Service Agencies of the Island
Since we last reported in the October issue of STAR, the PINA Steering Committee has met twice, and on October 19, a well-attended membership meeting was held at the Community Center. Following are the three issues which have received the most attention in the last month:

Committee Structure in response to Mayor Pringle's letter and to community input at the August PINA meeting; seven committees have been set up: Public Safety, Oversight, Transportation, Public Works, Environment and Land Use, Social Services and Recreation, and Tax Issues. The time and place of the first meetings have been set and are posted on a notice on Feeney's bulletin board and at the library. They are also included in an explanatory flyer which is available to anyone inside Feeney's. Each week a new schedule of meeting times will be published. It is ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL to have broad-based participation on these committees to make the study meaningful. It is a way not only to assess what services we want from the City; it is also a means of looking at our Island for ourselves, asking: what is it that we value about living on Peaks? What do we want our Island to be like five, ten and twenty years down the road? Even if you have never yet joined anything on Peaks, please consider dropping in on one of the committees and sharing your ideas. Any interested Islander is most welcome to participate. It doesn't matter if you missed the first meeting. Membership in PINA is not necessary.

Two Island Representatives to Mayor Pringle's Advisory Committee: On October 19, PINA voted to sponsor an election and on October 20, a broad-based group of Islanders representing most Peaks Island organizations and groups agreed on the details. A flyer has been printed with all the pertinent information on it and an attempt was made to deliver it to as many houses as possible. If you did not get one, extra copies are available in Feeney's. But briefly: you will be able to vote for the two Island representatives on Election Day, November 2, at a table outside the polling area. Any Peaks Island resident, 18 or older, may vote; PINA membership is not required. Also, any Peaks Island resident may stand for election by signing a petition (available in Feeney's), collecting signatures from 15 Peaks Islanders, preparing a 100-word statement of intent and speaking at "Candidates Night", Thursday, October 28, 7:30 pm., at St. Christopher's Hall. It is important to note that the Island representatives will act in a purely advisory capacity, making sure that the City is constantly hearing what the Island needs. They will not vote on what the City does.
Study Circles: On October 19, the membership voted 33 to 27, to have PINA sponsor study circles to deal specifically with the item of self-government. They also voted 54 to 6 to have PINA sponsor study circles to study the role of the Neighborhood Association in the community. According to representatives of the Maine Council of Churches who explained study circles to 85 Islanders on 9/28, study circles are small groups of 7-15 people of diverse points of view who come together to discuss a common issue with the help of a trained impartial facilitator. The Me. C. of C. will train Peaks Islanders as facilitators. The groups receive common information which all can agree is valid, balanced and thorough. Research will have to be done and the facts compiled. Please see copies of the minutes of these PINA meetings available in the library if you wish further details.

SENIOR CITIZENS

Along with my meal-on-wheels, one October day, there were two pictures to celebrate Hallowe'en. There was no name on either one. One was very spooky. I looked at it while I ate my dinner. It was a black water color wash on white paper, with a pattern of white lines that could be a spiders web. The one spot of color was yellow on what could be a bee on an outer filament of the web. Eventually I made out two eyes outlined in black, staring at me from behind the web. Then I made out the four legs on each side of the huge spider, waiting for the bee to tangle in the web.

The rest of the Hallowe'en exhibit, created by the first and second grades, is on display at the Senior Center. Don't miss it.

The November 15th pot-luck luncheon will be at Brackett Memorial Church. The tentative plan is to hold the Christmas party with the Child Development Center there also. Keep in touch with developments. The mittens for the party will need to be at Gretchen Hall's before Thanksgiving in order to be tagged with names.

Thirty six members were welcome d to the last luncheon of the season at the Fifth Maine. The day was perfect; the decorations by Peggy Harmon and Grace Wright gave the Hallowe'en motif the final touch for our Jack O'Lantern contest. There were nine entries, all of them worthy of winning. Tom Quigg's vegetable pumpkin with teeth won the prize of a $10 certificate at Feeney's.

Many thanks to the Fifth Maine for the delightful experience for several months of luncheons in their dining room.

Thanks, too, to Parson Hale and members of Brackett Church for the offer of the use of their facilities for our future luncheons.

A letter from Rev. Norman G. Carrier, thanking the Senior Citizens for the fuel check of $100 was read.

