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The Peaks Island Star has graciously offered us the opportunity to keep you better informed about what happens at the Casco Bay Garage.

The most controversial issue to date concerns the spaces marked "reserved - tow zone" located on the first level of the garage. These spaces were created for two reasons. First, the top level of the garage is inaccessible to vehicles over 6'5" in height. Since this level is the last to fill up, a monthly patron might enter the garage and find no place to park, even though there could be as many as 100 spaces on the upper deck. In the past, we had to accommodate the tall vehicles by allowing them to park against the wall on the first level creating traffic flow problems and endangering vehicles in the travel lane.

The second, and certainly no less important reason that we decided to reserve these spaces, was to provide a place for handi-capped folks to park when the elevator is inoperative. There are many of these people who cannot negotiate the stairs and would have to walk four ramps to get to the ground level.

We have received some comments and suggestions with regard to changes in this system and we feel some merit immediate action.

It was suggested that we have designated too many reserved spaces. For the off-peak season, this appears to be true. We are going to cover 5 of the reserved signs until next May so that these spaces are open to all patrons. Based on our experience this summer, however, we do feel that these spaces will need to be reserved again in the peak season.

Another suggestion concerned the 2 spaces reserved for high top handi-cap vehicles. These spaces were originally created to alleviate the problem, as mentioned, of access to the upper deck. Since we have created the reserved spaces to eliminate this problem, we no longer need to isolate the two high-top spaces. (Gee, why didn't I think of that?). It was suggested that we designate these spaces for handi-cap vehicles of all sizes, and we will. We hope that folks who know that they won't be returning for an extended period will park in one of the upper level handi-cap spaces and leave these for more frequent turnover.

As of this writing, the CBG has a limited number of parking spaces available for monthly rent. Please call our office at 879-1671 and if these spaces are taken we will be happy to put you on a waiting list. We expect a small turnover of these spaces in the future and caution everyone that it will be extremely difficult to rent a space after April 1 each year.

Thank you all for being patient in our start up year of operation. We will continue to write to The Star each month to answer suggestions and questions as they come in.

Sincerely, Dan Hogan, Manager Casco Bay Garage
Although October 2nd was not the best day weatherwise, it did not dampen the spirits of several Senior Citizens who went to Fryeburg Fair. Tired as they became, the day was very enjoyable. The members of our Center have had some lovely trips this summer --- Flower Show at Saco in March, shopping trip to Kittery in April, Bailey Island in May, Point Sebago in June, July to Norlands in Livermore, Shaker Museum in August --- how could anyone wish for more at very minimum expense? September held a mystery trip --- great lunch at Valle's and visit to Smiling Hill Farm, where the Seniors had their dessert --- 62 flavors of ice cream to choose from --- decisions, decisions!

Bible Study has proven very popular. It is held at the Senior Center on Wednesday mornings from nine to ten A.M. Do come and join us.

There are new faces at the Art lessons. Always glad to see more at the tables. Feel free to come any time from 8 to 10 A.M. at the Senior Center on Thursdays.

The monthly meeting on October 18th was well attended. Speaker at the meeting was Leo A. Lambert from the Bureau of Insurance, who spoke on the effect of the changing economic climate on insurance.

It was announced that the mini Christmas sale would be held on November 25th at the Senior Center from nine A.M. to noon. Any donations will be greatly appreciated.

Our next monthly meeting will be November 15th at the Senior Center --- meeting at noon, pot luck luncheon to follow. Shelagh Fitzgerald will be with us, demonstrating and drawing your portrait.

Phylis LeClair

CALENDAR

November 4  Shopping Trip to Boston
November 6  Heat assistance for those eligible, Community Center 10 A.M. to 3 P.M. This is the day to sign up
November 15  Monthly meeting Senior Center, meeting at noon, pot luck luncheon to follow --- program Shelagh Fitzgerald with her portrait demonstration
November 25  Mini Christmas Sale --- 9 A.M. to noon --- Senior Center
November 30  Luncheon at Dockside at noon
November brings special thoughts of thankfulness. We, at Peaks Island School, have many things for which we are thankful.

Our building looks refreshed with a newly painted gym, (now worthy of our lovely stage curtain). Several other areas have been repainted and we are sporting an almost-completed new roof over the gym, classroom area.

Our School Improvement Plan meetings are begun. We are working with Long & Cliff Islands to make our schools more effective. This is an exciting time, as Administration, staff and parents work together with individual school's visions as the focus.

We were honored to have presented to us the plaque in loving memory of our alumnus who gave their lives in the service of our country. Doug MacVane made the presentation on behalf of the attendees of the First Peaks Island Reunion. He also gave each student present two sand dollars, a copy of the legend of the sand dollar, and a copy of the September 30th Program. We are thankful for this acknowledgement of our school and its students.

