
Service Agencies of the Island

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Dear STAR reader,

I hope that you have had an exciting, fun, and educational summer. As fall swiftly approaches, so does the beginning of school. We begin school Wednesday the sixth of September. This will be a full day of fun and learning. With the beginning of school also comes our annual appeal for community and parent volunteers. There are numerous ways in which you can make a difference in the life of one of our children. Please consider volunteering. We need you!

In addition to our regular means of communication, which includes a "Question/Suggestion Box" located in the hallway outside of our gymnasium, I will be hosting "Principal-parent coffees" and a set time for "Phone the Principal" where I will be available at certain times to take phone calls. The purpose of these two new means of communications is to make you feel more comfortable in communicating with me. If there is a concern, question or kudos, you would like to share but do not feel that it warrants a scheduled meeting, please use either one of these modes of communication. The times and dates will be listed on our monthly calendar.

I look forward to another fun, challenging, and educational school year. Please consider volunteering and making a difference in a child's life. -Ira O. Waltz

Please Support
The AIDS Project of Portland, ME
by Sponsoring a fellow Peaks Islander

Running the 26.2 mile Maine Marathon
on
Sunday, Oct. 1, 1995

In memory of the several islanders
and hundreds of Mainers who have
struggled with this dreaded disease

Any and all donations will be greatly appreciated
Please contact Steve at 766-2602
Thank You Steve Schuit
We'd like to welcome Dalton Groeger to our Preschool Program. With summer ending, we bid a fond farewell to Tammy Oplinger who worked with our Summer School Age Program. It's been a busy summer...lots of Field Trips for our school age crew...thanks to United Way and its Campership Fund we were able to rent a small bus and visit local beaches and the Kiwanis Pool in Portland. Our preschoolers especially enjoyed a special visitor at the Library's Wednesday Story hour...a goat in the library?!

PLAYGROUP continues each Wednesday morning from 10:15-11AM...it's a fun time to visit our center with your infants/toddlers...this runs on a Drop In basis with no fee or registration involved.

Our FOOD PANTRY remains well stocked and available anytime Mon-Fri between 7AM-6PM...simply stop in.

Thanks to all of you who donate your Bottle Return slips at Feeney's...this is ongoing and a great help for our food budget.

We also thank all of you who have been helping to paint the interior of our new building...we are still looking for volunteers for painting and cleanup. We're almost there.

We are looking for individuals interested in occasional subbing at the center. Please call Janine Blatt or Jon Kelso if you are interested.

STAR OF THE SEA
STUDIO'S

I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK THE ISLAND COMMUNITY, BOTH THE ARTISTS, DANCERS AND THE PATRONS OF THE ANNUAL LIONS VARIETY SHOW, TWO NIGHTS OF A GREAT AUDIENCE, OUR YEAR ROUND AND OUR SUMMER RESIDENTS WHO JOINED TOGETHER TO SUPPORT THE PEAKS ISLAND LION'S CLUB. IT WAS A GREAT COMMUNITY EFFORT. A GREAT SHOW! THANKS TO ALL. SINCERELY DOREEN.

OUR NEW DANCE SEASON 1995-1996, WILL START ON TUES. SEPT 12th. FROM 3,30-7pm. POSTERS ARE OUT OR CALL 766=2727. AEROBICS ARE MON. AND THURS. 9:30-10:30 AM.

OUR NEW BOUTIQUE IS OPEN. THE FALL SCHEDULE, STARTING SEPT. 11th. IS THURS. 11am-4pm. FRI. AND SAT. 11:30am-4pm. SUN. 12n-4pm. HAND KNITTS, GIFTS, WIND CHIMES, WIND SOCKS TOYS, DOLLS AND A NEW SUPPLY OF SMALL GIFTS, IN TIME FOR HOLIDAY SHOPPING. ALL SALES TO BENEFIT COMMUNITY ENTERTAINMENT AND THEATRE PROGRAMS.

WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT. SINCERELY.

