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Calendar of Events for August

1. CBITD Islands Meeting - Community Center
2. Eighth Maine Annual Art Show
3. Senior Citizen’s Bake Sale - Senior Center
4. TEIA Annual Fair (Supper at 6 pm)
5. Arts & Crafts Sale - 5th Maine
6. Travelogue: A Maine Portfolio - Community Center
7. Vacation Bible School - Brackett Mem. Church
8. Slide Lecture Preserving Portland’s Historic Structures with Deb Andrews - 5th Maine
   - Library Summer Reading Party
   - Movie - Christy - St. Christopher’s Hall
   - PIMA Concert - Pacto Andino - 5th Maine
   - Drawings for Weekend Getaway/Cash Prizes - 8th Maine
   - Battery Steele 2nd Annual Family Picnic
   - Umbrella Cover Museum Season Closing - Tower View
9. Peaks Island Children’s Festival - Greenwood Gardens
   - Walking Tour - Military Trail - 5th Maine
10. PIMA Concert - String Extravaganza - 5th Maine
11. Senior Center Annual Lobster Bake - Greenwood Gardens
12. Lions’ Club Variety Show
13. PIMA Annual Meeting - Community Center
14. 5th Maine Potluck Supper & Annual Meeting
15. Friends of the Library Annual Meeting - Community Ctr
16. PTO Book Sale and Signing - 5th Maine
17. Friends of the Library Annual Meeting - Community Ctr
19. Pancake Breakfast - 5th Maine
20. Land/Use Planning Comm. St. Christopher’s Hall
21. Lecture: The King’s Pines: The Tate Family & the Mast
   - Trade with K. Crean - 5th Maine

Please share your copy of the STAR with a friend!
SAINT CHRISTOPHER'S CHURCH

Pastor: Rev. Costanzo J. Piselli (tel. 766-2585)
Council President: Peter Donnelly (tel. 766-5971)

MASSES
Sunday at 9:15 am (refreshments and fellowship after Mass)
Weekdays at 7:30 am (no Mass on Thursdays)
Parishioners unable to attend Mass may receive Communion at home. Make arrangements through Clare Cary (766-5548). Parishioners interested in being Eucharistic Ministers or Lectors should call Clare.

BRACKETT MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Johanne Dame 766-5013

Sunday Service: 10 am
Please join us for worship.

Thank you to all who made our church fair a great success! And thank you to all who joined us to celebrate our 135th anniversary. We thank God for establishing and keeping this church and its people, and look forward to our next 135 years.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL August 5-9th.

All children are invited for singing, games, crafts and Bible stories! Our "graduation" will be a Potluck Dinner (open to everyone) on Friday evening at 6 pm.

To register a child or offer to help, please call 755-5013.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH SERVICES
The Holy Eucharist is offered each Sunday at 10:15 am in St. Christopher's Roman Catholic Church on Central Avenue. The celebrant and preacher during August will again be the Rev'd James Squire, chaplain of the Episcopal Academy, Philadelphia, PA. All are welcome at the services regardless of Church affiliation.

Monastery by the Sea
Sunday 10:30 am, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 8:00 am,
Saturday 9:00 am, Wednesday 5:00 pm.
Please phone the Monastery, using our voice mail to learn of a possible change in our schedule. 766-2717
AUGUST ACTIVITIES ON PEAKS ISLAND
Sponsored by Portland Parks & Recreation

To reserve the Community Room, please call Denise at 766-2970. If no one is there, please leave a message at 874-8793 during regular office hours. Please Note: If you would like to put a display up in the Community Building, please call Denise at 766-2970 (answering machine).

ON-ISLAND ACTIVITIES - OPEN TO ALL *
(pre-registration appreciated)
*children must be accompanied by an adult

TRAVELOGUE:
A MAINE PORTFOLIO
Speaker: Diann Bailey
MONDAY, AUGUST 5
7:00 pm - Community Ctr.
FREE! All are invited!