Many thanks to George and Ann Smith, Alice Stolte, and Louise O'Sullivan for their donations to Meals-on-Wheels.

We received an invitation from Mayor Anne Pringle to a special meeting on Oct. 20.

The meeting was attended by members and Tom Quigg.

City of Portland Recreation pays the rent for the Senior Center; also the heat, the light, and the telephone bills. Since the beginning twenty five years ago, the Peaks Island Senior Citizens have been accountable to Portland Recreation for upkeep and the use of the room. Denise Macaronas passes on monthly to the Recreation Division of the Department of Health and Human Services of the City of Portland, Maine accountability reports which she bases on the visitors register. The more names there are on the register each month, the happier Larry Mead is with the Peaks Island Senior Citizens.

So --- stop by and sign in.
From the New Book List
(complete list is posted at library)

Fiction

Agnes Bushell  Death by Crystal
Laurie Colwin  Big Storm Knocked It Over
Michael Dorris  Working Men: Stories
Ken Follett  Dangerous Fortune
John Gardner  Maestro
Tony Hillerman  Sacred Clowns
Stephen King  Nightmares and Dreamscape
Elmore Leonard  Pronto
Peter Mayle  Hotel Pastis: Novel of Provence
Colleen McCullough  Fortune's Favorites
Ruth Rendell  Crocodile Bird

Nonfiction

Ben Amory  Best Cat Ever
Maya Angelou  Lessons in Living
Scott Peck  Further Along the Road

Alice Starmore  Less Traveled
Celtic Collection:
Twenty-five Knitwear Designs for Men and Women

NEW BOOKS ON CASSETTE:
Ernest Hemingway  For Whom the Bell Tolls

Book Discussion Group
On Tuesday, November 2, we continue our First Tuesdays at 7 pm schedule and will be discussing Women Who Run With the Wolves. We decided in September to do this one again. Please join us.
NEXT MONTH: Before and After by Rosellen Brown

STAR OF THE SEA
DANCE STUDIO'S

ONLY 5 WEEKS AWAY FOR OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SHOW, FOR ST CHRISTOPHERS PARISH. THE THEME WILL BE "THE TOYS TAKE OVER CHRISTMAS": A MUSICAL PLAY. WITH OUR ISLAND PLAYERS AND DANCERS. SHOW TIME SUNDAY DEC. 5th AT 2-30pm. DOORS OPEN AT 1:30pm, FOR THE CHRISTMAS GIFT SALE. DONATIONS: $3 for adults and $1 for children.

OUR PORTLAND STUDIOS WILL BE ON WED. DEC. 8th. AT 7 pm AT RIVERTON COMMUNITY CENTER, ALSO AT THE REICHE SCHOOL ON FRI. 7 pm, DONATIONS ADULTS $3. AND CHILDREN'S $1. THATS ON DEC. 10th. THE CUMMINGS CENTER WILL JOIN WITH THE REICHE STUDIO.

WE HAVE A GOOD RESPONSE FOR THE NEW LINE DANCE PROGRAM, ON THUR. EVENINGS FOLLOWING THE AEROBIC EXERCISE, AT 5.15pm. LINE DANCING AT 6pm TO 7pm.

THE BOUTIQUE WILL OPEN ON THUR. AFTERNOON, SAT. 3.30--5pm.
SUNDAYS FROM 11.30am--1.30pm.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL, Doreen

NOTICE
PUBLIC RESTROOMS LOCATED IN THE COMMUNITY CENTER WILL BE OPEN ONLY DURING LIBRARY HOURS FROM NOVEMBER TO APRIL
PORTLAND RECREATION ON PEAKS ISLAND
NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES

If you would like 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 on Monday and Thursday evenings as well as the first Tuesday of every month.

