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Service Agencies of the Island

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Over sixty Islanders filled the Community Room on March 12 to discuss cars and parking problems with PINA from 7-7:30, then to listen to and discuss a preliminary report by the engineering firm Wright and Pierce concerning waste treatment options on Peaks Island.

Although not everyone agreed that we have junk car and parking problems, discussion, followed by a show of hands, demonstrated overwhelming support for enforcement of Island registration of vehicles as a method of ascertaining ownership responsibility. Please note that this support by PINA membership is symbolic; it does not create any new rules. It does show that most Islanders do not like living in a junkyard.

Consideration of parking recommendations was resumed at another PINA-sponsored community meeting on March 25. After lengthy discussion and debate, the following proposals were adopted to be sent on to the Assistant City Manager:

1. Limit the parking lot to short-term (48 hr.) slots; establish 4 handicap slots; put up signs so indicating. purpose: to create parking space for commuters, allowing for regular turnover, prohibiting long-term occupying of needed space.

2. Restrict parking to one side only of Island Ave. from Welch St. east to the curve; the City Traffic Engineer should decide which side. Sign for short-term (48 hr.) parking. reason: With cars parked on both sides, the road is one-lane only, creating a dangerous situation, especially when combined with hill, curve, children, bicycles, emergency vehicles.

3. Ask the City Traffic Engineer to define the "commuter parking area" of Welch St. and Island Ave.; sign for short-term parking. (same purpose as #1.)

Note that a provision for long-term parking in the parking lot was rejected by those present. A less complicated system is easier to use and easier to enforce. Those who plan longer off-Island stays should arrange to leave their cars on their property, arrange to have friends drive/pick them up, or use the taxi.

There will be at least two opportunities for further public input. The proposals will be put into formal language by City staff and sent on to the Public Safety Committee which will seek public input, probably near the end of April. They will then go on to City Council where there will be another public hearing. Watch Feeney's bulletin board for dates.

Lt. Cole and Sgt. Aliberti from the P.P.D. attended to meeting and fielded many questions regarding enforcement. Some points of general community interest are:
1. Island vehicles need insurance as well as Island registration.
2. There is no parking in the Ferry line at any time (as indicated by the signs). Do not attempt to take a car down early and leave it unattended in line.
3. If you are concerned about a junker anywhere on the Island, report it to our officers on Peaks and they will initiate procedures, if warranted. Under a recently passed junk car ordinance, the owner of an abandoned non-working vehicle, on public or private property, or the owner of the property on which the vehicle is located, is responsible for the vehicle. The City can give official notice to remove the vehicle, with 30 days to appeal or comply. If the owner does not respond, the City may remove the vehicle, and bill the vehicle owner or property owner for the towing as well as for the fine for the violation. Twenty eight individuals have recently been served notices on Peaks.

The treatment plant vs. pumping-to-Portland decision is still to be made. Many facts and figures comparing the Welch St. site and an inland Brackett Ave. site and the pumping option were presented and discussed at the March 12 meeting. A report will soon be published and distributed on the Island; yet another meeting will be held where you can have some input. We'll let you know when the report is out; read it, and attend the meeting to make your views known.

Mark your calendars: the next meeting of the Neighborhood Association membership is scheduled for Thursday, April 25, 7:30 pm, Community Bldg. Among other agenda items, which will be posted, a speaker will discuss the property reappraisal process and will answer your questions.

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News from Casco Bay Garage

Summer rates are now in effect. Monthly parking rates will remain the same. Hourly rates will be as follows:

75 Cents per hour, maximum $10 per 24 hour period. This is a reduction of $2 per day over last year’s rate.

$10 per day for the first two consecutive days, $8 per day for the third consecutive day and each day thereafter. By consecutive we mean that you must not leave the garage at all during that period without starting over with the rate structure.

Please remind friends that may be coming for the summer that we are almost sold out of monthly parking spaces. Once we reach the “waiting list” stage, there is very little turnover until September. As in the past, our policy continues to be that we will accept payment to reserve parking no sooner than 30 days in advance. In other words, if you wish to begin parking May 1 you may register, with payment, no sooner than April 1.

