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Service Agencies of the Island

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On September 10th, the PEAKS ISLAND TAX STUDY sent a petition to the State Tax Assessor asking for an investigation into the revaluation of Portland and the Islands. The petition contained over 630 signatures, as well as eight pages of information outlining where our preliminary research had shown discrepancies and possible errors. On September 19th, the State Assessor announced his office would investigate the CLT revaluation. We are pleased with his response and look forward to reviewing the findings.

We also wrote Maine's Attorney General, requesting he urge the City of Portland to notify taxpayers of the REAL valuation on their property and; define the formula used to arrive at the value shown on their tax bills. In addition, we encouraged the Attorney General to look into the issue of adding up to 90% to one's land value for water VIEWS. We feel there are many views which can increase a property's value (parks, gardens, cityscapes, mountains, etc.). To single out water as the only view to be taxed additionally, seems discriminatory. (We have not yet received a response from the A.G.)

Meanwhile, having failed to obtain the documentation we requested from the Portland Tax Assessor we have hired an attorney to write a formal letter requesting all documents.

Even though the State Assessor has now entered the picture, we feel it is necessary to continue with our own study of the methodology employed to revalue. We've entered the entire tax list for Peaks Island into a computer to better assist us with compiling and sorting data on inaccuracies, discrepancies and errors. If you've noticed a particular problem with your valuation, please pass it along to us. If you need information for your abatement meeting, we'd be happy to try to help, call: Claire Filliettaz (766-2220) or Charlotte Scot (799-1510).
HEALTH CENTER NEWS

Dr. Robert Lundin, the dentist who has practiced on the Island for several years, has given up his practice here to concentrate on his mainland practice. The Health Center Board is appreciative of his years of service and wishes him well.

The Cumberland County Dental Health Association has been approached to provide a dentist to practice part-time on Peaks. This is a non-profit corporation which hires dentists and places them in underserved areas like Peaks, where their practice qualifies them for education loan forgiveness by the State of Maine. The Board hopes to announce office hours soon.

Dr. Rudenberg, our physician, has office hours three days a week at the Health Center. Many Island residents are having their medical records transferred from doctors uptown back to the Island. You may do this by writing to your family doctor uptown and requesting that your records be transferred to Dr. Elizabeth Rudenberg, Peaks Island Health Center, P.O. Box 52, Peaks Island, Me. 04109.

There will be an opportunity for all of us to meet and welcome Dr. Rudenberg at an informal reception:

Saturday, October 19
2:00 to 4:00 P.M.
P.I. Community Building

Please stop by and tell her how pleased you are to have her practicing on the Island.

Application for certification of the Health Center as a "rural health clinic" to qualify nurse practitioners and physicians' assistants on Peaks so that they may accept Medicare payments has been completed (seven different forms!) and sent to Augusta.

Fundraising for 1991 is going well. Over $9,000 has been raised without a lot of fanfare. Most is from the same people who gave last year. They include year-round and summer residents, retirees, commuters, young families, newcomers and long-time residents. We should have good feelings about the generous public-spirited people that make up our diverse community. The Board is grateful for your generosity.

To make a tax-deductible gift for 1991, please write a check (and mail it to)
Casco Bay Health Center
P.O. Box 52
Peaks Island, Maine 04108

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS:
Peaks Island Neighborhood Association
Membership Meeting:
Thursday, October 24
7:30 pm.
P.I. Community Building

The agenda will be posted prior to the meeting.

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The Island Health Center Hours for medical care are:

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

A Flu Clinic will be held at the end of October. We will post sinus
listing dates and times.

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

Lynn Zimmerman, F.N.P., will be holding a well child and baby clinic
on Friday, Oct. 18. Call 874-8869 for an appointment.

PEAKS ISLAND CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER
Central Avenue • Peaks Island, Maine 04108 • 207-766-2854

PARENT GROUP to begin on Tuesday, October 15.
Positive Discipline Workshop Series...facilitator will
be Mary Nan Murphy. This will be an eight week class
from 7-10 PM each Tuesday evening at the Child Care
Center. There is no cost for the class plus book and child care
stipends will be available for those who request this. The class
is limited to twelve participants. Call Janine Blatt, 766-2854,
to register or for more information.

