Service Agencies of the Island

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NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWS

On a snowy April Saturday afternoon (4/11/92), about 30 Peaks Islanders braved the weather to attend an informational meeting sponsored by the Peaks Island Neighborhood Association at the Community Center. Mark Green, Assistant City Manager, and Mary Toole, Peaks Island resident and lawyer specializing in issues of the elderly, spoke and fielded questions from the audience regarding options for paying property tax bills. Perhaps the most important fact gleaned from the meeting was that if you are residing in your home, it is the City's policy not to evict anyone for non-payment of taxes. Some of the questions discussed and answered were:

What do I do if I can't pay my taxes?
What can I do if I have very little left to live on after I pay my taxes?
Could I use my house to generate income for myself?

It is still possible to appeal your assessment if you feel it is unfair and have not yet done so. Claire Filliettaz (766-2220) has volunteered to advise Peaks residents on this issue; she will also help you fill out forms for the Circuit Breaker program.

Several copies of this meeting were left for the public to pick up at the Sr. Citizens Center and a copy is on file in the Peaks Library for your perusal. If you would like your own copy, call Kay Taylor (766-2811).

On a more pleasant April Monday evening, PINA held its regularly-scheduled meeting at the Community Center. In anticipation of the elections to be held on May 5, candidates for various offices were invited to speak briefly and answer questions from the audience. Those who participated were: Tom Cox and John Carroll, running for positions on CBITD, Nick Mavodones for School Board, Mike Goulding and Mike Smith for Water District, Leo Killinger, Keri Lord, John McDonough and Paul Tyson for the two at-large City Council seats.

The discussion was followed by a presentation by Paul Pottle of the Maine Department of Transportation. He explained a color-coded drawing of the new transfer bridge designed for Peaks Island; all permits have been secured and it is ready to go to bid. However, several Islanders objected to the lack of plans for a sidewalk on the right-hand side leading to the parking lot and on up to the top of Welch Street. Mr. Pottle responded that Welch St. belongs to the City and his job is just to get the wharf and the lower part of Welch St. (which provides access to the wharf) built to code. Current plans are to maintain the sidewalk on the Jones Landing side; there is no space to build a sidewalk on the other side. Concern was also voiced for the cobblestones; plans are to take them up to just below Jones Landing. The rationale for this is that they allow water to seep down between and cause washout of the banking; they are slippery in winter and you can't keep sand on them; and they would be very expensive.
to re-lay, since they have to be removed initially, anyway, to lay paving.
A couple of years ago, when first looking at wharf and treatment plant
construction possibilities, a coordinated plan was worked out with Island
imput, for the whole Welch St, wharf and parking lot area. No one seemed
to know what had happened to it. As a result of this discussion, PINA
president Larry Walden has appointed a special committee, headed by John
Carroll, to look into the issue and try to effect some coordination among
the City, the State and Islanders.

A brief update on the Wastewater Treatment Facility: Pending
satisfactory resolution of the lawsuit and authorization from EPA and DEP,
(expected sometime in May), a contract will be awarded and construction is
anticipated to begin on June 1, 1992. The District is negotiating an
arrangement with Town Taxi to provide taxi service between residences and
the ferry dock for commuters whose parking is displaced during the period
of construction. Further details will be forthcoming.

Forms are available in the rack outside the Library for Islanders on
limited income to obtain grant funds to fix up their homes. For further
information or forms, call: 874-8300 (City Hall), Virginia: x 8698, Wendy:
x 8732, Susan: x 8731.

An Island Clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, May 9. Watch Feeney's
bulletin board for details. A special thanks from all Islanders to the
Cub Scouts who did a great job cleaning up the parking lot area.

Three seats on the Neighborhood Association Steering Committee will be
open (as they are, each year, according to our by-laws) for election at
the July membership meeting. If you are interested and have some time to
give to community service, please consider running. You may contact Bob
Baker, who has been named Chair of the Nominating Committee, or speak to
any of the current Steering Committee members. The other members of the
Nominating Committee will be posted soon on Feeney’s bulletin board.

