Service Agencies of the Island
PEAKS ISLAND NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the 11/2/89 Membership meeting

Thirty Islanders attended the November 2 meeting of the Peaks Island Neighborhood Association with Portland Mayor Esther Clennott, City Councilor Peter O'Donnell, State Representative Anne Rand and two of our Peaks Island police officers, Mike Barter and John Clement.

Complete minutes are available for review at the Peaks Island Library

Some highlights of the meeting:

• Frank Davis, Chair of the Police and Safety Committee reported:
  * A hydrant has been put in Trout Pond; another is projected for Ice Pond.
  * The ferry dock is unsafe for vehicles and the public is urged NOT to go out there in cars, trucks or taxi.
  * The Committee will write a letter to the City expressing the concerns of Peaks Island citizens regarding poor road conditions.
  * Vehicle registration and insurance is being enforced; islanders are being billed for junk car removal.

• Carol Eisenberg, Co-chair of the Environmental Committee (with Gary Brookman) reported:
  * Recycling Program continues to grow with approximately half of the Islanders putting bins out each week.
  * The Committee is seeking a grant to educate the public and school children regarding disposal of toxics such as paint, household cleaners, etc.

• Rep. Anne Rand reported that a strong movement has been organized in Maine to repeal the Recycling Law; the battle must continue to be fought.

• The brush dump is blocking a stream flow and creating a pond, thus threatening groundwater quality. The brush dump has been officially closed but it is still being used to stockpile construction debris and large household items. PINA members voted to write a letter to the DEP urging quick action on the enforced closing of both the PI Landfill and the Brush Dump as well as removal of the debris from both sites.
Don Perkins, Peaks Island resident and Co-Chair of the "Friends of Casco Bay" mentioned two issues specifically related to Peaks: (1) Is the proposed primary treatment plan for Peaks adequate for present and future needs? and (2) There is a need to monitor water quality at Peaks' beaches, especially "Sandy Beach". His group welcomes new members, call 766-2747 for membership forms and information.

John Flynn, Chair of the City Services Committee, reported:
* The Machigonne Landing is scheduled to be built before construction of a new wooden wharf is begun.
* Construction of the sewer and waste treatment plant should begin in early spring.

John Carroll, for the Land Use Committee, reported that the group is mapping Island resources, both historical and scenic, including open spaces;
* monitoring the use of City-owned property;
* negotiating with the city for a possible garage-storage area for Island trucks as well as city vehicles away from the center of town, possibly using the gravel pit at the end of Upper A Street.
* A decision by the Committee (and by PINA as an organization) not to become embroiled in the zoning change debate.

Representative Anne Rand encouraged taxpayers to fill out the tax relief form if their state property taxes exceed more than 4.5% of income. It's worth a try.

STAR OF THE SEA THEATER AND DANCE COMPANY

Many thanks to those who supported our new Studio and Boutique Open House. We feel the future looks very good. Our dance program will be expanded in the new year with a new Ballet Jazz class strictly for those students interested in ballet, children and adults. Please call the studio for times (766-2727). This year we hope to advance our tap class. All we ask is your commitment to work hard and meet the challenge.

To anyone looking for just an exercise class, we have a good program that anyone can do. This is the age of Health and Fitness. Come try our exercise program every Monday and Thursday mornings at 10:00 a.m. or evenings at 6:15 p.m. Classes just under an hour. $12.00 per month for 2 (two) weekly classes. For Men, too.

Starting with the new season of 1990 we will be working with our drama and theater group. Anyone interested please call the Studio. Childrens Group will start in January, ages 7 years through 16 years.

Our new "Star of Hope" Dance Studio in Portland will present a Christmas Show on Friday, December 15th at 7:15 p.m. at the Riverton School, 1600 Forest Ave.
Wishing all Happy Holidays!

Musically Yours, Doreen McC-
NEWS FROM PEAKS ISLAND LIBRARY
45 Island Avenue  tel: 766-5540

- Parents of preschool children and kindergartners please note: Friday, December 8, at 10 am there is a special holiday library program for your children in the Community Room. Children attending Day Care that day or in morning kindergarten will come as a group but ALL CHILDREN THAT AGE ARE WELCOME with a parent. Please call if you will be bringing your child/children so we will have enough craft materials for him/her/them. Also, any adult who could lend a hand that morning please give us a ring. We need five.

- For school-age children there will be a holiday program on Tuesday, December 26, at 8 pm. Pat Rockwell will provide storytelling and craft. Children who seem too young for the program will need to bring a parent to help them with the craft. Please, parents, abide by this guideline when sending children.

- Thank you to Martha McCain and Dennis Rockwell, who responded to our request for signmakers. Martha made the posters you see around for the children’s Christmas program and Dennis did our high-tech banner, pointing “Young Adults” up the stairs to their special section in the library.

- Fourteen new adult fiction books (including mysteries) arrived at the library during November. Also of possible interest is a special issue of Newsweek on the 21st century family, available for borrowing.

