
Service Agencies of the Island
The March 16th membership meeting of the Peaks Island Neighborhood Association held at 7:30 PM at the Community Center was attended by 38 members and guests. More recommendations from PINA committees were considered and voted upon. Among the items approved were:

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE:**
- Ask the City to continue funding and support of Casco Bay Lines, amended to include a request for a subsidy for ferry transportation as is currently done for METRO.
- Continue to provide and maintain the free parking area recently established for islanders adjacent to BIW parking.
- Provide another bike rack near the Peaks wharf. (This is in the plans for the Welch St. construction project.)
- Construct a sidewalk from the Public Safety building to the school (on the inside of the Island Avenue curve) and plow it in the winter. (HCD funding has been approved for this project.)

Specific recommendations were also approved for Casco Bay Lines which ask for continued low bike rates and suggest ways to improve communications with Peaks ferry users and CBL.

**SOCIAL SERVICE/RECREATION COMMITTEE:**
- Continue fiscal support for Library, Health Center and child care services on Peaks.
- Make the School building more available for community programming with additional custodial cost assumed by City/School budget.
- Rejuvenate the Community Room.
- Maintain an ice skating area.
- Maintain the ballfield and improve it to meet standard requirements for Little League, and include the addition of a full basketball court.
- Continue Portland Recreation programming.
- Continue Community Enrichment programming/funding.
- Improve communication between schools and the community, schools and Casco Bay Lines.

In order to give the Island as a whole an opportunity to have input and vote on a major project such as a full basketball court or a skating rink, the group passed a motion to the effect that: before the City undertakes a capital improvement project, the Island should be involved in whether or not to go forward, as well as in planning and implementation. Also, because of the concern expressed, by some of those attending, for the cost of major projects to the taxpayer, a motion passed which says: "If PINA requests any major expenditure, Islanders should be made aware of the costs and the sources of funding before the City goes ahead with the project."
Recommendations were approved regarding the deer population on Peaks including a request that the City ask IFW to do a deer population inventory on Peaks. It was also recommended that Portland's Animal Control and Police Departments consolidate information on deer accidents and become more aware of the problem. A complete list of these and other PINA committee recommendations will be available in the library.

Please note a calendar change: There will be a:

Steering Committee Meeting
Thursday, April 7, 7:30 PM
St. Christopher's Hall

This had been previously announced as a general meeting. Please watch Feeney's bulletin board for notice of the next general meeting. As always, the public is invited to both Steering Committee and general meetings.

There is still time to join the facilitator training session sponsored by PINA and the Maine Council of Churches:

Saturday, April 9
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Brackett Memorial Church
Fellowship Hall

To sign up, or for further information, call 766-5013

Recreation Activities for Youth & Teens
Portland Recreation on Peaks Island

**GRADE K - "Drop-In"**

Spring-time crafts
Tuesday, April 12
12:30 - 1:15 pm at the Community Center
Adults invited too!
4 and 5 year olds accompanied by an adult are welcome

Circus-time crafts
Tuesday, April 19
12:30 - 1:15 pm at the Community Center

Short walk
Wednesday, April 20
12:30 - 1:15 pm - Meet at the Community Center
ALL ADULTS ARE INVITED TO JOIN US!

**GRADES 1 through 5 - "Drop-In"**

Thursday afternoons
April 7 and April 14
2:45 - 4:00 pm at the Community Center

Please note: No program on April 21 and April 28

Tuesday morning
April 19
9:00 - 10:00 am at the Community Center

Wednesday morning
April 20
9:00 - 10:00 am at the Community Center

**Basketball and Volleyball - Adults**

**Basketball Program**

Tuesday evening - 6:30 - 8:30 pm
P.I. School Gym
$2.00 Drop-in fee
Until May 31
NOTE: No program April 19

**Volleyball Program**

Wednesday evening - 7:15 - 9:00 pm
P.I. School Gym
$2.00 Drop-in fee
Until May 25
NOTE: No program April 20
**PORTLAND RECREATION on PEAKS ISLAND - APRIL SCHEDULE**

To reserve the Community Room, you must contact Denise (766-2970) at least two days in advance. Do not leave a message on the machine. If Denise is not available, please call 874-8793 during regular business hours. Please note: The Community Center is in use Monday and Thursday evenings as well as the first Tuesday of every month.

