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Management of Tourism Resources in the Town of Peaks Island, Maine

Peaks Island currently enjoys a "big draw" of tourists, according to Elizabeth Beliveau, director of Visitor Services for the Convention and Visitors Bureau of Greater Portland (CVBGP). It is a push-pull dichotomy: tourists are "pushed" to Peaks Island through promotional efforts of CVBGP; they are "pulled" to Peaks due to accessibility and amenities available which translates to frequent scheduled ferry service and sufficient tourist infrastructure such as restaurants, hiking and bicycling trails, artistic and social events and other recreational opportunities. There is currently, however, a dearth of short-term accommodations. One establishment on Peaks Island is a member of CVBGP; Casco Bay Islands Transit District (CBITD) is also a member, but their allegiance is not limited to Peaks Island; it would probably be in their best interest to suggest everyone go to Cliff Island or Chebeague, to reap the benefit of higher ticket price.

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More effort than most of us realize has already gone into keeping the Peaks Island back shore as a place for everyone. We have reason to be proud that the back shore and the wilderness through which the Indian Trail runs are there today for everyone who may come to Peaks Island on a field trip from a summer school in Madawaska, as well as for those show may be here for a few weeks in summer, or those of us lucky enough to have found a year-round home here. For a good many of us, young and old alike, this is what gives Peaks Island it's special charac-

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Memories of the Future

When I first saw Peaks Island in the year 2020:

It had a reputation as a wonderful place to live...for all kinds of people.

It had a beautiful environment.

The residents worked hard to promote friendship and a sense of community.

Their houses were modest in scale, but well kept. Many people had found ways to shift to solar energy sources, to insulate and tighten energy leaks.

Most of the houses were at least 30 years old- and some much older- because many years ago the Island had put a cap on new development.

An exception had been made for a few co-housing units built in 2000.

People were careful with things; they took pride in buying as few things as possible and, consequently, there was not much waste or garbage.

Everyone participated in the regional recycling systems, of course.

They also recycled things through their traditional yard sales.

When I first saw Peaks Island in the year 2020:

There was a fine little library, responsive to the
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interests of the community.
There was a day care center offering just the kinds of flexible services needed by Island families.

All the paved roads were well kept, but there were still a few dirt roads, and as always, many walking paths and nature trails.

There were very few cars on the Island; years ago residents put a limit on the numbers of cars allowed to come or stay.

The two well-trained policemen were thought of mainly as community assistants, helping residents in whatever ways were useful.

The small health center was open for a few hours every day, with a doctor always "on call". Residents felt very secure that help was close at hand whenever an accident or illness might strike.

Portlands' high speed ambulance boat and helicopter were available in an emergency, but in fact were rarely used.

The Island elementary school had a cohesive and innovative staff that utilized the resources of the community to develop a program responsive to children's needs. The students were well prepared for later school experiences and for living in a global society.

When I first saw Peaks Island in the year 2020:

Island teenagers were responsible for many community and environmental functions. They received pay for organizing and carrying out a variety of activities and during the school year they participated in training workshops to sharpen their skills in bicycle and solar-cart repair, community agriculture, ways to move household and commercial goods, afternoon child care programs and senior services, and house painting and light carpentry.

Teenagers were also active in clubs: drama, photography, computer networking, flying, sea diving, or news reporting. Many were involved in international adventure travel, educational exchanges and global environmental youth groups.

Each summer they held their annual fair at Battery Steele to present their accomplishments to Island residents and visitors.

When I first saw Peaks Island in the year 2020:
The Island residents were often engaged in community discussions, proposing lofty goals and then working hard to make those come true. Through the years they had become skilled problem-solvers and negotiators of good solutions. They enjoyed the process. They also enjoyed working on community committees.

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Most people liked knowing they could be self-sufficient, but they still enjoyed contact with Portland and the rest of the world. They knew the importance of traditions and history, of community cohesion and a sense of responsibility for others. They also believed in the future, and that it is up to us to make a future we like, one that serves us all.

Cynthia Cole

Next Deadline! October 1

Theme: "Transportation," but we'll print your cartoons, articles, poems, letters, on any topic. "Visions" of the future always welcomed.
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Island secedes from Portland and becomes the Town of Peaks Island? The new town would lose the current benefits of being part of CVBGP simply because Peaks is currently a part of Portland.