- Priscilla and Lorraine

Volunteers needed

Would you consider a holiday gift of time to the Peaks Island Branch Library? The library could use volunteers for the following projects [brackets indicate time commitment involved for each]:

- Typing a list of new books each month [once a month – flexible]
- Creating displays on special subjects (such as a Christmas book display or a poster for Martin Luther King Day [whenever time and interest of the volunteer coincide – very flexible]
- Filling out book order cards and xeroxing reviews to paste on them [twice a month – hours are flexible but there is a deadline involved – least flexible but not deadly serious]
- Book mending and cleaning [by appointment, at your convenience]
- Setting up a vertical file. This would be especially useful for kids doing homework [would need to be done by the truly interested – involves more investment of time and initiative though hours are entirely flexible]
- Shopping for carpet samples to replace worn storytime mats [for someone who loves shopping and is persistent – might take several hours but could be done by phone]

Music lovers take note:

If you borrow records or cassettes or if you would borrow records or cassettes if the library had what you wanted to listen to, please take a minute to talk to us about what you would like to see available at our library.

We would like to hear from teens and adults as well as parents borrowing for young children.
Kindergarteners will be sharing in a variety of holiday activities — collecting food to share with others, attending the Peaks Island Library story/craft day, singing in the Peaks Island School program, and baking cookies for our special celebration.

Grade one students will be participating in the holiday activities of sharing our talents during the program on the 19th, our gifts to others of cookies and food, and enjoying holiday stories and poems. We will be focusing on the Legends of Christmas and Hanukkah. Happy Holidays from all of us to you!

The second graders are counting the days until the holidays. We are excited about the music program on the 19th and are practicing our songs and poem. December is a short, busy month. We wish you all the best of holidays and a wonderful new year.

The third, fourth & fifth grade class enjoyed a marvelous cooperative Thanksgiving feast at school. Students prepared the food and decorations. A group of "Indians" also attended and contributed to the feast. We are looking forward to a field trip to the Henry Wadsworth Longfellow House Dec. 11. We enjoyed hearing "Hiawatha," so it will be fun to see the author's home!

Thank you to Ruth Sargent for sharing her class pictures with us. If anyone else has any old class pictures from Peaks Island School, please let us know.

Happy holidays to everyone from the staff at Peaks Island School.

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******* Blessings to all this holiday season *******
Casco Bay Health Center

At the annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the Health Center in October, President Fay Garman discussed accomplishments of the past year.

- New entrance for Health Center constructed
- Painting the building exterior
- Lot survey completed
- Therapeutic whirlpool purchased
- Free flu shots
- Dental X-ray machine and laryngoscope purchased with HCD funds

Costs exceeded income for the year by about $8,000 to $9,000.

Probably the most time-consuming activity was finding a replacement for Dr. Radis. The Board discovered that a doctor's expenses, particularly the high cost of malpractice insurance, make a part-time practice a marginal business proposition for a physician. And there is not enough population on Peaks to support more than a part-time practice. Therefore, we are fortunate that Dr. Anne Collins has agreed to practice on the Island. The Board expressed appreciation to outgoing president, Fay Garman, for her energy, dedication and leadership in searching for and attracting Dr. Collins to the practice.

Jill Tiffany was elected president of the Health Center Board. Fay continues on the Board and was elected vice president. Chuck Radis and Anne Romanyszyn joined the Board.

Recent gifts were received from:

Margaret Randell  
Kay and Gene Taylor  
Jill L. Baker, in memory of Emily Brosius

The Casco Bay Island Health Center is a non-profit corporation managed by volunteer Peaks residents. The corporation owns the Island Health Center at 26 Sterling Street and its equipment. The Board is responsible for attracting medical and dental practitioners to provide private practice services in the Center, and must also find funds for the repair and maintenance of the building and its equipment.

There is no steady source of income for the Health Center. Operating costs must be raised by donations. The City of Portland has been generous in the past by providing HCD funds for specific budget items, which are requested and approved on an annual basis. Contributions are always needed from Island residents. Tax deductible gifts are thus encouraged and may be sent to:

Casco Bay Health Center  
P.O. Box 52  
Peaks Island, Maine 04108
We have had great attendance at our Bible Study class at the Center on Wednesday mornings — nine to ten A.M. Anyone and everyone is welcome. Do feel free to join us.

Every so often, new faces appear at the art class on Thursday mornings. They say everyone has a talent; come try your hand. Did you know Sister Ann Augusta has taught art at Deering Pavilion for 17 years? Always new faces there too. Sr. Ann also finds time to teach art to young children during the summer; climax for this group is sidewalk show on the fence by the Senior Center. Great talents are shown by these children. And still Sr. Ann has energy to assist the adults! The adults had a sidewalk show this past summer also, at which time the artists had some sales. Hats off to Sister Ann Augusta; keep up your good work!

Representatives have been out from Portland to help people fill out forms for rebate; also for fuel assistance.

On Nov. 15th we had a fine turnout at our monthly meeting and pot luck luncheon. Priscilla Green from RSVP spoke to us and gave us a rundown on how the program works, with materials for us to read; it was a great presentation and enjoyed by all.

Did anyone notice the new flag, flagpole and base which was right next to the voting booths on election day? It was donated to the Community Center by members of the Peaks Island Senior Center.

