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The change of seasons brings a look back on some of the interesting events of late summer on the Island --

* The Children's Festival brought lots of fun for all ages

* The Peaks Island Extremely Amateur Boat Race - Over-all winner - for second year in a row, Eddie Walsh. Prizes given out in numerous categories. A great event!

* "The Bayliner", the new publication updating the progress of the Casco Bay Lines. (More about CBL in this issue of the Star)

* Final selection by city council of firm to do "ferry terminal" intermodal study and plan is Hunter-Ballew Associates. They will be working on the plans and with the Island people over the next few months

* The Peaks Island Annual Summer Town Meeting brought out city officials to field questions and complaints. Some points were answered but there were some issues unresolved. This was followed the next week by an excellent program, sponsored by the 5th Maine and the Island's contribution to Portland's 350th, Island Living, Past, Present and Future", planned by Ruth Sargent. It was a fine panel discussion, chaired by Dr. Joel Eastman with speakers from the city and the Island on "The Future of Peaks Island. There was not enough time to discuss well the "Future" in audience participation but it was the impetus needed for the start of ongoing discussions.

* There was a meeting at the Peaks Island Library of some members of the Town Meeting Committee and others who wished some kind of follow-up of both meetings. The result was a petition for a special Town Meeting this Fall. You will be seeing announcements with details. Hope you will come and speak your mind!

* Other credits of note: To the great Lion's Club Variety show and all the "Bakes" put on by the hard working members to do so many good things for the community. To the Legion's Friday night suppers and those who supported them. To all the organizations and Clubs with their fine fairs and programs!

The Peaks Island Star will be getting out a calendar of Community Events in the October Issue. Please be sure your organization is represented and gives us a complete list of all planned or projected events by October 15th. They can be brought or sent to the Peaks Island Library or call 766-5540.
THE PEAKS ISLAND LIBRARY FACES A NEW SEASON WITH NEW PLANS AND PROBLEMS

HOURS:  
Tuesday  12 - 8  
Wednesday  10 - 4  
Thursday  5 - 8  
Saturday  10 - 1

The Library will be starting their MOVIES, MOVIES, MOVIES series on Wednesday evening, October 20 at 7:30 in the Community Room. It will begin with THE WHITE HERON, a short story about Maine by Sarah Orne Jewett. The movie was made in Maine and is a real treat to see. Come join us.

The Library is trying to bring some Extension Service classes to Peaks Island. If you are interested in attending some workshops, please call the Library (766-5540) and explore the possibilities and let us know in which area you would be interested.

Once again we will ask you to be patient when trying to find new titles to read. Our book budget was cut over $1000, from last year. That means we are able to buy only about six books each month, sharing adult and children's titles. It is all based on our circulation and, since Peaks is the smallest branch with the smallest population, we are the one that got cut regardless of need. We will begin supplementing our collection with titles borrowed from the main library (Portland Public Library), but they will not be the current titles. Please come in anyway and swell our circulation by taking out a bundle of books!

Also, would anyone be interested in a Great Books Discussion Group. Let us know. We have friends who have been taking the leadership training for the Junior Great Books program and they feel the an Adult Great Books Program might be of great interest to our adult borrowers.

THANKS FOR "STAR" PRINTING DONATIONS to Marilyn Ryan and Maria Lombard (very belated!) Gertrude Beals and Ellen Horton. Together with the results of our summer bake sale, we have, that our issues will continue at least through 1982. Thanks everyb ody

PEAKS ISLAND CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER UPDATE

As the Center enters its' twelfth year, we'd like to update you about ourselves. We are located in the basement of St. Christopher's Hall on Central Avenue and are open 52 weeks a year, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. We have a year round preschool program for children ages 3-5 and enroll up to 18 children in this program. We also have programs for children ages 6 - 10 years of age. During the school year we provide after-school child care for 10 children. In the summer months we operate an 8 week day camp program for up to 25 children. The Day Camp program operates from the Elementary School Gym.

The Center receives funds from a multiple of sources: federal/state grants, Diocesan Human Relations Services, Inc. (of whom we are an affiliated agency), United Way of Portland, City of Portland, Cumberland County, Friends of Peaks, Donations and fees. Our State and Federal funding depends on our ability to match part of their funds with local money, and so all of our funding sources are vital to our existence. Fees are based on each family's ability to pay -- we use a sliding fee scale in determining fees. This fee scale is based on State
guidelines.

