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PEAKS ISLAND SENIOR CENTER NEWS

On Monday, October 17, we enjoyed our last "Pot Luck" luncheon for 1994 at the Fifth Maine Regiment Community Center. Many warm thanks go to the members of the Fifth Maine for the use of their dining room. We are very grateful to them.

Our warm thanks go also to the Senior Center women who prepare and set up the dining room each month, especially to Peggy Harmon for her Halloween decorations and goodies.

Once again Ruth Sargent ended the luncheon with the reading of her enchanting story of the "Ballerina Scare Crow" on Island Avenue. Thank you, Ruth.

November "Pot Luck" luncheon will be at the Brackett Memorial Friendship Hall on Monday, Nov. 14. Our regular meeting day is the third Monday, the 21st, which is too close to Thanksgiving Day (Nov. 24). The meal will consist of our regular "Pot Luck" fare. We are saving the Turkey Dinner for our Christmas Party for the Day Care children on Dec. 19 (also at Brackett Memorial Friendship Hall).

There will be three door prizes at our Nov. 14 luncheon.

FOOTNOTE: We need volunteers to deliver Meals on Wheels; either one day for two hours a week, or as a stand-by when someone cannot do his turn. Please call Tom Quigg at 766-2401.

Contributions for printing of the STAR are always welcome. Deadline for December Star: Friday November 25. Bring articles to library, copy ready. Please include name and phone number.
The next meeting of the Friends of Peaks Island Animals will be held on Tuesday, November 15, at 7 p.m., at the Community Center. All are welcome.

As of this writing (October 20), all skunks have been removed from Peaks and released on the mainland (no spraying incidents!). We thank all those who have volunteered and donated towards this effort. As this will probably be a long-term project, we remain in need of contributions toward the cost of taking these animals off-island ($25/crip). We will also probably need a new batch of volunteer trappers to give the present ones a rest at some point; if you are interested in being trained and certified to do this trapping, please contact us at the above number. Please send your contribution to Friends of Peaks Island Animals, 5 Boulder Road, Peaks Island, and write "skunk" in the lower left-hand corner of your check to earmark the donation for this project. Thank you.

PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Peaks Island SCHOOL

School has been in session since before Labor Day and we continue to welcome both new and familiar students, families and staff. Already we have had many events that were successful. The Annual Barbecue on Sept. 14th was attended by over 175 people. Thanks to the school staff and parents for excellent organization, cooking and contributions of food. Open House, also in Sept., highlighted by student artwork set to music, was extremely well attended as well. Eager students introduced their parents to school and classroom activities. Many specialists were also available to talk to parents. Parent packets prepared by Ira Waltz were given to each family.

The Volunteer Orientation held on October 20th, attracted 11 parents and community members. We all learned about the school's philosophy and the ways this is expressed in the curriculum and various school programs. We also discussed volunteer opportunities and other issues related to volunteering. Another information session may be offered one evening soon.

We have a call for volunteers during November! As part of the national READ ACROSS AMERICA program, Karen Hawkes is spearheading a series of activities to encourage parental involvement in the reading process and to bring more books into the lives of children. During the week of Nov. 14-18, children will be offered many different kinds of both in-school and evening activities, that celebrate reading. Please contact Karen right away if you want to get involved.

Volunteers are also needed for the following tasks: construction of a small greenhouse, helping with the After School Program and membership on the School’s Action Teams. Contact Cynthia Cole for more information...766-2528

The Peaks Island School is again this year continuing our association with the Peaks Island Senior Citizens. Each school year the classes take turns by signing up monthly for the following: sending birthday cards and monthly greeting. These go with Meals on Wheels, to shut-ins and to people with connections to the Island, who are in nursing homes. We also decorate either the bulletin board or the window of the Senior Center. If you or someone you know would like to be put on our list, please contact the Peaks Island School.

The PTO has also had its first meetings with Pam Richards, Sarah Albert and Leigh Burrus (still in Texas), as tri-chairs. The Halloween Carnival, still in the planning stage at press time, is sure to be a hit.