Our staff and students are especially grateful for the continued support of the community as volunteers are coming forth to assist us in our learning experiences. This makes the difference in our ability to serve all children.

Thank you, all of you.

Janice A. Cambridge
Teaching Asst. Principal

In the Kindergarten/Early Kindergarten, November will be a time we focus on families, our heritage, Native Americans, and newer refugees - as we prepare for Thanksgiving celebrations.

Grade 1 students wish Mrs. Cooley well as she moves to Reiche School to serve her final internship in Grade 5. We will miss her! As we complete October activities we look to November when we will continue learning about Super Me and our bodies, the Super Machine. Thanksgiving and Indians studies will allow us the opportunity to compare what the Indians knew to our present knowledge and activities.
The second grade is keeping busy. We are involved in learning more about our community and ourselves. We will be taking a look at Native Americans and the first settlers. The culmination of our study will be a Thanksgiving feast with the 3, 4, & 5 classes.

The third, fourth, and fifth grade has been busy with studies of the Solar System and of the continents and countries of the world. Each child has chosen a United Nation's country to research and report on and are eagerly creating maps and flags. A trip to the planetarium was fun and a nice learning experience for all. Everyone welcomes Josh Tonnissen to the fifth grade class. Good luck to Ms. McAloon, our intern, at Riverton School.

We are asking the community to help us locate class pictures from Peaks Island School. If you have any to share with us, we would like to have them copied to put on display in our school.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

The PEAKS ISLAND SCHOOL LIBRARY has been the focus of the school staff and the Parent-Teacher Organization for many months and is still going strong with assists from all directions and still in need of community support.

During the summer months volunteer professional library consultants, Marianna Rowe and Louise Capizzo assessed the needs of the second floor library, suggested changes and a more workable physical arrangement to be done by lowering the too high shelving and eliminating much outdated, unused book material. Funds from last year's "Run for Reading" were used to make the physical improvements and parent helpers worked hard to create a special reading and research area and separate spaces for story hour corner and AV materials. The result is a very inviting and useful area that put emphasis on the importance of READING.

New titles are being ordered for the book collection but it is still very incomplete in many subject areas. New reference materials have been purchased. Volunteer parents and other island citizens with interest in the library's development are being sought and trained so that the library can be used at all hours of the school day.

We will be having a workshop on Wednesday morning, Nov. 8 from 10 - 12 for all kinds of jobs from card making and sorting, typing or printing, book shelving and repair, catalog improvement and reference and research help. If you would like to give an hour or two a week, there are jobs for all--mornings and afternoons. Come and see how you can help.

A real need of new books is felt in this Year of the Young Reader. If you are planning a gift of books for your young reader or would like to give a book to the school library, suggested lists are available through the school or the Peaks Island Branch Library. Bookland is offering to give 10% of customers' purchase to the library of your choice. Parents and friends of the school are urged to become helpers in this important area of EDUCATION improvement for students and teachers alike.
PEAKS ISLAND BROWNIE GIRL SCOUT TROOP 139
Brownie Troop 139 had an Investiture Ceremony in October and welcomed three new Brownies to the troop, Anne Baker, Mariena Crandall and Danielle Mulkern. November 9 the troop will be attending a Harvest Fun Fair learning new games, crafts and exhibits with other Girl Scouts from Portland. During November the girls will be selling Girl Scout calendars. The calendars come as a set of a wall calendar and a pocket calendar and cost only $2.00 for the set - a terrific bargain! To reserve your calendars now, call Marcia Hart-Quinby, Troop Leader, at 6-2244.

PEAKS ISLAND JUNIOR GIRL SCOUT TROOP 465
The Junior Troop for girls in grades 4-6 began meeting in October with Alison Halderman as Troop Leader and Beth Hasson as Assistant Troop Leader. Meetings are Wednesdays at 3 pm at 39 Central Avenue. If you are interested in joining call Alison Halderman at 6-5117. Juniors will also be selling Girl Scout calendar sets.

NURSERY SCHOOL
Parents and others interested in exploring the idea of starting a nursery school for children ages 2 1/2-5 years old are invited to a meeting Tuesday, November 14, 7 pm at the Peaks Island School. If you have any questions please call Cheri Shaw 6-2677 or Laurie Cox 6-5588.

PEAKS ISLAND NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
Quarterly membership meeting will be held Thursday, November 2, 7:30-9:00 pm at the Peaks Island Fire Station. Everyone welcome.

