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Service Agencies of the Island

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Join your friends and neighbors at the community-wide Tree Lighting ceremony on Saturday, December 3.

Location: The Living Tree by the beach stairs in front of the treatment plant

Time: 3:00 pm
This event will be held "Snow or Shine"

Free refreshments will be provided

If you would like to help out in any way, please call Fay (5054) or Denise (2970). Answering machines at both locations.

This event is co-sponsored by P.I.N.A., Portland Parks and Recreation and the City of Portland's Department of Public Works

Contributions for printing of the STAR are always welcome. This month donations were made by Kay & Gene Taylor and Anonymous I,II,III. Deadline for January Star: December 25. Bring articles to library, copy ready. Please include name and phone number.
The next PINA General Meeting will be held on December 13, 1994 at 7:30 PM, at the Community Center. In addition to PINA committee reports, the agenda includes reports on the deer and skunk problems and the placement of new park benches. Also, the City will report on the following topics:

1. Street lighting on Peaks Island.
2. Uptown parking lot.
3. Snow plowing, and parking on island streets.

The meeting will adjourn promptly at 9:00 PM. See you there.

PARK BENCH SURVEY:

The Peaks Island Neighborhood Association has requested six park benches from the City. PINA would like help from Peaks residents in deciding WHERE TO PUT THEM.

Please take a moment to jot down 6 places where you would most likely use a park bench. Be as specific as possible.

Please give your choices to a PINA Steering Committee member or put them in one of the large envelopes provided at Feeney's or beneath the Library bulletin board. (by January first)

DECK THE HALLS WITH BOUGHS OF HOLLY!

THE PEAKS ISLAND GARDEN CLUB INVITES YOU TO OUR HOLIDAY CELEBRATION!!!!!!

THERE WILL BE DISPLAYS AND DEMONSTRATIONS OF HOLIDAY BOXWOOD TREES, WILLIAMSBURG WREATHS, LADY APPLE CENTERPIECES, AND MORE!

COME CELEBRATE AND HAVE FUN!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10 FROM 1-4 PM
AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER

NO ADMISSION CHARGE
PRE REGISTRATION NOT NECESSARY

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU.
HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!!
DECEMBER 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, and the first and third Tuesday of the month (evenings).

** ISLAND ACTIVITIES - OPEN TO ALL ADULTS **
Pre-registration appreciated as some of these events depend on the weather. Please call Denise at 2970 (ans. machine)

MAKE HOLIDAY DECORATIONS for the COMMUNITY TREE
Thursday, December 1
1:30 to 2:30 pm at the Community Center
An opportunity to be as creative as you would like! Ideas will be provided for those who need help!

ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY
Saturday, December 3
3:00 pm at the Living Tree by the beach stairs in front of the treatment plant.
Co-sponsored by P.I.N.A. and the City of Portland

Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About "THE UNIVERSE"
...but were afraid to ask!
Guest Speaker: Fr. Stevens
Tuesday, December 6
10:00 am at the Community Center
Juice and light refreshments will be served.
Pre-registration appreciated. Call Denise (2970) to reserve a seat

ADULT BASKETBALL and COED VOLLEYBALL:
Next 10-week session begins the week of January 2. We must have 10 paid members by December 21 in order to hold these programs. For more information, call Denise at 2970.

**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 of the Community Building. 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.

CRAFT FAIRS
Saturday, December 3
Boat: 8:15 am/12:15 pm return*
* in order to get ready for the Tree Lighting Ceremony on the Island at 3:00 pm

PLANETARIUM: "SEASONS of LIGHT" and LUNCH
Wednesday, December 7
Boat: 10:00 am/no later than 3:15 pm return
Cost: $3.00 (lunch extra)

CHRISTMAS at the LONGFELLOW HOUSE (Lunch too!)
Wednesday, December 14
Boat: 11:15 am/3:15 pm return
Approximate cost: $5.00 (lunch extra)

HOLIDAY FESTIVAL OF MUSIC
Portland Museum of Art
Wednesday, December 21
Boat: 10:00 am/no later than 3:15 pm return

GONE WITH THE WIND and LUNCH
STATE THEATER
Wednesday, January 11
Boat: 10:00am /5:30 pm return
Cost: $8.50
(includes movie and lunch during intermission)
Thank You
After 16 years of service, Lorraine Spear has decided to retire from her position at the library, effective November 30. Her welcoming presence and kind service will be greatly missed, and we all hope her retirement years will be happy ones. Thank you, Lorraine, for all you have done.

