollar" - Marianna Wiggins
"Star" - Danielle Steele
"The Greenlanders" - Jane Smiley
"Billy Bathgate" - E.L. Doctorow
"Rainbow in the Mist" - Phyllis Whitney
"Cat's Eye" - Margaret Atwood
"Two Against One" - Fredrick Barthelme
"The Edge" - Dick Francis
"Paul Robeson" - Martin Duberman
"Panther in the Sky" - James Thom
"The Midnight Examiner" - William Kotzwinkle
"The New England Vegetable Garden" - D. Kerr
"Techniques of Basketry" - V. Harvey
"The Stars" - H.A. Rey
"Dance of Anger" - H.G. Lerner
"Is Your Child Depressed" - J. Herskowitz
"Recipes for Arts and Crafts Materials" - Hellen Sattler
"Books for Children to Read Alone: A Guide" - George Wilson

--- and many more

Hours:

Tuesday 2 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Wednesday: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Friday: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
PEAKS ISLAND GIRL SCOUT TROOPS 138 & 139

If you forgot to order Girl Scout cookies or have already eaten all the ones you did order, you are in luck! We have some extra boxes but know that they will not last long. To get more cookies call Marcia Hart-Quinby at 6-2244. The cost is $2 per box, which goes to support Girl Scouting on Peaks Island and in Kennebec Council. So stock up your freezer now, 'cause when they are gone, that is it until next March....

A big thank you to all of you who have bought cookies this year. The girls will be using some of their cookie profit money to go roller skating during April vacation and to go camping later in the spring.

Adult Volunteers Needed: If you would be willing to consider being a troop leader or assistant troop leader next year, or if you have a special interest or area of expertise you would be willing to share on a short term basis, please call Laurie Cox at 6-5588.

NEWS FROM THE SENIOR CENTER

March passed by so rapidly and spring should be here. No one had time to take in the film program. The programs are held the first Tuesday of each month at the Community Center at 2p.m.

March 15 was our monthly meeting and pot luck luncheon with 12 in attendance. We always mention the ill or lonely friends. The biggest discussion is our fair in June. June 24 is the day. We will have grabs for children, anyone wishing to help with donations will be welcomed (and a thank you). Secondly, this is the Year of the Lighthouses. We hope to have a table of lighthouse items. Do you have any clever ideas? Let us know, we need help! Also, anyone wishing to help on tables, please contact Phyllis. All volunteers welcomed. This might be time to thank all who have made items for our sale. Thank you (also always need items for our white elephant table- items may be brought to Center while spring cleaning and want to get rid of the items at that time.)

We are in hopes of taking some short trips this summer. I had hopes I would have approval for use of van and a driver at time the Star came out, but I'm still waiting (nope, I did not say patiently waiting) so I list the trips for you. Please watch window at Center for further details. On March 18, nine of us attended the flower show at Saco Island. Everyone seemed to enjoy the day.

On March 24 we held an Easter egg hunt at the Community Center for children from Daycare. We read a story and talked about it, the children sang a song and did the Bunny Hop. Each received a bag of Easter treats and goodies the bunny had left. As they left, each child received a balloon. We were very happy to entertain and would like to thank the children. The children all had bunny ears to wear and gave us some to wear also. Thank you children.

Somehow we seemed over anxious for lunch at Dockside & celebrated a week early but we all enjoyed it. We try to meet at Dockside the last Thursday of month. Some and join us.

Please get a calendar and mark coming events: Painting every Thursday at 8:30 a.m. at Center. April 19 is the monthly luncheon and meeting. Noon, Senior Center.

April 24 - tentative!!!!!! trip to kittery. Shop at Mall, eat at Yoken. Check with Phyllis.

May 27 - Food Sale - Senior Center at 9:00 a.m. to noon. Benefit Pine Tree Society.

Donations to the printing of the April Star are from Carl and Gretchen Hall, Kay and Gene Taylor and Anon I & II. Thank you.
NEWS FROM STAR OF THE SEA THEATER

The Irish Show on March 9 was a big success. The proceeds of the show went to Brackett Memorial Church and St. Christopher's Church. $150 to each church. Sincere Thanks to all that helped make it a Happy Irish Hour.

Aerobic classes will resume on April 5, Thursdays at 10 a.m. in the Island Community Center. All other classes held in the studio on Greenwood St.

