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NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWS

At the PINA membership meeting held on Thursday, October 25, at the Community Center, over 50 Islanders joined the Steering Committee to discuss the following issues:

Recycling: Effective immediately, all metal food and drink cans and metal lids will be accepted in the recycling program. They must be clean with labels removed. Also, all clean 100% plastic items (except biodegradable plastic or food wrap), clean and crushed when possible, will be accepted.

Informational posters were handed out and will be available at Feeney’s.

Sewer work will stop by Christmas and resume in April. Paving of Island Ave. and Centennial will begin soon. Gravel shoulders will remain for the winter; curbs and lawns will be replaced in the spring. Traffic will again be re-routed around the center of town; drivers are urged to leave earlier for the boat and to drive with caution.

Mark your calendars: City officials and department heads as well as the Water District will come to Peaks to answer your questions and listen to your concerns as they do every year: Neighborhood Meeting

Thursday, Nov. 15, 7:30 pm
Peaks Community Building

The stump dump is overflowing; bids are out for a machine which will grind it up and G. Flaherty tells us that work on it should begin this winter. Junk cars are again in the process of being removed from the Island. We have received notice from the City that revisions to the ordinance regulating the removal of junked cars have been proposed and will be brought before the Public Safety Committee at City Hall on Nov. 7 at 4:00. Basically, owners of junked vehicles and/or the property on which the vehicle is junked will be liable for the cost of removing them. Anyone interested should call the Assistant City Manager’s office prior to the meeting to be sure the proposal is still on the agenda.

Parking lot space seems to be taken both by junk cars and summer residents who have left for the season. Could the lot be designated as a commuter lot so that long-term parking is illegal? Reminders and requests by year-rounders who need the space daily don’t seem effective. Make your thoughts known on this issue.

The Senior Citizens Center: Larry Head of the City Recreation Dept. says that the City is now searching for a Recreation Director for Peaks: 20 hrs. per week, 52 weeks a year. Any Peaks resident interested and qualified? Call him. This person, hopefully to be hired in November, will be responsible for all age groups. The building at the top of the Welch St. hill, has been rented by the City until July. Larry assures us that the City is not trying to take anything away and wants to meet Islanders’ needs the best way possible. Once the Director is hired, the Committee will meet and discuss the future of the Center. Get involved.
Water Testing: Bacteria count was much higher in May and June, then gradually lowered and leveled off after July 4th. As expected, Hadlock’s Cove (quite safe) and Sandy Beach (varied) had lower averages than Centennial (highest) and Down Front. The only conclusion agreed on was that it seems inadvisable to swim within 2 or 3 days of a heavy rain.

The Health Center fund-raising goal has been reached and money is still coming in. Gene Taylor thanked everyone and added that donations and pledges not yet sent will be gratefully received. Cynde Putney is on duty at the Health Center on Wednesday afternoons, but as a Nurse Practitioner, without a Dr. on the premises, cannot accept Medicare.

Treatment Plant Update: City Manager, Bob Ganley, has brought interested parties together to discuss the treatment issue. Larry Walden is representing PINA and Joe Curran, the Lions Club. They, along with several abutters, the Water District and City officials, met to discuss the possible options. Ganley has at last ordered an independent study of the pumping option; once the information is in, the group will meet again.

There was considerable discussion at the PINA meeting. Minutes are available in the library if you’re interested in the details. The Neighborhood Association agreed not to take another vote at this time but to stand by our support of the pumping alternative until all the information is in. However, should this option be ruled out, we must “go back to the drawing board” and look at all options. PINA will remain involved and provide information as new facts come to light.

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7-9 pm at PEAKS IS. CHILD DEV. CTR.

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News from Brownie Troop # 139

Our first meeting took place on Fri. Oct 26. It looks as though we are off to a good start with 10 girls who are enthusiastic about scouting. Any girl who is in grade 1-3 and missed our first meeting and would like to register(4.00 fee), please contact either Louise Capizzo at 766-4466 or Cynthia Sargent at 766-2135.

Meetings will be held at the Community Room on Fridays from 2:45-3:45pm. We welcome any individual who has an interest in Girl Scouting to join us in whatever way you can (we would love some creative thoughts or perhaps just a visit from a former girl scout who wants to share her thoughts on scouting!) to help us make this a fun and meaningful year for our Peaks Island Brownie Troop.

PEAKS ISLAND SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER NEWS

Members of the Senior Center held their monthly meeting at the Senior Center on October 17th with ten members present.

Our president, Carl Hall had given his resignation, so Ellie Goodwin brought the meeting to order with salute to the flag. Election of officers for another year brought forth Phylis LaClair as president, Gretchen Hall as vice president, Sr. Ann Augusta as Secretary and Ellie Goodwin as Treasurer. There was much discussion on how we can hold the Center together by using volunteers a few hours a day—just so someone could be there to greet people and answer questions for drop-ins. We also discussed at length ways we could get more participation, and we surely welcome any suggestions that you might have. You may call any of the officers with recommendations and suggestions. This is your Center—let us hear from you.

