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Service Agencies of the Island

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For the past year we have spent hundreds of hours and thousands of dollars on this project. We have pursued every possible avenue trying to get State and City officials to correct the inaccuracies, discrepancies, errors and mistakes made with the revaluations of our properties. While government officials acknowledge there are many errors they will not correct the over-all assessment. The Assessor has had to hire three extra staff people just to handle requests for adjustments. In the past nine months, $150,000,000 have been given out in abatements citywide. Twenty-seven percent of Peaks Island property owners have received adjustments. Next year, to stem the flow of requests for abatements, the City is decreasing ALL valuations by 10%. (At the same time it will increase the tax RATE to make up the dollar difference.) It appears money will be available for adjustments but only individuals who seek a FORMAL ABATEMENT have much chance of receiving any. We urge everyone, who has not yet received a satisfactory adjustment, to file for formal abatement.

We believe we have accomplished a great deal in the past year. Because of your support and donations, we have created a computer data base of over 2,100 properties on all the Casco Bay Islands. With the generous help of the Island Institute, we have developed a positive working relationship with representatives of all the Casco Bay Island communities. We have been able to (and are continuing to) provide direct and indirect assistance to hundreds of Peaks Islanders seeking property tax adjustments. While we regret we have not been able to accomplish more, we feel our effort has helped make the City take notice of our community in a positive way.

Sunday, June 28, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. we will have a meeting at Greenwood Gardens. We hope you will make an effort to attend. Please contact us if you: have a subject you feel should be on the agenda; are interested in taking over leadership of the group; need an abatement form or information to support your request for abatement; have suggestions or recommendations for the future of the Peaks Island Tax Study.

Thank you for your support, patience and continuing interest in our community.
The Senior Citizens are sponsoring a food sale at the Senior Center on Saturday, June 20, for the benefit of the Health Center. We invite contributions particularly of healthful cooking (low cholesterol, low fat, low sodium, low sugar, high fibre, high calcium — in any combination) with a recipe that may be copied. Books available at the library will also be at the Center. Contributions will be accepted from everyone who appreciates the continuance of the Health Center. The Center will be open for the sale from nine to two.

At the annual meeting on May 18th, the Senior Citizens elected the following officers: Eleanor Goodwin, President; Gretchen Hall, Vice President; Blanche Wilder, Treasurer; Sister Ann Augusta, Secretary.

Peggy Harmon has invited the Senior Citizens to bring their pot luck on June 15 to the Fifth Maine Dining room. The business meeting will be at noon; annual dues of three dollars may be paid then, or brought to the Senior Center when convenient.

The Annual Senior Citizen Fair will be held on Saturday, June 27. Plans will be finalized at the June luncheon. Items already promised include original paintings by Peaks Island artists, plants, knitted articles, and an assortment of found items in prime salable condition. Further contributions will be accepted with appreciation. Items for the Fair may be brought to the Senior Center on June 26.

The Tea at the Community Building, sponsored by the fourth and fifth grade (Martha Gross is the teacher) French class, was an elegant occasion, enjoyed by all fortunate enough to participate. The feature was an exercise in which the French teacher, Madam Wright, engaged in conversation with each of the students in turn. The Senior Citizens very much appreciate this and all the invitations from the school to participate in their interesting activities. We only wish we were up to a more adequate response.

We appreciate having Fern Parker's plants making a bright spot in the Center window through the winter and the spring. Now we thank her for tending the petunias in our window boxes.

The Cape Elizabeth Middle School concert at Greenwood Gardens the last of May was a treat not only for the children of the Peaks Island school but also for the senior citizens who learned in time of the happening, and for other morning people who happened in. We even noted one or two mothers each with several small children in tow.
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION REMINDER

Once again, as stated in the by-laws of the Peaks Island Neighborhood Association, three seats on the Steering Committee are open for election at the July 27 membership meeting.

The Nominating Committee is: Bob Baker (Chair), Janine Blatt, Fay Garman, Pat Moore and Tom Quigg.

If you have the time and interest, and would like to serve on the Steering Committee, please give your name to a member of the Nominating Committee.