National Volunteer Week was celebrated in April with a party at the
main library for volunteers from all the branches. The Peaks Island
Branch staff would like to thank our volunteers: Ann Cereste, Caralen
MacKenzie-Hicks, Martha McCain, Dennis Rockwell, Patricia Crowley-
Rockwell, and Robert Taylor. They make the library a better place
for all of us.

New Books
FICTION: Martha Grimes, End of the Pier; Charlotte MacLeod, Resur-
rection Man; Toni Morrison, Jazz; Marilyn Quayle, Embrace
the Serpent; John Sandford, Silent Prey; Erich Segal, Acts of
Faith; LaVyrle Spencer, Bygones

NON-FICTION: George Balanchine, One Hundred One Stories of the Great
Ballets; Reader's Digest Illustrated Book of Dogs;
Tom Seaver, Great Moments in Baseball;
Robert Sikorsky, From Bumper to Bumper: Robert Sikorsky's
Best Automotive Tips; Jan Wolfe, Making Things Happen:
How to Be An Effective Volunteer;
Zall. Abe Lincoln Laughing
PORTLAND RECREATION ON PEAKS ISLAND

MAY ACTIVITIES

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RESERVE THE COMMUNITY ROOM, YOU MUST CONTACT DENISE AT LEAST TWO DAYS IN ADVANCE. DO NOT LEAVE A MESSAGE ON THE MACHINE. PLEASE CALL 874-8793 DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS.

ADULT ACTIVITIES: OPEN TO ALL ADULTS

The following are FREE programs - Open to all!

**MAY 6** - Wednesday  
Fun with Books!  
Topic: Books about Mothers  
1:00 p.m. Community Ctr.  
Moderator: Ruth Sargent

**MAY 7** - Thursday  
Meeting - Exchange of Ideas  
10:30 a.m. Community Ctr.  
I am looking for topics and speakers for Summer programs. If you would like to share your expertise, or if you know summer residents who may want to, please let me know.

**MAY 12** - Tuesday  
Composting - Info & Demo  
10:00 a.m.  
Meet at Sam McCain’s house on Luther St. to learn some tips on composting at home.

**MAY 19** - Tuesday  
Travelogue-Saudi Arabia  
1:00 p.m. Community Ctr  
Presenter: Henry Adamson

OFF-ISLAND ACTIVITIES: SENIOR ADULTS  
(others welcome on a space available basis)

Pre-registration required for all off-island activities. You must sign up at the Sr. Center (Open M-F, 10:00-12:00 noon; call ahead if coming in the afternoon: 2545). MAY is Older American Month. See schedule at the Sr. Center for activities planned in Portland.

Transportation provided for all of the following.

**MAY 5 - JUNE 4**  
Tues & Thurs  
STAYING HEALTHY AFTER FIFTY  
$10.00 (reimbursed if 8-10 classes attended)  
Cummings Center  
8:15 boat/12:00 ret.

**MAY 5** - Tuesday  
FREEPORT WILDLIFE EXPO & SHOPPING  
$3.00  
11:15 boat/5:30 ret.

**MAY 21** - Thursday  
PERHAM'S MINERAL MUSEUM  
10:00 boat/4:30 ret.

**MAY 22 - JUNE 12**  
Fridays  
T'AI CHI CLASSES  
Cummings Center  
8:15 boat/12:00 ret.

UPCOMING EVENT:

EAGLE ISLAND BOAT CRUISE AND PICNIC-ADMIRAL PEARY’S SUMMER HOME  
JUNE 16  
8:15 boat/4:30 return  
FEE: $12.00 (Bring your own Picnic)

YOUTH ACTIVITIES - Grades 1 - 5

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Wednesdays - MAY 6, 13, 20, 27  
2:45 - 4:00 p.m.  
Community Ctr.

See The Link for scheduled activities.

REGISTRATION for Portland Recreation’s Summer Camp: TUESDAY, MAY 12. P.I. COMMUNITY CTR.  
Limited number of slots available. Call Denise at 2970(ans. machine) for more info.  
3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
On April 29 at 10 A.M. the Senior Center was the scene of a delightful performance much appreciated by those who witnessed it.