MOIVE (video): CHRISTY
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7
10:30 am - 12:00 noon
St. Christopher's Hall
Bring your own popcorn!
(bring your lunch too if you'd like to eat after the movie)

SPECIAL OFF-ISLAND EVENT: OPEN TO ALL*

OPEN SKATING at the PORTLAND ICE ARENA
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14
12:45 pm boat/3:15 return
$1.00 per person (skate rentals free)
Limited transportation available. *Children must be accompanied by an adult. Sign-up sheet on Denise's door in Community Center.

OFF-ISLAND TRIPS FOR ADULTS
Pre-registration is required for all off-island activities. Sign-up sheets are on the brown door of the Community Building. Many people from "in-town" are interested in coming with us on these trips. They will be receiving their notices a few days after the Star comes out. Please register as soon as you can. Don't delay! Registrations left on the answering machine CANNOT be guaranteed. Space is limited. A minimum of 8 people is required, unless otherwise noted. If you have any questions, please call Denise at 766-2970.

BOCCE BALL/CROQUET
Lunch at "The Barking Squirrel"
MONDAY, AUGUST 12
11:45 am boat/3:15 pm return

VICTORIA MANSION and ETHNIC LUNCH
FRIDAY, AUGUST 23
9:45 am boat/2:15 pm return
Cost: $4.00 per person

LEISURELY BREAKFAST:
INN BY THE SEA
(Crescent Beach)
and a visit to Maxwell's Farms
(fresh produce)
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28
8:15 am boat/no later than 12:15 pm return
NOTICE

To: Peaks Island property owners
From: PINA Planning and Land Use Committee
Re: Proposed amendment to City Plumbing Code

At our monthly meeting on June 25, the members present of the PINA Planning and Land Use Committee: Art Astarita, Judy Baldi, Terry Edwards, Claire Filliettaz, Jerry Garman, Howard Heller, Jonathan Jenness, Judy Piawlock, Suellen Roberts, Dick Springer and Kay Taylor voted unanimously to ask Steering Committee to place the following recommendation on the agenda for a vote of the membership at the August Annual Meeting:

We wish to urge the City to review, re-approve and pass on to City Council the amendment to the City Plumbing Code which was developed and approved by the Planning Board on 11/28/90 in response to a report and request for action by the Peaks Island Neighborhood Association.

This recommendation was approved unanimously by Steering Committee on 7/9/96, and will be discussed at the August 13 Annual Meeting. An Island-wide vote will be held on August 24 to approve or reject the recommendation.

What does this amendment actually mean to the property owner?
1. If there is a change of property ownership, OR
2. If a cesspool or septic system fails, OR
3. If there is major construction involving structural changes, OR
4. If a well is planned, an inspection must be made of the on-site septic or cesspool system to determine its conformance with the State Plumbing Code.

Also, if a well is planned, we recommend that the City:
1. require a permit for the drilling of a new well,
2. establish setbacks for new wells from any septic system, and
3. ensure conformance with the State Plumbing Code.

The rationale for this amendment is as valid today as it was in 1990: protecting the Island's environment and public health from sewage pollution, mitigating the impact of growth and development on the Island, addressing loopholes in existing regulations regarding waste disposal for seasonal conversions and additions to existing structures, and encouraging the upgrade of substandard disposal systems.

The following information is available in folders on the bulletin board outside the library and inside Feeney's and will also be available at the 8/13 PINA Annual Meeting:
1. a copy of the actual amendment which was developed at our request in 1990 (this would be subject to revision by us and by the Planning Board), and
2. a copy of the flow chart which illustrates how the plumbing code amendment would work.

