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HCD NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING
WITH CITY COUNCIL AND CITY OFFICIALS
Tuesday, November 26, 1991 Peaks Community Building

With about 60 Islanders in attendance, "our" Councilor Peter O'Donnell opened the meeting by introducing the City visitors. City Manager Bob Ganley gave a brief slide presentation illustrating the various City Services both in Portland and on Peaks. During the far-ranging discussion, it was brought out that HCD funds paid for the Community Building in the '70's; they have substantially supported the Child Development Center since '75. A woman in the audience pointed out how essential subsidized child care is for parents of modest or low income. It was pointed out that as of the 1980 census, 68 % of Peaks residents were of low and moderate income; this may change when results of the 1990 census become available.

HCD funds have been used to buy equipment for the Health Center and have recently been allocated to actually purchase it, so that the money may be invested and used by the community (via the H.C. Board) to support the availability of medical care on the Island. Several people thanked the City for the support and voiced the hope that it will be continued.

HCD funds over the years have also been used to purchase an ambulance for Peaks, a fire truck, a defibrillator, equipment for the playground, piers, pilings and a lot of pavement.

Many other topics were discussed. Briefly, among them were:

- Brush problem: ever-growing piles of brush along the roadway near Battery Steel pose a fire hazard and have been a problem for months. The City is trying to track down the person(s) responsible; ownership of the land on which the brush has been dumped (illegally) must also be determined. Meanwhile, Islanders should take brush to the transfer station during hours and have it chipped.

- Casco Bay Lines: Ron Benner, treasurer of CBL, mentioned that although the Bay Lines has a $909,000 grant from UMTA to buy a new vessel, they need an additional commitment to funds soon; he asked the City for assistance in buying the vessel. City Manager Ganley said he would include the request as the City heads into the fiscal year '93 budget. He, personally, will shepherd the request and said that if there were no other sources available, the City would look at its own Capital Improvement Funds.
The secession movement was mentioned in several contexts. Some in the audience wanted Council to know that the study was still ongoing and that many had not yet made up their minds. When someone asked, "Why would the City want to allocate money to Peaks at all when it seemed that so many wished to secede?", Peter answered that, "You are still citizens of Portland." City Manager Ganley said that if people ask for information, he is committed to full disclosure and will try to outline the costs. "It's a narrow line I'm walking", he said, as he described the risks of upsetting people on either side of the issue by giving numbers to them which they might not like. He pointed out that policy decisions regarding the possible separation have not yet been made by City Council. A workshop will be held to discuss the issue (and Shoreland Zoning) on Monday, December 9, at 4:00 pm., in City Council chambers. The public is welcome to listen; public input will be allowed at another time.

Some members of the audience apologized for the recall effort; others defended it as a democratic right and a proper response to injustice.

The tax district idea was discussed. This means that theoretically, islands could be taxed at a different rate from mainland properties. Ganley feels that some consideration needs to be given to the special status of the Islands, but the City is not empowered, without approval of the State Legislature, to set tax rates differently for different types of property. Councilor Clenott said that, as Chairman of the Legislative Committee, she intends to initiate a review of the issue.

The P.I. Library was praised by several in the audience. Upon questioning, it was learned that 75% of the budget is financed by the City; 25% from the State, County, fundraising, etc. The current cost to run the library yearly is $53,000.

Also heard:
** As the result of a petition by homeowners, the Water District is considering putting a sewage collection system in the Torrington Point area (upon completion of the treatment plant).
** Zoning amendments which may affect the status of cesspools upon transfer of property, as well as other issues, were approved by the Zoning Board over a year ago; they may go to City Council sometime this winter or spring.
** It was suggested that, in the future, the community be consulted before such "improvements" as granite curbs are installed.
** There will be a School District-sponsored educational/budget meeting for the Islands held at the CBL terminal on Monday, Dec. 9, at 4:00 pm.
** A Food Pantry sponsored by the Brackett Church has been started and is now collecting and providing food to those who need it (at the Child Development Center). To participate, contact either Fay Garman or Janine Blatt.
** Larry Mead of the Recreation Dept. explained the need for a fee for participation in the volleyball and basketball programs. ($15 per ten-week session or two dollars each time.) The Neighborhood Association has appropriated some money so that no one should be unable to play for financial reasons.

Plan to attend next time; it's interesting and informative.

**FIFTH ANNUAL PEAKS ISLAND HOLIDAY CONCERT!!** Mark your calendars now for Sunday, December 8th at 2:15 at the Brackett Methodist Church. Sponsored by the Peaks Island Music Association, the concert includes songs for Christmas and Chanukah performed by the Peaks Island Chorale, New Peaks Island Orchestra, the Mando Commandoes (alias ???), and more.

Come early and squeeze in. Donations at the door: Adults $2.50, Children $1.00, Families $10.00. See you there!
**PEAKS ISLAND TRANSFER STATION**

**Hours:** Tuesday thru Saturday 7:30 am - 3:00 pm.

1. **Demolition debris and large household items** should be delivered, and a fee paid, during hours.