Our programs provide developmental child care for parents who need to be away from home for all or part of the day for a variety of reasons. We provide a warm and stimulating environment geared towards meeting each child's needs. This includes a nutritional meal program as part of the Federal Child Care Food Program (USDA) and also a Dental Hygiene Program sponsored by the City of Portland. Through a variety of field trips, we offer children both on and off island experiences.

Our staff includes a Program Director, Janine Hoffman; Teacher-leader, Jon Kelso; Teachers, Sally and Ruth Griffin; Cook, John Capizzo; and Maintenance, Clyde Green. If you would like more information about the Center, contact one of us at 766-2854.

Within the next few weeks we will be distributing an Island Needs Survey via local newspaper delivery. Please take time to read and respond to the survey. We hope to use the results of this survey to help coordinate any unmet childcare needs.

Each month we will be letting you know of Center happenings. Ruth Griffin is currently our STAR correspondent.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER NEWS

Some exciting changes have taken place here at the Center recently. The room has been rearranged and reorganized so that we have a new compact house area, a separate woodworking area, a larger block area. We also have new carpets in several areas and a more spacious art area. We have a spacious place for the water table and a new playdough table. The room looks lovely and clean thanks to our new custodian, Clyde Green and both the children and the staff have felt a sense of starting fresh for the Fall season.

We welcome two new children to the program: Marie McCann and Amanda Snowdeal, both three years old, joined us last week. Six of our five-year-olds, Nicole McGonigle, Tricia Morrill, Abby Scandlen, Chris Roberts, Jamie Vail, and Joe O'Gane began Kindergarten last week. Because Kindergarten is in the afternoon this year (12:00-2:30) they spend the mornings at the Center, then go to school, and return in the afternoon with the "after-school" children. They're all very proud and excited to take the big step up to being "school kids".

The Children's Festival on August 27 was enjoyed by all. We would like to thank everyone who helped with ice cream scooping, face painting, lifting and carrying, etc., etc. Also, a special thanks to the Fifth Maine Regiment organization for donating the use of their space for the contra dance. Festival shirts are still available at the center. Drop by and take a look.

We'd really appreciate any of the following recyclables if you have some: old spools, buttons, beads. Also, a large heavy-duty trash barrel is needed for the community playground. Have you seen one gathering rust anywhere on the Island? Thanks.

Ruth Griffin, Reporter

PEAKS ISLAND COMMUNITY PLAYGROUND

The lot on the corner of Island and Sterling Avenues (across from the Library) has been developed into a community playground by St. Christopher's Parish and the Peaks Island Child Development Center. The Parish owns the land, while the Center leases the space. As part of its year round childcare program the Center has developed the playground, which is open to all Island residents. David
Gunning, an involved Center parent, has designed and built the playground as well as coordinated community involvement. Many thanks to David and the following individuals, organizations, who have so generously helped in this project: STAR Foundation, Doug MacVane, Burt Spencer, Kathleen Pedersen, Frank Davis, P.J. Hale, Randall MacVane Legion Post#1412, David Cass, Sisters of Notre Dame, Ruth Woodbury all who have helped in our bottle drive, coordinated by Sally Green and Center children, and all the others who have encouraged the project.

The target date for final completion is Sept. 30, 1982. The Center will be developing guidelines for general use of the area and posting these by the playground entrances. We ask for community help and support in following and enforcing these guidelines so the playground can be used and enjoyed by all. To date they are:

1. **NO BICYCLES**
   There is a designated tricycle path for preschool aged riding toys only. This is not an area for older children to ride bicycles as it can be very DANGEROUS.

2. Close gates behind you.

Please call Janine Hoffman, Program Director, at 766-2854 if you have any suggestions or comments for other guidelines.