In order to maintain a planed and managed, sustained and preferably increased level of tourism to the island, the Town of Peaks Island should form a Chamber of Commerce, which would operate its own Peaks Island Convention and Visitors Bureau; although it would be an autonomous body, it could, through membership fees, join the CVBGP and therefore have access to referrals to tourist related business on Peaks, and could promote Peaks Island as a tourist destination. This would entail setting up an address and phone number for information about tourism facilities on the island, perhaps staffed by volunteers as is the CVBGP office. It is important to understand the competitive factor in tourism destination: Maine has to aggressively compete with other states to attract tourists; once tourists are convinced to spend their leisure time and vacation dollars in Maine, they then need to choose where those dollars will be spent: Ogunquit? Rangeley? Bar Harbor? Or if they choose Casco Bay, there is a competition factor among the islands: Peaks? Chebeague? Long? Cliff? Bailey Island? High profile as to destination desirability finds each area competing for scarce resources: the tourism dollar.

Funding for the CVBGP comes from individual businesses, transportation companies, the hospitality industry (restaurants and hotels), and recreation facilities; with members from York Harbor to Bar Harbor (kayaking companies, sport fishing companies, ski slopes, etc.), fees are scale-based; the further a member establishment is from Portland, the less it is charged; but the fee mark-up is compounded by the size of the member establishment; hence a campground in Lincolnville Beach would not pay as high a fee as a major resort in Bar Harbor; a large hotel in Portland would be charged a higher membership fee than a major transportation company. Additional fees come from surrounding communities who wish to be represented by CVBGP.

If Peaks secedes, there are options to provide a controlled, managed foundation to promote tourism to the island: 1) Form an autonomous Peaks Island Chamber of Commerce with a tourism information center, or 2), provide a budget for having the CVBGP continue to represent Peaks Island as a tourist destination. Maine is not called Vacationland for nothing; tourism is one of the state's largest revenue producing industries. Peaks Island needs a managed tourism infrastructure to promote and simultaneously control the flow of tourism dollars, protect the fragile ecosystems and the environments, to make it an enjoyable experience for visitors and residents alike.

Roundtable Notes

Our first roundtable at Jones Landing Restaurant brought together fourteen interesting people, each with a lot to say. The hot topic was the Peaks Island Neighborhood Association, much to our surprise, and we heard many perspectives on P.I.N.A. We invite you to join us next month, September 27th, at 7 p.m., Jones' Landing Dining Room, when conversation shall resume. The purpose of these Opinion sponsored roundtables is not to work toward any 'consensus' of ideas, nor should participants come trying to 'sell' a viewpoint. Our strategy is simply to share ideas in a safe environment, so that each may enrich our own thinking, and develop our own positions on the issues. These are my notes from the meeting (next time I hope we use a different system to record the discussion), and do not represent any consensus, but rather a conglomerate of positions.

In general, people were concerned with how decisions that affect them are made, and were frustrated with what they felt was P.I.N.A.'s overly 'City' oriented agenda. That "the neighborhood organization is too concerned with being buddies with the City than in representing the Island," was a view reiterated by most speakers. Several were surprised that P.I.N.A. has come to be viewed as the "voice of Peaks Island" by the City; this was motivating for at least one person. "I haven't been involved, now I will be." There was discussion surrounding summer resident's participation in P.I.N.A. "I have a neighbor whose son is only here for two weeks in the summer and he came to visit, and voted in the meeting to elect steering committee." The City's offer to let P.I.N.A. pick two 'liasons' to represent the Island was met with mixed reactions, from a mistrust of City motives, to thoughts that the neighborhood association should not be the group to choose the 'liasons', to cautious enthusiasm for the idea. "Liason better than the historic calling up 'whoever', John or Faye or Kay- not to say we can't do more." Mayor Anne Pringle's letter to John Carroll, in which she asks the neighborhood association to create a list of services desired by the island was raked over the coals by several who felt it's "inappropriate at a time when people are being forced off the island." "The only answer is we need a 20% reduction in taxes." "Stop buying, Before you ask us what else we want, we want you to spend resources you have more wisely." People liked the Jones' Landing location as a highly visible, fun location, for now at least. We collected enough loot to pay the babysitter (Martha Barba) to care for six children, and will continue to provide lowcost evening childcare so parents may attend the Roundtables. This was fourteen people talking full speed for two hours; necessarily some points must be left out here. Please join us next month, when we will break into small groups, and take on new topics.

