Dear Peaks Island Property Owner,

As you know, the City of Portland has done a revaluation of all property. While businesses and some neighborhoods in Portland went down in value (or up, only slightly), property on the Casco Bay Islands went up 300%, 400%, and 500%.

We all know the value of Island property increased during the past decade. However, two months of research has shown discrepancies, errors and inaccuracies in the methodology used to value the Islands. While we join the City Assessor in encouraging property owners to go through the individual abatement process, individual abatements will not solve our over-all problem of uneven appraisals, faulty methodology and excessive land values on Island property. The computer software developed during this reassessment will be used for all future valuations. Because of the number of complaints from Islanders regarding the assessments by the Cole, Layer, Trumble Company, the Portland City Council voted to phase in implementation of the new valuations. Unfortunately, the City chose not to explain what it had done on your tax bill. Many taxpayers assume their valuations have been lowered and there is no need to request abatement. (Your 1991 tax bill was figured by adding together your previous valuation and your new, dividing by two, then taking this "average" and imposing a tax rate of $29.25 the first year. Next year your bill will reflect the total revaluation with a $22.30 mil rate.)

At a meeting August 26th on Peaks Island, more than 300 residents voted unanimously to continue our fight against the revaluation. We sent a formal letter to the City Assessor requesting he turn over all information on how the revaluation was done. We signed petitions asking the State Tax Assessor to investigate. Four committees were formed to: 1) compile more data, 2) look into hiring an attorney, 3) research hiring our own assessor and 4) raise funds. Many residents made financial pledges following this meeting and we feel it is only fair to give all taxpayers an opportunity to contribute to this endeavor. Whatever you feel you can donate, small amount or large, is much needed to defray costs for professional assistance, mailings, copying information, phone calls, etc.
A bank account has been opened at Casco Northern in Portland, and if you would like to make a contribution, send your check to:

PEAKS ISLAND TAX STUDY
13 Greenwood Street
Peaks Island, Maine 04108

You may write the above address for information, or call:
Claire Filletta (207) 766-2220 or
Charlotte Scot (207) 766-2556 or (207) 799-1510.
(IF YOU HAVE ALREADY CONTRIBUTED, MANY THANKS!!!)

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FALL DANCE AND DRAMA CLASSES WILL RESUME ON TUES. SEPT. 10th.
BOYS 1st CLASS, 4yrs. THROUGH 7yrs.-----3 pm. ½ hr. CLASS.
GIRLS 1st. CLASS, 4yrs. THROUGH 6yrs.---3:30 pm
GIRLS 2nd. CLASS, 6yrs. THROUGH 7yrs.---3:45 pm.
GIRLS 3rd. CLASS, 8yrs. THROUGH 11yrs.---4:15 pm.
DRAMA CLASS 7yrs and up,-------------5:00 pm.
BOYS 2nd CLASS, 5:30 pm.
ADULT BEGINNERS THROUGH INTERM.----------6 pm-7:15 pm.
AEROBICS EVERY MON. AND THURS. 10am. and 6:15pm ALL LEVELS.
BOUTIQUE WILL BE OPEN ON MON. 11am-4:00pm. TUES. WED. THURS. CLOSED.
FRIDAY 11am.-5pm. SAT. AND SUN. 11:30am-5pm.
MANY NEW ITEMS WILL BE ADDED THIS FALL. WE HAD A VERY BUSY BUT
DELI GHTFUL SUMMER, AND WE WISH TO THANK THE SUMMER VISITORS FOR COMPANY
AND SUPPORT OF ALL OF OUR SHOWS, AND THE SHOPPING AT THE BOUTIQUE. WE
WILL MISS THEM.

OUR SCHEDULE THIS NEW SEASON OF 1991 SHOULD BE VERY INTERESTING, WE
HAVE OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SHOW FOR ST. CHRISTOPHERS PARISH ON SUNDAY
DEC. 15th. FOR THEIR NOTES AND NEEDLES. THIS WINTER WE HOPE TO DO MORE
WORK WITH OUR JR. STAR OF THE SEA PLAYERS. WE HAVE MANY CHILDREN'S PLAYS
ON HAND. ADULT ONE ACT. PLAYS ALSO.

IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR THEATRE GROUP, MEMBERSHIP
IS $3 PER YEAR; CHILDREN 7YRS AND UP. ADULTS $3 PER YR.
REHEARSALS, 4pm-5pm. ON SUNDAYS, CHILDREN TUES. 5pm-5:30pm.
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 766-2727, OR STOP IN AT THE BOUTIQUE.