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GARDENING CLUB NEWS

The next meeting of the Gardening Club will be held at Bracket Memorial Church on September 12 at 7:30 pm. Plans for a repeat performance of last year's very successful Christmas Garden and Craft Sale will be underway. Plan to join in for a pleasant garden-talk evening.
ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
Pastor - Father Costanzo Piselli 766-2585
Convent - Sisters of Notre Dame 766-2284

Mass Schedule:
Saturday 4:00 P.M.
Sunday 9:15 A.M.
Daily 7:30 A.M. at Convent

Beano every Wednesday at 7:30 P.M. in Hall

Brackett Memorial Church
Rev. Charles Hale, Pastor

Sunday Morning Worship: 10 A.M.
All are invited to join us for worship and fellowship, activity table for children during worship
Need a ride? Call 766-5054 or 766-5013

Thursday Morning Bible Study, 9 A.M. at the Senior Center
Everyone is invited to join us exploring the Bible

PEAKS ISLAND LAND PRESERVE

The response to PILP’s fundraising efforts has been substantial. Approximately 300 people, most of whom are full or part time Peaks residents, have contributed the $52,000 we’ve amassed so far. The Oceanside Conservation Trust has recognized the importance of our project by offering to match -- up to a total of $5000 -- all monetary contribution made subsequent to July 26, 1995.

We are also continuing to sell Battery Steele T-shirts. These will be on sale at Feeney’s Market over the Labor Day weekend. T-shirt orders may also be placed with Clare Cary at 766-5548.

SENIOR CENTER NEWS

The annual "Lobster Bake" was a huge success! One hundred and eighty Seniors from Freeport, Yarmouth, Falmouth, Cumberland, Portland and our own Peaks Island Seniors enjoyed a great meal, entertainment by Doreen McCanns Variety Show and a perfect day, weatherwise.

Thanks to Denise for putting it all together. We were honored to have as guests the Sisters of Notre Dame but we are saddened that St. Joseph’s Convent is closing and they will be leaving Peaks. We wish them well in their new assignments.

Our next "Pot Luck" luncheon will be Monday, Sept. 18th at the Fifth Maine Dining Room.
A request was made by senior members who summer here to list the names of deceased island residents. Recent names are Pat Gardner, Alberta Alexander, Bill Murray and Kristin Erico.
The next meeting of the Friends of Peaks Island Animals will be on Tuesday, September 19, at 7 p.m. in the Community Center. All are welcome.

Please help us to reduce the number of abandoned pets on Peaks. If you are returning to a year-round home after summering on Peaks and cannot take your Peaks pet with you, please take the animal to the Animal Refuge League at 449 Stroudwater Street, Westbrook (854-9771) or call the Friends of Peaks Island Animals at 766-5606. We are asking for everyone’s assistance in notifying us immediately if you become aware of an abandoned pet on the island. Thanks for your cooperation.

Dear Casco Bay Garage Patrons,

If you are giving up your parking space at the end of August (or any other month) please remember to turn in your parking card so that we may return your card deposit. Holding your card will not reserve a space for you at any time in the future. The number will be deactivated when payment is not received.

The reserved spaces against the wall just beyond the booth are for firefighters stationed on the fireboat or for rare cases when the elevator is out of order and we need to use them for the handicapped. Vehicles, even though properly marked with handicap insignia, may not park in these spaces unless they are issued a special pass by the garage staff. These passes are only issued under circumstances deemed appropriate by the garage manager.

Help us avoid break-ins and theft. Keep your vehicles locked, remove valuables, and report to the booth attendant or garage staff persons that don’t appear to belong in the garage. Remove your parking card from sight. Even though it is of no value once reported stolen, a thief probably won’t know that until after your window is broken.

Drive Safely. To quote Broderick Crawford (Highway Patrol) “Leave your blood at the Red Cross, not on the highway.”

CITY-RELATED PROBLEM?

George Flaherty, Manager of Island Affairs for the City of Portland, is on Peaks each Wednesday, 7:45-2:45, to meet with individuals or groups to talk about any City-related issue you may have. At any time you may call him at his office at 756-8288; he will return your call. On Wednesdays, you may call him at 874-8419; this number rings on Peaks. Or, if he is not out talking to people, you may find him at the public safety building.
Pre-School Story Hour:
Wednesdays at 10:15 AM

As school begins, it seems a good time to make sure parents know that children who are 5 years or older may have library cards. Their parents or guardians do need to come with them to sign the application. Parents may also want to take a look at a new book at the library: How to Talk So Kids Can Learn: at Home and in School. Many of you have read and liked How to Talk So Kids Will Listen by the same author, Adele Faber. Another new acquisition is Get Out of My Life, But First Could You Drive Me and Cheryl to the Mall by Anthony Wolf, which was recommended by a parent with teenagers. These and other books are on the parenting shelf at the library.