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

Fiction:
Rita Mae Brown
Mary Higgins Clark
Jude Deveraux
Peter Hoeg
Robert Jordan
Dean Koontz
Judith Michael
Morgan Marlow
John Updike
Herman Wouk
Murder at Monticello
Lottery Winner
Remembrance
Borderliners
Lord of Chaos
Door to December
Dark Rivers of the Heart
Tangled Web
Mutant Message From Down Under
Afterlife & Other Stories
Glory

Nonfiction:
Paula Blanchard
Tom Clancy
Jill Ker Conway
Sarah Orne Jewett
Armored Car
True North

Adult Book Discussion
The book group will meet Tuesday, December 6, at 7 PM, in the Community Room. We will be discussing A Stranger in the Kingdom by Frank Mosher. For the January meeting, the book will be Like Water for Chocolate by Laura Esquivel. Please join us.

Thank You
Thank you to Caralen MacKenzie-Hicks for volunteering to create flannel board pieces for the library. And thank you to her also for continuing to type our New Book list each month, posted on the wall by the new book shelf.

The Friends of the Peaks Island Library
It's not too late to buy a state! The set of books called America the Beautiful still has 27 states available for sale. The Friends of Peaks Island Library has decided to purchase this set for the enjoyment of all who use our library. If you would like to buy a state, the forms are available at the library. The cost to purchase a volume is $20.00. These are the remaining states:

- Oregon
- Nevada
- Arizona
- New Mexico
- Montana
- Wyoming
- North Dakota
- South Dakota
- Nebraska
- Kansas
- Missouri
- Arkansas
- Louisiana
- Mississippi
- Alabama
- Georgia
- Michigan
- Illinois
- Indiana
- Ohio
- Kentucky
- Pennsylvania
- Maryland
- West Virginia
- Virginia
- North Carolina
- South Carolina

Thanks to all who have donated states so far!
The next meeting of the Friends of Peaks Island Animals will be on Tuesday, December 20, at 7 p.m., at the Community Center. All are welcome.

T-shirts with our animal-prints logo (but with "Maine" on them instead of our address) are available for $12 + tax in teal, paprika, purple, and khaki. They make great Peaks Island souvenir holiday gifts and help support the work of our group.

Nine skunks have now been removed from Peaks and released in appropriate areas on the mainland! Trapping activities will slow down now for the winter; we hope to resume again in the spring.

Please call us about reduced-cost spaying/neutering of your dogs and cats. We also are now giving certificates good for an additional $10-$20 off the cost.

Fore River Management

Five Milk Street
P.O. Box 7525
Portland, Maine 04112
207 879-1671

Dear Casco Bay Garage Patrons,

Our garage operations manager, Brian Rancourt, has moved on to new adventures. We will miss Brian greatly but wish him well. He is about to open a restaurant at the site of the former Alberta’s on Pleasant Street. We hope you will all visit him and, who knows?, he may have an Islander discount.

Our new manager is Bun Ross. Bun is a former school teacher and coach. He looks forward to meeting as many of you as possible so feel free to let him know your thoughts. Though he has never been an islander, he is from Aroostook County and feels that makes him a kindred spirit.

Winter is on the way, dang it. It would be very helpful if you would try and remember a few things when parking in the garage after a snow storm. If a parking space has snow piled around it after another car has pulled out, please give us a chance to clear it out before parking in that space. Also, remember that snow and ice is being tracked in by cars and there may be slick spots. Proceed with caution around turns and slow down.