INFANT/TODDLER/PARENT Community Playgroup continues each Wednes-
day 10:15-11AM *****Come enjoy our playspace*************

We are looking for substitutes to work in our childcare center.
If you have experience working with children and would enjoy some
part-time work, please call us or stop by for an application.

We would like to thank everyone who donates their returnables to
our account at Feeney's Market as part of our ongoing bottle
drive. This has been a super fundraiser and we need your continuing
support. $325.84 has been credited to our account for the
year to date!
At a covered dish luncheon on September 15, the executive committee of the Senior Citizens presented a program for the year through June 1992 to a gathering of twenty-six Peaks Island Senior Citizens.

The major events will include a noontime Christmas party at the Community Building early in December. This will be planned in detail at our Covered Dish Luncheon to be held at noon on Monday, October 21, at the Senior Center. Come to the luncheon prepared to put in your two cents worth in planning the Christmas party.

Sister Ann Augusta is planning a Variety Show for Sunday afternoon, February 9, at the Community Building. If you are interested in a part in the Variety Show, you will find Sister Ann painting at the Senior Center on Monday afternoons between one and three.

The final event of the season will be a Fair at the Senior Center on Saturday, June 28. Activities on Friday afternoons from one to three at the Senior Center will include sewing, crocheting, knitting—whatever your skill—in preparation for the Fair. Gretchen Hall will be the volunteer in charge.

Blanche Wilder is the volunteer on Thursday afternoons. Her enthusiasm is Bingo. Jan Sullivan is the volunteer for a relaxed drop-in center on Wednesdays; if you are tired of your own company, she will be glad to welcome you between one and three.

We are looking for a volunteer to man (excuse me, woman) the Senior Center from one to three on Tuesday afternoons. Anyone interested may call Gretchen Hall at 766-3381.

The Senior Center is open to drop-ins from ten to noon five mornings a week, while Fern Parker supervises the Meals-on-Wheels Program, while loyal teams of volunteers take turns carrying the meals to the elderly and incapacitated who may need them. Fern would appreciate having the names of volunteers she could call on in emergency. The number at the Senior Center is 766-2545.

The Senior Center is available when not otherwise open for meetings of committees such as those of the Peaks Island Neighborhood Association, as well as for winter meetings of the Lions Club. Arrangements for such meetings may be cleared through Gretchen Hall, at 766-3381.

We cannot read notices posted in our front window when bicycles are in the way.

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Rev. Carl F. Hall
Bennett Retirement Home
306 Windham Center Road
Windham, ME 04062
PORTLAND RECREATION on PEAKS ISLAND

OCTOBER ACTIVITIES

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RESERVE THE COMMUNITY ROOM, YOU MUST CONTACT DENISE AT LEAST TWO DAYS IN ADVANCE. DO NOT LEAVE A MESSAGE ON THE MACHINE. PLEASE CALL 874-8793 DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS.

Pre-registration required for all off-island activities. Deadline is 2 days prior to event. Sign-up sheet at Sr. Center(open M-F, 10:00-12:00 noon; call ahead if coming in the afternoon: 766-2545). Priority is senior adults, unless otherwise stated. Others may join on a space-available basis.

OCTOBER 4 - Friday: Pot Luck Luncheon/Travelogue at Cummings Center
11:15 am Boat
Bring a pot luck dish to share Return boat: 2:00 pm
Slides of Greece by Denise will follow Luncheon

OCTOBER 10 - Thursday: Foliage Trip
8:15 am Boat
Lunch on own Return boat: 2:00 pm

OCTOBER 15 - Tuesday: Ed Langlois - Singing Down Memory Lane - 2:00 pm
Seniors from Cummings Center to arrive at 11:35 for lunch. All those wishing to join them at Will's may do so. Please leave a message with Denise (766-2970) if you plan on eating with the group.

Note: Volunteers are needed to make light refreshments (brownies, cookies)

OCTOBER 16 - Wednesday: Let's Talk Books with Ruth Sargent
1:00 pm Community Center
All are invited!
See related article elsewhere in The Star.

