In a very tight race for the at-large seat on the Casco Bay Line, Ten Barge Director of Operations, Robin Clark edged out incumbent A.J. Alves, 564-549. However, results posted on the City Clerk’s Office website—which only show returns from Peaks, Cliff and the Diamonds—gave Alves the contest by 53 percent. Ironically, that was exactly the margin Clark won by.

The city should not have published the results,” said board member Charles Burr, “because they are inaccurate.”

According to Burr, the city wouldn’t know the actual results without contacting the Bay Lines because long and unbelievable.

Full color.

In the Arts

First Annual Art Edition

Next month features work by local artists, including photography, sculpture, painting and written work. In full color.

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In the News

A Note About This Edition

This edition has been foreshortened in order to prepare for the Arts Edition coming out next month. In addition, due to complications during the holiday season the Peaks Island police log was unavailable.

In the Arts

Hog Log

Restaurant at Diamond Cove to change ownership, parking issue as public dock, a new CD from renowned artist Tim Burris, and more. Page 5

Holiday Edition - Santa was delivered downtown on Peaks Island around 4:00 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1 by the Portland Fire Department to help decorate the island Christmas tree, sing carols, and join in the countdown to lighting of the tree. Peaks Café offered homemade cocoa and cookies afterwards where donations for the Food Pantry were accepted.

At Casco Bay Lines

Actual election results

by Kevin Attria

report to Portland. It appears that Alves won the city islands where he is well known, but Clark took Long and Chebeague.

The swing vote probably came from Long Island where her sister has lived for 25 years and operates the Boathouse store.

In the uncontested races Dan Doane of Peaks Island received 904 votes, Erna Bonebakker of Peaks, 820 and Bill Overlock of Long 525.

After swearing in ceremony at the monthly board meeting Thursday, Nov. 29, officers were elected. There were no surprises.

Patrick Flynn will continue as president, Frank Percetti continues as first vice president, Scott Johnson as second vice president, Bill Overlock as treasurer, Dan Doane as clerk and Charles Burr as assistant clerk.

Doane was unable to attend the meeting and was sworn in at another time, so the duty fell to acting clerk Charles Burr who said later, “I guess I mean myself in the cash in the process. Staging cars on Peaks not been worked out yet.”

According to comptroller chair Dan Doane, the Operations Committee will try to make recommendations this month on 14 schedule changes recently requested by riders.

Under consideration will be a noon boat downtown in winter, PLUS the winter ferry service on Tuesday, Dec. 19 and Tuesday, Dec. 26.

The council now has four members with two years left to serve, and two, Miner and Mitchell, with three-year terms.

The six-member council will try to make changes to the public styes.

I know there are cars that haven’t been in the lot downtown for a long time and I plan to do a little more.

Things like that are just rude.”

The council accepted his offer to act as its representative in getting the police to rid the streets of abandoned vehicles.

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The six-member council opted to vote in an open meeting on Thursday, Dec. 13 at the Bay Lines terminal to discuss the proposals.

New members join the Peaks Island Council

by Kevin Attria

Peaks Island Council members at the table (from left) Eric Eaton, Mike Sylvester, Mary Anne Mitchell, Marjorie Phyre, Cheryl Miner and Jim Thundershield.

The council now has four members with two years left to serve, and two, Miner and Mitchell, with three-year terms.

The six-member council opted to delay electing officers until next month in anticipation of appointing a seventh member, who will be anyone volunteering for the position by Dec. 12. An announcement was posted on the island listings services the next day asking for volunteers.

There was a lengthy debate over whether the council should make the announcement openly or in a closed session.

Councillor Eric Eaton equated it to a hiring situation and felt that open discussions in front of the candidates could harm the working relationships.

However several members of the audience argued for transparency stating that a public setting would temper criticisms and foster more respectful discussions.

The whole argument may be not get delivered any earlier than expected next September because the boatyard is using the lead time to start other projects.

The board also OK’d a new policy to accept reservations on weekends starting next summer, on a trial basis. For an additional $5 per driver will be able to reserve a spot on the evening run from 7:45 to 8:00 p.m. through Sunday and to from Peaks Island.

The intent to relieve congestion downtown during the weekend rush when vacationers leave the islands. They had extensive plans but were unable to bring them to fruition.

In other news, the board adopted the architect’s concept for the new terminal and authorized Phase I of the project.

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An island son returns
Staff Report
Dan A. Cassis, son of Jan and Jim Thundershield, will be returning home in the first week of December after serving two tours of duty in the United States Marine Corps in Afghanistan. He has served his country proudly.

Dan will be honorably discharged in June of 2013, and plans to attend Southern Maine Community College next fall. Please welcome him home. "My family is so proud of him for being such a great man," said his father.

Skiing Peaks Island
Staff Report
This map, created by Steve Bushey, shows most of the major trails that are maintained on a periodic basis by PILP volunteers. All the trails of note are in the lower half of the map. "I tagged the new bridges that PILP installed," Bushey said. "They really enhance the outdoor experience."