STAR OF THE SEA THEATRE DANCE COMPANY
The theme for our Christmas show will be "Calender Girl" to be held in St. Christopher's Church Hall, December 3rd at 2:30 p.m.

This month of November will be an exciting month. We are moving to our new location on Welch Street in the rear of theforme Down Front Deli. There will be more going on. Along with the dance program, we will have an Exercise class, Low Impact for beginners - Mornings, Monday and Thursday at 10:00 a.m., and Intermediate Aerobics with floor exercises - Monday and Thursday evenings at 6:15 p.m. We will also have our Star of the Sea Boutique for your pleasure to shop for gifts, crafts, clothes, hand knits and new items from our own native islanders. There will be an Open House on Saturday and Sunday, November 25th and 26th from 1 - 4 p.m.

We hope the Studio and Boutique will enrich the island community and we sincerely appreciate your support.

Many thanks to all the students, parents and the staff for their support in helping to make a Dream Come True.

Happy Holidays, Musically yours,
Doreen McCann
CASCO BAY HIGHLIGHTS OF FERRY SERVICE PORTION
OF 1989 TRANSPORTATION BOND ISSUE

--- Ferry share of $21 Million bond issue is $3 Million.
  - $1 Million would go toward pier construction on
    Peaks and Great Diamond Islands.

--- Although service is provided by the Casco Bay Island
  Transit District, the Department of Transportation owns the
  piers on several Casco Bay Islands and is responsible for
  their construction and maintenance.

--- Existing piers at both locations are 30 years old and
  are reaching the end of their engineered life.

--- At Peaks Island, $500,000 would match $1.5 Million
  already appropriated for Phase I of the Peaks Island Ferry
  Terminal Project. Phase I will provide a new ferry slip and
  transfer bridge, replacing the temporary arrangement now in
  use by the Machigonne II.

--- At Great Diamond Island, $500,000 will be used to build
  a new ferry pier.

--- Once these piers are built, MDOT will turn to replace-
  ment and improvement of piers on Long and Chebeague Islands
  and additional phases of improvements at Peaks Island.

--- In 1988-89, approximately 650,000 islanders and tourists
  used the Casco Bay Island Transit District system to travel
  to and from the islands in Casco Bay. Traffic on the
  system is increasing annually.
November is Children's Book Month at Bookland. The store will contribute 10% of the price of any children's book that you buy at an elementary school or public library you designate. If you buy books there, please mention the Peaks Island Library or the school library.

November 13-19 is National Children’s Book Week, and we will be having a program during that week in the evening for whole families, not just children. Watch for posters.

Thank you to the Friends of the Library, who underwrote the cost of pumpkins for our Halloween story-telling and craft program. And thank you to Pat Crowley Rockwell for donating the other materials as well as her time and talent for the program, which drew 30 children.

Anyone with a bent for creating posters, signs or other kinds of displays who would like to volunteer for some one-shot projects please run, don't walk, to the library. We will be delighted to see you.

A sampling of some of the new books at the library in October:

**Fiction**
- Howatch, Ultimate Prizes
- Ludlum, Trevayne
- Casey, Spartina
- L'Amour, Long Ride Home
- Amis, Crime of the Century

**Non-Fiction**
- Holdon, Nature Notes of an Edwardian Lady
- Hawnin, Brief History of Time (have also on tape)
- Heriot, Market Square Dog
- Shepherd, No Bones, a Key to Bugs and Slugs
- Genthier, What's Cooking at Moody's Diner

There also are new cassettes and three new sets of videos. One set is on home improvement. The other two are the usual mix of adult and children's movies, including Whales of August, Bette Davis's last movie.

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Donations to the printing of this month's Star were made by Virginia Faton, Sue Gallagher, Casco Bay Garage and Anon I, II, III, IV. THANK YOU.

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*Reminder-- All articles for the STAR must be turned in by the 1st of each month.

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Notice:

Each weekday evening at 7:35 -8 p.m. on MPBN Maine Public Radio, you will hear Maine books and well loved favorites being read. Oct. 31st through Nov. 14th Abbie Burgess: Lighthouse Heroine is being read by its author—Ruth Sargent. Tune in!
NEWS FROM BRACKETT MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday Worship
8:30 a.m. Brief, informal Service of Holy Communion using inclusive language liturgy. Brackett Memorial Parsonage.
10:00 a.m. Worship Service with Sunday School and Child care during Service.

Tuesday, November 14
12 noon United Methodist Women meet at the home of Mary Dennison.

Wednesday 9:00-10:00 a.m.
Ecumenical Bible Study at the Peaks Island Senior Citizens Center.