**ISLAND ACTIVITIES - OPEN TO ALL ADULTS**

Pre-registration required as space is limited for several of the programs.

**PERENNIALS:**
**LOOKING TOWARDS SPRING!**
Monday, April 4
7:00 - 8:00 pm at the Senior Center
Speaker: Carolyn Ladd
FREE!

**WHALES OF AUGUST (video)**
Thursday, April 7
11:30 - at the Senior Center
Bring your lunch and popcorn and enjoy this movie filmed here on Casco Bay!

**WALKING "CLUB"**
Tuesday, April 12
8:30 am - Meet at the Senior Center
Wednesday, April 27
8:30 am - Meet at the Senior Center

**CHAIR CANING: TWO DAY WORKSHOP**
Wednesday, April 13
12:30 - 4:00 pm at the Community Center
Thursday, April 14
8:30 - 12:00 pm at the Community Center
Instructor: Editha Nelson, Woodstock, Ill.
Fee: $5.00 includes materials and instruction
Maximum = 6. Register early!
More information available upon registration

**TRAVELOGUE: HONDURAS**
Thursday, April 28
7:00 - 8:00 pm at the Community Center
Speaker: Cynthia Cole
* Children welcomed when accompanied by an adult. This program is co-sponsored by the Peaks Island Community Enrichment Program

**OFF-ISLAND ACTIVITIES for ADULTS**

Pre-registration required for all off-island activities. Senior adults are given top priority. Non-seniors may register on a space available basis. Sign-up sheets are at the Sr. Center. Please call 766-2545 for Sr. Ctr. hours. Registrations left on the answering machine CANNOT be guaranteed. Space is limited. A minimum of 8 people is required, unless otherwise stated. If you have any questions, please call Denise at 766-2970.

**MAINE MALL SHOPPING and LUNCH**
Tuesday, April 5
Boat: 10:00 am/no later than 4:30 pm return

**PORTLAND MUSEUM OF ART TOUR**
Tuesday, April 26
Boat: 11:15 am/no later than 4:30 pm return
Cost: Approximately $4.00

**FREEPORT:**
**TOUR OF CHOCOLATE FACTORY & SHOPPING**
Thursday, April 28
Boat: 10:00 am/no later than 4:30 pm return
Cost: $2.50 (for tour and ice cream)

**SMTC LUNCH**
Wednesday, May 4
Boat: 11:15 am/no later than 3:15 pm return
Lunches approximately from $3.95 to $5.95
Pre-registration required by April 27
We welcome Thomas Balzano to our Afterschool Program.

We'd like to thank the Cooley Family for their recent donation of electric keyboards, an erector set and science experiments. The keyboards are especially popular.

The staff of the Child Development Center thanks the members of the Peaks Island Children's Workshop, the community non profit group that is working on our Building Project. The City of Portland, through the HCD Program, awarded the project $131,000, which is close to half the project's total budget. As we move forward with the project, there will be public meetings to get your input. We will also be undertaking ambitious fundraising and hope you will participate in this project that will benefit many future generations of Peaks Island children, and join us in our belief that our children are our future.

Coming up on April 21: A Hayride, cosponsored with Portland Recreation, at Norton Farms in Falmouth. Watch for signs and be sure to sign up early as there will be limited space.

Continuing each Wednesday: Community Playgroup from 10:15-11AM..a time for parents and young children to come and enjoy our playspace. Drop in basis..no fee or registration required.

Thanks to all who continue to donate Bottle Return money to our account at Feeney's..this is a great help.

We continue to keep a well stocked Food Pantry in our kitchen..please stop in if you find yourself in need of extra food or give a call and we'll deliver.