Sankta Lucia is pageant of lights
The 6th ANNUAL SAINT LUCIA FESTIVAL took place before a packed house Saturday, Dec. 1 at the Brackett Memorial United Methodist Church, under cover of darkness and during the first real snowfall of the season. At that hour in the twilight of the year the strangest things can seem quite real.
Sankta Lucia was portrayed this year by Camille Hanley. The show featured Imogen Mochay and Annika Erikson who sang hauntingly beautiful Swedish hymns, and a wonderful duet with the show organizer, Grand Lusk, and the very accomplished Jennifer McLeod.

For more information or wholesale opportunities call 766-5997
**Island Views**

**A Charlie Brown Christmas Tree**

**BY JERRY GARMAN**

December is the month for Christmas trees. Towns and cities in Maine have created their own traditions. Peaks Island's celebration focuses on a slowly growing live tree.

Families have established their own tree traditions—choosing tree species, size, decorations and location. The Christmas tree has always had a special meaning for me. As I moved around the world, I have found it easier to remember my 21 moves in 12 states during my post college days by recounting the Christmas tree decorated at each location.

A career with Weyerhaeuser—the tree growing company—precluded the use of an artificial tree and required a search for the perfect Christmas tree. In over 60 years I have decorated a Ryo kuan pine in Okinawa, a small Douglas fir in Tacoma, a cactus in Oklahoma, a Lobolly pine in South Carolina and a blue spruce in Chicago.

A friend in New Jersey convinced me to wait until Christmas Eve to buy two unharvested trees for a dollar. A neighbor in Massachusetts thought my tree should be suspended, like his, from the ceiling out of reach of children and pets.

I have even selected a growing tree one year in advance, hoping that someone did not harvest it before me.

Thus all these years I have added to the special Christmas ornaments given to me by my mother. As this collection grew so did the size of the tree required to display them.

A move to Peaks Island caused a reevaluation of the tree size required and an optimal display location. The new plan called for dispersing most of my decorations to my children and a decision to obtain an island tree, thereby foregoing the boat transportation hassle.

This year my choice will be a small three-to-five-foot Balsam fir found growing wild near its large parent. This will have small, spindly branches which will only support small ornaments and one string of white LED lights.

The tree will be located on an antique desk in my second floor bedroom, visible through copula windows to all passing islanders.

Each night and morning I will enjoy the sweet needle smell, the miniature lights and the holiday simplicity of a "Charlie Brown Christmas Tree".

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**FULL STEAM AHEAD FOR DOWNEASTER**

Almost three years ago, I stood in downtown Brunswick to announce that the Recovery Act would provide a grant to extend Downeaster Amtrak service 30 miles beyond Portland. In the depths of the economic downturn, it offered hope of a recovery.

I'm happy to say that what we hoped for has come true—with the real benefits last beginning. After a lot of hard work by many committed people, the Downeaster started its service to Freeport and Brunswick in early November.

I was thrilled to participate in the inaugural run from Portland, coming into Freeport and Brunswick, dozens of people packed the platforms, with hundreds more beyond to welcome the train.

Another impressive sight was all the private development that has sprung up around the two new train stations. Steaming from these sites, local businesses are excited about the new people the Downeaster will bring.

The Federal Rail Authority projects that by 2030 in Brunswick and Freeport, the Downeaster will create $445 million in new construction, more than 1,100 jobs, and more than $10 million in saved transportation costs.

But there are broader impacts beyond these towns. Adding these popular destinations makes the Downeaster even more attractive to visitors, giving a boost to all towns along the line. And having the rail stretch to Brunswick opens the door to service to the Midcoast and other parts of the state. I personally can't wait for that day to come.

Since it began service in 2001, the Downeaster has brought incredible returns to the state, bringing millions of dollars into the Maine economy, while giving people an alternative travel option and taking cars off the road.

Moreover, the Downeaster has brought back an important piece of Maine's heritage. Trains used to connect our communities and they have begun to again.

Edward Bonney, a member of the Freeport Train Station Committee, fondly remembers taking the train to college in Boston decades ago for 50 cents. Well, the fare has changed a bit, but what hasn't is the memorable experience of riding the train.

I've been proud to work with the rest of Maine's Congressional Delegation to support the Downeaster in Washington.

In my opinion, we should make more rail investments in Maine and around the country.

In the meantime, I look forward to seeing the Downeaster's success continue to grow with its new stops in Freeport and Brunswick. Happy riding!
**My Other Car is a Bicycle**

My bicycle, a 1967 pickel green, one-speed Schwinn Breeze (a bike I'm fairly certain was intended for slightly less-than-full-grown girls with pedal brakes, was a treasure rescued during heavy item pickup on Peaks Island about 20 years ago. It weighs 50 pounds and is quite possibly the most impractical machine ever in a city where residents can legitimately tell their grandchildren that they had to walk uphill both ways to school. And it gets stolen at least once a year.