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I’ve heard that before the world wars there was a farm not too far from Spar Cove, a farm that furnished milk and grew produce for the island. That farm is hardly a memory now. Even whaleback has changed so much that today that rocky point would never be called “Whaleback” by anyone who saw it for the first time. What has not changed and will not change if we can help it is the free access to the back shore, and to the wilderness for walkers between down front and the back shore.

There was no longer a farm, and the island freedom was interrupted, when our federal government thought the defense of Casco Bay was more important than the opportunity to enjoy far horizons. The world wars were long over; but the signs were still up that marked the reservation when we first came to Peaks Island and bought a summer cottage on Spruce Avenue. Before we came the following summer, fire had destroyed what it could of the buildings on the reservation, as well as much of the old growth of trees lining the back shore.

We soon learned to ignore the reservation signs and join proper Peaks Islanders in exploring the remains of the reservation. We did not know until several years later that the City of Portland had refused the offer of the reservation for a dollar, and that the right to the reservation property had been bought for much more by a developer. But people on Peaks Island, led by summer people with connections, were not going to put up with the prospect of having the buyers of subdivisions keep the people of Peaks Island from their own back shore. I’m still not entirely sure how this was accomplished. Peaks Island people, summer and year-round working together, did get the property into their corporate hands. As far as I can make out, this was the beginning of the Casco Bay Island Development Association and accounts for the nasty word, ‘development,’ in it’s name. It would be necessary to develop part of the property in order to raise the money necessary to keep at least the back shore itself open to the public, the way that the town of Bar Harbor maintains a shore path in front of the fancy estates.

By the time that Carl and I were living year-round on Peaks Island, we were tapped to represent Peaks Island on the CBIDA Steering Committee. By that time CBIDA had come to represent not only the concern on Peaks Island but on all the Casco Bay Islands, over the disposal of former defense property on Casco Bay. Most of the time that Carl and I were on the Steering Committee, the former Long Island Naval fueling station and Fort McKinley (dating from the Spanish American War when McKinley was President) were the focus of our watch-dog attention.

The deed had already been done when we learned that the City of Portland has turned the spot where I had found ladelips into a gravel pit.

The City heard appropriately from CBIDA. The incident also alerted our Steering Committee that municipalities have been known to encourage their citizens to forget phrases like “forever wild”; and then sold off choice bits of property along with land taken for taxes, in order to add to taxable property. Maybe it was time for a little action on our part, just to remind everyone of the conditions under which CBIDA had given land to the City.

I knew that there was a bit of Audubon Society land on the back shore, tucked away East of the turn of Seashore Avenue away from the back shore; and also a pine grove that belonged to the State of Maine not far from the western end of Seashore Avenue. So I asked the Maine Audubon Society to send someone over to show me around the property. She came right after Hurricane Gloria with a jeep. As we rode around looking together at all three pieces of property freely available to the public, the idea took shape of connecting them with a properly marked trail. CBIDA Steering Committee approved. George Flaherty thought something like that would cost more than the City could afford. But I told him that it could be done Peaks Island style without costing the City anything beyond what might be necessary for checking up on safety.

Douglas MacVane of our Steering Committee and David Hall of the Maine Chapter of the Appalachian Mountain Club walked and mapped the possibilities. In line with CBIDA by-laws, the CBIDA Steering Committee turned the project over to the Peaks Island Neighborhood Association, who settled on the final course of the trail, and saw to marking it.

I didn’t know, until I saw it in OPINION, just how it is marked. Ends of tin cans painted red may not be according to AMC convention; I might find it aesthetically incongruous. But ecologically! On the West coast people drive nails into living trees in order to discourage those who would saw them into lumber. On Peaks Island it is the living trees that are valued, with memories of historic use for firewood. But there are memories of clear cutting off the coast of Maine, on such islands as Muscongus.