**ISLAND ACTIVITIES - OPEN TO ALL ADULTS**

**MEN'S BASKETBALL**
Every Tuesday evening
6:30 - 8:30 pm - P.I. School Gym
$2.00 drop-in fee

**CO-ED VOLLEYBALL**
Every Wednesday evening
7:00 - 9:00 pm - P.I. School Gym
$2.00 drop-in fee

**CRAFT WORKSHOP: MAKE YOUR OWN FLORAL NOTE PAPER**
November 4 - Thursday
1:00 pm - Community Center
Instructor: Betty McIntyre
Please call Denise at 2970 (ans. machine) if you are interested

**SHARE YOUR FAVORITE CRANBERRY RECIPE(S)**
(bring samples and the recipe to share)
November 30 - Tuesday
2:00 pm - Community Center
Note: Denise can make copies of your recipe if you give them to her by November 24

**OFF-ISLAND ACTIVITIES for ADULTS**
Pre-registration required for all off-island activities. Senior adults are given top priority. Non-seniors may register on a space available basis. Sign-up sheets are at the Sr. Center. 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.

**LUNCHEON at the "Y" and ENTERTAINMENT**
"Tunes from Broadway - Old and New"
November 10 - Wednesday
11:15 am boat/3:15 return
Approximate cost: $4.00

**FREEPORT SHOPPING TRIP**
November 17 - Wednesday
10:00 am boat/3:15 return

**FALMOUTH: A VISIT TO HOLIDAY/ CRAFT FAIRS**
November 20 - Saturday
10:00 am boat/3:15 return
PORTLAND RECREATION ON PEAKS ISLAND
NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES
continued

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM: GRADES 1-5
Thursday afternoons: November 4 and November 18 2:45 - 4:00 pm - Com. Ctr.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM: GRADE K - THANKSGIVING CRAFTS
Wednesday afternoon: November 24 12:30 - 1:15 pm - Com. Ctr.

**SPECIAL OFF-ISLAND TRIP FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN**

THE PLANETARIUM - "A TOUR OF THE SOLAR SYSTEM"
November 10 5:00 pm boat/no later than 8:15 return
Approx. cost: $4.00

Special notes: Pre-registration required as transportation is limited. Register by calling Denise at 2970 (answering machine). Deadline to register is November 4.

Children must be accompanied by an adult. The adult can be responsible for as many children as they feel comfortable with.

Informational packets, complete with solar system activities, are available from Denise. Please leave a message at 2970.

TEEN ACTIVITIES

TEEN PROGRAM: GRADES 6-12
Monday and Thursday evenings 6:30 - 8:30 pm - Com. Ctr.
Open Gym at P.I. School on Nov. 4 and Nov. 18
$2.00 registration fee for the year

WILL GIRL SCOUTS CONTINUE ON PEAKS ISLAND IN 1993-94 ????

A note from Laurie Cox:

For the past 10 years or so I, along with Marcia Hart-Quinby, Alison Halderman, Cynthia Sargent, Kitty Buiteweg and Ellen Klain have worked to provide Girl Scout troops and activities on Peaks Island.

This year if Girl Scout troops and activities are to continue for the 40 girls attending Peaks Island School, NEW volunteers are needed.

Ideally there would be 3 troops set up, a Daisy Troop for the 8 girls in kindergarten, a Brownie Troop for the 14 girls in grades 1-2, and a Junior Troop for the 18 girls in grades 3-4-5. Each troop requires 2 adult leaders and generally would meet once a week for 1 to 1 1/2 hours. Training is provided to the leaders and both financial and material resources are available to help troops get started. Adult leaders do not have to have been Girls Scouts themselves, nor do they have to be parents of girls in the troop.

If you are willing to consider volunteering to help keep Girl Scouting going for Peaks Island's girls and/or would like more information, please call Laurie Cox at 766-5588 by November 15.
We've been celebrating the change of seasons with projects that reflect that change...our easel is full of fall colors, we've enjoyed leaf pictures, fingerpainting and tracing leaves. It's also looking rather spooky in our School Age area as a Haunted House is taking shape. As adults, we are also being respectful of the preschool children in our program...so many young children have not reached the developmental stage of separating fantasy from reality and Halloween can be a scary time...those scary masks and witches can seem very real!

We'd like to invite you to an

**OPEN HOUSE**

**TUESDAY NOVEMBER 9**

6-7:30PM

...a time to meet our staff, play in our space, and learn about our programs. Light refreshments will be served.

Our **COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP** continues each Wednesday morning from 10:15-11AM...this is a nice time to visit our Center with your young children and enjoy our playspace. This is open to anyone in the community...you need not be enrolled in any of our programs.

Our Bottle Drive continues at Feeney's market...thanks to all of you who regularly contribute your bottle return money to our account there!