At my last address I kept it on the patio behind the house. For a while I didn't bother to lock it because the large yard was surrounded by a picket fence on a small, relatively nice street in the West End. Twice some brazen thief walked up the driveway past the large bay windows of the first floor apartment and walked back out with my bike.

Not every bike thief is as brazen as those fellows; but anecdotal evidence suggests that there's a market for stolen wheels in Portland, and as will happen when there's a large selection of bicycles in one place, the bike racks at Casco Bay Lines have been targeted more than once.

There is no real pattern. In general, incidents are more frequent in the summer when large crowds and unfamiliar faces provide greater cover. It seems like the few overnight heists we've had would be most appealing for crime, but several have happened in broad daylight. Fancy bikes and climbers both disappear. Sometimes several months will pass without a problem, and sometimes two bikes will go missing in the same day. There is no foolproof way to predict trouble, but here are a couple of simple steps to protect your property:

- Get a lock. Get a good lock. It seems like a no-brainer, but the intimacy of island communities and Casco Bay Lines by extension makes it easy to forget that this is a public space with heavy foot traffic. Always lock your bike with the heaviest lock you can afford. I've watched surveillance video in which a thief cut a lock a little at a time, leaving and coming back repeatedly over the course of an hour or so, but less work is more enticing. This is also something to consider with any personal property: weighing the inconvenience of taking your laptop/grocery bag/suitcase to the restroom or bakery versus losing those items, the former is a small price to pay.

- Move it or lose it. Operations Agent Rob Anderson recently confronted a thief who had left the bike on a rack next to the ticket office. Rather than take off immediately when Rob pointed out that the bike wasn't his, the cheeky thief shot back, "Well, they're not using it." Obviously this isn't a reasonable argument, but it does give us a glimpse into how targets are selected. Whenever possible, avoid leaving your bike on the rack for extended periods, and try to lock it in different locations each time. If someone's casing the location, a bike that appears to be neglected looks more attractive than one whose owner is on the scene more frequently.

In the unfortunate event that your bike is stolen, the first step is to report it to the police. You should have your serial number jotted down in a safety spot (verify if they find it) Do it now, before you forget. The case number they give you as Operations Agent at Casco Bay Lines. We do have security cameras and if we find useful images, we can provide them to the police by referencing the case number.

That's another reason to move your bike more frequently, or at least check in on it. Reviewing the cameras is time-consuming and laborious. The shorter the window between when you left the bike and when you discovered it was missing, the easier it will be to review a timely fashion, making it more useful to the police.

It's a bummer to have your bike stolen, especially when it's your primary transportation, but have hope. I'll leave you with my favorite stolen bike story:

A friend of mine is a bus driver. His beloved bike was stolen from the lobby of a local club. The next day as he pulled his bus up to a stop sign he saw a man walking with the stolen bike. What happened next was bike-vigilante gold.

In my friend's words: "I threw on the e-brake! I put the OUT OF SERVICE sign on and I ran off the bus. I pointed and yelled. That's my bike!" He mumbled about borrowing from a friend and I grabbed it and put it on the rack on the front of the bus, turned the sign back on, and kept going on the #1 line.

‘Don't you love a happy ending?’
Diamond's Edge restaurant to change hands

Staff Report

Richard McGoldrick of Commercial Properties, Inc. announced at the November meeting of the Diamond Cove Homeowner's Association that it is unlikely the Prentice Hospitality Group will be operating the restaurant against next season.

"The restaurant will open," McGoldrick said, "and negotiations are currently underway with David Bateman and the Portland Harbor Hotel.

McGoldrick is a property owner in Diamond Cove and also serves on the DCLA Board of Directors.

Welcome to Great Diamond Island

Staff Report

In mid-November Tony and Judy Savastano posted six new signs in the parking area just off the State Pier and one at the DIA dock, which read, "Private Property Parking By Permission DIA Members Only." The Savastano's own the Deering Farmhouse, which is the last white house ever built when they approach the GDI dock.

It's true that the Savastano's own property in the areas that have been being used for parking for years. It's also true that the city negotiated right of ways being used for parking for years. It's also true that the city negotiated right of ways being used for parking for years.

Adopt-a-hydrant

Staff Report

GDI Volunteer Fire Company Captain John Condon has requested residents of the island to adopt a hydrant for the winter. What does this mean? It means that during—and especially after—snow storms you will take responsibility for digging out your hydrant so that it will be exposed and easily accessible from the road in case of an emergency. Please contact Captain Condon if there is a hydrant or two in your neighborhood you're willing to help keep clear.

Phone: 329-5061 or e-mail jcondon@ aandakraft.com

It's got that new dock smell

Staff Report

Although Casco Bay Lines is able to pull into the new dock already—less so to captains and crew for some of the heroic landings you all made on that floating dock—some construction still remains.