Rev. Gretchen Hall
### Agenda for the Second Millenium on Peaks Island

**Peaks Island, Maine**

According to the notice on the bulletin board outside Feeney's Market, the topic for the September issue of Opinion: The Journal of Island Thought is supposed to be, "Peaks Island in the Year 2000."

"Uh-oh," I muttered, "they've got the 2000 Disease up there too!"

We thought the islanders were immune to this particular numerical affliction. Back in the land of Away everyone feels obliged to face up to the mystical challenge of a year ending in three zeroes. Peaks people were supposed to have more sense.

After all, 1999, ends in three nines. That's pretty bizarre too, but nobody gives a damn about nines, just zeroes.

(I wasn't alive in 1888, but I don't recall my mother saying anything about the three eights being a big deal either.)

Nevertheless, an assignment is an assignment, so here is my Agenda for the Second Millenium on Peaks Island.

My fondest and wildest hope is that by the year 2000 a naturalization process will be in place for all us aliens from Away, including the Summah People, who are willing to renounce all ties to the mainland and take the oath of island citizenship.

Then families like ours would be allowed to remain in residence indefinitely after Labor Day without being subject to deportation.

As some of you know, under 1993 regulations, our dog Feeney is our family's only true island citizen by birth. (He is named after the market, where his mother, Dubba Brown, offered him up for adoption in 1981.)

All the rest of the Dougherty's are Off-Islanders and are expected, if not required, to be absent by the first frost at the very latest.

Actually, I exaggerate. I have to confess that we have appeared openly in public as late as Columbus Day.

Sure, eyebrows have been raised. And sure, probing questions have been asked:

"Just closing up, eh? Well, have a nice winter." they'll say. But the meaning is clear. In a polite way, they are saying: Your visa has expired. Begone!

However, there has never been any actual violence and we have never feared for our lives or been physically molested in any way.

But after my Year 2000 reforms have been implemented, we will enjoy the full civil rights and privileges of naturalized Peaks immigrants, including excessive taxation.

One more thing: In my personal vision of the future on Peaks, I see this as a one-time-only amnesty.

Only those actually ALIVE AND PHYSICALLY PRESENT on Jan. 1, 2000, will be granted this cherished dispensation.

Anyone born on or after 12:01 am., Jan 1, 2001, will be ipso facto, forever from Away.

After that, the gates will be slammed shut to keep out the riffraff.

Sorry about that, but even in a Millenium you have to draw the line somewhere.

Dick Dougherty

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### My Vision is Now

**What is it with this vision thing, anyway?** Seems like people are always looking ahead and thinking things could be better, something like the grass is always greener syndrome. Well, I don't really have a problem with change, one way or another life goes on, but I'm working really hard right now to live in the present. I guess when the past is too painful to remember and the future is too scary to contemplate, then living in the present is a comfort.

**My Vision is Now.**

Dancing to reggae music on a sunny summer afternoon at Jones' Landing. Kim smiles, dances by me...been to Spain lately? Back on Peaks Island, Rockin' Vibrations fill the air...swirling, swaying hips, long hair flowing, people smillin'...this is my vision.

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A long hard year...chaos in my life. How's it goin' down there, my neighbors all query...need anything, just ask, just call...Phyllis offers forsythia, Jenny gathers lilies and daisies and marigolds...these are my neighbors, they offer me solace, gently, subtly...this is my vision.

**My Vision is Now.**

A summer without sailing is a painful thought...wind, water, waves...on the edge, salty spray, storm clouds brewing, wind picking up, cold, gray pounding sea water pelting on the face...adrenaline rush...find a sheltered cove, drop the anchor, hunker down inside with candles and hot tea...missed all of this, then Chris calls...wanna go sailing? so she asks, today's a great day, let's go...this is my vision.

**My Vision is Now.**

Morning walks to the backshore, coffee in hand...meditations in the sacred, secret rocky place...solo rows to Little Diamond, land on the beach, the playful golden retriever meets me, some friendly soul has left a beach chair, drink my coffee, think about...looking over at Peaks...green, blue, gray...a million years away...this is my vision.