MUSICALLY YOURS
DOREEN MCCANN AND CO.
Elizabeth Rudenberg, D.O.  Family Practice

The Island Health Center Hours for medical care are:

- **Mondays**: 8:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.
- **Wednesdays**: 8:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.
- **Thursdays**: 12:30 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Monday, September 2, the clinic will be closed.

Dr. Rudenberg will be starting her family practice on Peaks Island on Monday, September 9th.

Cynde Putney Mitchell, Family Nurse Practitioner, will be staying at the health center until the end of September.

Call 766-2929 for an appointment. Please leave a message on our answering machine. Thank you for your continuing support of the Island Health Center!

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PORTLAND RECREATION ON PEAKS ISLAND

**SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES**

Pre-registration required for all off-island activities. Deadline is 2 days prior to event. Sign-up sheet at Sr. Center (open M-F, 10:00-12:00 noon). For more information, call Denise at 766-2970.

**SEPTEMBER 5** - Thursday: Jones Museum of Glass and Ceramics - Sebago
- 9:45 am Boat  
  Fee: $3.00, plus lunch  
  Return no later than 5:30 pm

**SEPTEMBER 17** - Tuesday: Travelogue-Egypt with Ted Haykal - Community Center FREE!
- 7:00 pm
  All invited!

**SEPTEMBER 20** - Friday: Common Ground Fair - Windsor FREE! (lunch on own)
- 8:15 am boat
  Return no later than 4:30 pm

**SEPTEMBER 25** - Wednesday: Brunswick Museums FREE! (lunch on own)
- 10:40 am boat
  Return no later than 7:15 pm

If you are interested in going apple-picking and/or a Fall foliage ride, please call Denise. Plans will be made at the appropriate time and you will be contacted.

Note: Denise Macaronas, Recreation Leader, will be on vacation from September 6 to September 17. If you would like to reserve the Community Center during that time, please contact Dean Kamp at 766-2791. After September 17, please call Denise at 766-2970 (answering machine).
St. Christopher's Catholic Church  Central Ave.  766-2585
Masses: Peaks Island - Saturday, 7 pm, Sunday, 9 am
Weekday Mass - See Sunday bulletin
Activities: Parish Council Meeting - Sept. 8, 10:30 am, Rectory
          Open to interested parishoners.
          Blood Pressure Readings - Sept. 8, after Mass, Parish Hall
          Christian Education - Registration Sept. 15 after Mass, for
          more info call Sr. Rosina 6-2284
          Wednesdays - Bible Study, 9am, Senior Center
           Beano, 7:30pm, Parish Hall
          Thursdays - Prayer Group, 9:45am, Marge Erica's house
           NO PRAYER GROUP Sept. 17
          October - Bake sale 10/12, Halloween Dance 10/26, 8-12 PM
          in the Parish Hall
Parish Concerns: Contact Judy 2109, Marge 2266, Ruth 2814, Sam 2612,
              Sr. Rosina 2284, Fr. Grady 2585, Loretta 2523

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NEWS FROM BRACKETT MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Service of Worship Sundays at 10a.m.
Sunday School at 10a.m.
Bible Study at the Sr. Citizens' Center at 8:30a.m.
For information call Rev. Ted Poland at 766-5013

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PEAKS ISLAND FRIENDS WORSHIP (Quakers).
Every Sunday at 11 am at Betty VanWycks home on Adams Street..... For
more information call 766-2959.

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.....Working as a volunteer on a Monday afternoon at the
Senior Citizens Center one learns a great deal. Many
people come in hoping to see an old friend.. They tell of
their daily visits to talk with the one who was always
there for them...

I think it would be nice for this person to know how
very much she is missed at the Center and how they treasured
their visits when she was there.....
Thank you

At the Summer Reading Program party August 16, over 40 readers received books by Maine authors or with a Maine setting as prizes for completing their goals.

Thank you to those who baked for the party and to Anne Walsh, who works at the main library in Portland and volunteered to come down to make puppets at our party.

Thank you also to Pat Crowley-Rockwell for doing her ever-popular story and craft sessions on Tuesday nights.

And thank you to all who pitched in in countless silent ways to make this summer run smoothly at the library. The library was used in unprecedented numbers, and things could not have gone so well without everyone’s patience and help.