It has been a while since we have had a theft item. I know you all have been good doodies about locking your vehicles and the additional fencing we have added for security may have helped but we must be vigilant. The enemies lurks!

Drive Safely,

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

(207) 766-2929

Elizabeth Rudenberg, D.O.

HOURS:

Monday 8:30-4:30
Thursday 1:00-7:00

WALK INS WELCOME

Friday December 9th Dental Clinic will be open - Dentist will be in. 874-1025

Friday December 16th WELL CHILD CLINIC. 874-8868

The Health Center will be closed the week of December 26, and will re-open on the week of January 3, 1995.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!!

NEWS FROM THE HEALTH CENTER

The 1994-95 Casco Bay Health Center Board, a group of Peaks Island resident volunteers, is hard at work in support of the medical practice and facility at the Peaks Island Health Center on Sterling Street. Current officers and members are: Kay Taylor-President, Chuck Radis-Vice-President, Gene Taylor-Secretary, Roberta Jackson-Treasurer, Fay Garman-Past President, Jane Bangue, Janine Blatt, Jack Anderson, Priscilla Webster, Rev. Charles Hale, Richard Bruns, Angie Kelso, John Feeney and Annie Romanyszyn.

Among our many tasks are: seeking Housing and Community Development grants through the City of Portland (primarily for equipment), arranging for maintenance and improvements of the building, working with the Doctor in any way we can in support of the Center as a provider of medical care to Islanders, and raising the funds which are essential to our survival.

Because income from our investments for 1994-95 will fall far short of expenses, we found it necessary to initiate an annual fundraising campaign this year. A mailing to all Peaks residents was sent out in late August and we are grateful to those of you who contributed at that time. If you have not yet responded, please consider making a tax-deductible gift now to the Casco Bay Health Center. Mail it to P.O. Box 52, Peaks Island, 04108 or drop it off at the Health Center on Sterling Street during office hours: Mondays 8:30 am. - 4:30 pm., and Thursdays 1:00 pm. - 7:00 pm.
ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CHURCH
Pastor - Father Chris Piselli - Tel. 766-2585
St. Joseph's Convent - SND-de Namur

December

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 - Beano will be cancelled until further notice.
Prayer Group - Thurs. 9:45 AM Ergo home - open to all.
50/50 Club - For more information call Joyce O'Brien 766-2001.
Blood pressure readings after Mass will be terminated but will continue to be read the first Wed. of the Month: 10:00 AM - 12:00 noon at the Senior Citizen's Center.

Upcoming events: Elections for new council members will take place after Mass the last weekend in November. The new members will be posted in the next issue of the Star.

The mission of the Peaks Island School is to provide a nurturing, challenging environment which will enable each child to become a lifelong learner and a contributing citizen.

Dear Star reader,

It is hard to believe that the school year is one-third over. During the month of November, we had many successful activities. A few of these were our participation in "Read Across America Week" (A Taste for Books, A Parade and Assembly, "Celebrity Readers" and an incentive program titled "Reading Makes Cents") organized by Karen Hawkes and many volunteers, Progress Reports sent home, Parent-Teacher conferences, an informational evening focusing on our Holiday Guidelines, a multi-age after school unit focusing on geography, a suggestion/question box placed in the school and the many child centered daily activities.

We have started a Before and After School Program. The Before School Program is a drop in program from 8:00 to 8:30. It has been run by parent volunteers (Amy Brown, Robin Flynn, Amy Levy, Matt Levy, and Robin Walden) and have included cooperative games, drawing, clay sculpting among their many activities. The After School Program is run by Mr. Kozak. He has offered theatrical improvisation, drawing and sculpting, soccer and basketball among his activities. If you would like to volunteer in either program, please contact us.