At one time Nicholas Mavodones Jr., Casco Bay Island Transit District operations manager, told us that the Maritime Construction crew expects to finish the project within the next week.

"Still to finish up is construction of a bulk pier extension on the left of the wharf," Mavodones explained. "As was requested during planning for the wharf project, this will allow a vehicle to back, out onto the east side of the wharf. It will also relocate the city-owned public float further away from the side of the wharf, and the final installation and modified location of piling will allow for berthing on both of its sides.

If you're looking for the perfect stocking stuffer, Timothy Burris of Great Diamond Island just published his ninth CD, Ciaccone.

For classical music enthusiasts the CD will be considered a treasure, but even we lesser refined rock'n'roll fans will enjoy the relaxing sounds of Tim's Baroque latter. Ciaccona is the Spanish name of a slow, steady European dance of the 16th century. It also describes the music which consists of variations on a harmonic pattern.

Burris is world renowned for his mastery of the lute even though he didn't begin his musical training until he was 25 years old, learning to play classical guitar. His Baroque interest was later inspired when he heard soprano soloist Nancy Soffar perform Mozart's String Quartet in G Major by Henry Purcell.

He moved to the Netherlands to study at the Royal Conservatory in the Hague, and after graduating with a soloist's diploma, obtained a PhD in musicology on a full fellowship from Duke University.

Burris's primary research was done in Dresden, Germany aided by a Fulbright Fellowship. He has taught several classes and lectured on lute practice at universities and conservatories throughout Europe and the US.

He taught at the Royal Flemish Conservatory in Antwerp, Belgium from 1990 to 1996, and currently teaches at Colby College and the Portland Conservatory of Music.

Burris has recorded with such prominent early music vocalists as David Mearns, Iman Farhat, and Willem de Beer, and is the in-house lutenist for the Ensemble Musae.

His broadcast credits include a four-volume installation series on lute he wrote for Danish radio. When he's not playing one of his lutes, Burris also does border collie herding with his second border collie, Keebler, can be found playing fetches on the Parade Ground in Diamond Cove.

Come to Great Diamond Island. As some of years, they often play by flashlight. Oh, and in his job day he develops and delivers technical education courses for IBM.

When asked how living on the island enhances his art he admitted that the restful atmosphere makes it easier for him to concentrate. He and his wife, Last Moote, have made Great Diamond Island their year round home for over 12 years.

Ciaccona features recordings done on three different types of lute—a baroque lute, an archlute and a theorbo. All were commissioned by Tim from lute maker Richard Borg of Ottawa, Canada, and utilize gut strings made by Dan Larson of Dubu, Minnesota.

Ciaccona is available on CDBaby by going to www.cdbaby.com/cd/ timothyburris,2/ but why go there when you can buy local? Give Burris a call at 706-2765.

He may be famous in the world of Baroque music, but in Casco Bay, he's one of your neighbors. He'll still pick up the phone and tell you all about his music and he'll autograph copies for you and yours and hand them to you on the ferry—or you can pick them up at Casco Bay Lines—for $10 each.

The final cut on the album is his favorite, the ciaccona from Bach's Partita in D minor for violin, which Burris transcribed for him.

Why we call it the Hogg Log

Staff Report

Here's a tiny excerpt from the Great Diamond Island Portland Maine, 1900 B.C. to 1972 A.D. brochure that was published as part of the Diamond Island Association's 125th anniversary celebration in 2007.

"At the September 21, 1882 meeting, forty-eight people, all residents of Portland subscribed for stock and the name of the Corporation [which] was voted to be The Diamond Island Association, thereby changing the name of the Island from Great Hogg to Great Diamond... A story has been told that when together would start to come to the island, she would not relish the idea of having a mistreated 'M'lady Great Hogg'.

Boss Hogg and the Little Squealer look forward to bringing you more excerpts of history in future columns. If you would like to contribute ideas, comments or stories please feel free to contact Jennifer Fox at jenniferfox109@myfairpoint.net or call 207-659-6042.
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1. Middle East battleground 2012
7. Interlinked hypertext documents (abbr.)
10. 'Potent beginning?
14. ME town (Oxford County)
15. Hosp. stat.
16. Ditl< a or Butkus
17. ME town (Oxford)
18. ME town (Hancock)
20. "Love____dog from hell" (Bułgowski)
22. ME town (Lincoln)
23. ME town (Androscoggin)
24. Battery
25. Egyptian bull-god
30. ME town (York)
31. Romney's alma mater (abbr.)
34. Craig Newmark's idea
35. Liquid container
36. First word of many limericks
38. ME town (York)
40. ME town (Washington)
42. My start?
43. Place for balneotherapy
44. Bombeck, humorist
45. Felix's number
46. Macho
49. Dutch foot
51. Romney's alma mater (abbr.)
52. ME town (Waldo)
55. Peach
56. Curved trajectories
57. ME town (Penobscot)
58. Literary initials
59. Tennessee's number
60. Leader of Stones' rock group
61. Nasser's Egypt
62. Harvard NBA phenom
63. $60 billion fed. bureaucracy