The next meeting will be held on November 14th at the Senior Center—meeting at noon pot luck luncheon to follow. We would like to see you there—members or new members are welcome (dues $1.00 yearly and 55 years of age will make you eligible to join us monthly. Let’s make this November meeting a get acquainted meeting. Come join us. See ya there.

We also discussed the possibility of holding our annual Christmas party on December 12th—Day Care children come in—and a nice turkey dinner—would you like to help? Call Phylis if interested.

Donations to the printing of this months STAR were made by John and Ellen Horton, Helen Wallace, Sue Gallagher, PINA and Anon I and II. Thank you very much.
NEWS FROM ST. CHRISTOPHERS CHURCH.. Rev. Donald Grady, Pastor

Weekend Masses in the church Sat...4 pm & Sun...9 am until Nov.11th, then services will be held in the upper room of the Parish Hall until Christmas.

Weekday Masses at St. Joseph's Convent-Wed.-Thurs.- Sat....7:30 am.

Activities:
- Wed. Bible Study 9 - 10 am
- Wed. Beano 7:30 in the Farish Hall. Open to all.
- Thur. Prayer Group. 9:45 am Erico home, subject to change.

Religious Education.
- R.C.I.A.- High School age and adults please call Father Grady for more information at 766-2585.
- C.C.D.-K-2. Tues 3 pm--Fat Rockwells home.
  Grades 3, 4, 5 with Sr. Rosina.

Public Service--Sun. Nov. 4. Free blood pressure readings in the hall after mass. Open to all islanders and visitors.

Dec. 9 Sun....1:30---4 pm Annual Christmas Notes' Needles.
Parish Hall. Entertainment by Star of the Sea dancers.
Adults $3.00, Children $1.50. Door prize. Refreshments.

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STAR OF THE SEA THEATER

THE FALL SEASON IS HERE, AND WE ARE AS BUSY AS EVER. WE STARTED THE SEASON WITH A CLEAN OUT COSTUME SALE, SOME NEW SOME OLD, GREAT FOR PARTY'S OR JUST PLAY DRESS UP, THESE SALES WILL CONTINUE THROUGH THE HOLIDAY SEASON.

OUR DRAMA AND DANCE CLASSES ARE PREPARING FOR THE TWO CHRISTMAS SHOWS, ST. CHRISTOPHERS ANNUAL NOTES AND NEEDLES, SUNDAY DEC. 9th DOORS OPEN AT 1:30pm. SHOW TIME "HANZEL AND GRETEL" AT 2:30pm. OUR PORTLAND SHOW, AT RIVERTON SCHOOL, WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY DEC. 12th AT 7:00pm.

THE BOUTIQUE WILL BE OPEN ON THURSDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER. OPEN HOUSE ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, NOV. 10th AND 11th. REFRESHMENTS SERVED. MANY NEW ITEMS HAVE BEEN ADDED FOR THE CHRISTMAS SHOPPER, BASKETS FROM DENISE FEENY, INFANT QUILTS AND BABY ACCESSORIES. CHRISTMAS WREATHS AND NOVELTIES. WHY NOT HAVE YOUR PENCIL PORTRAIT DONE BY SHELAGH FITZGERALD, THEY WOULD MAKE GREAT PRESENTS FOR CHRISTMAS, SHE WILL BE IN THE STUDIO ON SATURDAY FROM 1pm TO 6pm. AND ON SUNDAYS FROM 11:30am TO 5:30pm $5 PER PERSON.

SINCERE THANKS TO CHRISTINE LITCHFIELD WHO DONATED HER TIME EVERY FRIDAY IN THE BOUTIQUE, SHE IS ON HER WAY TO FLORIDA, WE WILL MISS HER.

THE WEEKEND BAKE SALE IS ON ORDERS ONLY FOR BREAD AND PIES, NO LATER THEN 12:00 NOON ON FRIDAYS. WE ALWAYS HAVE MUFFINS AND BROWNIES, COFFEE AND HOT CHOCOLATE.

ADULTS LARGE $10.00 AND ADULT EXTRA LARGE $11.00. PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT THE COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND. WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS, DOREEN MC CANN
**Important** **Date Change**

"Notes and Needles," the special Christmas Program of Star of the Sea Theater, will be Sunday, December 2, 11:30 am, at St. Christopher's Parish Hall. The date was changed after the Star page for St. Christopher's and Star of the Sea Theater news had been printed. The Peaks Island Music Association concert will be December 9 at the Brackett Memorial Church.

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PEAKS ISLAND CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER
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By the time this goes to press the witches will no longer be in the air...we will have bobbed for apples, made masks and paraded to our playground and baked some pretzels to hang on a string and eat with no hands...hope you all had a great Halloween!

Thanks yous for island donations of rabbit food which will keep our resident rabbit Eeyore fed quite well for a while. We also would like to acknowledge and thank LL Bean for "adopting" our center for a special project last month...we had help in scraping our climber (soon to be red again!) and pruning the bushes. This was coordinated through our membership as a United Way agency.