Show a healthy interest -- fill out a questionnaire

Paulette Goulet and Therese Mirsole, graduate students in nursing at USM, are conducting a survey for their school assignment that will be of benefit to the Peaks Island Health Center board.

Surveys, enclosed in self-addressed, stamped envelopes, are available at Feeney’s Market, the Community Center, the Health Center, and at the Methodist and Roman Catholic churches on the island. The survey includes questions regarding your views about life on Peaks Island and also some basic demographic information.

The two nurses will conduct informal interviews at the Senior Center luncheon on April 11. They also are hoping to collaborate with Meals on Wheels so they can talk to some of the island’s home-bound elderly.

Information gathered will be shared with the Peaks Island Health Center board members, who will use it to assess community needs. Part of the students’ project also is to assist in finding solutions to any problems that are identified in their survey responses.

If any questions, contact Jill Tiffany - 766-2875.
Junior Storytellers' Perform
Saturday, April 6, at 10 am, parents and friends of the performers and anyone else who is interested may come to the library to hear a best-ever storytelling-performance.

Children in grades 1-3 (and some others) have been meeting on Tuesday evenings at the library with Pat Crowley-Rockwell to practice and polish their stories. Now they would like to share their fun with you.

All welcome.

Thank you...and thank you, too
Judge Carl Ingraham has donated a Lazer computer (which can use Apple software) to the library. It is on the balcony and may be used with permission. The computer is similar to the Apple IIe used in the Peaks Island School classrooms. Thank you Judge Ingraham.

And thank you to Betty VanWyck, who studied manuals, picked brains, ferried connector parts, and generally fretted and persisted until the computer was up and working.

New Books*

Fiction
Adams, CAROLINE'S DAUGHTERS
Garcia Marquez, COLLECTED NOVELLAS
Godwin, FATHER MELANCHOLY'S DAUGHTERS
Grimes, OLD CONTEMPTIBLES
Higgins, EAGLE HAS FLOWN
Hurston, JONAH'S GOURD VINE
Langton, DANTE GAME
Levin, SLIVER
Robinson, SUMMER LIGHT
Roosevelt, FIRST CLASS MURDER
Thayer, EVERLASTING

Nonfiction
Abbot, BERNICE ABBOT: PHOTOGRAPHS
Anderson, SINGLE MOTHER'S BOOK

Apter, ALTERED LOVES, MOTHERS AND DAUGHTERS DURING ADOLESCENCE
Catlin, ART OF SOCCER
Chopra, PERFECT HEALTH: A COMPLETE MIND/BODY GUIDE
Cunningham, FANNIE FARMER COOKBOOK
Glaser, IN THE ABSENCE OF ANGELS
Higham, ELIZABETH AND PHILIP
Kuralt, A LIFE ON THE ROAD
Leaman, BIRTH ORDER BOOK
" , WERE YOU BORN FOR EACH OTHER?
Michelin green - CANADA
Mitchell, WORLD ON FIRE
Moosewood Coll., SUNDAYS AT MOOSEWOOD
Novak, BIG BOOK OF NEW AMERICAN HUMOR
White, WRITINGS FROM THE NEW YORKER
Wicker, ONE OF US: RICHARD NIXON AND THE AMERICAN DREAM
Wing, VISUAL HANDBOOK OF BUILDING AND REMODELING

* A complete, annotated list of new books is available at the library. Ask for it if you do not see it.

New Video Selection
A new selection of videos has arrived at the Peaks Island Library for April and May.

People have become more casual about due dates and rewinding videos. Many people are sharing this small number of movies. Please, consider your neighbors.

Library Hours
Tuesday, 2 pm - 8 pm
Wednesday, 10 am - 4 pm
Friday, 10 am - 2 pm
Saturday, 9 am - 1 pm

After school Movies are on Tuesdays at 3:15 pm

Story time for preschoolers is on Wednesdays at 10:15 am

Peaks Islander Still in the Gulf
Peaks Islander Richard Callow Jr. will be serving in the Gulf at least until July and loves to get hometown news. If you know Ricky, or even if you don't, you can write to him at the following address: 007-60-3233/ c/o USS Richard K. Turner/ CG-20/ FPOMI/ Miami, FL 34093-1144.