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STAR OF THE SEA
THEATRE AND DANCE CO.

JUNE IS OUR BIG MONTH. STARTING WITH WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3rd, AT RIVERTON COMMUNITY CENTER. OUR JUNE SHOW IS "ALICE IN TOPSEY TURVY LAND". OVER 50 STUDENTS WILL PERFORM, FROM STUDIO 1.

ON SUNDAY JUNE 7th, AT GREENWOOD GARDEN PLAYHOUSE AT 7pm, THE SAME THEME WITH OUR ISLAND STUDENTS AND ST. DOMINICS. (STUDIO 11 STUDENTS WILL BE OUR GUESTS). DONATION ADULT $2 CHILD $1.

PLANS FOR THE SUMMER DANCE PROGRAM ARE IN THE WORKS, WATCH FOR OUR POSTERS.

A WONDERFULL PROGRAM IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY JUNE 30th AT 7:15pm, IN ST. CHRISTOPHERS PARISH HALL. OUR GUESTS WILL BE THE CASCO BAY CHAPTER, SWEET ADELINES. TICKETS ADULTS $3.00 child $2.00 GREAT ENTERTAINMENT IN SONG.

SPEAKING OF SINGERS!!! WE NOW HAVE A WONDERFULL PIANIST WHO JOINED OUR STAFF, MICHEAL MILUTIS, A VERYCHARISMATIC PERSON, HE WILL BE TRAINING OUR YOUNG "KIDS CHORUS" FOR FUTURE SHOWS. ANYONE INTERESTED IN JOINING JUST CALL DOREEN, OR STOP IN THE STUDIO.

THE BOUTIQUE WILL BE OPEN EVERY DAY AFTER JUNE 5th.

WE HAVE A VERY BUSY SUMMER COMING UP, LOTS OF PROGRAMS FOR YOUR ENTERTAINMENT.

HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US.
DOREEN and CO.

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BOOK SALE BOOK SALE BOOK SALE BOOK SALE BOOK SALE BOOK SALE

Friends of Peaks Island Library will be holding the annual Book Sale on Saturday, July 18th. The friends are looking for donations of books in all categories and in good repair. Books may be brought to the Community Room(next to the library) on Friday July 17th.

Need your books out before July 17th? Please call Bill at 766-5152 or Marcia at 766-2244 to arrange for a pick up.
PORTLAND RECREATION ON PEAKS ISLAND

JUNE 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!

JUNE 4 - 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.

JUNE 10 - Wednesday  Fun with Books!  1:00 p.m. Community Ctr.
Topic: Wedding Customs/Traditions
Moderator: Ruth Sargent

JULY 1 - Tuesday  Seashore Trolley Museum Program  3:00 p.m. Community Ctr.

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, 10:00-11:00 am; call ahead if coming in the afternoon: 2545). Registrations left on the answering machine CANNOT be guaranteed.

JUNE 2 - Tuesday  Presentation on Eagle Island  2:30 p.m.
Cummings Center-Portland
Please leave a message on the answering machine if you are interested (2970).

JUNE 11 - Thursday  Kennebunkport Van Trip  8:15 boat/4:30 return
$5.00 trolley ride (opt)

JUNE 16 - Tuesday  Eagle Island Boat Cruise/Picnic  $12.00
(Bring your own picnic)
8:15 boat from P.I./10:00 boat from Long Wharf/Return to Portland at 2:00/3:15 return
PAYMENT MUST BE MADE NO LATER THAN JUNE 9.
No refunds will be given after that date unless a replacement can be found. Call Denise (2970) to make arrangements.

JUNE 25 - Thursday  Norlands Living Museum Ctr  $10.50
8:15 boat/return no later than 4:30

JUNE 30 - Tuesday  Sarah Orne Jewett House/Hamilton House  $6.00
11:15 boat/return no later than 5:30

NOTE: Interested in picking strawberries in the early evening? Please leave a message on the answering machine (2970). Strawberry season is usually late June to mid-July.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES - Grades 1 - 5

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM
The last Drop-in session will be held on Wednesday, June 3 from 2:45-4:00pm.
Anyone for Sharing?