Friends of the Library Annual Meeting
The Friends of the Peaks Island Library elected the following officers at its annual meeting: Kay Taylor, president; Ann Whitman, vice president; Robin Walden, recording secretary; Carla Hults, corresponding secretary; and Roberta Deane, treasurer.

To honor Lorraine Spear for her many years of service to the Peaks Island Community through her work at the library and in publishing the Peaks Island STAR, the Friends purchased the window boxes and flowers which the City of Portland has installed on the front windows of the Community Building just in time for the annual meeting.

The panel of authors and illustrators who provided the program for the meeting were outstanding, the sum being even greater than the parts. The audience, of about 35 people, did their part, too, asking such interesting questions. Thank you to Richard Holst, Helene Swarts, Annie O'Brien, Kevin Hawkes, Ruth Sargent, and Paul Erickson for sharing their stories and their work with us. What do you suppose the odds are that in a room of 35 to 40 people on Peaks Island, 2 would be from Brainerd, Minnesota, a town of 12,000? And that they would uncover that fact within 1 hour? It was a truly enjoyable evening, and the library is lucky to have such wonderful Friends.

Adult Book Discussion Group
After hearing Richard Holst talk about his book, Carcajou, which is set in northern Minnesota, members of the book discussion group who were at the Friends' meeting decided to read Carcajou for the October meeting. The next meeting of the book group is September 5, 7:30 PM. We will be discussing Alison Lurie's Foreign Affairs. Please join us.

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DEADLINE FOR SEPTEMBER STAR: Monday September 25th.
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Thank you to Jenny Yasi for her contribution to the STAR, and to Anonymous 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 for their contributions.

My heartfelt thanks to everyone on all the islands who so generously shared their photographs and memorabilia with me in order to complete my book CASCO BAY ISLANDS in the Old Photograph Series. I required 200 items and ended up with 415. So if yours was not included, blame the publisher who made all final choices.

The book was in second place on the Best Sellers in Maine after only 3 weeks. Thanks to all of you again. RUTH SARGENT
Yoga on Peaks Island

Yoga classes will resume this fall on Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:30 to 8 PM. Locations were not confirmed as of this writing, but it is hoped that Mondays will be "gentle" yoga at the Child Development Center and Wednesdays will be "moderate" yoga at the Community Center. The 12-week session runs September 11 to November 29. Sliding-scale fee for 12 weeks is $75 to $95; Single classes, $10. For information, phone Rebecca Stephans, instructor, 780-6617.

PEAKS ISLAND HEALTH CENTER STERLING STREET 766-2929
STILL ON SUMMER HOURS:
Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Dr. Elizabeth Rudenberg
Tuesdays 1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Thursdays 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Mercy Hospital Physician Assistants
WALK-INS ARE WELCOMED!
The Peaks Island Dental Clinic will be in on Tuesday September 12 and the 21. Both the dentists and hygienists will be in. To make an appointment, please call Rena at 874-1025.
The Well Child Clinic will be in on Friday September 8. For an appointment please call 874-8869.
The Peaks Island Health Center gratefully acknowledges donations towards the purchase of a new electric-powered exam table from the following: The Peaks Island Lions Club, the Portland Elks Club, Oren Perry, and Therese Winn. The new table has greatly improved the versatility of our multipurpose exam room THANK YOU!!

THE FIFTH MAINE REGIMENT COMMUNITY CENTER
PEAKS ISLAND MAINE 04108

After a very busy summer the Fifth Maine will revert to "off season" hours after Labor Day. The building will be open Saturdays and Sundays from 11 to 4 through October 8 and other times by appointment.

With our memorial window restoration nearing completion, the Board has begun planning its next project - the construction of handicap access ramps to the porch and dining room. We feel that it is important for everyone in the community - residents and visitors alike - to be able to enjoy this beautiful building and its wonderful view. New ramps will provide access for everyone. Any suggestions or comments about this project are most welcome.

By popular demand we will be presenting a slide program on the history of Peaks Island on Sunday September 17 at 2 PM. Hope to see you there!
SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES on PEAKS ISLAND  
Sponsored by Portland Parks and Recreation

To reserve the Community Room, you must contact Denise (766-2970) at least two days in advance. Do not leave a message on the machine. If Denise is not available, please call 874-8793 during regular business hours. The Community Center will be in use every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings. It is also used the first and third Tuesday of the month and the second Tuesday of even-numbered months. Please note: For information on putting a display up in the Community Building, please call Denise at 766-2970 (answering machine).