Donations to this months printing of the STAR were received from Geneva Buntin, P.I.N.A. and Anon. I . Thank you...
PORTLAND RECREATION ON PEAKS ISLAND
ACTIVITIES FOR APRIL

CHILDREN 7 - 11 YEARS OLD

"DROP IN" PROGRAM - Every Tuesday* in April - 2:45 - 4:00 P.M. Community Room
Volunteers are needed for April 16 and 23.

COMMUNITY - EVERYONE INVITED!

OPEN MEETING - Come share your ideas regarding programs/activities you'd like to have
on the Island. Wednesday - April 3rd - 3:00 P.M. Community Room.

TRAVELOGUE - SPAIN AND PORTUGAL - By P.I. resident Mary Francis MacFadyen,
April 25, 1991, 3:00 P.M. Community Room.

SENIOR ACTIVITIES - 55 Years +

Kennebunk - A trip to Kennebunk to tour The Brick Store Museum entrance fee $2.00, and an
optional Fashion Show entrance fee $10.00, Thursday - April 11, 1991 boat will be leaving
11:15. Pre-register by April 4th.

SPEAKER - With guest nutritionist from the Cooperative Extension Program to discuss future
programs Thursday - April 25, 1991, 1:00 P.M. - Senior Center.

LUNCHEON AT SMTIC - (Formerly SMVTI) and mall trip. Wednesday - April 24, 1991,
11:15 A.M. boat to town. Cost: between $3.95 and $5.95 for meal, must pre-register by April
16th.

UPCOMING EVENTS - May 16th - Songs with Ed Langlois, 2:00 P.M.
May 18th - VOLKSMARCH 6.2 mile walk around the Island.

Have questions? Please call Denise at 766-2970. If you would like to reserve the Community
Room or the Senior Center, please call Denise for more information.
Interested in sewing lessons? Beginners as well as experienced
people should call Denise at 766-2970.

SENIOR CENTER OPEN EVERY DAY: Monday - Friday 10 - 12 Meals on Wheels
with Fern Parker
Monday s with Blanche Wilder 1-3 and netting
Wednesdays with Jan Sullivan 1-3 drop in
Wednesdays with Rev. Theodore Poland Ecumenical Bible study from 9 to 10 A.M.
Thursdays with Gretchen Hall 1-3 and knitting & yarn recycling

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basis. Call Denise Macarinas at 766-2970 or drop in at the Center and
give your name to the volunteer in charge.

NEWS FROM BRACKETT MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Service of Worship Sundays at 10 am.
Sunday School 9:30 am.
Bible Study at the Sr. Citizens Center Wednesdays at 9 am. Apr.10,17,24.
For information call Rev. Ted Poland at 766-5013.
Exciting things are happening at the Island Schools!

- **Northeast Regional Training Center (NERC)**
  Eleven staff members and four parent/community members have received training. Skills obtained include an in-depth understanding of substance abuse prevention, team building, problem solving strategies and action plan development.

- **School Improvement Planning (SIP)** has continued to the point of defining critical issues with Action Teams forming. Please volunteer to participate in areas of your interest!

  Peaks Island Action Teams include these issues:
  
  **Time** - strategies for better use of existing time and possible schedule changes

  **Communication**

  **Parent and Community Involvement**

  **Student and Senior Citizen Associations**

  **Staff Recognition**

  - The extension of instrumental music to include stringed instruments is proving to be very successful. Sylvia Infantine comes each Monday to instruct six students! Jim Ryczek instructs six students on band instruments twice per week.

  - Our staff members have continued to extend their skills through classes with Rachel McAllen, who teaches Math Concepts Using Hands On Materials. Six times during the year Wendy Litchfield attends Primary classes and Carol Ridlon attends Intermediate classes. Each teacher shares the lessons with others as well as being involved in Cognitive Coaching with Jan Cambridge and Susanne Morin, our Math Consultant.