**My Vision is Now.**

Peaks Island Now...reggae, smiles, flowers...blue, green, yellow, gray...neighbors, rocks, beaches, waves, purple, indigo, magenta, orange...solitude, community. This is my vision of Peaks Island. And My Vision is Now. Kathy Caron
Open Letter to Mayor Ann Pringle

Dear Mayor Pringle:

I write in response to your request to discuss the Peak Island Neighborhood Association's (P.I.N.A.) views on the city's current fiscal situation. The P.I.N.A. is concerned about the city's fiscal health and its impact on Peaks Island.

I am a resident of Peaks Island and have lived here for over 20 years. I believe the city's current fiscal situation is unsustainable and requires immediate action.

The council needs to both cut expenditures and increase revenues before this city reaches a point of no return and the current population decline, particularly of middle-class families, becomes a mass exodus. The mindset here has been to seek out what services are needed and then to increase property taxes to pay for them. A new mindset is required - one that defines ways to cut spending and increase revenues without depending on property taxes. The council needs to develop a clear, consistent vision and a new approach to the city's current fiscal crisis.

Robert Tiffany

P.I.N.A. represents Peaks Island?

One could reasonably conclude that Mayor Pringle's letter lends credence to the concept of self-government for Peaks Island - more so than do high taxes.

Recently I read a letter from Mayor Pringle to John Carroll, President of the Peaks Island Neighborhood Association (P.I.N.A.), concerning the city's relationship with this organization in determining the wants and needs of the citizens of Peaks Island. While P.I.N.A. provides a useful function, it may or may not reflect a consensus. At times, views given or requested made by P.I.N.A. to the City represent a narrow perspective. It is presumptuous for Mayor Pringle to think that P.I.N.A. is the "voice" of Peaks Island.

I would hope that the Mayor and her colleagues will consider a wider range of viewpoints from a broader spectrum of sources before making decisions based on expressions of the wants and needs of the citizens of Peaks Island.

Pat Gardner

Neighbors:

The Peaks Island Neighborhood Association will next meet on October 19. We had many new and old members at our meeting on August 23, and we hope you will join us in October.

At our last meeting, we took up a request from Mayor Anne Pringle to help the City serve Islanders better. We began the task of identifying the public services we value most, those we value least, and the changes we would like the City to make. By year's end, we want to submit an agenda for the P.I.N.A. members for the City to follow over the next few years. Of course no organization can speak for everyone on the island, and we understand it would be presumptuous to do so, but we do want to develop a clear, consistent voice for the members of the Association.

Anyone can become part of this effort. Join your neighbors in a discussion about the public services that matter to you most. Whether you want more, less, or none at all, take this opportunity to air your ideas on issues from aquifers to zoning and everything in between, e.g., daycare, education, environment, public works, social services, transportation, Streetlights.

You can join us at any time. Several special committees of P.I.N.A. members will meet in September and October to develop recommendations for discussion at the October meeting. Contact P.I.N.A. members if you want to take part.

John H. Carroll
PINA Needs Your Input!

I wish to express my thanks to all of you who attended the PINA General Meeting, and in particular, want to thank each of you who voted for me.

At the meeting I indicated that the membership of PINA represented a significant minority of eligible island residents and committed myself to increase islander participation.

But, before asking you to participate, it is incumbent upon PINA Steering Committee to establish an environment that encourages you to participate. In my opinion, additional islander participation will only happen if the current top-down structure, helter skelter decision making process, and sloppy communication procedures are changed.

To this effect, I invite your comments and suggestions, and request your support for the following:

- Establish a Bulletin Board in the "Peaks Island Opinion" where the time, location, and agenda for all steering committee meetings, general meetings, and sub committee meetings will be posted at least 30 days in advance. Communicate this schedule to City officials.
- Stick to the published agenda, no changes allowed after agenda publication. No last minute participation by city officials.
- Conduct general meetings in a fashion that are more concerned with your opinion than the clock.
- Take a position on island issues, based upon your recommendations and approval.
- Adopt formal procedures for sub-committees, where their recommendations are presented to the steering committee, placed on the agenda for the next general meeting for membership approval.
- My phone number is 766-2246. Please call me with your comments and concerns.

