
Service Agencies of the Island

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At the April 25th Neighborhood Association, the Community Building was filled to overflowing with perhaps 130 people or more. The following issues were discussed:

**Property Revaluation** Mr. Wil Corcoran, Area Manager for Cole, Layer, Trumble Company (which has recently completed the reappraisal of property throughout the City, including Peaks), spoke briefly and answered questions from the audience. The last appraisal was done in 1983 and values have generally increased since then; however, the current economic climate will be taken into account in assigning new values. The results of the revaluation should be out by early summer. Mr. Corcoran distributed and left some blue pamphlets at the Community Building designed to answer questions you may have about the property tax equalization process. The pamphlets will also inform you about current exemptions available to qualified property owners as well as steps you can take if you think your revaluation is wrong. Further questions may be directed to his company at 874-8925.

CBITD Candidates for Board of Directors Tony Donovan (Long Island) and Blanche Wilder (Peaks) are vying for an AT-LARGE seat. Doug MacVane and Norm Proulx are running for a PEAKS seat. They and John Brown who is running for a LONG ISLAND seat were given a few minutes each to introduce themselves and answer questions from the audience. It is evident that Peaks Islanders are concerned about rising fares and the formula devised to determine who pays how much. They are also aware that a new boat has been proposed for "down-the-bay" and have questions about its size and who is going to pay for it. These are important issues affecting all of us; the candidates' answers to questions were revealing and informative. The elections will be on May 7. Be sure to VOTE!

Mayor Peter O'Donnell is running for re-election to City Council on May 7 and hopes to win the Islands' vote this time. He fielded questions from the audience. He fully supports our concerns regarding the fireboat and will do all he can to see that it continues to be manned so that there is no delay in response time. Complaints were heard again regarding the condition of Island roads; crews are doing what they can to repair them, given budget, time and manpower constraints.

A petition containing 188 signatures was presented to the Mayor asking that the City become involved in resolving the Luther St.-Boulder Road access problem. Owners of a home at the corner of Luther St. and Boulder Rd. have erected traffic barriers on the part of Boulder Rd. that passes by their house. A letter to them from the Deputy City Engineer says that "since there is no dedication or acceptance of this passage, it is private property and not a public way." Both the Mayor and Assistant City Manager, Mark Green, assured the public that the issue is already top priority with the City. It is a legal question and the City Legal Department is working on it.
Among the many concerns voiced by Islanders in attendance were the safety of children on Luther Street (with trucks having to back at least part-way out), and the closing of a long-standing Island right-of-way (with repercussions for other "paper roads" all over the Island.) Fear exists that right-of-ways are now being closed elsewhere, thus irrevocably changing the character of our community. The issue is both specific: Boulder Road, and general: public access on Peaks.

As the STAR goes to press, no action has been taken.

PINA-sponsored Peaks Island Clean-up Day will be held on Saturday, May 18, rain-date: May 19. Bob Baker has volunteered to organize it. Watch Feeney's bulletin board for further details.

Elections of three, possibly four, PINA Steering Committee positions will be held at the July Membership meeting. If you have the time and energy and would like to be on the ballot, please give your name to a member of the Nominating Committee: Lloyd Hamilton, Covey Johnson, Annie Romanyshyn, Sam McCain or Kay Taylor. Questions about what's involved? Call Kay at 766-2811.

Parking issues on Peaks were discussed and acted upon at a City Public Safety Committee hearing on Thursday morning, April 25. Several Islanders attended and spoke in support of PINA recommendations. Three handicap spaces will be available in the parking lot, in addition to those already opposite the Sr. Citizens Center. To use them, you should have plates or a handicap sign for your dashboard. For safety reasons, parking will not be allowed on the east side of Island Avenue from Welch Street south to the curve. No other action was taken.

At PINA's request, gravel has recently been added to the far end of the upper part of the parking lot, increasing the number of available parking spots.

PEAKS ISLAND CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER
P.O. Box 7 • Central Avenue • Peaks Island, Maine 04108 • 207-766-2854

Now that spring is here, we are making plans for summer! And we need your help...again this year we will be having a student intern from the University of Notre Dame working with us. His name is Jim Cross and he is a sophomore. We are looking for housing for Jim from June 24 through August 18. There is a $50/week stipend for room and board. So, if you have a spare room for the summer, and would like to provide housing for a college intern, please contact Jon Kelso or Janine Blatt at 766-2854.

We also have openings for children aged 3-9 and would especially like to hear from anyone who is interested in our School Age summer program. Come in anytime for an application, or give a call.

Another summer treasure we would like is a six to eight person tent to use with our summer school age program...we feel it would make a great "outdoor quiet area."

Playgroup continues each Wednesday morning, 10:15-11AM, all infants/toddlers/parents/caregivers are welcome. Come and enjoy our playspace.

Update on our ongoing Bottle Drive which continues at Feeney's Market...our grand total has approached $130!! Thanks to all you contributors...when you return your bottles to Feeney's you can bring your slip to the cash register and have it credited to the childcare center account.