We sat waiting for the show to arrive. "Here they come!" one of us called as she looked out the window and up Island Avenue.

The procession from Peaks Island School made its way on the sidewalk, and in the door. Fourteen kindergarten children with two teachers and a cart full of paraphernalia!

The procession became a line of performers facing the audience. They told us their names, and we told them ours.

The show began with a rhythm stick number. There were lots of songs. I remember one about what mothers do while children are at school. The children demonstrated how somebody's mother climbs poles. What I liked best about the performance was that it was all right for the audience to talk with the players as long as they didn't interrupt the performance.

The Annual Meeting and election of officers of the Peaks Island Senior Citizens will be held at noon on Monday, May 18, at the Senior Center. The annual dues of $2 will be payable at this meeting. We welcome new members. Anyone with a Peaks Island connection who has survived at least fifty five winters is eligible.

The meeting will be followed by luncheon, details of which are still to be completed.

The Senior Citizen Fair will take place at the Senior Center on Saturday, June 27. Our treasury has been more active this past year, and needs replenishing.

Do you have some craft project you need an incentive to finish? Or something that might be a better fit for someone else? Sister Ann suggests that the painting you slaved over and then stashed away might be just what someone else is looking for --- if it is framed.

Would you rather work for the Fair in company with friends? If Wednesday afternoon is the day, call Jan Sullivan (766-3303). If your day is Monday, Tuesday or Friday, call Gretchen Hall (766-3381) to make arrangements.

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (Quaker) will continue to meet weekly at Betty VanWyck's home on 41 Adams Street at 11:00 a.m.

However, on May 17th the Peaks Island Friends Group has been invited by the Portland Friends Group to meet with them at their Portland Meetinghouse at 10:30 a.m. Meeting will be followed by refreshments and an opportunity to meet and visit with each other.

Transportation to and from the ferry will be provided, as well as child care. Any interested Islanders are invited to attend.

Let Betty VanWyck (766-2959) or Marianna Rowe (766-2567) know at least a week ahead if you plan to attend and would like these services. All Welcome.
In June, the citizens of the State of Maine will be asked to vote on the Jobs Bond Referendum. The question will appear on the ballot with two separate votes. They will read as follows:

1A. "Do you favor a $37,000,000 bond issue for municipal and other infrastructure improvements and activities designed to create and preserve jobs?"

1B. "Do you favor a $42,000,000 bond issue to create and protect jobs through capital improvements in transportation facilities?"

The passing of this referendum question will provide the following benefits for Portland and the Islands:
1. Funds to cover the local share of the ABENAKI replacement vessel; this would help curtail a possible rate increase for the islanders.
2. Approximately $400,000 allocated for the Peaks Island Phase II Passenger Wharf.
3. $10 million allocated for local road improvements.
4. $4 million allocated for establishment of passenger rail service in Maine.
5. Portland would have the opportunity to vie for part of the $37 million for municipal and other infrastructure improvements in question 1A.

The passing of this referendum question will provide the following benefits for the State of Maine:
1. The total bond amount of $79 million will stimulate other moneys from the Federal Government giving the State a total of a half-billion dollars.
2. This bond issue is expected to create approximately 4,500 jobs immediately.
3. Money will be earmarked to build a ferry for Penobscot Bay.
4. This bond will help solve road repair problems, school building repair problems, sewage treatment plant construction, etc.

Some general facts regarding the Jobs Bond Referendum:
1. The cost of the Jobs Bond Issue for a Maine resident would be 2½¢ per day or $9.00 per year.
2. This issue must be advertised by local means as there is presently no money available for a statewide lobbying program.
3. Historically, primary elections have a very low voter appeal. We MUST work to get voters to the polls on June 9th.
4. All registered voters may vote on the referendum question. This includes all Independent voters.
5. All projects funded by this bond issue will be necessary projects. No "make-work" projects will be funded under this referendum.

I ask that all of you vote on the referendum question and that you urge all of your family, friends, and acquaintances to do the same. A "YES" vote can only be a benefit to us in both new jobs and in financial assistance to our transportation system.