We have a strong emotional attachment to our Island's well-being and its future. We recognize that change is inevitable, but we must accept responsibility for guiding the changes so that Peaks Island continues to be a place that we are proud to call home.
PINA NEWS

At a Steering Committee meeting on 7/9, the following tentative agenda was approved for the Annual Meeting, Tuesday, August 13th, 7:00 PM at the Community Center:

a) Presentation by Mayor's Advisory Committee candidates
b) Presentation by PINA candidates
c) Election of PINA Steering Committee candidates. Voting will take place, out in the hall, from 7 to 8 PM. The candidates are:
   Brad Burkholder        Claire Filliettaz
   Matt Hagopian          Val C. Hart
   Richard Knowland       Judy Piawlock
   Perry Sutherland

d) Committee reports
e) Transfer Station Site options (information)
f) By-laws changes (a vote will be taken)
g) Plumbing Code Amendment (This will be explained and discussed. An Island-wide vote will be taken on Saturday, August 24, 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the Community Center.)
h) Deer control: During 1995-96, PINA has held many meetings to discuss whether or not we have a deer problem on Peaks and, if we have a problem, what control options are available to us. There is no agreement on either issue. No option has been accepted or rejected.

At the August 13 meeting, deer control will again be discussed. A vote will be taken on whether or not to hold a special Island-wide vote on a deer hunt. If a vote is desired, Islanders will vote on the issue by secret ballot at the same time that they vote for the Mayor's Island Advisory Committee representatives: on Saturday, August 24.

Please mark your calendars:

Tuesday, August 13:  PINA Annual Meeting
                      at the Community Building  7:00 PM

Thursday, August 22: City Council and Officials Annual Visit
                      at the Community Building  mid-afternoon
                      Islanders' comments welcome!

Saturday, August 24: Island-wide vote on:
                      Mayor's Island Advisory Committee
                      Plumbing Code Amendment
                      Deer Hunt (?)
                      at the Community Building
                      8:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Tuesday, August 27:  Land Use/Planning Committee
                      at St. Christopher's Hall, 7:00 Pm.
Seniors and their guests held their July potluck luncheon at the Fifth Maine on the 15th. After a scrumptious meal, on a beautiful day, President Bob Cary conducted the business meeting.

Our Annual Lobster Bake at Greenwood Gardens will be held on August 19 at noon. Seniors from Cumberland, Falmouth, Freeport, Portland, and Yarmouth are invited to join us. Tickets must be reserved, the final date being the 11th. Tickets can be obtained at the Senior Center from 10 to 11 a.m. weekdays.

Denise thanked everyone who participated in the American Red Cross blood donation drive.

Birthday cards to members are still being sent out, thanks to cards given to the Center, with anonymous donor of stamps.

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PLEASE SUPPORT OUR BAKE SALE ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 3.
VISIT THE SENIOR CENTER FROM 9 - 12 NOON TO PURCHASE DELICIOUS GOODIES FOR THE WEEKEND!
For more information, call Grace Wright at 766-2635.
Many thanks to everyone who attended our programs and annual fair in July. Your support helps us to continue the restoration of the Fifth Maine Regiment Memorial Hall. It truly is an island "gem."

By popular demand Lloyd Hamilton will once again be leading a Walk Along the Military Trail, a guided walking tour of the Peaks Island Military Reservation followed by a light lunch at the Fifth Maine on Sunday August 11 at 1 PM. We have continued to research the WWII era on Peaks and have found more information and pictures to supplement Lloyd’s repertoire and the WWII exhibit at the Fifth Maine. The cost is $10 per person. Please see Lloyd in the taxi or call 766-5130 to reserve yours.

Military whist is played on Monday evenings at 7:30. Everyone is welcome to come. You don’t have to know how to play -- we’ll teach you the basics. It’s a fun time for all!

Please take a moment to bring your summer guests to visit us. Our schedule of August activities is listed in the Star’s calendar of events. Summer hours are 11 am to 4 pm daily. For more information, please call 766-5514.

PEAKS ISLAND MUSIC ASSOCIATION Announces Concerts

Pacto Andino, spicy and spirited South American folk music ensemble, will play on Wednesday, August 7th for the third PIMA Concert this season. This highly talented group returns for an engagement that had last year’s overflow crowd stamping and clapping - for lack of space to dance. Playing authentic Andean instruments and music, they are sure to delight you.