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SAVE THIS DATE...AUGUST 18...13TH ANNUAL PEAKS ISLAND CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL
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Do you enjoy young children? If you do, and are comfortable with small groups of young children, the center is looking for substitutes. We need individuals who can be flexible with part time hours. If you are interested, please call Jon Kelso, Program Coordinator. Thanks.
Library Hours: Tues 2 - 8  Friday 10 - 2
Weds 10 - 4  Saturday 9 - 1
Afterschool Movies: Tues 3:15 pm  Preschool Story Time: Wed 10:15 am

NEW FICTION
James Carroll  Memorial Bridge
Janet Dailey  Aspen Gold
Mary Gordon  Good Boys & Dead Girls
John Hersey  Antonietta
Simenon  Donadieu's Will
P. Wendorf  Double Wedding Ring

NEW NONFICTION
Moody  Life After Death
Wendorf  Garden Trees Handbook
Craig  Between Hello & Goodbye
Halberstram  The Next Century
Coerr  Sadako & the Thousand

* We also have a copy of the recent Pulitzer Prize winning book, A Midwife's Tale. The book is based on the diaries of Martha Ballard, a housewife, midwife, and healer, who in the years between 1785 - 1812 delivered 814 babies in and around Hollowell and Augusta, Maine. The book is written by Laurel Thatcher Ulrich, Associate Professor of History at the University of New Hampshire.

STAR OF THE SEA THEATER AND DANCE

Happy Spring to all! We have a very busy schedule coming up. The drama class is very promising, the children are almost ready to perform their first play, "Pot of Gold".

Some of our dancers will perform with our sister, "Star of Hope" at Riverton on Wednesday, June 5, at 7 pm. in the Community Center. Our island studio will perform on Sunday, June 23, at 2:30 pm in the Greenwood Gardens Playhouse the play, "The Legend of Tumbleweed County".

Starting next Saturday, May 4, we will be opening a new studio: in the Peoples Building, 2nd Floor, 155 Brackett St., Portland. Students 4-6 years at 11-11:45 am, 7 - 10 years at 11:45-12:30 pm and Beginners Adult Class 12:30 - 1:15 pm.

This is a wonderful opportunity for the inner-city students who want to participate. We are very fortunate to have one of our former students to be our assistant teacher, Patty Callow Bernheim.

Have you visited our Boutique lately. Many new items have been added, more baskets from Denise, Shells, painting of portraits from Shelagh Fitzgerald. Come in and visit awhile. We enjoy and appreciate your support. Musically yours, Doreen McCann

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.

Remember Miss. Brackett and Miss. Thompson, longtime, wonderful teachers at the Peaks Island school? They retired many years ago and would LOVE to hear from and have visits from former students and islanders. Write to them at Parkview Circle Building 4, Apt. 4F Brunswick, ME 04011 or give them a call at 729-4583. It will really brighten their day!
ST. CHRISTOPHER’S CATHOLIC CHURCH Central Avenue 766-2585

MASS SCHEDULE
Weekday - Wed, 4 pm, St. Joseph’s, Thurs, 7:30 am, Convent Chapel
Fri, 7 pm, Rectory Chapel, Sat, 9 am, Rectory Chapel
Weekend - Sat., 4 pm, Sun., 9 am, both held in the Church

ACTIVITIES
Wed., 9 am - Bible Study at Senior Citizens Center
Wed., 7:30 pm - Beano in the church hall
Thurs., 9:45 am - Prayer Group at Marge Erica's (No prayer group May 23, 5/30, 6/6)
May 3 - First Friday mass and Holy Rosary, 7 pm, Rectory Chapel
May 4 - Parish Family Pot Luck Supper, 5 pm, Church Hall
May 5 - Sacrament of First Holy Communion, 9 am, Church. Communicants are John Kamp, Danielle Mulkern, Jonathan Rockwell and Marguerite Walsh.
May 8 - Envelope addressing and stuffing from 1-4 pm at Marge Erica’s. All are welcome to help on this project.
May 21-24 These are prep days for the Rummage Sale. Donations of good articles, books, and clean clothing may be left at the hall during these hours.
May 25 - Rummage Sale in the church hall, 10 am - 3 pm.
May 26 - Crowning of the Blessed Mother following Mass
May 30 - Trading Post II opens for the season. Days and hours are Wed. and Sat., 10 - 3 pm. Volunteers are needed. Please call Helen Czyplicki 766-5100 for more information.

PORTLAND RECREATION ON PEAKS ISLAND
ACTIVITIES - May 1991

Children - 7 - 11 years old
EVERY TUESDAY: "Drop In" Program * 2:45 to 4:00 P.M. - Community Room
Please Note - May 7 program will be held at the Sr. Center

Community - Everyone Invited
May 18th - Saturday - Volksmarch * - 6.2 mile walk Register at boat landing 10:30 - 1:00
May 22nd - Wednesday - Travelogue - Japan - 2:00 PM. Community Room
Speaker: Peaks Island resident Carolyn MacKenzie - Hicks

SENIOR ADULTS - 55 years +

May 1st. - Wednesday - Cummings Center Luncheon - 11:15 boat

May 16th - Thursday - SONGS with Ed Langlois - 2:00 Community Room
(Bring your sandwich at 1:00 if you would like to join guests from Cummings Center for lunch)

May 29th. - Wednesday - MAINE STATE MUSEUM/BLAINE HOUSE. Pre-register by 5/22/91.