Upcoming Events: Our Winter Program will be held on December 12th (please note the date change) from 6:45-8:15 p.m. The theme is "Celebrations of Light from Around the World" Each class will learn about customs of a specific holiday for an area of the world and will share their knowledge with the audience in a variety of ways. Please join us!

Our December Gift Fair for the students will be held on December 7th. We are looking for donations of small crafts, gifts, second hand items, all occasion wrapping paper, tape etc. We still need volunteers. If you can donate or volunteer, please phone Rolina Mulkern at 766-2481.

Extra gardening hints:
Gardening Hint: Herbs may be enjoyed in a sunny window all winter long.

Gardening hint: It's important to wrap rhododendrons in burlap for the winter. Their leaves remain and tend to burn in the winter sun.
STAR OF THE SEA
THEATRE AND DANCE CO.

SUNDAY DEC. 4th. IS OUR FIRST SHOW FOR THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON. "GOLDILOCKS AND THE CHRISTMAS BEARS", AT ST. CHRISTOPHERS PARISH HALL. SHOW TIME 2.30 p.m., DOORS OPEN AT 1.30 p.m. GIFTS, CHANCES AND REFRESHMENTS. DONATION: ADULTS $3, CHILDREN $1.

OUR SECOND SHOW IS AT RIVERTON COMMUNITY CENTER ON WEDNESDAY DEC. 14th. AT 7p.m. DONATION: ADULTS $3, CHILDREN: $1.

OUR THIRD SHOW IS AT REICHE SCHOOL AT 7p.m. DONATION: ADULTS $3, CHILDREN $1.

CHRISTMAS VACATION WILL START AFTER EACH SHOW. CLASSES WILL RESUME ON THE FIRST WEEK IN JANUARY. PEAKS STUDIO ON TUES. JAN 6th. RIVERTON STUDIO WED. JANUARY 7th. AND OAK ST. STUDIO ON MON. JAN. 5th.


SINCERE APPRECIATION TO ALL OUR SUPPORTERS.

HAPPY HOLIDAY
DOREEN AND CO.

CAR REMOVAL POSSIBLE
for Uptown Parkers

Despite some minor misunderstandings, despite the advent of the narrow gauge railway, Islanders have gratefully welcomed the money-saving convenience of the City parking lot adjacent to BIW. So, apparently, have some less-than-thoughtful parkers, some of whom seem to have simply abandoned cars in the lot. A number of unregistered vehicles are taking up (some of them for months now) valuable spaces. But their free, long-term parking is about to end!

If you know anyone who has a car left untended and unregistered in the uptown islanders' lot, warn them: it could be towed--any day!

City officials are trying to trace ownership of vehicles with expired plates but some cars have no plates at all. So, for goodness sake, pass the word: move or be removed!

PINA

HELP URGENTLY NEEDED to meet my deadline. Thanks to all who shared material with me; but more is needed. Old photos, memorabilia, clippings re the islands and islanders 1850-1945. Please call 766-2956 if you have anything to share. Everything will be returned promptly. Ruth Sargent.
Brackett Memorial United Methodist Church
Rev. Charles Hale, Pastor - Tel. 756-5013

Sundays - 9:00 A.M. - Sunday School
9:15 A.M. - Choir Rehearsal
10:00 A.M. - Worship Service
11:00 A.M. - Bible Study at Parish House
Thurs - 9:00 A.M. - Bible Study at Senior Center

Dec. 11 - at the Church: Annual Christmas Concert by the Music Association. This is an ever popular Christmas event. Watch posters for time of performances and program.

Dec. 12 - Tuesday - Noon - UMW meeting at Mary Dennison’s Annual Christmas meeting. Bring sandwich, as usual. Also, bring a Christmas card; one that has special appeal to you; because of message, beauty, whatever.

Dec. 24 - Saturday - Christmas Eve Service at the Church
Dec. 25 - 10:00 A.M. - Christmas Day Worship

This is the happy Christmas season, and there will be other events coming up. Watch the Church Bulletin, as well as notices posted around the Island. Don’t miss any opportunity to celebrate with friends.