On Wednesday, August 21 a String Extravaganza will finish off the concert season. Featuring the burgeoning talent of violist Paul Erickson, recently returned to his summer home from an orchestral tour of Italy. Paul will be joined by this year’s Rossini Club Gould Award winner, violinist Matthew Szemela. The two will play Mozart’s Symphonie Concertante, accompanied by pianist Miriam Faux. Also on the program are more mature virtuosos, Nick Broadwater, violin playing with Katherine Graffam, cello and Starr Demitre, piano. They have chosen selections by Vivaldi and Elgar. Both concerts are at 8 p.m. at the 5th Maine Community Center.

UMBRELLA COVER MUSEUM finishes summer season

The World’s Only Umbrella Cover Museum will be open for the last time this season on Saturday, August 10 from noon to five. Proprietor Nancy 3. Hoffman claims, “It has been a thrilling first season. The response has been terrific, once people get over the shock.” Displayed in the museum are umbrella covers (also known as umbrella sleeves or pockets) from four countries, as well as a genuine leather cover and the story of the Brock-a-Brella (with cover). The exhibits are humorous and easy to read. Refreshments will be served. Admission by foreign currency at Tower View, 105 Brackett Ave. Call 766-4496 for further information.
CBITD-SPONSORED ISLAND MEETINGS

PEAKS ISLAND
7:15 P.M. THURSDAY
AUGUST 1
COMMUNITY CENTER

INNER BAY
7:30 P.M. WEDNESDAY
AUGUST 7
LONG ISLAND VFW HALL

AGENDA

1. SYSTEM OVERVIEW
   ◆ HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE PAST YEAR
   ◆ RECENT CHANGES IN THE OPERATION
   ◆ FINANCIAL UPDATE

2. PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE:
   ◆ FREIGHT HANDLING
   ◆ FERRY TERMINAL IMPROVEMENTS
   ◆ FLEET PROFILE

3. COMPANY GOALS '96 & '97
   ◆ PRIORITIES FOR THIS YEAR
   ◆ STRATEGIC PLAN REVIEW

4. SAILING SCHEDULE
   ◆ REVIEW '96 CHANGES & ADDITIONS
   ◆ SUGGESTIONS FOR THE FY '97 SAILING SCHEDULE

P.I.N.A. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
Peaks Island is a unique and wonderful place and most of us would like to keep it that way. In response to concerns expressed at recent P.I.N.A. sponsored meetings the police are making an effort to be more conspicuously present; they are meeting more of the boats, and are doing more foot patrolling down front. But we need to do our part as well. The police ask that when we observe suspicious activity we report it by calling 911. And we need to do so at the time, not the next morning or next day. Law enforcement on the Island is not easy. Islanders often resent strict enforcement and yet few of us want anarchy. The desired happy medium can only be reached with cooperation and consultation. If we observe the few rules that really matter, like not parking beyond the signs at the ferry landing or blocking fire hydrants, all of us will have an easier time.

Family Picnic at Spruced-Up Battery Steele

The Peaks Island Land Preserve is sponsoring the Second Annual Battery Steele Family Picnic, on Saturday, August 10 (rain date, the 11th) commencing at 12 noon. This will be a potluck affair, with soft drinks provided by the Land Preserve. Games will be organized for children (and adults?) atop the bunker and around its skirts.

In addition to providing a traditional Peaks site at which to meet and talk with Peaks Islanders, this year’s picnic will allow people to check out the changes at the Battery since July 1995. Last Fall, volunteers and others worked a number of long days hauling away cars and other heavy non-flammable debris that had accumulated in and over the bunker over the past 10 years. This Spring, the flammable debris — previously heaped into a number of piles — was burned by the Peaks Island Volunteer Fire Department.
PEAKS ISLAND HEALTH CENTER
STERLING STREET P.O. Box 52
Peaks Island, Me. 04108
766-2929

Dr. Rudenberg: Monday: 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
&
Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Mercy Hospital: Wednesday: 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
&
Friday: 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Dr. Dorsey from the Cumberland County Foot Clinic will be in Tuesday September 3. Please call 761-3889 for an appointment.