Norm Proulx

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Interview with John Carroll

John Carroll is the Acting President of the Peaks Island Neighborhood Association, City of Portland Planning Board Member, Transit District Board Member, and strong proponent of 'Union!' Although John's views have been criticized as biased in favor of the City (if Peaks Island were self-governed, he would be ineligible for any further political positions with Portland, unless he relocated) he along with three other 'Union' leaders, was recently (re)elected to P.I.N.A.'s Steering Committee by a healthy margin. He feels it was in part because the community is well aware of, and supportive of, their opposition to self-government and their strong relationships with the City. I asked Mr. Carroll the following set of questions, and he generously took the time to type up his response.

Opinion: What do you view as the role of P.I.N.A.?

"I think we can serve two purposes; first as a service organization, we provide a place for people on the island to come together on non-divisive issues, pool their resources, and try to make this a better place to live. Second, we can work as an advocate for the island, but we have to be careful to pick our issues, and we should never mistake ourselves for a government. Governments can make and enforce laws and levy taxes. We can do none of those things. The island residents have to set their own agenda and then rely on public persuasion to change individual behavior. I don't ever want to get in a situation where we might be legislating for people. We once tried to get some added restrictions on parking and people went absolutely bullshit. It was really horrible, because people felt that the association or steering committee was trying to force them to do something. The association lost a lot of goodwill and momentum. maybe because we were out ahead of what people were willing to agree to. So why should we paralyze ourselves by taking on issues we don't have the wherewithal to resolve?"

Opinion: What is the role of a Board member, who do they represent?

"We're elected to be the workers, making sure the organization keeps moving ahead, that it gets things done. The Steering Committee says, if people think it's a good idea, what can we do to move it ahead.

I also think we are a representative body, and as such, I feel I can follow my own preferences or beliefs about what is good for Peaks..."
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Island in some instances. We can’t or don’t resolve every issue by plebiscite, and frankly, I think that would be a tedious and unworkable system. So, I try to do what I think best, knowing that I will never please everybody. And if too many people find me unreasonable, or arbitrary, or uninformed, then they will vote for someone else who better represents their beliefs.

Knowing that you (and other newly elected committee members) have been active in the Union organization, does this mean P.I.N.A. will not sponsor an open forum where the issues of self-government and the issues of continuing as a neighborhood of Portland, can be presented together?

"I suppose that PINA could be a forum for that type of presentation, but I think we have to hold up a high standard for the type of discussion we would want to host. Certainly, in a debate like this, I believe that both sides should agree on the substance and style of the proceedings. And I think that’s why we didn’t have a debate last year.

"Of course I have made it no secret that if I find the entire secession debate tiresome and the prospect of secession depressingly short-sighted. To me it means going backwards in pursuit of a slightly silly, but destructive notion. We can have a voice in city government and control what happens on our island and in the city. Everyone already has that power. I hope we are now prepared to use our influence a little more purposefully. But what some secession advocates call “empowerment”, I call government by the least common denominator. We should be thinking and acting within a much larger political, economic, social, and environmental context. If we can’t do that, I think we look petty and mean-spirited.

Opinion: Do you know how the decision to pave the Welles St. parking lot was made? Was it really due to ‘popular demand’?

"I believe the Planning Board approved the site plan as an unpaved lot. Later, the City’s paving bids came in below the City’s projections, so they would be able to put down some additional paving out there. George Flaherty asked to come to a PINA meeting to ask people where they would like to see the paving. It seemed like a fairly benign exercise, even though George came out a fairly short notice. I can’t remember if the people took an actual vote, in fact, I believe that they probably debated whether they should vote more that they actually talked about paving, because only about thirty people had come to the meeting. People did have a lot of ideas about where and what to pave, and I think George just took his cue based on his judgement of the sentiment in the room.

An Artist’s Prayer

O great creative consciousness of the universe-
I am here today to ask your help,
To help me open up to my creativity,
To help me open up to my life.

O great creator-
I want a fuller, richer life,
A life that is an open channel,
to your great universal power and creativity.

May that creativity flow through me,
Purely, wholly, to serve others,
To contribute to the universe,
And the human race.