Peaks Island Senior Center News

Monday, November 14th, was "Pot Luck Luncheon Day" and our return to Brackett Memorial Fellowship Hall. We had a great time, enjoyed home-made dishes and delicious apple pie dessert, thanks to Peaks Island School I.T.O. and Pam Richards.

Most of the meeting was devoted to next month's "Christmas Luncheon" when we entertain the children from the Child Development Center. Many members have been knitting mittens for the Christmas tree. We hope all our members will attend. Turkey will be served, along with stuffing, gravy, and mashed potatoes. Members can bring the traditional dishes that go with the Christmas dinner, also pies for dessert.

There will be an "Old Fashioned Crab Yap" inexpensive gift exchange; if you bring a gift, you will pick a gift. Identify the gift package you bring as "fan" or "woman". There will be music, sing-along, just like last year! So, keep this in mind. The date will be Monday, December 19th, noon, at Brackett Memorial Fellowship Hall.

Footnote: Blood pressure testing at Peaks Island Senior Center will be available the first Wednesday of each month, 10:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M., until further notice, starting December 7th.

Four year old TIMMIE SARGENT, son of Scott and Carol, made his debut as a model in the new issue of VEGETARIAN TIMES magazine! (And all he really cares about are trucks......)
Our STONE SOUP harvest meal was a great success...and yes, we used our well seasoned, hand picked stone for our soup stock...ask any child who helped to prepare it! We've also been discovering the many different types of corn displayed in our science area...some for eating and some not. Magnets have been another topic of discussion this month with lots of hands on experiences with the different dimensions of magnetic force.

Our Community Playgroup is well attended each Wednesday morning from 10:15-11AM...a time for you to enjoy our playspace with your infant/toddler. There is no fee or registration involved...just drop in and have fun and enjoy the company of other adults and children, especially with cold weather here.

Thanks to all who are purchasing Raffle Tickets for the Barbie Doll Clothes hand knit by Eunice Curran. The drawing will be on Sunday, December 4, immediately following the STAR of the SEA Performance at St. Christopher's Hall. Tickets are still on sale at the Child Development Center or from Center parents...they won't be on sale the day of the drawing, so get them soon!

More thanks due to Kimberley Edwards who organized a Holiday Sale of her jewelry and crafts from around the world with a portion of all sales to benefit the Children's Workshop Building Project...speaking of which, if you haven't been by the building site recently it's worth a detour. Plans are on display at the Library and Senior Citizen's Center. The Children's Workshop is still accepting donations for this project and we again offer our thanks to the community for your wonderful support of our island children and this project.

We're looking forward to our annual get together at the Senior Citizen's Holiday Luncheon on December 19...it's important to feel our connections with each other during this holiday season.

The Peaks Island Food Pantry remains available for any who may need extra food...simply stop in any time between 7AM-6PM, Monday thru Friday or give a call and we can arrange transportation. Please let us know if there are individuals who can benefit from a delivery. Thank you to the Brackett Memorial Church and to the Peaks Island Elementary School for their recent donations.

Our best wishes for this holiday season...the best gift we can give to our children is our time and presence.

from "SPIRIT LOST" by Nancy Thayer

John perched on the high stool he often used while painting. There was still so much that needed to be done up here. The electrician who was to put in the banks of fluorescent lights had come once, then disappeared and now didn't return the call John left on his answering machine. The carpenter, who had promised to build some shelves to hold John's paints and supplies, had also never come back. But the realtor had laughed when John called to ask him about it.

"There is no unemployment on Nantucket," the realtor told him. "For every plumber and carpenter and electrician on Nan_tucket, there are fifty families desperate for their services. Besides, they like to go off scalloping. People say there are two speeds here: slow and stop. They'll get around to you sooner or later. Don't take it personally. You'll just have to learn to relax about it."

NOW A'IAN'T THAT THE TRUTH