**The Peaks Island School Alumni Association is continuing to grow. We had a successful picnic this summer and added to our Scholarship and Floor Funds. We are selling School Alumni T-shirts for $15 a piece at school. Remember, we are looking for Alumni. If you attended or worked at the school and we haven’t contacted you, it’s because we don’t have a mailing address for you. Just contact the school and we’ll take you off the “infamous wanted list”**
BRACKETT MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Charles Hale, Pastor - Tel. 766-5013

Sundays - 9:00 A.M. - Sunday School
9:00 A.M. - Choir Rehearsal
10:00 A.M. - Worship Service
4:00 P.M. - Bible Study at Parsonage

Thurs. - 9:00 A.M. - Bible Study at Senior Center

Nov. 5 - Saturday - 10:00 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. - at Senior Center

UMW Christmas Gift Sale
Assorted items; Tree trimmings; Bargain table
Hand-made items; Second-Time Around table
You know, you've said "This year I'm going to start early with my Christmas shopping". Well--here's your Golden Opportunity! You're going to be surprised at how easy it will be to whittle down your list.

Nov. 5 - Saturday - 5:30 to 7:00 P.M. - in Fellowship Hall

Harvest Supper
Boiled dinner: New England style, with all the fixings. $8 for adults - $6 for seniors and children. Ticket sale limited to 100. Keep that in mind and get your reservation early!
Call Fay Garman - 766-5054

Nov. 8 - 12:00 Noon - UMW Meeting at Mary Dennison's
Bring your sandwich, as usual. The Fall season is really here now, and it is good to get together with our regular members and the new ones who joined with us in October. Bring a friend with you!

STAR OF THE SEA
THEATRE AND DANCE

REHERSALS ARE UNDERWAY FOR THE CHRISTMAS SHOWS (PROGRAMS) "GOLDILOCKS AND THE CHRISTMAS BEARS", A FUN MUSICAL IN SONG AND DANCE. THE FIRST SHOW IS ON SUNDAY DEC. 4th AT 2:30pm. AT ST. CHRISTOPHERS HALL. DOORS OPEN AT 1:30pm. FOR THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAIR, GIFTS AND REFRESHMENTS. DONATIONS ADULT $3 CHILD $1.
OUR PORTLAND SHOW IS ON WED. DEC. 14th AT THE RIVERTON COMMUNITY CENTER AT 7pm.
THE FRIDAY NIGHT COUNTRY LINE DANCING IS GREAT FUN, WITH SIMPLE BASIS'S, FROM THE TEXAS SLIDE TO A LIVELY BOOT SCOOTING BOOGIE, COME AND TRY IS OUT.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS
MUSICALY YOURS
DOREEN
**Portland High School** has started a Parents Group. The meetings will be monthly, usually the third Wednesday of each month. The next meeting will be Nov. 16th, from 6:45 to 8:00 P.M. (to accommodate Peaks Parents). This is a newly formed group and we have a chance to get in on the ground floor. Everyone is welcome! Each meeting will have a different topic. November’s will be School Improvement and December’s will be Tracking. We’ll be posting notices around...so watch the bulletin boards. Contact Kathy Newell at Peaks Island School for more information.

This Year’s “Leaf Program”

is in the

**BAG**

* Please place leaves in bags separate from your regular trash - clear or white bags preferred.
* Leaves will collected one day, Saturday November 19, 1994!!!
* In addition, FREE bagged leaf disposal at the Peaks Island Transfer Station - Open Tues. - Sat. from 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please dump leaves in compost pile then deposit bags in dumpster.

Peaks Island PTO presents

Our Annual BOOKFAIR

This BOOKFAIR is for EVERYONE. This is a great opportunity to purchase current children’s books at good prices as well as support our school. GRANDCHILDREN, NIECES, NEPHEWS, FRIENDS, RELATIVES. A great way to promote education while gift giving!

NOVEMBER 17, 18, 21, 22, 23
TIMES will be posted at a later date.
Come and visit our school and check out our BOOKFAIR.

HELP NEEDED! I've been contracted to do a book on Peaks Island for the "Old Photograph Series" and need pictures of houses, businesses, social events, weddings, children etc. as far back as possible. 1890-1940. If you have anything I can xerox, please call me at 766-2965. RUTH SARGENT.
October was a chock full month with activities ranging from the hatching of our monarch butterfly to new gold fish for our fish tank to spine tingling tales told among our school age crew to the start of a fire safety program designed for children and families. We’ve enjoyed our Monday afternoon “snack bakeoff.” This cooking experience offers children an opportunity to learn basic concepts of good nutrition and helps to develop readiness skills such as vocabulary, language development, understanding concepts of counting and measuring, as well as helping to develop small muscle coordination and good practice in teamwork by sharing and taking turns. The greatest reward of course is tasting the yummy results of our work! We are also working on a time capsule to put in the walls of our new building.