The Dental Clinic will be in Monday August 19... and also another date that has not been scheduled as of yet. Please call Jean at 874-1025 for an appointment.

American Red Cross

Congratulations and thanks to everyone - donors, volunteers, recruiters - who helped to reach our blood drive goal. Thanks to your efforts, we collected 59 pints of blood, and 15 people donated for the first time. Additionally, 36 donors rolled up their sleeves to donate after not having given blood for at least three years.

The blood collected has given many hospital patients another chance. Even though they do not know who you are, you can be sure that patients are especially grateful that people took the time to organize a blood drive and donate the gift of life.

On behalf of these patients, thank you all.

Sincerely,

Kristi Bailey and Ellen Russell
American Red Cross Blood Services
Begin to look for the Indian Trail on the right after you have crested the hill on Brackett Avenue.

Before there were horse-and-buggy roads, and traditionally, before there were white people, this was the way anyone walked across the island from "down front" to the back shore most directly.

The course of the original Indian trail is followed through pine woods as far as the remains of the WW II Battery Steele Control Bunker on Alderbrook Road.

A short distance off-and-on Alderbrook Road brings the trail to Whaleback Road, then past Battery Steele. The trail then bears left behind Battery Craven, and on to Hussey Road, leading directly to Whaleback.

Whaleback is still the most spectacular of the fingers of ledge jutting out into the open Atlantic on the outer side of Peaks Island. Until the great February storm of 1987, one could see where the ledge got its name. That great winter storm loosened fragments of rock two feet square and fifteen feet long, then flung them like jackstraws onto the beach below. Every winter since, Whaleback has lost more of its identity as great surges off the Atlantic have added to its fragmentation.

The Trail continues on asphalt Seashore Avenue, past Big Cat Daddy, a WW 2 mine encasement, turning off inland on an old trail opposite Wharf Cove.

Sometimes on old roads, and sometimes following the line of old trails, the last leg of the Indian Trail passes the remains of WW I (1916) bunkers, with WW II observation towers in sight; and returns to Brackett Avenue, less than half a mile from where it took off.

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Thanks to —
The Casco Bay Island Development Assn.
The Peaks Island Neighborhood Assn.
The Appalachian Mountain Club

They had a hand in developing this Trail.
THE LIONS VARIETY SHOW WILL BE HELD ON MON.-TUES. AUGUST 12th & 13th. AT 8PM. YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS YEARS PRODUCTION. ALONG WITH YOUR FAVORITE ARTISTS: NANCY, JEAN, TED, HELEN AND BILL COOLEY, WE HAVE SOME NEW ACTS THIS YEAR, SO COME EARLY FOR A GOOD SEAT.

THE BOUTIQUE HAS MANY NEW ITEMS. A SPECIAL SALE ON NEW TAP AND BALLET SHOES, FROM $3 TO $10, ($16 VALUE), GET READY FOR THE FALL SEASON, STARTING TUESDAY SEPT. 10th. OUR DANCE CLASSES WILL RESUME. ALSO WE ARE LOOKING FOR SOME CHILDREN AND ADULTS TO JOIN OUR CHORUS. (NO CHARGE). THIS SEASON'S PRODUCTIONS ARE: "THE JOLLY PIED PIPER" IN DEC. 1996 AND "THE MUSIC MAN" FOR THE SPRING SHOW IN JUNE 1997. CHORUS FOR THE THEATRE GROUP WILL START ON SEPT. 8th. SUNDAY 3pm. FOR CHILDREN AND 4pm FOR THE ADULTS. NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED JUST YOUR COMMITMENT, FOR A FUN ADVENTURE IN SHOW Biz!.