Our summer reading program this year will have the theme: Explore New Worlds at the Read-a-Book Cafe. The library is looking for people who might share a "new world" with children on a Thursday night between July 2 and August 6. A new world could be a hobby, a field of knowledge, a skill or talent, or an exotic place you have visited. Pat Crowley-Rockwell, who will coordinate the Thursday evening programs, will work with you to develop the reading tie-in for your "new world" and to plan the program. If you have an idea, call the library, 766-5540, or call Pat, 766-2421.

Also, anyone with artistic talent who could help us transform the space under the balcony into a cafe-like setting, let us hear from you. And does anyone have an umbrella-table, such as you might see beside a swimming pool, that you would be willing to lend to us July and August?

Hats off!

At a council meeting in May, The Southern Maine Library District awarded Peaks Islander Marianna Rowe as its Volunteer of the Year. In the speech honoring her, we learned that while working at the Portland Public Library she began the now-taken-for-granted summer reading program and she also began the children's book review meeting, bringing librarians together to look at what is new in children's books. In her "retirement," she has volunteered twice in the Peace Corps on the island of Yap in Micronesia, setting up school libraries, and just recently accepted an invitation to go to Puerto Rico to help set up a library in its third largest city this summer.

We tend to take the quantity and quality of our library services for granted, but it was not always so. It is through the always steady and sometimes crusading efforts of people like Marianna Rowe that we have the quality of service available that we so enjoy.

New Fiction*

Anita Brookner
Mary H. Clark
Clive Cussler
Annie Dillard
Anthony Hyde
William Kennedy
Ivana Trump
Thomas Tryon

Closed Eyes
All Around the Town
Sahara
The Living
China Lake
Very Old Bones
For Love Alone
In the Fire of Spring

New Nonfiction

Leo Buscaglio
Joan Didion
Connie Epstein
Marilyn French
Roger Kahn
Daniel Okrent
Gloria Steinem
Bob Woodward

Born for Love
After Henry
Art of Writing for Children
War Against Women
Games We Used to Play
Ultimate Baseball Book
Revolution in Within
Man Who Would Be President: Dan Quayle

* A complete list of new books is posted at the library.

Researcher Seeks Help

A gentleman doing research for a book on Peaks Island history has the following questions he hopes someone can answer:

When did Peaks first get electricity? Sebago water? Telephones?
What is the population in winter? Summer? And what proportion of those living on Peaks are retired?

Those with information please call John Moulton, 846-4885, or write him at PO Box 963, Yarmouth, Maine
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
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, Rectory 2585

Important Dates: Thursday, June 16 - Important Fair meeting. All chairpersons and volunteers to meet at Parish Hall at 7 pm.
Fair gifts/donations may be left at Rectory. Cooked food and candy may be brought to appropriate table at 9 am, July 4th. The Fair time is 10-3pm.
August 4 - Penny Auction in the Parish Hall at 8 pm. A prize for everyone!
Sept. 5 - Baked Food Sale, 10-1 pm under the Welch St. tree. Rain location will be the Senior Citizens Center. Chairpersons - Ellen Bulger & Joyce O'Brien.

New assignments have not as yet been made but we will be having a weekend priest here at St. Christopher's.

For further notices regarding other events please check the weekly bulletin.

BRACKETT MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH, Church St. 766-5013

Rev. Theodore Poland, Minister

Sunday services: 10 am in the Church, coffee hour following in the church hall. Everyone is invited.
Sunday School: 10 am at the Church, grades K-5.
June 9 - United Methodist Women meeting at 12 noon in the church hall.
June 11-14: Maine Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, Orono. See Ted if you are interested in attending.
June 28 - Children's Sunday
June 28 - 11 am Brackett Memorial Church will host a coffee hour in honor of Ted Warren. Ted leaves the island for New York this summer.
Join us in appreciation and celebration of our good friend, Ted.