**PEAKS ISLAND SCHOOL STARTS AGAIN**

The school year 1982-83 is underway! Enrollment at the Peaks Island School is 61 -- an increase from June's projected enrollment. Class sizes and their teachers are as follows: Kdg. & Grade 1 13 & 6 Thea Palanza

Grade 2 & 3 13 & 11 Pat Whitney

Grade 4 & 5 11 & 8 Carol Raymond

Mr. Alan Argondizza, principal of the Longfellow School on Stevens Ave., has been designated as principal of the islands schools. Specialists who service Peaks for art, music, physical ed. and reading are also from Longfellow. Pat Crowley-Rockwell, a new Island resident, is Resource Room teacher. Back again are Gail Vail, full-time teacher-aide - and Judy McDermott, our new secretary. We welcome you to an OPEN HOUSE to be held Thursday, September 23 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. and meet the teachers.

School hours are 8:45 - 2:30 with lunch at 11:30. The first bell rings at 8:30 for those children who have breakfast at school. It is from 8:30 - 8:45 that teachers have duty. Please see that your child does not arrive on the schoolgrounds until 8:30, especially on bad weather days. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

We are participating in the Campbell Soups Labels program, where we exchange labels for AV or gym equipment. We may accept labels from Campbell's Soups, beans, tomato juice, chunky soups, Franco-American SpaghettiO's and RavioliO's and V-8 juice. Thank you in advance for saving these labels and getting them to school. Every little bit helps.

The teachers are making plans for interesting projects. It promises to be a busy, productive year. We look forward to your cooperation and support. In return, we'll do our best for your children.

Pat Whitney
NOTES FROM THE CASCO BAY ISLAND TRANSIT DISTRICT

At last Saturday’s hearing about the scheduling of the 5:30 boat it was decided that the usual Columbus Day schedule change would be delayed to possibly a date late in November to allow the Board to see if a suitable compromise can be found to provide the additional service the additional to Down-the-Bay islands and also see that some kind of service comes to Peaks.

At the regular Board meeting they adopted the budget for the fiscal year beginning in October.

The Issue of Bonds will be come available for purchase in late October and will probably become available for public investment at that time.

FROM THE HEALTH CENTER

Winter is coming and we are looking forward to sharing it with you in a happy, healthy style.

Flu shots will be available this fall and should be considered by all who are over 65 years of age, have chronic respiratory disease, or other illness which might make them more susceptible to flu, or sicker if they get it.

PHARMACY SERVICE IS NOW AVAILABLE AT THE CLINIC. WE CAN FILL PRESCRIPTIONS AT THE CENTER FOR ACUTE ILLNESSES AND REFILL PRESCRIPTIONS WITHIN 24 HOURS. ROSEMONT PHARMACY WILL BE HANDLING ALL OF THE PRESCRIPTIONS AND PROMISES TO KEEP PRICES FOR THE ISLAND IN LINE WITH THE MAINLAND. WE ARE VERY EXCITED BY THIS DEVELOPMENT.

Karen is teaching a nutrition class and is forming a Nutrition Club. The group meets Wednesdays at the Community Center. Calorie control and healthful food selection and preparation along with behavior modification (training ourselves to want less food) will be taught.

Every year, the start of school is accompanied by the appearance of little “critters”...head lice and scabies. Information and medication are available at the Center.

WARM UP BEFORE YOU WORK OUT. Most of us can get away with little or no warm-up before we start jogging or biking in the summer - it's not a good idea even then, but it is a very bad idea in the winter. Five or ten minutes of stretching will help to avoid disabling muscle pulls and sprains, especially in the winter. Start with a very moderate amount of exercises and increase slowly to higher levels. If you are over 40, smoke (HEAVEN FORBID), or have any pain with exercise, get checked out before you get vigorous!

The Clinic 24 hour emergency number is 766-2929.

BREAnne MCCANN’S SCHOOL OF DANCE will sponsor a bake and gift sale in the Community Room (behind the library) on October 2nd from 10 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Plan to stop by for some home-baked goodies and see the crafts and hand-made gifts.

Greetings from the Brownie Girl Scouts BY Irene Murray, leader

Well, we are closing out our first year with a camping trip the first weekend in October. If you see a line of small girls being led by a few tall girls... that's us... in the middle of the night, you will know that it was a disaster! We will be going to the Fire Station the weekend of 9/26 to learn all about fire safety; and, the girls have been busy gathering necessary equipment. If anyone has a small tent that could hold 2 or 3 people, we would appreciate borrowing it. Let me know at 766-5591 after 6P.M. weekdays. We still desperately need a leader for Junior Girl Scouts—only about 5 or 6 girls. Please! Help!