OCTOBER 23 - Wednesday: Spring Point Museum and Lunch at SMTC (formerly SMVTI)
10:00 am boat Cost: $2.00 for Museum
Return: 2:00 pm boat
$3.95 - $5.50 for Lunch

OCTOBER 30 - Wednesday: Ghostly Expectations - All are invited!
Community Center
Check Community bulletin board for details.

YOUTH and TEEN RECREATION PROGRAMS

Youth Program: (Grades 1-5) Drop-in sessions will be held on Wednesday afternoons, starting October 9. Time will be from 2:45 - 4:00 p.m.
Note: October 30 will begin earlier (early release day). Time to be announced. October activities will be devoted to Ghostly Expectations.

Teen Program (Grades 6 - 12) will open on October 1. It will be open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 - 8:30 pm.

Volunteers are needed for all Youth and Teen Recreation Programs in order to provide a variety of activities. If interested, please call 766-2970 to leave a message.
TEEN RECREATION GROUP is planning to make scarecrows on OCT. 15 at the Rec Center. We need old newspapers and old clothing. If you have these you may drop them off in the Community Building hall under the coat rack anytime between now and Oct. 15. Thank you from Patti Kamp (Rec Specialist) and The Gang.

OCTOBER TEEN REC CALENDAR

10/1 - Open house and registration. Registration fee $2 for ages 12-18 (or 6th - 12th grades)
10/3 - Drop-in 6:30-8:30 pm. Get acquainted, presentation of rules, discussion of how kids would like to see open gym structured.
10/8 - Drop-in 6:30-8:30 pm. Games and Halloween decorating
10/10 - Outdoor games
10/15 - Scarecrow making
10/17 - Open Gym - Activities will be held at the Peaks Island School Gym on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month.
10/22 - Halloween treats and games
10/29 - Popcorn and movies (titles to be announced)
10/31 - HALLOWEEN - NO DROP-IN

 STAR OF THE SEA THEATER & DANCE COMPANY

It looks like a busy season ahead. Many new students have joined our dance program, children & adults, we especially welcome the boys in dance and the teenagers in the drama class.

Our "Front Line Dancers" were very busy this summer coing extra shows. We have had many requests for their talents on the Mainland. Some of our younger students from both the island and Portland are showing great promise and will soon be joining our "Front Line Dancers".

Our teachers this season are: Peaks Island - Joan Lincoln, Riverton - Lisa Simoneau, Portland - Pattie Callow Burnham & Ruth Briggs & instructor and choreographer - Doreen McCann.

Our new brochures are almost ready. We especially thank our sponsors Peaks Island Lion's Club, Downing's, and McTigue Construction. Also thanks to Al McCann and Bobby McTigue for the ballet bar for our dancers.

If any business or persons would like to be a sponsor or patron, we have many items we need. Our place is small so the cost is small. Needed items include folding chairs, small stage curtains, paper goods & a ceiling spotlight, and donations for our boutique (crafts, gifts, etc.)

We are a non-profit organization providing entertainment for community programs, nursing homes and support to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital and the Maine Children's Cancer Research Center in Portland.

Our Christmas Show at St. Christopher's will be Sunday, Dec. 15.

BOUTIQUE HOURS: OTHER EVENTS
Mon. 11 - 4 Aerobics: Mon. & Thur. - 10am & 6:15pm
Thur. 11 - 2 Dance Class: Tues. 3-7pm
Sat. 9:30 - 5 Portland Studio: Wed. & Thur.
Sun. 11:30 - 4 Theatre Group Rehearsals: Sun. 4pm

We sincerely appreciate your support. Musically yours, Doreen

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New Fiction*

Tom Clancy: Sum of All Fears
Richard Condon: Final Addiction
Frederick Forsyth: Deceiver
Judith McNaught: Paradise
R. Pilcher: Flowers in the Rain
Sidney Sheldon: Doomsday Conspiracy
Amy Tan: Kitchen God's Wife
Anne Tyler: Saint Maybe

New Nonfiction

Ken Auletta: Three Blind Mice: How the TV Networks Lost Their Way
Roger Cohen: In the Eye of the Storm: Life of Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf
Hume Cronyn: Terrible liar: a Memoir
Robert Fulghum: Uh-oh
Charles Givens: Wealth without Risk
Peter Mayle: Toujours Provence
D & N Colfax: Homeschooling for Excellence
P J O'Rourke: Parliament of Whores
Katharine Hepburn: Me
James Muirden: Amateur Astronomer's Handbook
Kurt Vonnegut: Fates Worse than Death