  Other staff development classes have been attended. Of special note are mini classes taught by Pat C-R which relay skills of **Cooperative Learning** - which she gleaned during a conference in Baltimore.

  - Our Art substitute, Becky Nordgren, will assist in the extension of our Kite Days. With her cooperation, all classes will be included. Students will design their kites on March 27th. All classes will construct the kites on April 10th. Following lunch, kites will be flown. More information will be coming... but, save this date to help in construction and to assist and/or view the exciting flights.

  - **Kindergarten Registration for children who will be starting school in the fall**, will be held April 8 - 12 from 7:00 - 12:00 and 1:00 - 3:00. Please bring your child's birth certificate and immunization records. Children must be five years old by October 15th to enter school.
On April 22nd, Paul and Debbie Durgin will be coming to school to do an ocean presentation for our students. They have volunteered their services and we look forward to their program.

March = Change

Kindergarteners will observe changes and growth of themselves, animals, seasons, with accompanying weather.

First graders continue to look at our earth in science and social studies. We will discuss pollution and ways to preserve our resources. We will improve our map skills as we look at the United States and Maine. We will look into the sky and space. We enjoy being scientists and are learning to observe with our eyes and scientific tools.

In April the second graders continue their dinosaur study. We will be researching, measuring, mapping, making "fossils", studying tracks, trying to discover why dinosaurs are extinct and making models of clay. We are enjoying the warming days and continue to graph school day weather. We have recorded that every month since September has had more sunny days than rainy, cloudy, or snowy!

The third graders are continuing their study of machines and Native Americans. During the month of April, the children will have simple machines that they invented on display in the classroom. Please drop by to see their creativity. The California Achievement Tests will begin the first week in April.

The fourth and fifth graders are pleased that Loretta Voyer and Holly Kimball are volunteering in their classroom. Community support is greatly appreciated in our classrooms and schools.

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STAR OF THE SEA THEATER @ DANCE CO.

HAPPY SPRING TO ALL:

THE NEW CHILDREN'S DRAMA GROUP HAS BEEN VERY INSPIRING, ON THE ISLAND OVER A DOZEN CHILDREN ARE PARTICIPATING WITH 15 CHILDREN IN THE "STAR OF HOPE" DRAMA AT RIVERTON SCHOOL IN PORTLAND. THE ISLAND CHILDREN ARE REHEARSING FOR THE PLAY "POT OF GOLD", WHILE THE RIVERTON GROUP ARE PREPARING FOR THEIR PLAY, "CHILDREN OF THE CALENDER. IT IS OUR HOPE THAT WE MAY JOIN THE TWO PLAYS, FOR AN AFTERNOONS ENTERTAINMENT SOME TIME IN THE SPRING.

OUR STAR OF THE SEA PLAYERS JUST FINISHED THEIR PERFORMANCE OF "THE THREE WISHES" ON ST. PATRICKS DAY. OUR SINCERE THANKS TO THEM AND OUR DANCES FOR THEIR TALENTS, AND THOSE SUPPORTORS WHO CAME AND ENJOYED THE SHOW. THE PROCEEDS WENT TO BRACKETTS AND ST. CHRISTOPHERS CHURCHES.

OUR DANCERS ARE BUSY REHEARSING FOR OUR ANNUAL SHOW, ON SUNDAY JUNE 23RD AT 2.30PM. IN GREENWOOD GARDENS PLAYHOUSE. THE THEME WILL "THE LEGEND OF TUMBLEWEED COUNTY"; A MUSICAL WESTERN IN SONG AND DANCE.

AEROBIC CLASSES EVERY MONDAY AND THURSDAY. MORNINGS 10 AM. EVENINGS AT 6.30PM. ALL LEVELS AVAILABLE.

THE BOUTIQUE HAS MANY NEW ITEMS; BASKETS, SHELLS, HAND KNITS AND INTRODUCING, PORTRAITS AND PAINTINGS BY SHELAGH FITZGERALD. OPEN THURSDAY THROUGH SUNDAY. HOURS ARE POSTED, OR CALL 766-2727.