- **ON-ISLAND ACTIVITIES - OPEN TO ALL** -

"SEE YOU in SEPTEMBER" PARTY  
Come and see all the photos taken of our trips  
(bring any that you have)  
and  
Share your favorite cookie recipes  
(Please bring samples as well as the recipe!)  
Thursday, September 7  
1:30 pm at the Community Center

FLORAL NOTE CARDS  
Instructor: Betty McIntyre  
Wednesday, September 13  
1:00 - 2:00 pm  
Please bring a 1" brush if you have one  
Preregistration appreciated

**OFF-ISLAND ACTIVITIES for ADULTS**
Preregistration required for all off-island activities. Please sign sheet that is on Denise’s door in the Community Building. Registrations left on the answering machine CANNOT be guaranteed. Space is limited. A minimum of 8 people is required, unless otherwise stated. Please call Denise at 766-2970 if you have any questions.

"MYSTERY TRIP"  
Tuesday, September 19  
8:15 am boat/12:15 pm boat  
Enjoy muffins and a scenic ride  
Deadline to register: September 14

OGUNQUIT MUSEUM of AMERICAN ART  
Thursday, September 21  
9:45 am boat/no later than 5:30 pm return  
Cost: $2.00 (plus lunch)  
Deadline to register: September 14

CUMBERLAND FAIR  
Wednesday, September 27  
11:15 am boat/4:30 pm return  
Approx. Cost: $5.00 (Lunch on your own)

COMING IN OCTOBER:
APPLE PICKING in CORNISH  
(LUNCH TOO!)  
Thursday, October 5  
10:00 am boat/no later than 4:30 pm return

BUS TRIP TO CAMDEN  
Enjoy the views from Mt. Battie and browse in the Village  
Thursday, October 12  
8:15 am boat/7:15 pm return  
Cost: $17.00 for bus transportation  
Please note: Lunch will be on your own - we will not be eating as a group  
"Buddy System" required. Payment due by October 4. No refunds after that date unless a replacement can be found.
PINA Patter

At PINA's annual meeting 115 Islanders elected new Steering Committee members: Lloyd Hamilton, Don Webster and Kay Taylor will serve three-year terms while Monique Levesque will fill Mike Richards' vacated seat for two years. Continuing are John Flynn, Charlie Hale, Mary Evelyn Hults, Norm Proulx and Ellen Tripp.

Flynn has been re-elected president; Hale is vice-president; Proulx continues as secretary; Webster takes over as treasurer.

Minor changes to the by-laws concerning the election of Steering Committee members were approved. A thorough review of the by-laws is planned. Give suggestions to Tripp, Proulx or Levesque. (The revised by-laws, along with complete minutes of the general meeting, will be on file at the library.)

The next Steering Committee meeting is September 12 -- 7:30 at the Senior Citizens' Center. The next General Meeting is scheduled Tuesday, October 10.

PINA hosted the annual visit on August 16 of city officials. Some 10 residents voiced current concerns to some 20 visitors.

Public Works: The Welch Street sidewalk is being laid; the contract for the school walks should be awarded by mid-October. Permits for the new transfer station should coincide with the formal closing of the dump which is awaiting DEP approval. The City is studying privatizing rubbish collection in order to free Public Works crews for major projects. The City has been petitioned to improve the Tolman Heights roadway. That roadway is not a public road; before the owners can sign over the property to the City, a survey must be done.

Larry Mead, Parks & Recreation chief, will meet with coaches to decide on a final plan for the ballfield.

A request to acquire a chipper for the Island elicited the response that we already have one; to use it, ask A.J.

The Torrington Point-Adams Street sewer study is completed. Area property owners will be provided with a legally correct document so they can repetition the City.

Jeff Tarlington, City arborist, will survey the Island this fall to sight next season's worse moth sites. He is confident there will be some type of control program in the spring. Meanwhile, clip!

Official petitions for a deer depredation hunt are at Feeney's. If we decide we want a hunt, we will have to decide on its parameters and the City ordinance will have to be amended.

Final concerns noted were about deficiencies with the "Army" pier and about the need for public toilets at the pier area.