Friends Annual Meeting

Over 25 heat-resistant souls came out the evening of August 28 for the annual meeting of the Friends of the Peaks Island Branch Library. They were treated to a program that was spell-binding and pies that will not soon be forgotten.

Those of you who passed on this opportunity may want to reconsider your priorities next year, especially if Friends’ president Marcia Hart-Quinby is again the baker of the pies and the arranger of the program.

Library Director Sheldon Kaye came over for the meeting. It was a nice opportunity for him to see the wonderful things that happen on Peaks.

Thank you to Marcia for a splendid evening and to the board and all the members for the excellent support you provide for the library.

New Fiction*
Ray Bradbury  Martian Chronicles
Amanda Cross  Players Come Again
Elmore Leonard  Maximum Bob
Ellis Peters  Summer of the Danes
Anna Quindlen  Object Lessons
Nancy Zareulis  Massachusetts

New Nonfiction
Douglas Bates  Pulitzer Prize
Fodor’s  Boston ’91
Wayne Gretzky  Gretzky: autobiography
Langston Hughes  Selected poems
Lori Longbotham  Better by microwave
Robert Moss  Why Johnny can’t concentrate
Phillips  You’ll never eat lunch in this town again

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

Winter Hours Resume

Tues: 2-8 - movies: 3:15
Wed: 10-4 - story hour: 10:15
Fri: 10-2
Sat. 9-1

REUNION REMINDER

PEAKS ISLAND SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY REUNION

SEPT. 28 (Sat) and SEPT. 29 (Sun)

at Greenwood Gardens--Hosted by Peaks Island Lions Club.

Reservations for dinners Sat. Sept. 28 are $20.00 per person and should be mailed no later than Sept. 12 (specify lobster or steak). Make check payable to Peaks Island Lions Club, addressed to Doug MacVane

45 Centennial Street
Peaks Island, ME 04108

COME...RENEW OLD FRIENDSHIPS...ACQUAINTANCES...ENJOY A FEW HUGS...TEARS...AND LAUGHTER...
We'd like to thank all of you who made our Annual Children's Festival a great success and a FUN day for all. Special thanks to Kenny Brown and Billy Flynn for manning the grills out in the very hot sun along with Bob Baker, Bob Foster and Ralph Ashmore. The Parade was a site to behold...if you have any of the Festival on video (we saw some cameras), please let us know. We couldn't have timed the Festival better as the next day was Hurricane Bob which left our Center in puddles of water...we appreciate the patience of all our families as we cleaned up the mess.

We'd like to offer a tribute to Eeyore, our resident Long Eared Rabbit of eight years, who died today. Eeyore was a wonderful pet to many island children who have attended our center. The Ten Best Things About Eeyore: FUNNY...FRIENDLY...SOFT...FUN...LOVEABLE...PETTABLE...FAST...FLOPPY EARS...GENTLE...HOPPER....

Thank you, Ian and Sean, for help with Eeyore's burial.

Our weekly Infant/Toddler/Parent Playgroup resumes in September after a two week break. Every Wednesday 10AM-11:15
No cost...everyone welcome....Come and enjoy our playspace....

As we begin a new fiscal year on October 1, and begin to submit funding requests for 1992 funding (State, United Way, County and City funds), it will be helpful to hear from any families who anticipate a need to use our services in the coming year. We currently have a waiting list and it is important for our funders to know that there is a strong need for ongoing child care on the Island. It also helps our staff in program planning on a long range basis as the ages and needs fluctuate on the island from year to year. Just stop in and pick up an application or call and we'll send you one. Since there is a waiting list, we urge you to do this far in advance of your need. We will be hosting an Open House in November for any interested families.

Jim Kress, our Summer Intern through the University of Notre Dame, had a grand finale on the Island as his flight home was cancelled and he experienced Hurricane Bob on Peaks Island! A warm thank you to Pat and Tony Silva who graciously provided a home for Jim this summer.

HAPPY SEPTEMBER!!!!

THE CHILDREN'S ART SHOW WAS HELD AT THE SENIOR CENTER JULY 21. MANY VISITED AND Praised the work of the young artists.
BRIAN MURPHY WON FIRST PRIZE FOR HIS WORK; CHRISTINE VOYER WON SECOND PRIZE; AND JIMMY CASEY WON THIRD. MERRISA MCISAAC, DAINLIE FAGERSTROM, AAMANDA NEILL, MICHAEL LYNCH AND JULIE DOWDY WON HONORABLE MENTION FOR THEIR VERY GOOD WORK.
Dear Casco Bay Garage Patrons,

Although traffic remains somewhat heavy in the month of September, we will have additional monthly parking spaces available on September 1. If you have been on our waiting list we will make an effort to call you to let you know of the opportunity. As we get to the bottom of the list we may run out of space until October, at which time we will most certainly have room for all.