Note: May 19th is Resident’s Tourist Day - I can pick up buttons for you.
Sorry, no transportation will be provided that day.
* Volunteers needed. Please call Denise at 766 - 2970 (Ans. Machine) if you would like to help.

Interested in forming a walking club? Want to make a quilt in a day? Pick up a survey at the Senior Center or the Library. Let me know what activities/programs you’d like to have.

If you want to reserve the Community Room or the Sr. Center, please call Denise at 766-2970.

Donations to this months printing of the STAR were made by Sue Gallagher and Anon. 1, 2 and 3. Thank you.
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 change to Karen Disco's hours:  
Monday, May 6 The clinic will be closed.  

Cynne 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.

Health Center News

The BAD NEWS is that we still do not have a doctor for the Island.  
The GOOD NEWS is that the Board of Directors has had preliminary conversations with a woman family practice physician who will be moving to Portland with her husband in August. Also a doctor, her husband will be taking over a practice in Portland. They have a young child. The wife wants to practice part-time, and she knows and likes Peaks. 
The search for a doctor has not been easy. Peaks is considered an "underserved healthcare area"; therefore, a doctor who practices here may receive forgiveness for State of Maine education loans. And a physician who practices full-time on Peaks is eligible for another federal government education loan forgiveness program as well. Despite these incentives, the Health Center Board has been frustrated in its efforts to secure a doctor quickly, an effort which has been ongoing since Anne Collins' decision to give up the practice. The feeling of urgency is enhanced by the legal inability of the nurse practitioner and physician's assistant we have now, to accept Medicare payments for the elderly, without a doctor practicing on the Island. 

In an effort to find a doctor, the Board has written to the dozen or so family practice physicians finishing internships this spring, with Maine loans, who are seeking to establish Maine practices. The Board has placed notices in the Bulletin of the Maine Medical Association and in the monthly newsletter of the Maine Osteopathic Association. We have explored a continuing relationship with the University of New England which trains osteopaths and with Maine Medical Center's family practice residency program. Also, the Maine Higher Education Department in Augusta is aware of our need, and has referred several people to the Board. The Board is hopeful that there will be a doctor practicing on the Island by August. 

Meanwhile, a long-term solution to increasing funding for Health Center expenses seems to be in sight. We raised over $20,000 last year and we will try to repeat that amount this summer and in 1992. Recently, the Portland City Council approved the expenditure of HCD funds (federal dollars) to purchase the Health Center building. The City will then lease it back to us without cost so that it may continue to be used for medical services. Money from the sale of the building will be combined with money raised by the fundraising campaigns. It will be invested like an endowment and the income will be used to carry Health Center expenses year after year.
Peaks Island Senior Citizens.

The Senior citizens met April 17th at noon for their monthly meeting. It was voted to have a food sale May 25th at the Senior Center from 9 AM to noon. We would greatly appreciate all you good cooks to bring your wares to the Center early Saturday morning.

It was voted to pack May baskets for the shut-ins, to send a sympathy card and plant to Trudy for all the loving care she gave Evely Watson and to send a congratulatory card to Rhonda Benner for achieving high honors and being named to the National Honor Society. Good going, Rhonda.

Following the meeting we had our luncheon...each person brings a sandwich with beverage and dessert furnished. The next meeting will be May 15th at the Center with meeting at noon, followed by luncheon. Bring your sandwich and we will furnish the dessert and coffee or tea.

Dear Casco Bay Garage Patrons,

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 be advised that we now have a waiting list for monthly parking. The list currently has 35 names and I expect little movement until Labor Day. If you were shut out this year you may want to start thinking about parking earlier next year.

As parking volume increases, it becomes very important that you take care in parking your vehicle. The staff has been instructed to become obsessive about cars straddling the yellow lines. If you happen upon a space that really is part of two spaces with a yellow line up the middle of it, don't take the bait. You will be penalized the same as the person who started the misalignment.

We wish to remind you that checks for monthly parking payments should be addressed to: Casco Bay Garage, P.O. Box 7525, Portland, ME 04112. Please, please remember to put your parking card number on the check. If you have two cards please include both numbers. If you have any questions regarding billing please call 879-1671 between 8:30am and 4:30pm. If you let your parking payments lapse, you must pay all back charges in order to be able to park again. Please return your card to let us know that we should no longer charge you for parking!

Please remember that Casco Bay Garage is not responsible for theft from or damage to vehicles. The overwhelming majority of break-ins at parking lots and garages occur because high risk items are left in plain sight. A clever thief is nearly silent and usually knows when the garage staff is patrolling the garage. Remove radar detectors, CB radios, and any other tempting items from your vehicle when you park. If you see children in the garage that are not accompanied by adults or adults that are acting suspiciously, please alert the garage attendant immediately. Drive Safely! Dan Hogan.