HAPPY SPRING!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
News from the Peaks Island Library
129 Island Avenue
Tel. 766-5540

Open: Tues: 2-8
*Wed: 10-4
*Story Hour: 10:15
Fri: 10-2
Sat: 9-1

Some New Books
(A complete list is posted in the library)

Fiction:
J. S. Borthwick Bridled Groom
Lilian Braun Cat Who Came to Breakfast
Harold Coyle Code of Honor
Louise Erdrich Bingo Palace
Alice Hoffman Second Nature
Valerie Martin Great Divorce
Timothy Sebastian Last Rights
Wilbur Smith River God

Nonfiction:
Karen Armstrong History of God
Nina Barrett Playgroup: Three Women Contend With the Myths of Motherhood
Robert Giller Natural Prescriptions
Gary Paulsen Winterdance: the Fine Madness of Running the Iditarod
Bob Shacochis Domesticity: How to Keep a Relationship Well Fed

Children's book review
by Stephanie Eliot
Matthew and the Sea Singer by Jill Paton Walsh
(Suggested ages: Grades 2-4)
I loved this book! I wanted to read it over and over again. A young girl, Birdy, buys a young boy, Matthew, from an orphan master for a single shilling. The next day she discovers that Matthew has a voice "that has a faery feel to it," so they take him to the parson to sing in the choir. He is stolen from them by the seal queen, who will not return him until the parson teaches one of her own to sing as well as Matthew sings.

The story enchants me because I can feel the bonds of friendship and love that spring up so quickly between Matthew and Birdy, the townspeople, the choir boys, and the parson. I love how strong and clever Birdy is regarding her beliefs and feelings toward right and wrong. I loved the description of Matthew's and Pagan's voices. By the description you knew just what those voices sounded like, and you wanted to hear them too. I loved that the town folk were willing to have a seal person in their church, all for Matthew! I loved that the ending summed everything up so nicely and that the story came full circle.

Book Discussion
The Adult Book Discussion Group will meet Tuesday, April 5, 7 PM to discuss Road From Coorain by Jill Ker Conway. (May's book: Tracks by Louise Erdrich.) Please join us.

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ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
Father Bob Paskey, S.J.

Weekday Mass: 7:30 A.M @ St. Joseph's Chapel
Weekend: Saturday, 4:00 P.M. 
           Sunday, 9:00 A.M.
Activities: Coffee and cake after Mass on Sunday

BRACKETT MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Pastor - Rev. Charles Hale - Tel. 766-5013

Sundays - 9:00 A.M. - Sunday School
           10:00 A.M. - Worship Service
           4:00 P.M. - Bible Study at Parsonage
Wednesdays - 6:15 P.M. - AA Meeting in Fellowship Hall
Thursdays - 9:00 A.M. - Bible Study at Senior Center

Study Groups Facilitator Training:
Saturday, April 9, 9:00am-3:00pm
At the Brackett Memorial United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
(B.Y.O.Lunch)

Everyone is invited who is interested in this training whether or not they want to facilitate a Study Circle group here on the island. If interested, or if you have questions, please call 766-5013. Hope to see you there.

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.... Deadline For The MAY 1994 STAR is April 25, 1994....
Peaks Island School Update

With Spring in the air, Peaks Island School has many activities that are underway. From classroom news, the Community Enrichment Program to special projects, Peaks Island School continues to challenge students through a variety of interesting projects and valuable learning opportunities.

April Calendar of School Events:

- April 5 - Have lunch with a student from noon to 12:30 pm. You must bring your own lunch and milk can be purchased for $.25. See you there!
- April 7 - The Coast Guard will be at the school to present a Water Safety program.
- April 11 - The P.T.O. will meet at the Peaks Island School library from 6:45 to 8 pm.
- April 12 - In celebration of National Library Week, author and illustrator Laura Rankin will be at the school talking about her book from 10 am to noon. Students from Governor Baxter School will be participating in this activity.
- April 14 - Family Math Night from 6:30 to 7:45 pm. Look for more information about this fun filled evening of learning!
- April 15 - 24 - School vacation.
- April 29 - Students celebrating a birthday in April get to have lunch with the principal.