Anyone wishing to participate in the Christmas Music Program for December 17th Worship Service, call Rev. Ted Poland 766-5013

ST. CHRISTOPHER's CHURCH

Winter Mass - Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in upper room of Paris Hall.
There will be No Saturday Mass during the Winter.
Religious instruction classes for Upper Grades are held on Sunday, 10:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Sister Rosina is in charge. Grades K-3 classes are held at the home of Mrs. Pat C. Rockwell, Welch Street on Weddays 2:45-3:45.

Wednesday Masses as printed in the Sunday Bulletin.

Wednesday Beano 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Thursday Prayer Group 9:45 a.m. at Erico home, Island Ave
Open to all!

December 3 1:30 p.m. Christmas Notes 'N Needles in Parish Hall.
Gifts, Knitted Items, Candy table. "Calendar Girl" will be presented by Doreen McCann Dancers at 2:30 p.m.
Donation at the door---Adults $.00, Children 1.50
Refreshments for all.

Donations for the Christmas Event may be left at the rectory or in the Hall after Sunday Mass.
Pricing day for all items will be Friday, Dec 1 1:00 p.m.
in the Rectory.
All Fund Raisers are asked to assist F.M.I. Call 766 2266.

PEAKS ISLAND FRIENDS WORSHIP (QUAKERS)

Every Sunday at 10:45 a.m. at Betty Van Wyck's home on Adams St. For more information call 766-2959.
Anne F. Collins, M.D.

Wednesday 1:00 P.M. to 6:30 P.M.
Friday 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.
Saturday 8:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.

To make an appointment, please call 766-2929 or 766-2920. When the office is not open, please leave a message on our answering machine. State your name, telephone number, and the day of your call. Karen Friedman, R.N., Dr. Collins's assistant, will return your call. She will check for messages throughout the week.

Flu Shots are available at the Health Center. The Island Health Center Board and Dr. Collins are providing the flu shots free of charge. Anyone who wishes to have a flu shot, please call the office for an appointment.

CYNTHIA G. SARGENT, RN
Certified Massage Therapist
By Appointment
766-2135

Cynthia Sargent is pleased to announce the opening of her Therapeutic Massage practice on Peaks Island. A registered nurse of more than 16 yrs, Cynthia has recently graduated from the Portland School of Massage Therapy and is a member of the American Massage Therapy Association, a national organization for professional massage therapists. Massage Therapy can help reduce mental and physical fatigue, improve circulation & body tone, and enhance the function of joints & muscles. Introductory reduced fees through November. Senior Citizen discount. Gift certificates available.

Robert Lundin, DMD
General & Family Dentistry
766-3343  929-3550

Cleanings on Mondays and Wednesdays
Doctor's hours Friday 12:30 to 5
Welcome Fall! Fall is definitely leaf season and many of our activities, indoors and out, have centered around leaves and the changing of seasons. Halloween is a big part of this season and we had a small preschool Halloween party. The children helped make bread pretzels which were then tied to a string. Everyone had a chance to catch a pretzel without the use of hands. Even teachers, Beth and Loryn, got into the act. We also bobbed for apples, popped popcorn, and decorated paper plate masks. For a finale, we donned our masks and parades around the room in a very spooky sounding way.

We would like to thank Mrs. Mulkern for her donation of yarn and other art materials. The yarn came in very handy for our mask decorations. The schoolagers also enjoy braiding friendship bracelets and are happy to have bright new colors.

Fall also brings our annual Open House. It's Tuesday, November 7, from 6:30-8PM. This is a chance to learn more about our center, meet our teachers, parents, advisory board members, and others who are part of our Child Development Center. Come play in our room, see how our learning centers work, and watch our center in action via a videotape. Light refreshments will be served. We hope to see you there!

As space within our ongoing childcare programs permit, we will be reestablishing a "nursery school" experience as part of our center. This program will be for those children whose parents may not be at work or school, but would benefit from the socialization and play experiences that our center offers. The hours will be 8:45 - 11:15AM, with a choice of two mornings for 3 year olds, and 2-3 mornings for four and five year olds. A typical morning will be:

8:45-9:00 Arrival, independent play activities as children integrate into our ongoing childcare program and playspace.
9:00-9:20 Morning Snack
9:30-11:15 Independent play activities within our learning centers. Time is also spent in outdoor play.

This program will run through the end of May. We will not be able to offer this program during school vacations or other elementary school closing days, as we will need our staff and space to integrate our schoolage program. More information about this will be available at our Open House, or please call Janine Blatt, Program Director, at 6-2854.

BOTTLE DRIVE - SATURDAY DEC. 2 9AM-12

To raise money for special activities for our SchoolAge program during school vacations. Please call for pick up - 766-2854. Only island returnables please - thanks! Pick up will be done by the schoolage children and volunteers.