Allow me a brief diatribe about rubbish, please. We are doing our darndest to keep our garage neat and spiffy and have little resource for efforts. Please do not empty your ash trays or litter bags on the garage decks. If you see someone doing so, you have my permission to cast a dour glance in the culprit's direction. We also would appreciate it if you would refrain from depositing large bags of rubbish in the barrels. Yes, I realize that rubbish barrels are for rubbish, but the barrels are only emptied once a day and if they are overfilled early, a disgusting eyesore is produced later.

If you cannot find an unregulated space in the garage, please do not take it upon yourself to select a handi-cap or reserved space or your could be towed. See the booth attendant who will write a temporary pass for your dashboard to park in a reserved space.

We wish to remind you that checks for monthly parking payments should be addressed to: Casco Bay Garage, P.O. Box 7525, Portland, ME 04112. Please, please remember to put your parking card number on the check. If you have two cards please include both numbers. If you have any questions regarding billing please call 879-1671 between 8:30am and 4:30pm. If you let your parking payments lapse, you must pay all back charges in order to be able to park again. Please return your card to let us know that we should no longer charge you for parking!

Please remember that Casco Bay Garage is not responsible for theft from or damage to vehicles. The overwhelming majority of break-ins at parking lots and garages occur because high risk items are left in plain sight. A clever thief is nearly silent and usually knows when the garage staff is patrolling the garage. Remove radar detectors, CB radios, and any other tempting items from your vehicle when you park. If you see children in the garage that are not accompanied by adults or adults that are acting suspiciously, please alert the garage attendant immediately.

Drive Safely! - Dan Hogan -

NOTICE................NOTICE................NOTICE

Lloyd Wells, from the Center for Creative Government, will speak with the Casco Bay Inter-Island Alternative Government Committee at 7:30 pm, Thursday, Sept. 5, in the Community Room.

The CBIACC is studying options for self-government, and will be hearing reports from it's subcommittees prior to the speaker. Anyone interested in working with one of these study groups can call Loren Johnston at 766-5126 for more information.
PEAKS ISLAND NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

PINA's newly elected Steering Committee met for the first time on August 5, 1991 and elected the following officers for 1991-92:

President ------ Larry Walden (telephone: 766-2185)
Vice President -- Bob Baker (766-2864)
Secretary ------ Kay Taylor (766-2811)
Treasurer ------ Laurie Cox (766-5588)

The Steering Committee has established the following committees for the 1991-92 year. The Chairperson's name is underlined:

Land Use ------- John Carroll (766-2163)
Public Safety ------ Fay Garman (766-5054), Bob Baker
City Services ------ John Flynn (766-2525)
Human Services ----- Sam McCain (766-2162), Fay Garman
Transportation ----- Delores Cole (766-5555)
Communications ----- Bob Baker (766-2864), Laurie Cox, Fay Garman, Kay Taylor
Environmental ----- Kay Taylor (766-2811), Delores Cole, Sam McCain
Legal/Legislative -- Larry Walden (766-2185)

If you are interested in becoming involved in any of the above committees please contact the Chair of that committee.

IF YOU HAVE NOT YET RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR THIS YEAR (JULY 1991-JULY 1992), OR HAVE NOT JOINED PINA BEFORE, PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING OR RENEWING NOW. Send your completed form with $2 per person membership fee to Laurie Cox, 40 Willow St., Peaks Island, Me. 04108.

PEAKS ISLAND NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION - MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name(s) ____________________________________________
Address ____________________________________________ Telephone __________

Amount Paid $______ Date Paid ________
(Membership is $2 per year, per person, and membership year runs from July to July)

Are you willing to serve on a committee? If yes, please list committee and your name (if more that one name is listed above.)

Committee __________________________ Name __________________________

Committee __________________________ Name __________________________

Are you willing to help when the need arises? Telephoning? ______ Preparing mailings ____ Newsletter ____ Lobbying ____ Other __________________________

What issues, concerns, or ideas do you feel should be considered by the Neighborhood Association? All comments will be carefully considered by the Steering Committee. Use extra paper, if necessary.