The Children’s Workshop Building Project is moving right along. J.A. Brannen & Sons Builders from South Portland received the bid award for the rough and finish carpentry and have begun that phase of the project. The most recent contribution is from the Hannaford Charitable Foundation in the amount of $1000...this is our first mainland business contribution! We continue to accept donations to the Peaks Island Children’s Workshop Building Project and are appreciative of the community’s support that has included $8200 in direct contributions and $2800 in fundraising events to date. Raffle tickets are still being sold for the hand made doll clothes on display at Feeney’s. Proceeds from this will benefit the Building project.

We are planning an Open House in early December which will be a time for all interested to learn about the programs we offer, meet parents and staff involved in our current programs, view some videos of our “program in action”, let us know more about how we can serve our community, AND celebrate our Building Project with the RAFFLE DRAWING...tickets will continue to be available through the Open House. Watch for signs about the date and time.

Our Community Playgroup continues each Wednesday morning from 10:15-11AM...a great time to enjoy our play space and the company of other adults. We hope you’ll join us...this is offered on a Drop In basis with no fee involved. We also have a well stocked Food pantry for any to use Mon-Fri, 7AM-6PM.

Thanks to all of you who continue to donate your bottle returns at Feeney’s...you can simply ask them to credit your bottle returns to the Child Development center account.

We wish you all a peaceful and contented Thanksgiving.

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PEAKS ISLAND GARDEN CLUB NEWS

The next meeting of the Peaks Island Garden Club will be held on Thursday, November 17 at 7:30 PM at Brackett Memorial Church Hall. Angie Kelso will speak about Winter Window Sill Gardening. All are cordially invited to attend.

Look for signs about our December meeting on holiday boxwood trees and wreath making.

Gardening hint: Making a map of this year’s garden helps with planning for next year and also prevent any perennials from being removed inadvertently during spring planting.
NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES on PEAKS ISLAND  
Sponsored by Portland Parks and Recreation

To reserve the Community Room, you must contact Denise (766-2970) at least two days in advance. Do not leave a message on the machine. If Denise is not available, please call 874-8793 during regular business hours. Please note: The Community Center is in use every Monday and Thursday evenings, the first and third Tuesday of the month (evenings) and every Friday evening.

** ISLAND ACTIVITIES - OPEN TO ALL ADULTS **

FREE DEMONSTRATION: HOW TO MAKE FLOOR MATS  
Presenters: Mary Evelyn Hults and Carla Hults  
Learn what supplies are needed, where to get them, and how to create your own masterpieces  
Thursday, November 3 and November 10  
1:00 to 2:30 pm at the Community Center  
Come to just one session or join us at the second session and see the finished product

TEEN PROGRAM: MONDAY AND THURSDAY EVENINGS  
6:30 - 8:30 pm at the Community Center  
Registration fee: $2.00 for the year  
(Open Gym will be held the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month)

ADULT BASKETBALL: TUESDAY EVENINGS  
6:30 - 8:30 pm at the school gym  
Drop-in fee: $2.00 per night

COED VOLLEYBALL: WEDNESDAY EVENINGS  
7:00 - 9:00 pm at the school gym  
Drop-in fee: $2.00 per night

**OFF-ISLAND ACTIVITIES for ADULTS**

Pre-registration required for all off-island activities. Sign-up sheets are at the Sr. Center and on the blue door in the Community Building. Please call 766-2545 for Sr. Ctr. hours. Registrations left on the answering machine CANNOT be guaranteed. Space is limited. A minimum of 8 people is required, unless otherwise stated. If you have any questions, please call Denise at 766-2970.

FREEPORT SHOPPING TRIP  
Wednesday, November 9  
Boat: 10:00 am/no later than 4:30 pm return

MYSTERY TRIP* and LUNCH  
Tuesday, November 15  
Boat: 10:00 am/no later than 4:30 pm return  
* deadline to register is Nov. 10

ME. MARITIME MUSEUM - BATH  
(Lunch too!)  
Wednesday, November 30  
Boat: 10:00 am/no later than 4:30 return
Dear Casco Bay Garage Patrons:

Please be aware of the maintenance work going on at the upper level of the garage. Signs are posted to tell you where parking is prohibited. You should know that dust and small particulate matter will be dropping to the level immediately below where the contractor is grinding the deck joints. We encourage you to park away from these areas if possible. Otherwise, the workers will do their best to cover vehicles closest to the joints.