Help me feel safe-
Lead me this day and the next.
Help me feel less alone.
Help me feel loved and beloved.

Lead me to my true nature,
To a full and complete life,
As a creative and loving person,
Help me create my life.

By Kathy Caron

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Peaks Islanders all agreed on two things, at a packed house meeting to address passenger service alternatives while the wharf is under construction. We don't like to be surprised, and we don't like being rushed into making quick decisions. While Casco Bay Lines representatives said they only recently considered using Plante's facility, Coly Mulkern said at the meeting that his business was approached a year ago, and had been trying to devise a workable option for CBL since that time. CBL Board members denied that the DOT had offered them the use of the State Ferry, but it was offered in front of the crowd at the meeting by the DOT representative.

As of layout time, Casco Bay Lines is sending out appreciative vibes to Bob Love, and other informed Islanders, who suggested a winning solution to the passenger dock that was something like $55,000 dollars cheaper and hopefully more convenient than the best thinking the Bay Lines could muster. Cutting a gate out of the passenger boat railing, so that a ramp can be placed directly to the car ferry dock, will have the potential to cause some passenger delays in the event of heavy winds combined with unfavorable tides, or if there is an electrical or other malfunction of the car ferry ramp. It has been given the safety seal of approval by the MDOT, and by the time you read this, has probably been given the final O.K. at community meeting.

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P.I.N.A. has recently been asked to elect a 'liaison' between the City and Peaks Island. "The City Council will need to have final say" according to Councilor Peter O'Donnell, in the choice of a liaison. P.I.N.A. has also been assigned the task of presenting the City a list of services desired in order of priority. This does not mean the City will be able to fulfill this list, according to Mayor Anne Pringle, but it is considered a means to better communication.

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In The Library.....

Anyone interested in the idea of sustainable development can now find a box of materials in our Peaks Island Library with articles, magazines, and a book or two. The box includes, for example, a full report on a conferance held last Spring in Brunswick, "Toward a Sustainable Miane". There is an article on life styles called "How Much is Enough?", another on the impossibility of endless economic growth; and one wondering what it is in Western Culture that permits us to pursue activities that threaten our very survival.

Some items take a local perspective and some a global perspective. These can be read in the Library or photocopied for your own use. And if you have something to add to the collection, please do so.

Cynthia Cole
**ISLAND HOME**

**Bulletin Board**

- **AA Meetings**: Open 6:15 pm Wednesday evenings, Brackett Memorial Church.
- **St. Christopher Hall OPEN FORUM**: Saturday October 2 at 2pm. Featuring 11 areas of concern voiced by those opposed to self-government. Moderated by TV and Newspaper personality Jim Brunelle, sponsored by Peaks Island Research Committee.
- **Opinion Roundtable**: Monday September 27, 7pm at Jones Landing Restaurant. All welcome. Childcare available call 766-2604.

Would you like to be part of the team that ensures the continued health and vigor of Peaks Island Opinion? We need help with typing, proofreading, fundraising, distribution and more. Please let me know if you have time you could contribute to this paper each month, and what you might like to do. Then we'll all get together as a team, and rig this ship for a long, successful sail.

Call Jenny 766-2604.

**Recipes**

- **Chicken Enchiladas** (serves 8)
  - Filler:
    - 1 package corn tortillas
    - 4 cups cooked cut up chicken
    - 1/2 lb grated monterey jack cheese
    - 1 pint sour cream
    - 1 diced onion (raw)
    - 2 tsp. cumin (ground)
    - 1 can cut up black olives
  - Sauce:
    - 1 cup hot water
    - 3 tbs. chili powder (soaked in water ten min.)
    - 1/2 cup oil
    - 1/2 cup corn meal
    - 2-4 cloves garlic
    - 3 cups tomato sauce
    - Optional: top with refried beans & cheese

Combine all filler ingredients. Then pour oil in skillet, brown cornmeal with garlic, add tomato sauce, and chili, simmering slowly to thicken, adding water if needed. Immerse each tortilla in water to soften, then fill and roll up. Top with beans and/or cheese if desired, bake for 25 minutes at 350. This is a recipe I got from Janet Anderson at a potluck dinner, where we all enjoyed this dish (J.Yasi).

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