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1. Whiskey_____go
2. Year in Nero's reign
3. Denizen of Middle-Earth
4. Polyethylene oxide
5. ME town (Oxford)
6. Ends' companions
7. Jr's last name (texted)
8. Legendary UCLA coach
9. ME town (Knox)
10. Descriptor of Gov. Christie
11. Repair
12. Polling guru ____ Silver
13. Chemical element
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18. ME town (Androscoggin)
19. ME town (Lincoln)
20. ME town (Waldo)
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28. Offensive in 1968
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35. Liquid container
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45. Dutch foot
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49. Dutch foot
50. Wilder, et al.
51. Nocturnal activity
52. ME town (Oxford)
53. Stirs
54. Calcium oxide

SOLUTION TO LAST MONTH'S PUZZLE

WINNING CAPTION this month. Please see page 11 for next month's cartoon. Send caption ideas to kattra@islandtimes.org.

No submissions were received for this cartoon. It can't be that hard to tag. We'll give it one more chance. Keep trying, folks!
Star Gazing

December 2012 Sky

BY MIKE RICHARDS

December is the darkest month, its weeks surrounding winter solstice. Earth’s 23.5° tilt now leans directly away from the sun – a 47° difference from six months ago and from six months hence. Paradoxically, Earth reaches perihelion soon (Jan. 4), bringing the sun 3 million miles closer to us now than it was in July. But the perihelion date precasses slowly and in 12,000 years, perihelion will occur in the summer, making it even hotter then, and aphelion will occur in winter, making it even colder. Earth is just reaching its maximum orbital velocity around the sun at about 20 miles per second. In addition, Earth is rotating about 1,000 miles per hour at the equator; In Maine we’re half-way up the globe, so we’re going about half that. Here, even at noon the sun barely lifts her head above the southern horizon and gives us only slanted rays of colored light. The shallow angle of inclination elongates the sunrises and sunsets, and the added darkness in between provides us some prime time stargazing.

PLANETS

In the evening, Jupiter shines high and bright in the east over the islands. It reaches opposition this month and nears its own perihelion, so will be very hard to miss. In 1610, Galileo turned his telescope to Jupiter, discovering its four large moons. One of them, Ganymede, is bigger than Mercury and Pluto. The innermost moon, Io, is only as far from Jupiter as our moon is from Earth — but Jupiter is 12 Earths wide, its mass 2.5 times that of all the other planets combined. In addition, Io is making the entire journey around Jupiter in 42.5 hours (within that time, Jupiter has rotated four times). The close encounter pulls Io’s face up 300 feet — a tellable tidal wave of rock that lift and cracks Io’s surface, creating volcanoes that spew sulfuric smoke visible to passing spacecraft.

In the morning, it’s Venus blazing low in the east. Being brightest (after sun and moon). Venus was the first celestial target Galileo chose for his scope, and he noticed that she went through phases, just like our own moon, which meant she orbited the sun, not Earth — another heresy. Before dawn, above and right of Venus is Mercury, jumping up to its highest apparition of the year early this month. Also at opposition this month are the two largest asteroids. Ceres and Vesta. Ceres is 585 miles wide and nearly round, so it really is a minor planet. Vesta is half that size, but it’s brighter because of its reflective surface. They both will pass through Taurus over the next few months, joining them this month is Toutatis, a 2-mile square chunk of rock that passes Earth every four years, this year missing us by over 4 million miles, as it flies through Cetus and Pisces below our horizon.

STARS

The winter constellations rise at sunset now and set at dawn. In the early evening, Orion and Geminiti lie prone on the eastern horizon. Above them is the W-shaped Hyades asteroid outlining Taurus’s head, with red-Giant star Aldebaran serving as its angry eye, defending the Pleiades “Seven Sisters” star cluster above. Further north is yellow Capella in the cap of Auriga the Charioteer.

Almost overhead is the Great Square of Pegasus, whose legs and neck now overarch the night sky, just setting in the west are the North Star, Cepheus in Cygnus the Swan, with its side kick star Vega, spinning blue-white in Lyra to the northwest. The Big Dipper is resting low on the northern horizon, home to the Perseids Meteor Shower in August. The Gemini Meteor Shower peaks mid-month, with no moon to interfere. The particles come from Phaethon, a strange asteroid that comes nearer the sun than any other, and when it last came to perihelion in July 2009, it suddenly doubled in brightness. This shower could be outstanding, with one or two bright meteors every minute.

ALMANAC

Dec. 2- Jupiter is at opposition and high in the evening sky. Mercury is as high as its gets in the morning sky, just before dawn.

Dec. 6- Last-quarter moon is high at sunrise.

Dec. 11- For those on the early boat, this morning, a waning crescent moon hangs just below Venus in the east.