Saturday, April 22 we will have our 4th Annual Spring Fair with a Food Table, gifts, toys, crafts, clothes. Proceeds to benefit our College Scholarship and Theatrical Fund. Costumes, scenery, music and playbooks cost quite a bit to produce any show. All shows are non-profit with the royalties we have to pay for the theater plays we have to rely on funds from other means, thus the Fair and the Boutique. This summer we hope to put on some children's plays.

So once again to our members in the dance, aerobics and theater group and the Island Community for their generous support a sincere Thanks and wishing everyone a Happy Spring. Musically yours Doreen McCann

NEWS FROM ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CHURCH

MASSES: Saturday 7 p.m. in church
Sunday 9 A.m. in church

Childrens Liturgy Sunday 9 a.m. in Lower Hall. Coffee and doughnuts in Upper Hall after Sunday Mass. Christian Instruction for children at Pat Rockwells house every other Wed. K at 3 p.m., 3rd-5th grades 4-4:45 p.m.

Wednesday Beano 7:30 p.m. in Upper Hall.
Thursday, Prayer Group 9:45 a.m. in Erico Home Island Ave. Requests for prayer may be left in appropriate box on entry table at church. Prayerline request may be made by calling any of the following numbers: 766-2502, 2578, 2266, 2641, 2844, feel free to call.

Blood pressure readings the first Sunday in April in Upper Hall after Mass. This is a free service open to all.

Coming events to remember: April or May Rummage Sale. June Bake Sale. July 1st Annual Fair. Time and date to be announced. Watch for Posters!

NEWS FROM BRACKETT MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday worship and Sunday school both begin at 10:00 a.m. Child care is provided during worship service. Coffee and fellowship following service.

FRIENDS MEETINGS QUAKERS

Meetings are every Sunday at 11:00 a.m. at Betty Van Wyck's house on Adams Street. Directions: follow Welch Street up the hill from the ferry, past the Legion Hall, and turn right, second house on the left. The Blue house with a white picket fence.

Everyone is welcome, Call 766-2559 for more information.
STD Clinic
874-8446
Walk-In Hours
Tuesday 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.
Thursday and Friday 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
AIDS Counseling/Testing - Call for appointment.

STD Clinic
A visit to the sexually transmitted disease clinic usually includes counseling and examination by a registered public health nurse and a licensed physician. Our low fee includes most laboratory tests and treatment services. AIDS counseling and testing is available daily by appointment.

Dental Health Program
Dental decay has been decreased by 50% in Portland's school age children, thanks in part to the education and fluoride program. This program is available in all public and parochial schools, grades K-8. Fluoride supplements are available to all Portland parents for their children from birth to 15 years. The City also has three dental clinics staffed by registered dental hygienists.

Preventive Health Program
The Preventive Health Program targets the Medicaid population. Its goal is to promote prevention. The job of the outreach worker is to make contact with Medicaid recipients to offer them information regarding their benefits. They offer support and refer the recipients to community resources as needed.
The Board of Directors of the Health Center is pleased to recognize gifts received during the winter months. Gifts for the general fund came from:

William & Geneva Bunton  
Virginia S. Paton  
Sr. Anne Murphy

Also given to the general fund were gifts in memory of Emily Brosius from:

Elizabeth Altman  
Anne S. James  
Robert & Pauline Johnson  
Martha & Sam McCain  
Margaret & George Thornberry  
Martha Gleason  
Kathleen & Patrick Cully  
P. & A. Jones  
Edmund G. Russell, D.M.D.  
Dorothy J. Regan, D.M.D.

A gift was also received from Father Joe Lange for the whirlpool fund started by Doreen McCann to purchase a therapeutic whirlpool for the health center.

The Board is grateful for the generous support from the friends of Emily Brosius and from our residents, year round and summer.

The Casco Bay Island Health Center is a non-profit corporation managed by volunteer Peaks Island residents. The corporation owns and operates the Island Health Center on Sterling Street. In the past six months a new entrance, with handicap access, has been added to the building. This should make the building more energy efficient. A badly-needed exterior paint job was also completed. The cost of these improvements was over $7000.

Contributions are always needed and may be sent to:

Casco Bay Health Center  
P.O. Box 52  
Peaks Island, ME 04108