For any who find themselves in need of food, there is a Food Pantry in our kitchen...available Mon-Fri, from 7AM-6PM...lots of assorted canned goods. Simply stop in and take what you need.

A few more meetings coming up that are important to the well being of our children:

- Nov 18...Thurs...7:30PM...Community Building...the annual HCD Neighborhood meeting...a time when city officials come to hear what Island needs are for use of HCD (federal) funds...the child care center receives $27,000 (14% of our operating budget) from this program, so we hope that people will be there to speak on behalf of the importance of our non profit community child care center.

- Nov 16...Tues...6:30-8PM...PI Elementary School...the Portland Partnership Community Outreach Committee will be sponsoring a Focus Group to hear what parents think are the family support services needed in our community and what might be offered through the school. For more information about this, contact Janine Blatt at the Child Care Center, who is coordinating this.
BRACKETT MEMORIAL CHURCH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
& HAM AND BEAN SUPPER

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, November 13, 1993 for this special pre-season event!

All Christmas "crafters" are welcome to exhibit at our bazaar (tables provided)...and if you so desire, a voluntary contribution can be made to the Church. Bazaar will be from 3:00 - 7:00 p.m. and Ham & Bean Supper will be from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Cost will be: $6.00 per adult and $3.50 for seniors and children under 10 years old.

Please call Carol Johnson at 766-4403 or Fay Garman at 766-5054 for tickets to the dinner or if you are interested in exhibiting. It's a good way to get some of your Christmas shopping done early...without even having to leave the island!

November 1, 1993

Dear Casco Bay Garage Patrons,

If you will bear with us during our annual deck maintenance project, our deck will bear you well into the future. This bare fact is borne on a sea of... oh, never mind, the work won't take long.

Casco Bay Garage will no longer accept cash at the booth for monthly parking. We will accept cash at the Fore River Management office at 5 Milk Street if you bring the exact change. The preferred method of payment for monthly accounts is by check, which you may mail to our office at P.O. Box 7525, Portland, 04112, or leave with the booth attendant at the garage. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause but our auditors require it for security reasons.

The Portland Parking Association is hoping to once again participate in the annual toy collection campaign with The Salvation Army. Please look for the collection boxes near the cashier's booth around Thanksgiving.

When leaving your vehicle at the garage, please take extra care to remove all valuables. While we have security personnel at varied times, it is impossible to catch the determined thief who is presented with a golden opportunity. Report all children who are not accompanied by an adult or adults acting suspiciously.

Drive Safely ........ Dan Hogan

Schedual for the Peaks Island Health Center:

Mondays 8:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.
Wednesdays 8:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.
Fridays 8:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.
Medical emergencies should call 911.

Donations to the STAR were received from Dave & Marcia Hart Quinby, Marge Eriso and Anon l..... Thank you.
HCD ISLAND NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

Thursday
7:30 pm
November 18
Community Center

City Councilors, School Committee members, and City staff will be present to address your issues. For more information, please call Susan Hicks at 874-8300, x 8731.

What I like best is a book that's at least funny once in a while ...

What really knocks me out is a book that, when you're all done reading it, you wish the author that wrote it was a terrific friend of yours and you could call him up on the phone whenever you felt like it. That doesn't happen much though.

J. D. Salinger

The only books that influence us are those for which we are ready, and which have gone a little farther down our particular path than we have yet got ourselves.

E. M. Forster

Reading a book is like re-writing it for yourself....You bring to a novel anything you read, all your experience of the world. You bring your history and you read it in your own terms.

Angela Carter

Deadline for the DECEMBER STAR is November 25th.
BRACKETT MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Church Street - Tel. 766-5013
Pastor - Rev. Charles Hale

November 1993 Activities

Sundays - 9:00 A.M. - Sunday School
10:00 A.M. - Worship
4:00 P.M. - Bible study - at parsonage

Wednesdays - 6:15 P.M. - AA meeting in Fellowship Hall

Thursdays - 9:00 A.M. - Bible study (Psalms) at Senior Center

Nov. 1 and 22 - Monday - 1:00 P.M. - Drop in and sew/knit/crochet/talk/relax, at Virginia Paton's in the Avenue House. You'll go home surprised at how much you accomplished. Or, you'll go home relaxed after an afternoon's visit. Either way, it's Good.