Dec. 12- The moon’s at perigee (closest to Earth, seen around 2,000 miles below) and is brighter than any other, and when it last came to perihelion in July 2009, it suddenly doubled in brightness. This shower could be outstanding, with one or two bright meteors every minute.

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Illustration by Jamie Hogan
Sometimes life gives you lemons. Instead of doing what everybody else is doing, the Islands Folks are making lemonade. It can be hard to figure out what's actually a good idea. One thing we've worked on is turning our community into a tourist destination. The Islands Folks are all about sharing their love of the island with others. They believe that by doing so, they can help support the island community.

This month:
Maggie Small Island Institute Fellow

"When one tugs at a single thing in nature, he finds it attached to the rest of the world." - John Muir

Maggie is a cheerful optimist who makes her own luck. She's always looking for ways to make the best of every situation.

"Whenever I apply for work and you graduate, I don't go the same route. I did one application, and then changed my mind."

"Maggie Small knows how to handle a road trip."

The list of projects runs the gamut from field work to tree inventories, from weatherization and eradicating invasive species to grant writing. Sponsored by Americorps, the Islands Institute Fellows program places recent college graduates in coastal communities to work on a host of issues. But Maggie says, "It's not just about doing the work. It's about connecting with the people in the community and seeing how we can work together to make things better."

The Islands Institute is a non-profit organization that works to strengthen the Island community through education and outreach. They offer programs for both adults and children, and they welcome visitors to the island to learn more about its unique ecosystem. For more information, visit their website at www.islandsinstitute.org.
When the weather cools, islanders breathe a sigh of relief as hundreds of vehicles and thousands of visitors depart the island. Once again, we are able to retrieve our mail, dash into Hannigan's for a few groceries and find a spot to park our cars when we go uptown without having to fight traffic.

This is nothing new. A hundred or so years ago islanders had to deal with similar conditions during the warmer months. Being a new invention there were few if any automobiles, but there were plenty of horses and buggies and thousands of visitors packing the streets down front.

A dozen steamboat lines—all but one were summer only—vied for passengers during the brief summer season of June through August. The steamer, Pilgrim, delivered up to 1,000 passengers a few times per day, six days a week.

Nearly all of the hotels, entertainment and amusement facilities were located down front. Revelers crowded Island Avenue looking to have a good time. Seashore Avenue was little more than a dirt path traversed mainly by vacationers who occupied the cottages on the backshore or by people going to Blackman’s Farm to buy fresh fruits and vegetables. Trefethen-Evergreen was a quiet summer colony far from the hustle and bustle of Forest City.

How to address the summertime overcrowding down front? Islander Edgar Rounas and his mainland associates George Kavanaugh, George Ricker, Wilber Neldon and Herbert Sturgis formed the Peaks Island Railroad Company in 1905. The incorporation papers stated that the purpose of the company was for “building, constructing, maintaining and operating by electrical, steam, animal, water or other power, a railroad for passenger and freight transportation.”

Their plan was to run streetcars (a.k.a. trolleys or trams) along Island Avenue from Greenwood Garden to Trefethen Landing with secondary route to Oakland Avenue and Central Avenue in order to disperse visitors to other less crowded sections of the island.

However, the plan never came to fruition. No reason has yet been found. Perhaps finances were such that it proved unfeasible, or more likely, islanders objected to having streetcars weaving their way through throngs of visitors on our narrow roads.

Today’s islanders seem to react to the growing number of seasonal vehicles and visitors in much the same way as our predecessors did a century ago—who really likes the trolley and buses that come to transport wedding guests, or the large number of cars that vacationers bring? In time, islanders, as always, will no doubt come up with creative ideas to address the seasonal traffic problem.
The Gem Gallery
The Gem Gallery, located on Island Avenue on Peaks Island, is an art gallery featuring work by over 25 individuals in media of painting, drawing, sculpture, pottery, jewelry, photography, printmaking, assemblage, fiber arts and writing. Please call 766-5600 for more information.

Doddell Gallery SOMETHING
BORROWED Other people's art, donated by art lovers throughout the year, is on display in the contact point curated by Carolyn Gaudet at 766-7364.

The Doddell Gallery is located at the Long Island Learning Center, Island Avenue, Long Island, hours follow the library schedule (766-2580, http://library.longisland.lib.me.us)

Addison Woolley Gallery
MIXING AND MATCHING
Contemporary imagery of flowers as a metaphor for human existence by Alan Sockloff and David Welsh. Open Friday Dec. 7, runs through Dec. 29. Dedicated to the art of photography, the Addison Woolley Gallery features works by local artists as well as nationally and internationally recognized photographers, located at 132 Washington Avenue, at the corner of Fort St., Portland. For more info call 766-9372 or (207) 766-4493, or visit www.addisonwoolley.com.