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

Winter Hours

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

Ghostly Expectations

In October, the library (with the help of Pat Crowley-Rockwell) and the Recreation Department will cooperate in a Halloween story-telling program, which we've named, "Ghostly Expectations." Any children interested may come to the library on Tuesday, October 8, at 7 pm to choose the stories they would like to tell. We will practice those stories October 15 and 22 (7 pm to 7:45 pm), and on October 29 at 7 pm and October 30 in the afternoon, there will be performances. Check out the Recreation Program news elsewhere in this STAR to see how the after-school program will be involved. HINT: there could be costumes, sound effects, posters for publicity. See you there!

Good-byes and Hellos

With the coming of October, it is time to say good-bye and thank you to our faithful summer volunteer, Ann Cereste, and to our wonderful page, also with us only in summer, Tony Silva.

Welcome back to Martha McCain, who is again volunteering on Wednesdays for the winter, and thank you to Bob Taylor, our all-season shelver, who does a lion-size job both winter and summer.

Rose Ann Walsh will join us as a page in October. We look forward to having her aboard.


ACCORDION PLAYERS NEEDED!! Dust off that old button-pusher and join the vanguard of musical revivalists. Haven't played in ten years? Neither have we. Call by October 15th: Nancy 3. Hoffman, 766-4496. Leave message.

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Donations to this months printing of the STAR were received from K. & G. Taylor, Helen Rose and anon I, II, and III....Thank you...
St. Christopher's Catholic Church  
Central Ave.  
766-2585

Masses:  
Weekend - Sat. - 4 pm, Sun. 9 am (both in the Church)
Weekday - Wed. 4pm & Thur. 7:30am - Convent
Fri. 7pm & Sat. 9am - Rectory

Activities:  
Sundays - Coffee and cake in the Parish Hall after Mass
Wednesdays - Bible Study, 9am, Senior Center
          Beano, 7:30pm, Parish Hall
Thursdays - Prayer Group, 9:45am, Marge Erico’s house
Oct. 6 - Blood Pressure Readings after Mass in the Parish Hall
Oct. 12 - Bake sale under Welch St. tree, rain location is Senior Citizens Center. Chairpersons Susan Benner or Loretta Voyer
Oct. 15 - Annual Parish Council Meeting, 10:15am, Parish Hall
          Open to all parishioners
Oct. 26 - Halloween Costume Dance, 8-12 PM, Parish Hall

Parish Concerns:  
Contact Judy 2109, Marge 2266, Ruth 2814, Sam 2612,
Sr. Rosina 2284, Fr. Grady 2585, Loretta 2523

NEWS FROM BRACKETT MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday morning worship at 10 a.m. Refreshments following in Brackett Memorial Hall.
Sunday School at 10 a.m.
Choir Rehearsal Sun. at 9:15 a.m.
Bible Study Wed. at 8:30 at Sr. Citizens Center.
Nov. 2 New England Boiled Dinner benefit of Trustees.
Oct. 8 UMW Monthly Meeting 12 noon.

FUN WITH BOOKS!

A monthly hour, led by Ruth Sargent, for readers to discuss their favorites, recent readings, and quest for more titles in their preferred genre—be it biography, mystery, humor, romance, adventure, travel, or even research.
First gathering will be on October 16 at 1 P.M. in the Community Room (behind the library.) All book lovers and readers welcome. Bring your list of titles to share and bring along a friend that likes to read. Since it is near Halloween we will concentrate on MYSTERIES. Ooooooooooh! Free and open to all.

Community Food Cooperatives' Supper

The Harborview Cooperative food preorder group is hosting a potluck Supper/Recipe Contest at the Brackett Memorial Church on Saturday October 19th, at five p.m. All members of Island Preorder Cooperatives and all those interested in cooperative food buying clubs are warmly invited to this strictly social (no business meetings allowed) event. So please bring your favorite dish, with the recipe written out, to share. Winning recipe will receive a prize! Recipes will hopefully become the motivating force in the creation of a new Peaks Island Community Cooperatives' Cookbook. For more information call Jenny Yasi 766-2604