Written by: Ronald M. Benner
In recognition of National Volunteer Week (April 26 - May 2), we’d like to thank the members of our Advisory Board who have donated their time and energy to help our community Child Care Center, and the many individuals who have helped at various events and fundraisers. We’d like to extend a heartfelt thanks to Peggy Butkus who, through the Foster Grandparent Program, is our special Grammy Peggy. On Friday, May 1, our preschool group honored Peggy with a morning tea time and homemade flowers.

Playgroup continues each Wednesday morning, 10:15-11AM. This is a time for infants/toddlers/parents to come and enjoy our playspace and the company of others. This playgroup is open to any community member.

We are making plans for the summer to include morning workshops for 6-10 year olds... tye dye, puppets, and windsocks are some of our ideas. We’ll be sending flyers home before the end of school.

Our Bottle Drive continues at Feeney’s Market... you can just credit your bottle return money to the Child Care Center account. Thanks to all who have been contributing... in the last six months $100 has been contributed!

We have another FUN Fundraising event in the works for Memorial Day Weekend... a BEANO night for Saturday, May 24 at the Community Room. Watch for our signs with more details.

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STAR OF THE SEA
THEATRE AND DANCE CO.

OUR SINCERE THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED MAKE THE FUND RAISING BENEFIT SUPPER AND BEANO A GREAT SUCCESS. MORE DETAILS ON THIS NEXT MONTH. IT WAS VERY ENCOURAGING TO KNOW WE HAVE THE SUPPORT OF OUR DANCES, PLAYERS AND THE BUSINESSES OF THE COMMUNITY. A VERY SPECIAL THANKS TO SARAH MANZO AND KENNY BROWN, WHO CAME UP WITH THE BENEFIT.

COMING ATTRACTIONS ARE:
SUNDAY JUNE 7TH AT GREENWOOD GARDENS, OUR DANCERS WILL PRESENT "ALICE IN TOPSY TURVY LAND" AT 7pm. DONATIONS ADULTS $2, CHILD $1.
ON TUES. JUNE 30th. AT 7:15pm. THE CASCO BAY CHAPTER, SWEET ADELINE'S WILL PERFORM. (LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED) WATCH FOR POSTERS
ADULTS $3 CHILD $1.50. TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE BOUTIQUE.
NEW ITEMS HAVE BEEN PURCHASED FOR THE BOUTIQUE.
OUR NEW PROGRAM, "KIDS CHORUS" IS IN THE MAKING, AUDITIONS FOR THIS SINGING GROUP WILL BE ANNOUNCED. THIS WILL BE FREE TO CHILDREN 7 THRU 10. TEENS 11 THRU 16 YRS. SPONSORED BY OUR THEATRE.

MUSICALLY YOURS
DOREEN MCCANN
St. Christopher's Catholic Church  Central Ave.  766-2585

Masses: Weekend - Sat. 4 pm, Sun. 9 am Parish Hall
      Weekday - Wed. 4pm & Thur. 7:30am - Convent
      Fri. 7pm & Sat. 9am - Rectory

Activities: Sundays - Coffee and cake in the Parish Hall after Mass
      Sun., 5/3 - Blood Pressure Screening, 10 am, Parish Hall
      Wednesdays - Bible Study, 9am, Senior Center
      CCD - K-5, 3pm, Pat Crowley-Rockwell's, Welch St.
      Beano - 7 pm in the Parish Hall
      Thursdays - Prayer Group 9:45 am at Marge Erico's. For prayers
      call 6-2844, 2502, 2641 or St. Joseph's 2284
      CCD - Grades 6-8, 7pm, Parish Hall with Sr. Rosina
      Friday -
      Children's Choir (Gr 6-8), 3:45 pm., Pat C-R's

Parish Concerns: Contact Judy 2109, Sr. Rosina 2284, Fr. Grady 2585

Parish Council - May 17, 10:30 am at the Rectory

Future Dates: Rummage Sale and Bake Sale, May 23, 9-1

Donations of good, saleable clothes and other items will be accepted
Wed. - Fri. of that week 9 am. - 12 Noon at the Parish Hall

50/50 Club - For information call Joyce or Jim O'Brien or ask any parishoner

A big thank you to Dave McDermott who unselfishly volunteered his services in
building our new ramp and to his winning ways by which he gathered the
volunteers who also gave many, many hours - often in cold weather- to see
this project completed. Thanks to all of you. Due to Mother Nature the
cement walkway has been delayed but will be completed soon.