Open Wednesday through Saturday, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Co-curators Bruce Brown and Linda Silver can be reached at 766-8346 or via email: brown@woolleyarts.com

Richard Boyd Gallery
HOLDING OFFERING, PAST, PRESENT, AND PRINTS featuring new works by glass artist Keith Woodcock, painter Richard Boyd and printmaker Brian Holm. All gallery shows are sold to collectors and their works are also available to view in the gallery. The gallery exhibits original 20th and 21st century works of art by established and emerging artists with ties to Maine and the northeastern states, as well as works of painting, sculpture, pottery and glass. An art studio producing handmade original works of art with a focus on ceramic art and pottery is located on the second floor. The gallery is open Friday through Sunday, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Extended hours are by appointment or chance.

For additional information please contact curator Pamela Williamson at 207-761-5997 or via email: art@fbrdowoodgallery.com or visit www.richardboydgallery.com

The Fifth Maine
The Fifth Maine is a living museum and lodge built in 1888 for the Fifth Maine Regiment Memorial Hall, dedicated to the preservation of Civil War and local history. Membership is open to the public. The museum is currently closed for the season, for indoor and outdoor activities.

For more information please call 766-5600 or visit www.broad学院.org

The Eighth Maine
The Eighth Maine is a living museum and lodge built in 1991 and is open to the public. Contact Warren H. Lewis, 866-9013, or call Warren at 766-3656 for more info or to make reservations. Closed in winter.

Brackett Church
Open Hearts, Open Doors, Open Minds, We are a Welcoming, Inclusive, Reconciling Congregation, 9 Church Street, Peaks Island, phone: 766-3543. March 1st, 2008: 766-9013; Admin. Ass't Maurice Thompson www.broad学院.org. MONDAY MORNING WORSHIP 10 a.m., with childcare and followed by informal fellowship gathering in the church hall. TUE-SAT NIGHTS at 8 pm: PINE STUDY TUESDAYS, 3:30-4:30, Call Beth Childs at 766-5431 for info. PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY TUESDAYS, 12-10:30:30 at the parsonage 233-222-5801. Contact: Jay McFadden, Brackett Church Monda. 3:30-5:30, Thursdays, 3:10-10:30: YOUTH PROGRAMS After School for grades Pre-K through 8 at 92 Central Avenue, 92 Central Avenue, 3:30-5:30, Wednesdays, 12-10:30. TWEENS Thursday, 12-10:30. 6-9:00 pm, GIRL SCOUTS (Pine Valley): Thursday, 12-10:30; 6-9:00 pm, 3:30-5:30, BIRDS. 12:30-5:30, Call Diane Ricottu (766-5813) for info. CHILDREN'S CHOIR will be singing in the Brackett Christmas Eve Concert. Rehearsals: December 8 & 22, 9:10-10:30. SANTA LUCIA PAGEANT December 1, 3-5:30, CHRISTMAS FAIR December 8, 10-12:30, HOLIDAY CONCERT December 1, 11-12:30. 3:30-5:30. Contact: Jay McFadden, 766-3519 for info.

Portland Recreation
On Peaks Island
Dawne MacFarlane, Director, 766-2970, Contact: dawne@peaksisland.org or leave a message at 766-8062. Dawsen works part time on Peaks Island Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. Please note: To reserve space and equipment in the community building, you must contact Denise at least 2 days in advance. You may view the facility schedule at http://peaksisland.org. For more information please call 766-2970

Food Supplement Benefit Outreach Program
Many Maine residents qualify for the Food Supplement Benefit Program, but not all are aware of it. Diana Cooper, Community Organizer for the Maine Hunger Initiative, would like to meet with neighbors who are interested in applying for food supplement benefit. She is able to meet with you in your home to discuss eligibility and apply in a confidential setting. Call Diana Cooper, 777-9200 (extension 104) directly to set a time to speak, or call Susan Hamley, 766-2735, if you have questions.

Ashkyla Yoga Class
Thursdays evenings at 6:30. Contact Rebecca Stephens, 776-5547 or rebecca.stephan@gmail.com.

Loretta Yooyer Fund provides transportation needs for Peaks Islanders who are undergoing aggressive therapy for cancer or other life-limiting illnesses. Please contact a fund board member for detailed information. Fay Flodwick, Gerald Mcconell, Kathy McCarth, Lynn Thomas, SueAnn Robertson, 354 Beach Avenue. 766-3831, lynnatworld.com.

Peaks Island CERT
WINTER meets bring with it wood burning and gass burning stoves as well as electric heaters. The Community Emergency Response Team wants to remind you that now is a good time to check those alarm detectors for fire and carbon monoxide as well as simpleextension cords that needs to be left plugged in. Replace those old batteries and,test extension cords for electric-heaters and other appliances. They are dangerous! Clock safety suggestions from the Portland Fire Department at www.portlandmaine.gov/department/ residential/kevallerequirements.pdf And Our Peaks Island CERT needs more volunteers! For more information please call Albert Blume at 766-0007 or 761-9662.