AEROBICS ON MON. AND THURS. AT 9:30 am.

MUSICALLY YOURS
DOREEN AND CO.

PEAKS ISLAND LIONS CLUB

The Peaks Island Lions Club's Annual VARIETY SHOW (and Broadway Auditions) will be held on Monday and Tuesday, August 12th and 13th at 8:00 P.M. The shows, under the able direction of Doreen McCann, feature talent and artists from Broadway, Brackett, Battery Steele and all over the World. Admission is $4.00 and food and refreshments will be available. Come and see next year's possible Tony winners!

The Lions Club membership drives continues with free initiation and first year's dues through the month of August.

If you would like the STAR mailed to you Sept. to June, Please send $5.00 with your name and mailing address to:

PEAKS ISLAND STAR
C/O Peaks Island Library
129 Island Avenue
Peaks Island, ME 04108

DEADLINE for next month's STAR: Sunday, August 25. Please bring your material copy ready to the library. You may use the bookdrop when the library is closed. Thank you to those who have shortened the length of your articles. That makes an easier job for those pasting up.

Thank you to Helen Murphy for her contribution to the printing of this month's STAR.
News from the Peaks Island Branch Library  tel. 766-5540

Tues. 2-8 Wed. 10-4 (On Wednesdays: Pre-school
Fri. 10-2 Sat. 9-1 Stories 10:15; Lap-sit/Toddler Time 11:00

A Special Thank You: To the child who left a note on the
Comment pad near the computers that said, "I think it is really
cool that you let kids come in here for free!" It is pretty cool
when you think about it, isn't it?

Summer Reading Party: All Summer Readers are invited to the
Mud Flat Olympics, Tuesday evening, August 6, at 7 PM in the
Community Room. The party theme has been borrowed from James
Stevenson's book and embellished with our own ideas for a fine
time. Those who have reached their reading goals will receive
their certificates at the party. Those who have not should still
come to the party, and they have until Saturday, August 10, to
complete their reading.

I am sure all who have attended would like to thank Mrs.
Crowley-Rockwell, who once again has contributed her time and
talent so that we can have a story and craft program on Tuesday
nights. She has done this for a good many years now, and we are
fortunate that her enthusiasm for sharing stories keeps her
coming. Thank you also to Ann Hinderer and Laurie Cox, who have
volunteered helping hands with the crafts, and to Mrs. Walsh, who
has given way above and beyond what her job requires. All the many
islanders who give of themselves make our library a special place

Friends of Library Annual Meeting: Don't miss it! (See below.)

Adult Book Discussion: The group is reading The Awakening by
Kate Chopin and Yellow Wallpaper by Charlotte Perkins Gilman for
the meeting, Tuesday, September 3, 7 PM in the Community Room.
Yellow Wallpaper is included in the book, Herland.

And Now to Banana Boxes: We need them again. If you have
some to spare, please let us know. Thanks.

Friends of the Peaks Island Library

Thank you to the many people who came and bought books at the annual Friends of the
Library Book Sale! The book sale earned $567.31 and brought in 72 new memberships. Thank
you to Bill Oliver for organizing this event.

The Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Library will be on Thursday, August 15 at 7:30
pm at the Community Center. The guest speaker is island resident, Rita Kissen, author of the
The Last Closet: The Real Lives of Lesbian and Gay Teachers. Rita will talk about her
experiences writing her book and having it published. New officers for Friends of the Library will
also be elected that evening. Everyone welcome - bring a friend!

FRIENDS OF THE PEAKS ISLAND LIBRARY MEMBERSHIP

NAME_________________________ P.I. PHONE________________

P.I. ADDRESS_________________________

WINTER ADDRESS_________________________

MEMBERSHIP DUES: _______ INDIVIDUAL ($1)

_______ FAMILY ($3) _______ Number of family members