OUR SINCERE HOPE IS FOR THE COMMUNITY TO SUPPORT OUR PROGRAMS AND SALES, TO ENABLE US TO HELP OTHERS IN OUR ISLAND COMMUNITY.

MUSICALLY YOURS

DOREEN MCCANN
The Island Health Center Hours for medical care are:

Karen Disco. Physician Assistant

Mondays 12:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.

Please note the following changes to Karen Disco's hours:

Monday, April 15 10:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.
April 22 and 29 The clinic will be closed.

Cynde Putney Mitchell. Family Nurse Practitioner

Wednesdays 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Please call 766-2929 for an appointment. Evening appointments are available if notified in advance. The answering machine continues to be checked daily.

Well Baby & Well Child Clinic is being held on Monday, April 22. Call the Munjoy Health Station at 674-8869 to make appointment.

ST. CHRISTOPHER’S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mass Schedule: Sat. 4 pm. Sun. 9 am in the church thru May.
Weekday Masses: Wed, Thur. & Sat—time & place to be announced.
Bible Study at the Sr. Citizens Ctr. Wed. 9 am, Bake Sale 10 am Welch St. corner.
Thur. 9:45 am Prayer Group at Erico home.
Wed. Apr. 3 7:30 Beano in the hall. Come and join in the "fun".

ACTIVITIES: Coffee and donuts in the hall after Sunday mass/
Free blood pressure readings the first Sunday of each month.
Apr. 16 at 7:30 Initial Fair meeting at Parish Hall. All interested parishioners please attend. Volunteers and a coordinator are needed.

May dates to remember: First Holy Communion May 5 at 9 am mass.
Coming of the Blessed Mother will be the last Sunday in May.
5th Catholic Charities Appeal May 25th, Rummage Sale in the Parish Hall 10 am.
May 29 Trading Post opens for season.
Donations will be accepted May 21, 22, 23, 24 from 1 - 3 pm in the hall. Only clean clothing in good repair and usable and saleable articles will be accepted. F.M.I. contact Helen 766-5100 or Marze 766-2266.
A warm welcome to spring! Our purple crocuses are proof that it's really here...and so are our handmade pussywillows created by our preschoolers. As a fond farewell to winter, we made a Snow Rabbit from the recent snowfall.

A thank you to Linda Tuttle for her donation of some HUGE goldfish who are happy in their new home. Also thanks to all who helped make our joint fundraiser with the PTO a success...both the Spaghetti Supper and Contra Dance were well attended. A special thanks to Jon and Angie Kelso and Kenny and Benny Brown who contributed their culinary talents for some tasty sauces! Also to Island businesses who made a donation to the event and to everyone who pitched in to help.

PLAYGROUP continues every Wednesday morning from 10:15-11AM...a time for parents/caregivers/infants and toddlers to come and enjoy our playspace. This is open to the entire community free of charge.

PARENING SERIES has been postponed until the fall as we did not get a big enough group. We will offer it next October.

BOTTLE DRIVE continues at Feeney's Market. When you return your bottles you can bring your slip to the register and have it credited to the childcare center account. Since October we have had $111 credit! THANKS to all of you who have participated. Community support of the center in ways like this are important as they not only help our budget but also show our funders that our community supports our efforts. This is an ongoing fundraising effort...our thanks to all of you.

PLAYGROUND...we'd like to remind you that the playground on the corner of Island and Sterling is part of the Child Development Center. We welcome community use of this space but ask that you adhere to certain guidelines:

1) Children must be supervised at all times in the playground. Please do not send young children to the playground on their own. We will ask them to leave.

2) Please be sensitive to the needs of the childcare center. If we are there with a group of children, sometimes it works with other children and adults there and sometimes it doesn't. Please use your judgement or check in with the teachers. Please also let your children know that center guidelines are in effect for all (ie. no running with sticks).

Thanks...we hope you'll join the community effort being formed to help us rejuvenate the playground.

**Playground Committee Needed**

Are you interested in helping plan, build and/or fund a new Day Care Community Playground? A committee is forming...we need your ideas! Call Lois Tiedeken 766-2006