With fingers crossed (not behind my back) I can tell you that I believe we have solved the problem with card access at the Commercial Street pedestrian entry. The tale would bore you to tears so suffice it to say that it extends back to the original installation. Please withhold your chuckling until it dweebs the next time.

There are currently monthly parking spaces available but I would have you caution friends, neighbors, and families not to wait too long into the winter season to sign up. This past season the waiting list started in early March and it gets earlier each year. Drive

Drive safely, remove valuables from your vehicle and report suspicious people in the garage to the booth attendant.

Dan Hogan

ST. CHRISTOPHER’S CHURCH
Pastor – Father Chris Piselli – Tel. 766-2585
St. Joseph’s Convent – SND-de Namur

Weekday Masses: 7:30 AM – St. Joseph’s Chapel
Weekend Masses: Saturday 4:00 PM and Sunday 9:00 AM in the church

Activities: Social hour in Parish Hall after 9:00 AM Mass.
Beano – Wed. 7:30 PM Parish Hall – Come and bring a friend!
Prayer Group – Thurs. 9:45 AM Erica home – open to all.
Blood pressure readings first Sunday of Month in hall after Mass, or first Wed. of the Month 10:00 AM – 12:00 noon at Senior Citizen’s Center.

Upcoming events: Christmas Fair, December 3, in the church hall, featuring Doreen’s dancers. Bring a friend and do your Christmas shopping. Refreshments will be served.

Nominations to fill two vacancies on the church council will take place the first Sunday of November. Both positions are for three years. Outgoing members are Sister Mary Janice and Bob Cary. We wish to thank both for serving the council. They will be missed.

Please welcome Sister Irene Francis who is now residing at the convent. Sister comes to us from Peabody, where she has worked with the elderly. She is celebrating her golden jubilee this year.
Next Steering Committee Meeting:

November 7, 1994 at 7:30 PM at the Senior Citizens' Center.

Police Chief Michael Chitwood speaks at the October PINA General Meeting:

Police Chief Michael Chitwood addressed the PINA membership at the October 7, 1994 PINA General Meeting. He spoke briefly on Public Safety issues, then opened the floor for a lengthy question and answer period. Many islanders spoke out on several issues, from speeding and golf carts to what level of enforcement was appropriate for the island. Available, soon, in the PINA notebook at the library will be a summary of the discussion.

One of the police officers attending the meeting indicated that, instead of calling the Peaks Island Public Safety number, phone calls should be directed to 874-8300. The caller should then request to be connected to the Peaks Island office. In this manner, if no one is available on Peaks to answer, the call is forwarded back to Portland.

FROM: PINA (Ellen Tripp - 766-5610)
FOR: The Star
DATE: November (1994)

FREE! FREE! FREE membership in PINA is yours for the asking! That's right -- PINA has done away with membership dues.

Membership is open to anyone who is a registered voter of Peaks Island, who owns Peaks Island property, or who lives on the Island continuously for at least one month during the year. And all it now takes to be a member of your neighborhood association is a signature: come to the next PINA meeting (to be announced), register and you're a full-fledged PINA person.

PINA is in regular contact with Portland officials, trying to let them know what we want and what we don't want. But to truly represent Peaks, PINA needs you as a member: if you don't speak up, someone else will speak for you. And that's never a good idea.

Actually you don't have to wait until the next meeting to have your say: you can talk to a steering committee member any time you'd like: John Flynn (chair), Mike Richards, Norm Proulx, Loretta Voyer, Charles Hale, Betty Heller, Mary Evelyn Hults, Kay Taylor, Ellen Tripp.
News from the Peaks Island Library
129 Island Avenue
Tel. 766-5540

Open: Tues: 2-8
*Wed: 10-4
*Story Hour: 10:15
Fri: 10-2
Sat: 9-1

Recommended
At your request, we have set aside the glass wall to your left as you come into the library for a RECOMMENDED by PEAKS ISLANDERS space, where you may post your comments about books you have enjoyed and would recommend to others. A great way to find a good book to read.