Our mini Christmas sale on Nov. 25th was successful. At this time I would like to thank all who helped on that day. Thank you; and again, Thank You!

Do any of you readers know of friends or relatives who might benefit by having a hot meal at noon? We are here to help you folks. Call the Senior Center (766-2545) if you yourself would like a meal, or know of someone who should be having one. Call me and I will contact the person.

Phylis LaClair

Of Christmas

Coming Events

Dec. 13 Annual Christmas party at noon at Community Center. Day Care children will be with us. Women will bring a gift for a woman, men for a man; and a gift for a child — (no mittens this year, please) book, toy, game, etc.

Jan. 4 (weather permitting) — Little Open House 1 - 2 P.M. Dessert & tea or coffee — see you here.

Jan 17 Monthly luncheon at noon at Senior Center. Ed. Langlois, S. Portland '39 will share nostalgic moments with us.
Dear Casco Bay Garage Patrons,

For those of you who are monthly card holders, city parking bans during snow emergencies are no longer a problem. Many of you, however may have a friend or family member who must still scramble for a safe parking space when a storm arrives. Casco Bay Garage is offering a special rate during city declared snow emergencies to help with snow removal efforts and spare some folks the pain of having their vehicle towed. For $3.00 you may park your car overnight or for the duration of a parking ban. Please remember that it must be a city declared snow emergency. Any additional time must be paid for at the posted rates.

Due to bank costs, we must charge $15 for any checks for parking that are returned for insufficient funds. We will attempt to notify you if you have supplied us with a phone number but we may have to alert you by deactivating your card.

I will now attempt to address the subject of card abuse (otherwise known as cheating). I hope that I don't offend the honest majority while speaking to the very few who try to beat the system. Our card system lets us know who is passing their card to another in an attempt to use two spaces for the price of one. To get around this, one could give a card to another person and ask the booth attendant to be allowed to exit because he or she has forgotten to bring the card. To control this we log the name (from a driver's license), the card # and the registration. We realize that many people actually do forget their card once, maybe even twice over the course of the year. Please don't be offended if we ask you for this information. After all, you pay for your space so why let others have your privilege for free? If you attempt to cheat, please be aware that you could lose your parking space.

As you are probably aware, cars may be towed for violation of garage rules. While we must have rules, it is not our aim to unduly penalize people for infractions. Unless a mis-parked vehicle presents an immediate hazard to life and property, we will first attach the boot, the removal of which will cost $14. If the owner does not pay the fee and remove the vehicle, then we will have to have the vehicle towed.

Our security record is still among the best in the area. We ask for your continued cooperation to maintain this record. Please 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.

Dan Hogan, Mgr.

We hope you have safe and happy holidays... Casco Bay Garage

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Peaks Island Lions Club and American Legion will sponsor a Christmas Party at the Peaks Island School on Thursday, December 21st -- Preschoolers at 1:00 p.m.
Kindergarten through Grade 5 at 2:30 p.m.
St. Christopher's Catholic Church

Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m. in the Upper Room in the Parish Hall.
Daily Mass as scheduled in the Sunday bulletin.

Activities:
- Sunday: Coffee & Donuts after Mass
- Wednesday: Beano, 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall
- Thursday: Prayer Group at the Erica home. Prayer requests are welcomed and are confidential. Everyone is invited to join the Prayer Circle. FMI call 766-2266. Group meets at 9:45 a.m.
*Dec 3 - Annual Christmas Notes & Needles, 1:30-4 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Great entertainment by Doreen McCann Dancers. Proceeds to benefit St. Christopher's.
*Dec. 10 - Free blood pressure readings in Parish Hall after Mass
*Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Mass, 8 p.m. in the Church
*Dec. 25 - Christmas Day Mass, 9 a.m. in the Church
*Dec. 31 - New Year’s Eve Mass, 8 p.m. in the Church
*Jan. 1 - New Year’s Day Mass, 9 a.m. in the Church

News from Brackett Memorial United Methodist Church

Dec. 3- 1st Sunday in Advent
  Service of Holy Communion, 10 a.m.
Dec. 10-Hanging of The Greens Service, 10 a.m.
Dec. 10- Peaks Island Music Association Holiday Concert and Sing Along, 2:15 p.m.
Dec. 12- United Methodist Women meet at the home of Mary Dennison at 12 noon.
Dec. 17- Service of Christmas Music, 10 a.m.
Dec. 24- Informal family service, Celebrating Jesus' Birthday, 10 a.m.
  Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 7 p.m.

Informal Service of Holy Communion each Sunday at 6:30 a.m. at the Parsonage.
Bible Study each Wednesday at 9 a.m. at the Peaks Island Sr. Citizen Center.

Peaks Island Friends Worship (Quakers)

Every Sunday at 10:45 a.m. at Betty Van Wycks home on Adams Street.
For more information call 766-2959.

YOU'LL COME !!!

The Third Annual Christmas Concert sponsored by Peaks Island Music Association will be held December 10 at 2:15 p.m. at the Brackett Church. Great music and talent--for all the family. Adults $2.50 donation. Children $1. See you there........