We regret to inform the community that Father Grady, our pastor for the past
two years, will be leaving St. Christopher's Parish at the end of May. Our
Maine winters have not been hospitable to him. Father Grady, we thank you
for the short time you were able to spend with us. Your sincere interest in
our little parish was well used, for you accomplished many projects and your
priestly presence gave a new life to our celebrations. May God bless you in
your new assignment.

FOR FURTHER NOTICES REGARDING OTHER EVENTS PLEASE CHECK THE WEEKLY BULLETIN

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BRACKETT MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH  Pleasant & Church St.  766-5013
Rev. Theodore Poland, Pastor

SUNDAY SERVICES: 10 AM, coffee hour following service in the church hall.
CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10 AM at the church, ages K-5
CHOIR: The choir meets 9:15 am Sunday for practice. Everyone is invited to
      join in.
UNIFIED METHODIST WOMEN - Next meeting will be May 12 at 12 noon. Check
      the bulletin or call the church for location.
SPOON RIVER ANTHOLOGY will be presented again this summer. Check future
issues of the Star for more information regarding dates and times.
Dear Casco Bay Garage Patrons,

Thank you all for your patience while we completed the installation of our new attendants' booth. The new booth is designed to make it possible for us to hire physically disabled attendants.

Please make note of the dumpster located in the street opposite the ferry terminal for the collection of recycled material. You may find it convenient to bring your recyclables from home in the morning whether you live on or off the Islands.

As many seasonal parkers have discovered, the garage waiting list is starting earlier each year. We don't offer a lot of hope for a seasonal space this year. Those who are on the year-round waiting list should be able to rent a space soon, but there is no guarantee. The only way to be sure of having a space in the summer is to rent a space all year. At some point in time, the only spaces available for monthly parking may be year-round.

Please resist the urge to ride your bicycle in the garage. It is not allowed because it is extremely dangerous. This applies to skateboards, rollerblades, windsurfers, etc.

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. You may also have to go to the end of the waiting list for the summer season. 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.

The lighting in our garage is controlled electronically. Special timers automatically adjust the timer for daylight but there are times when cloudy conditions may make the interior of the garage darker. We are interested in your opinion of lighting conditions. If you feel that there is not enough light at a particular time, please let the booth attendant know and he or she will pass the information on to the manager.

May 1, 1992
The Peaks Island School Parent/Teacher Organization (PTO) is undertaking a project to assist the Portland School Department in long range planning for space and staffing needs for the Peaks Island Elementary School. Critical to the success of this effort is a census of the children ages birth through 5.

If you have children who will be ready to enter school within the next five years, please take a moment to fill out and return this form. Please fill out and return a form whether or not you anticipate still living on Peaks Island when your child is ready for school.

The information gathered in this census will be used for planning purposes only.

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Parent(s) name: _____________________________

Address: _________________________________

Telephone: ____________________________

Please list below all children in your family who are not already attending school: (do not include children registered to start Kindergarten in Sept. 1992)

Child: ___________________ Birthdate: _________

Child: ___________________ Birthdate: _________

Child: ___________________ Birthdate: _________

Child: ___________________ Birthdate: _________

Child: ___________________ Birthdate: _________

Please check if you would like to receive information about Peaks Island PTO activities of interest to parents of future school children. ___

Return this form by Wednesday, May 20, 1992 to any one of the following:

Marcia Hart-Quinby
49 Sterling Street
Peaks Island, ME 766-2244

Rose Anne Walsh
28 Epp Street
Peaks Island, ME 766-4453

Peaks Island School
Church Street
Peaks Island, ME 766-2528