Some New Books
(This is only a partial listing. Complete listing is on the wall by the door in the library.)

Fiction:
Jackie Collins Hollywood Kids
Catherine Cookson Maltese Angel
Stephen Coonts Intruders
Patricia Cornwell Body Counts
Nelson DeMille Spencerville
Dick Francis Wild Horses
Elizabeth George Playing for the Ashes
Nadine Gordimer None to Accompany Me
James Herriot's Cat Stories
James Michener Recessional
Robert Parker All Our Yesterdays
James Wilcox Modern Baptists
" Sort of Rich

Nonfiction:
William Appel Widowmaker
Lauren Bacall Now
Barbara Bush Barbara Bush
Doris Grumback Fifty Days of Solitude
Jim Lovell Lost Moon
Deborah Tannen Talking From 9 to 5

Adult Book Discussion
The book group will meet Tuesday, November 1, at 7 PM, in the Community Room. We will be discussing All the Pretty Horses. For the December meeting, members will read A Stranger in the Kingdom by Frank Mosher. There are three library copies available and it is out in paperback at bookstores. Please join us.

Library Club
The Library Club is updating information in the state folders, which are used by students doing school reports and by adults who are travelling. We would be happy to have any current material donated for the folders. Karen Hawkes, who was an adult advisor to the club last year, is not able to continue. Is there an adult who could meet with us Wednesday afternoons, 2:45 to 3:30, especially to help with art projects? If you could help, please speak to Priscilla Webster at the library. There are a few openings for members in the Library Club. Members must be at least in third grade. The purpose of the club is to promote the Children's Section of the library. Favorite activities have been decorating the library for different holiday seasons and for the summer reading program and doing projects that help the library staff. For more information, speak to Arielle Morabito, President, or Marieke VanDerSteenhoven, Vice-President.

Thank You
Thank you to Renny Day, grandmother of Will and mother of Doug Day, who generously gave her time and talent to perform at library story hours while she was on vacation at her house on Peaks. Renny, a children's librarian for the Los Angeles Public Library, came armed with flannel board and puppets, and we discovered what good actors Peaks Island preschoolers can be. Thank you, Renny.

We Need
Is there someone who would be willing and able to cut figures out of felt for a library flannel board? (Puppets could be next!)

Do You Need?
The library has a movie screen we would be glad to give to anyone who wants it.
A GREAT GIFT IDEA...
and HELP OUR LIBRARY, TOO!

THE FRIENDS OF THE PEAKS ISLAND LIBRARY have decided to purchase a beautiful set of books call America the Beautiful, one for each of our great fifty states for our enjoyment as well as for the island students to use for their school work.

Would you like to buy a state? Here is what you do:

1. Choose a state (and two runner ups) that you would like donated in your name or in the name of someone else. How to decide what state to pick? Consider these ideas:
   -you were born there
   -your best friend is from there
   -your children were born there
   -you met your spouse there
   -your dog came from there
   -it’s a cool place
   -you’ve always loved that state
   -just because..

2. Fill out the form below and bring it, along with $20 (cash or check made out to Friends of the Peaks Island Library) to the island library.

Here is what we will do:

1. We will fill your inscription out on a beautiful book plate and affix it inside the book representing the state(s) you choose.

2. We will fill in the state you are donating on the U.S. map posted at the library.

-----------------------------MAKESA GREAT GIFT---DEADLINE IS JANUARY 1, 1995-----------------------------

your name ___________________________________________ today’s date ______________

your phone number ____________________________________

The State book you wish to donate or dedicate (in order of preference)
1st choice ____________________________________________(use additional forms for additional donations)
2nd choice ___________________________________________
3rd choice ___________________________________________

Donated by ___________________________________________
    your name, clearly written so we spell it right!

Donated in the name of ____________________________ by ____________________________
    (example: Minnesota donated by Rhonda Berg in the name of Thomas Bohan who grew up there)

As of this printing, the following states are already taken. This is on a first come (with the money) first serve basis! Hurry and get the state(s) you really want to donate!

Massachusetts
Minnesota  California
Maine
Ohio

LIBRARY HOURS Sat. - 9-1
    Tues. - 2-8
    Wed. - 10-4
    Fri. - 10-2