Registration for Incoming Kindergarten Students

- Tuesday, April 26, from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm.
Nursing and speech personnel will be at the school to take health histories, immunization records and perform vision and hearing screening. Please call the school at 766-2528 for an appointment. You will need to bring your child's birth certificate, immunization record and social security number. Appointments for Gesell testing in June will also be made on April 26.

Peaks Island School Kicks off Arbor Day with Landscape Project

April 25 is National Arbor Day and on this day Peaks Island School will kick off its new Landscape project. This project is a joint venture between the Portland School Department, Maine State Landscape Architects, the City of Portland and the Portland Partnership program.

A landscape committee, formed of Peaks Island School faculty, parents and island residents, has developed plans for a number of landscaping improvements to the school grounds. These plans are on display at the school and will be implemented in several phases. More information on this exciting project will be available on April 25.

Peaks Island Community Enrichment Program

The Community Enrichment Program is still collecting recipes for the Peaks Island cookbook. We have extended the deadline for recipes to April 15. We hope residents of all ages will turn in their favorite recipes to Peaks Island School, Feeneys and the Senior Citizens Center. Proceeds from the sale of this cookbook will support the Community Enrichment Program next year. The program, currently funded by an innovative federal grant, provides enrichment activities for children, parents and island residents.

Upcoming Events

- Exploring Honduras - In this special presentation, learn about the culture and peoples of Honduras. Cynthia Cole, island resident, takes you on a journey into this Central American country.
  When: April 28  Time: 7-8 pm  Where: Peaks Island Community room (behind the Peaks Island library)
  Who: Adults. Children welcome, but must be accompanied by an adult.
  This program is co-sponsored by Portland Recreation and the Peaks Island Community Enrichment Program. Please call Denise, 766-2970 or Jennifer Hicks, 766-2528 for additional information.

- The Art of Being a Tightwad - Learn all the secrets of being a successful tightwad by the people who wrote the book! In this day long class, Tightwad Gazette Business Manager, Elaine Briggs, teachers you how to get the most out of a yard sale, stretch your Sunday coupons and learn the tricks of the trade. Bring a brown bag lunch. Refreshments will be served.
  When: Saturday, May 14  Time: 10:30 am to 3:15 pm  Where: Peaks Island Community room
  Who: Adults only  Special note: This program has a small registration fee: $7.99 which includes an autographed copy of the book, *The Tightwad Gazette*. If you don't want the book, the fee is $.99. Registration deadline is May 5. This event is co-sponsored by Portland Recreation and the Peaks Island Community Enrichment Program. Enrollment forms available on April 15. Call Denise, 766-2970 or Jennifer, 766-2528 for more information.

Now Playing

These are the activities currently running in the Peaks Island Community Enrichment Program: Drama for Kids, Wednesdays; Teen Drama, Thursday evenings; Aerobics for Kids, Friday mornings until April 15; Awesome Aerobics, Mondays and
Memo From Westbrook Animal Hospital:

The tentative date for the Annual Island Veterinary Clinic is Saturday, April 30. The Clinic will be at the Community Center. Services provided will include heartworm testing and vaccinations for Dogs and Cats.

General Clinic:

Dogs 11:30-2:00
Cats 2:00-3:15
Rabies-Only Clinic 3:15-4:30 *

*If the only service your pet needs is Rabies vaccination, this is the time to come.

Heartworm testing and vaccinations will be priced in standard fashion, except for Rabies vaccination.

Out of concern for the impending Rabies outbreak in Maine, Westbrook Animal Hospital will be donating Rabies vaccine. The fee the entire day for Rabies vaccination will be only $6 and proceeds from the Rabies vaccinations will be donated to an Island cause.

For more information call Westbrook Animal Hospital 797-4747.

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Peaks Island Health Center

Winter Hours:
(beginning Monday, November 29)

Monday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Thursday, 3 to 8 pm

Call 766-2929 for an appointment
Walk-ins welcome