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Walk Program Mondays and Thursdays at 9:30 am (meet at community building). All are welcome, indoor stretching and exercises held when weather is harsh outside. LOW-IMPACT AEROBICS with Mondays and Thursdays 10:00 am (community room); ADULT TENNIS for ADULTS Tuesday afternoons 2:00 - 4:00 pm (women's and men's) (community room); ADULT TBALLCETBALL Tuesday evenings 6:00 - 8:00 pm at the Peaks Island School Gym. Open to those 18 and above. For more information please call Susan Hamley at 766-2735.
Thursday, Dec 6
KNIT, CHAT and BYO LUNCH Stop by the PI community room between 10:45 am and 12:45 pm to knit (or crochet) hats and scarves for charity. We have elastic to 200 items – why not three! Materials available; yarn donations always welcome. Sponsored by Portland Recreation (deco@portlandmaine.gov or 766-2400).

Friday, Dec 7
NATIONAL LETTERWRITING DAY Stop by the community room 11:30 am and 2:00 pm to write out holiday cards and other “old-fashioned” letters. Let’s thank those having Port Pals with other seniors in New England (and beyond). Sponsored by Portland Recreation (deco@portlandmaine.gov or 766-2400).

Saturday, Dec 8
JINGLE BELL FAIR From 10 am to 2 pm at the Brackett Church with crafts, baked goods, gift items, and a great silent auction. Donations for the silent auction gratefully accepted. Please call either Tookie (288-9332) or Beth (766-3443) to donate. Thank you.

Sunday, Dec 9
HOLIDAY CONCERT The Peaks Island Music Association is invited to invite you to the 26th Annual Holiday Follies at Brackett United Methodist Church, 3:00 pm and 7:30 pm (PL EASE note times are different than past years). An entirely new and exciting edition of this much-loved Peaks Island custom. Please come and bring your family and friends for a wonderful celebration of community during the holidays. We will have some unexpected and fun things happening alongside some familiar favorite activities. Respecting different traditions for young and old alike comes with the season with us $5.00 at the door to support our annual music scholarship. Help us fill the house with joyful noise! FMI: 766-5933.

Monday, Dec 10
SENIOR HOLIDAY POT LUCK LUNCHEON with roast turkey, complements of the Peaks Island Lions Club. Come join us at the Fay Garman House at noon. Please bring side dishes or desserts to go with the turkey. All Seniors are welcome!

Thursday, Dec 13
KNIT, CHAT and BYO LUNCH Stop by the PI community room between 10:45 am and 12:45 pm to knit (or crochet) hats and scarves for charity. Many people will be warm this winter thanks to Peaks Islanders. Join in the fun. Materials available; yarn donations always welcome. Sponsored by Portland Recreation (deco@portlandmaine.gov or 766-2400). BINGO FUN (with “white elephant” prizes as well as new ones) 10:00 – 2:00 pm in PI community room. Take some time for laughs, friendship and the opportunity to win some unforgettable prizes! Sponsored by Portland Recreation (deco@portlandmaine.gov or 766-2400).

Friday, Dec 14
SAVO SHOPPING – RENYS and TRAN’S PRODUCE 10:00 am boat tour: no later than 10:30 pm return. Van fee in $4. Stop for bargains at Renys and fresh fruits and vegetables at Tran’s Produce. Lunch available right next to Renys. Pre-registration required; deadline to register is Monday, Dec 10. Sponsored by Portland Recreation (deco@portlandmaine.gov or 766-2400).

Thursday, Dec 20
KNIT, CHAT and BYO LUNCH Stop by the PI community room between 10:45 am and 12:45 pm to knit (or crochet) hats and scarves for charity. More than 200 items have been made and will be donated to charity. Good job everyone – and thanks to all! Sponsored by Portland Recreation (deco@portlandmaine.gov or 766-2400).

Monday, Dec 24
CHRISTMAS EVE CONCERT 7:00 pm at the Brackett Church.

Thursday, Dec 27
KNIT, CHAT and BYO LUNCH Stop by the PI community room between 10:45 am and 12:45 pm to knit (or crochet) hats and scarves for charity. Some hand-made items may be up for auction. Deadline is Monday, Dec 10. Sponsored by Portland Recreation (deco@portlandmaine.gov or 766-2400).

Friday, Dec 28
DISPLAY OF HATS AND SCARVES FOR CHARITY Stop by the PI community room between 10:45 am and 12:45 pm to knit (or crochet) hats and scarves made by Peaks Islanders and friends. Some hand-made items may be up for auction – bidding only on Dec 28. Eight refreshments will be served. Sponsored by Portland Recreation (deco@portlandmaine.gov or 766-2400).

Monday, Dec 31
NEW YEAR’S EVE DAYTIME CELEBRATION Stop by the community room between 10:45 am and 12:15 pm to party like it’s 1994. 94 new years, 94 old friends. 94 like music, 94 like dancing. 94 bring your ideas for new programs. Take a fun look back at events of 2012. Sponsored by Portland Recreation (deco@portlandmaine.gov or 766-2400).
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