Nov. 6 - Saturday - From 10 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. - UMW Christmas Gift Sale. Will include gifts, candy, tree decorations, baked goods, jelly; and a special table for children to purchase gifts. How about that! Come and enjoy it all! At Senior Center.

Nov. 9 - Tuesday - Regular UMW meeting at Mary Dennison's. (Noon) Bring a sandwich, and think Thanksgiving!

Nov. 13 - Saturday - Big Day. Starting at 3 P.M. Craft Tables will be set up by those interested in presenting their wares. (Call Carol Johnson at 766-5132 if you'd like a table.) Then, stay for a great Ham and Bean Supper. So, we are looking forward to seeing everyone at both events.

Nov. 21 - Sunday - At morning church service (10:00 A.M.) there will be a collection of Food Donations and gifts of money for Project Feed.

Nov. 21 - Sunday - At 7:00 P.M. an Ecumenical Service is planned. Everyone is welcome.

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

FATHER CARRIER, PASTOR

RECTORY; ISLAND & CENTRAL AVENUES

Winter Schedule of Masses:
Weekdays: 7:30 am at St. Joseph's Chapel
Weekends: Sat., 4 pm, Sun., 9 am in the Church Hall beginning in November

ACTIVITIES:
Wednesday - Coffee & cake in Church Hall after Mass
Thursday - Bible Study, 9 am at the Senior Center Prayer Group - 9:45 am, Erico home. For prayers call 2284, 2502, 2641, 2266.

CCD CLASSES:
Grades 1, 2 - Diane Mulkern and Roseann Walsh
Grades 3-5 - Sister Rosina
Grades 6-8 - Sister Mary Janice
Grades 9-12 - Sister Mary Janice

For more information contact Sr. Rosina 766-2284 for time & place

CHRISTMAS FAIR & SHOW - Sunday, Dec. 5. Doors open 1:30 pm, show starts at 2:30 pm. Watch for posters.

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING - 1st Sunday of the month after 9 am Mass and at 11 am at Brackett Memorial Methodist Church.

50/50 CLUB - Contact Joyce or Jim O'Brien, 2001 for more information

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - TBA in bulletin

PARISH CONCERNS - Contact Paul Johnson 2910 or Fr. Carrier 2585.

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS GLADLY ACCEPTED
FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: Who are they?

All of us, of course, who use and appreciate the Peaks Island Library are friends of the library, but there is an organization by that name which was founded in July of 1983 to:

1. assist the librarians in any functions as requested by them
2. maintain an association of persons interested in the library
3. stimulate the use of the library
4. encourage gifts, endowments and bequests to the library
5. cooperate with the library in developing library services to the community and
6. lend legislative support where needed.

Marie Kilday was the first president. Others on the original Steering Committee were Mardianne Green, Dorothy Rainbow, Jackie Lincoln, Barbara King, Irene Schensted, Helen Stock, Debbie Vondras, Ellen Deane, and Neville O'Gane. The library at that time was staffed by Marianna Rowe, Louise Capizzo, and Lorraine Spear.

The first major project for FRIENDS was to explore ways to get a copier for the library. As you well know, the copier continues to answer the needs of the community. And the current FRIENDS Steering Committee continues to carry out the original objectives of the organization while adapting to changing times.

Primarily through memberships and our annual summer used book sales, we have accumulated some money in our treasury. Our current major project is to explore the feasibility of purchasing a computer for the library. We plan to coordinate and cooperate with the Peaks Island School so that children will be able to come to the library and practice what they are learning in school. We suspect that adults will be interested in using it too.

We are always looking for new (and renewed) members. You could support our efforts by joining FRIENDS. Just clip and fill out the form below and send it with your dues to Caralen MacKenzie-Hicks, Elizabeth St. Peaks. And if you wish to be more active, please call Caralen, Membership chair, (766-2808), Kay Taylor, President, (766-2811) or Nancy Arnold, Treasurer, (766-5179).

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FRIENDS OF THE PEAKS ISLAND LIBRARY MEMBERSHIP 1993-94

NAME_________________________________________ P.I. PHONE________

P.I. ADDRESS________________________________________

MEMBERSHIP DUES: _______ INDIVIDUAL ($1)

_______ FAMILY ($3) _______ Number in family