2. **Brush:** household resident trimming of shrubs and trees will be accepted during hours. **NO LOT CLEARING ACCEPTED.**

3. **The small dumpsters outside the fence are for household trash only,** which may be left anytime, no charge. **NO LARGE ITEMS OR LUMBER, either in or outside the dumpsters!**

*** SENIOR CENTER ***

The Senior Citizens' annual Christmas party will be held at noon on Monday, December 9, at the Community Building. The turkey dinner with all the fixings will be followed by a gift exchange: men bring a gift marked for a man; and women, for a woman; values not to exceed two dollars.

The occasion will also include gift exchange with children of the Child Development Center, who will bring us gifts at a time that fits their program. Our anticipation will be, not as much for Santa Claus as for the coming of the children. If you want to help tagging mittens for the children, come to the Senior Center between one and three on Friday afternoons.

Members of Peaks Island Senior Citizens are contributing to the meal, as planned by Blanche Wilder. Anyone over 55 is welcome to join us. If you can, let us know you are coming by calling the Senior Center between ten and twelve the previous week (766-2545); If you can't call ahead, come anyway.

If you are over sixty and will be alone on Christmas Day --- or if you know anyone in that situation, please let Fern Parker know --- if possible, the week before. Folks at the Southern Maine Area Agency for the Aging want you at least to have a Christmas dinner; and Fern will see that you get it.

Thanks to everyone who has been careful not to park bicycles in front of the Senior Center. You are welcome to leave your bike in our space, while you visit us.

Watch as you go by the Senior Citizens Center on your way to the boat. Look for the results of the new alliance between the School and Senior Citizens.

Fern still needs a meals-on-wheels delivery team to operate during January and February. The time-frame is between eleven A.M. and noon. A team consists of someone with a car and someone to carry the meal into each home.

We need another volunteer to keep the Center open from one to three on either Tuesday or on Friday. Call Gretchen Hall at 766-3381, even if you can see only one or two free afternoons ahead.

**Peaks Island Friends Worship (Quakers)**

Every Sunday at 11:00 a.m. we have a Friends Meeting for Worship on the island. Friends are also known as Quakers. Everyone is welcome to attend. We meet at Betty Van Wyck's house at 41 Adams Street. Go up Welsh Street, across Island Ave. and continue to top of hill. Then turn right on Adams Street and look for Blue house with white picket fence.

We hope you will join us.
St. Christopher's Catholic Church

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
CCD - K-5, 3pm, Pat Crowley-Rockwell's, Welch St.
Beanos, 7:30 pm, Parish Hall-NO BEANO 12/24, 31

Thursdays - NO PRAYER GROUP IN DEC., For prayers call 6-2844,
2502, 2641 or St. Joseph's 2284
CCD - Grades 6-8, 7pm, Parish Hall with Sr. Rosina

Friday - Children's Choir (Gr 6-8), 3:45 pm., Pat C-R's

Parish Concerns: Contact Judy 2109, Sr. Rosina 2284, Fr. Grady 2585

Parish Council - Many thanks to outgoing members Sam McCain, Loretta Voyer and Ruth Briggs. Welcome to Joyce O'Brien, Vivien Parker & Paul Johnson. Meetings on Dec 1 and Jan. 5th, 10:30 am at the Rectory

Christmas Notes and Needles - December 15, 1:30 pm, Parish Hall, Star of the Sea Theater presents "Christmas Comes to Hamlin"

Christmas Season Mass Schedule - All masses will be held in the Church beginning Christmas Eve at 8 pm through the Feast of the Epiphany, Jan. 5.

News from Brackett Memorial United Methodist Church

Sunday Worship 10a.m.
Sunday School 10a.m.
Choir rehearsal - 9:15 a.m.

December 1 First Sunday in Advent
December 8 Peaks Island Music association Holiday Concert, 2:15 p.m.
Brackett Memorial Church

December 15 Service of Music 10a.m.
December 22 Christmas Service 10a.m.
December 24 Christmas Eve Service 7 p.m.

December 14 Cookie Swap 2p.m. Brackett Memorial Hall
December 22 Christmas Party 6p.m. Brackett Memorial Hall

For information call Rev Ted Poland

Holiday Cookie Exchange

Sponsored by Brackett Memorial Methodist Church

Saturday, December 14, 2 PM
in the Church Hall

Bring 4 dozen holiday cookies to exchange (Old family favorites, decorated, cut-outs, etc.)
Half dozen to share as refreshments
Copies of your recipes (We want to put them in a cookbook)
Tins, boxes, or bags to take home the cookies you exchange

Coffee, tea, hot punch served following the exchange

For information call: Carolyn 766-2806.
**New Fiction**

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Thanksgiving is this week, and we are very thankful to everyone who donates their returnables to our account at Feeney's Market as part of our ongoing bottle drive. This fundraiser has been super, and we need your continuing support. Over $325 has been credited to our account for the year to date!!! **THANK YOU!!**

At the Center we are celebrating Thanksgiving with a "STONE SOUP". It is a sharing soup. It begins with a pot of water and one large, washed stone. Each child then brings in a vegetable to be put in the pot. At the end, we have a delicious meal that we all made together. **Soup from a stone, imagine that!!!!**

We are looking for donations: We need some men's dress up clothes, and a working bathroom scale for our House Area. We also need some wood for our popular Woodworking Area.

**COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP** continues each Wednesday morning 10:15-11AM,... this is a time for infants/toddlers/parents to come and enjoy our playspace. This is open to the community with no charge involved.

**FOOD PANTRY** The Child Development Center is a Food Pantry Site with food available to any who can use it. We currently have canned pork, beans, butter, flour and cornmeal donated by PROP. We will also have assorted canned goods donated by the Brackett Memorial Church. We are located in the basement of St. Christopher's Parish Hall, Central Avenue. Come in between 7-11:30 or 2:30-5, Mon-Friday, or give a call and we will arrange for delivery.
PORTLAND RECREATION ON PEAKS ISLAND
DECEMBER 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.

ADULT ACTIVITIES: OPEN TO ALL ADULTS

Every Wednesday Walking Group
Destination to be determined by group
10:00 - Sr. Center

Every Monday Women's Volleyball
$2.00 drop-in fee
7 - 9 p.m. School Gym

Every Tuesday Men's Basketball
$2.00 Drop-in fee
6:30-8:30 p.m. School Gym

DECEMBER 11 - Wednesday
Fun with Books!
Topic: Your favorite Holiday stories
1:00 p.m. Community Center
Moderator: Ruth Sargent

Every Friday evening Meditation Sessions
What is it and how can it help?
7:00-8:30 p.m. Community Ctr.
Moderator: Dixie Searway

DECEMBER 14 - Saturday
Make a Quilted Wall Hanging in One Day!
10:30 -4:30p.m.
Pattern: Log Cabin Holiday Wreathe
Community Ctr.
Cost: $40.00* for materials Note: You MUST bring your sewing machine to class Preregistration required - deadline is Dec. 11 Sign up sheet is located in Sr. Center. See below for hours or you may call Denise at 766-2970 to register. Ask about payment plan.

OFF-ISLAND ACTIVITIES: SENIOR ADULTS
(Others welcome on a space available basis)

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: 2545). For more information, call Denise at 2970.

DECEMBER 6- Friday Brunswick Museums
10:00 boat/5:30

DECEMBER 8 -Sunday U.S. AIR FORCE BAND
3:00 Concert at City Hall
Portland Recreation has a limited number of tickets. Call Carol at 874-8793 to reserve your ticket. Transportation will be provided.

DECEMBER 12 - Thursday SMTC Lunch and Victorian Mansion Tour
11:30boat/5:30
Cost: Lunch-$3.95 - 5.50 / Tour $5.00

DECEMBER 17 - Tuesday Caroling at Nursing Homes
8:15 boat/3:15 return
Join the Portland Seniors in spreading the Holiday Spirit

Special Note: Pick up a Calendar of Events for other activities sponsored by Portland Recreation on the mainland. Calendars are available at the Sr. Center.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES - GRADES 1-5

Every Wednesday After School Program
Dec. 4 = Holiday Crafts
2:45 - 4:00 p.m. Community Center

Dec. 11 = Games
Dec. 18 = Card making and Games

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!
NOV. WAS A VERY BUSY MONTH, WITH TWO OPENING SHOWS FOR OUR NEW LIL' THEATRE IN THE BOUTIQUE.

SINCERE THANKS TO JULIE GOEL AND FRIENDS, AND TO PATRICIA NEWCASTLE FOR THEIR TALENTS AND DONATING THEIR TIME TO HELP OUR LITTLE THEATRE GET STARTED. HOPFULLY MORE PEOPLE WILL SUPPORT THESE PROGRAMS. THE ISLAND COMMUNITY TELL US, ITS GREAT TO HAVE THIS ON OUR ISLAND, BUT WE DO NEED YOUR SUPPORT IF WE ARE TO CONTINUE.

OUR DANCERS AND PLAYERS WILL BE PERFORMING ON SUN. 15th DEC. AT ST CHRISTOPHERS PARISH HALL. THE THEME WILL BE, "CHRISTMAS COMES TO HAMLIN". DOORS OPEN AT 1:30pm. FOR THE CRAFT SALE, SHOW TIME IS 2:30pm. DONATIONS ADULTS $3.00---CHILDREN $1.50.

A DOOR PRIZE WILL BE DRAWN.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS
MUSICALLY YOURS
DOREEN AND CO.

PEAKS ISLAND HEALTH CENTER
P.O. Box 52
Sterling Avenue
Peaks Island, Maine 04108

(207) 766-2929

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.

All medical emergencies, should call 911 before calling the health center.

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

Dr. Rudenberg will be attending a Medicare meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 4th, therefore, the health center will be closed that day.

The Holidays will be affecting the office hours; we will try to keep open as much as possible. We will post notices of any changes.

The health center will be closed on Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Lynn Zimmerman, F.N.P., will be holding a well child and baby clinic on Friday, Dec. 20. Call 874-8869 for an appointment.