BRACKETT MEMORIAL CHURCH TO REVIVE SPOON RIVER ANTHOLOGY

We hope you will mark your calendars and join us for an expanded version of Edgar Lee Master's classic Spoon River Anthology. Performances will be held at Brackett Memorial Church on Friday and Saturday, August 14th and 15th, at 8:00 p.m.

COMING EVENTS
Sat. June 20th at 7:30 P.M. The Casco Bay Tummlers will present their Klezmer Music and dancing. Eastern European Jewish Folk Music by Peaks Island's own band. Dances will be taught. Fun for all! Fifth Maine Building. Adults $3.50, children under 16 $1.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
Peaks Island Music Association's Summer Concert Series at the Fifth Maine Building begins July 8th (Wed.) at 8 p.m. featuring Cindy Fong, Concert Pianist from Malden, Mass. offering a wide variety ranging from Bach, Liszt, Debussy and beyond. Later dates are July 22, August 5 and 12. Artists to be announced. $3 adults, $1 children under 16 at all times.
We recently attended a banquet sponsored by the Foster Grandparent Program in honor of the many volunteers in their program...we were pleased to be there to honor Peggy Butkus...it was also fun to see other Island Elementary School teachers attending to honor Foster Grandparent participation at the Elementary School.

We'd like to welcome Francine Morin as a Summer Work/Study staff member from the University of Southern Maine and also Rose Ann Walsh as a substitute teacher.

We had a special treat when the Portland High School Madrigal singers visited our center and serenaded us at our daily circle time.

We will be sponsoring a PUPPET WORKSHOP this summer to create some life size puppets for our annual Children's Festival in August. The workshop will be geared towards elementary aged youngsters with a small charge for participation. More details will soon be posted. We will also co-sponsor a games morning with Portland Recreation Department.

Peter O'Donnell, our district city councilor, is in training for the Peaks-Portland swim which will happen on August 1. He is accepting pledges for his efforts and will be donating all proceeds to the Child Care Center and Health Center on Peaks Island. More details on how to pledge will be posted soon.

Our weekly Infant/Toddler/Parent Playgroup continues each Wednesday morning from 10:15-11AM. This is open to the entire community to come and enjoy our playspace and the company of others.

Our BOTTLE DRIVE continues at Feeney's Market...you can ask to have your bottle slips credited to the child care center account. Our thanks to all who have been helping our center in this way...in the past seven months we have received $115 of credit!
PEAKS ISLAND HEALTH CENTER
P.O. Box 52
Sterling Avenue
Peaks Island, Maine 04108

(207) 766-2929

Elizabeth Rudenberg, D.O.

Monday 8:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.
Wednesday 8:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.
Thursday 12:30 A.M. to 4:00 A.M.

The Peaks Island Health Center welcomes the return of summer residents to the Island. Dr. Rudenberg, a family practice osteopathic physician, is at the clinic on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Many services are available at the clinic, call 766-2929 for information or to make an appointment. In the event of an emergency, please dial 911 first.

The next Well Child Clinic is on Friday, June 19th. Well Child Care is provided by the City of Portland Public Health Nurse, Lynn Zimmerman. Payment for care is determined by financial need. Any child who has had a recent physical and is a resident of Portland can receive free immunizations. Call 874-8869.

FRIENDS GATHERING ON PEAKS

Portland Friends Meeting (Quakers) joins with the Peaks Island Friends Worship Group to extend an invitation to Peaks Islanders to attend:

an outdoor Meeting for Worship
followed by
a Finger Food Potluck Picnic
Sunday, June 14
at
Glen Robinson’s House,
on
Torrington Point

Meeting will be held outside if weather permits. Otherwise (cloudy, cold, dark) meeting will be at Betty Van Wyck’s house.

The meeting for worship will be from 11-30 to 12-15.

Bring finger food and drinks to share. Tea and Coffee will be provided. Please bring you own plates, cups etc. Yard games would be appreciated.

For more information call Betty Van Wyck at 766-2959 or Jon Kelso at 766-2619.

Recent donations to the STAR were received from the Davis family, K & G Taylor, Anon I, and II. Thank you.

Deadline for July STAR: June 25