Our terrarium in our science area is quite popular these days...one never knows what creature will be lurking in there...we've had crickets, some nice slimy slugs and a rather feisty small snake. We are also happy to finally have some new fish for our quiet area...so for all of you who enjoy our playgroup, yes, there are fish in our tank!

**********BOTTLE DRIVE**********

We are sponsoring an ongoing bottle drive...whenever you return your bottles to Feeneys, simply bring your slip to the register and ask them to credit the childcare center's account. Please help to support your island's childcare center by designating your bottle return money. THANK YOU!

**********PLAYGROUP**********

Wednesdays 10:15-11AM...a time for parents/caregivers to enjoy our playspace with their infants/toddlers. Open to all, free of charge.

********SUBS NEEDED**********

We are looking for people who are available for occasional subbing in our center. $6.50/hour. Contact Jon Kelso, 6-2854.

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NEWS FROM THE HEALTH CENTER BOARD

CONGRATULATIONS to us all—we've reached our $15,000 fundraising goal for 1990. These funds will help us financially keep the center open. Now our efforts focus on finding health care coverage while Dr. Collins recovers.

Cindy Putney, Nurse Practitioner, is staffing the center on Wednesdays 1-5 PM. Our thanks to her for providing free flu immunizations with medication provided by the board. We are negotiating with University of New England to see if they might provide further coverage. Watch Feeneys bulletin board for further information or call Jill at 766-2875. Call Karen Friedman at the Health Center, 766-2929, for appointments or other health assistance.
The students and staff thank all PTO and community members who contributed towards the matching funds for our Maine Arts Commission Grant, which brought David Neufeld as Artist-in-Residence. Students and teachers learned alternative methods of developing storytelling and story writing. We expect that we will use these skills to build upon as the year progresses.

November is a time for studying families, our heritage, Native Americans, the Pilgrims, and all we can be thankful for in Kindergarten. We'll do some Native American art - weaving - clay work - and enjoy sharing food!

Now that October has ended, first graders are turning thoughts to seasonal changes, upcoming holidays, native Americans and the skills they shared with newcomers to this land. Along with Language Arts, these topics will be integrated with our new Social Studies curriculum, guiding us further in Geography and mapping skills and our scientific study of moving things.

During November the second graders plan to take a trip to Regional Waste Management and to the USM compost project. We are interested in learning ways to help take care of our island community. Our own composting of school lunch wastes is a great success and we will have nice soil to use in the spring. Along with this we are learning about communities of long ago and animals and their habitats.

During November the third grade will be studying about the Pilgrims. During this time we will construct a replica of the Mayflower and a replica of Plimoth Plantation. We will also discuss why good communication and leadership skills were vital to the Pilgrim's survival in the 1620's and are vital to ours in the 1990's.

The fourth and fifth graders will become anthropologists during the month of November, as they study about the Early Explorers of Europe who journeyed to the New World and our Native Americans. It will be exciting to take a step back in time to explore these people and their cultures. In addition to the above, they are gearing up for the Math-A-Thon which is being held to raise money for the school.

Happy Thanksgiving!

A Fourth Annual HOLIDAY CONCERT sponsored by PIMA (Peaks Island Music Assn.) will be held On December 9th (a Sunday) at 2:15 P.M. in the Brackett Church. The Gala Program this year will feature the New Peaks Island Orchestra, The Peaks Island Chorale, special soloist Nancy Notar, and all the other Holiday favorites you enjoyed before.

It's a Family Event that draws a spill-over crowd. Come early to get a seat.

DONATIONS
Adults still $2.50  Children $1.00  Families $10.00

See You There!
November 1, 1990

Dear Casco Bay Garage Patrons,

It probably won't snow this winter but if it should happen there are a few things we can do at Casco Bay Garage (or not do) to make life safer and easier.

Please drive with extra caution in the garage when snow and ice are factors. You may skid on a patch of ice that has built up from windrift or been carried in on other vehicles.

Snow drifts tend to build up along the northern and easterly walls of the garage so that a pile of snow is sometimes left behind when a car leaves the space. Please avoid parking in these spaces until we have had a chance to clear them of snow.

The staff of Casco Bay Garage has received several complaints about drivers blocking the exit lane while picking up passengers at the front doorway. This usually occurs at rush hours so that many people are inconvenienced in the resulting backup. Please be courteous and pull away from the garage to pick up your passengers and belongings.

When exiting the garage via the outside lane, you may notice that on occasion, the gate arm does not drop down immediately after the car ahead of you has left. Please wait until it does drop or wait for the booth attendant to assist you. This will avoid having the gate drop on your vehicle or having your card malfunction.

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 5:00pm.

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.

Please observe the 5 MPH speed limit in the garage and remember that a pedestrian or oncoming vehicle may be just around the corner from you.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Dan Hogan, Mgr.
Casco Bay Garage