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Our teachers are organizing an evening concert for your pleasure. This year's concert will be a continuation of our school wide and year long theme "We Are The World". Each class will be singing songs. We will have a sing-a-long and refreshments will conclude our program. Please take a minute to thank each individual teacher and especially thank Roberta Deane, our conductor. We hope that you will join us.

On December 22nd, Pacto Andino (islander Tom Faux) will be performing a concert at our school from 11:00 until 11:30 a.m. Please feel free to come to hear this exciting group.

We need your help! We need contributions of crafts, all occasion gift wrap, and tape for our "December Gift Sale". On December 12th from 2:45 until 5:00 p.m., our students are offered gift items that they can purchase for up to $1.00. Then they create cards and wrap their gifts. If you would like to contribute, please contact Rolina Mulkern at 766-2481.

Students at the Peaks Island School will be filling small boxes for needy children to be distributed by the American Red Cross internationally. Small items such as toiletries, pencils, crayons, pads and toys will be collected (no food or liquids, please). Donations from the community would be greatly appreciated. Please send them to the school or bring them to our "We are the World" concert on December 13th.

Keep on saving those yellow Shaw's receipts and Campbell's Soup labels. Thanks again!

The Peaks Island Music Association

9th Annual Holiday Concert and Sing Along

Sunday, December 10, 1995
2:15 PM and 7:00 PM
Brackett Memorial Church

Featuring the Peaks Island Chorale, the Mando Commandos, the Push Button Brigade--and introducing the Peaks Island Children's Choir and a new musical sensation, the Basso Profano ensemble.

Donations Requested.
We enjoyed our first STONE SOUP LUNCH in our new center on November 22...and yes, we moved our flavoring stone with us and so the soup was well seasoned! With a resounding "Gobble. Gobble. Gobble," we sat down to a meal prepared by many small hands. This is our traditional Harvest Meal with many wonderful ingredients contributed.

A thank you to the Broadwaters for their recent donation of a Gift Certificate to host a "Cookie Party." Also to Elinor Sullivan for a big box of Ice Skates in assorted sizes..please come over if you are looking for children's skates (some rollerskates too)..if they fit, they're yours!

Our Food Pantry is ready for visitors...please stop in if you are in need of extra food. We anticipate starting our Playgroup again in January..look for posted signs.

We're looking forward to our yearly celebration with the Senior Citizen Center at their December luncheon.

Our best wishes for this Holiday Season...the best gift we can give our children is our time and presence.

PEAKS ISLAND SENIOR CENTER NEWS

We returned to Brackett Memorial Fellowship Hall on Monday, Nov. 13th for our Fall and winter Rot-luck luncheons. It was like coming home after a long trip, so warm and cozy.

Twenty nine members attended and after lunch we had a short meeting, distributed door prizes and enjoyed a video cassette on Peaks Island History, thanks to Ruth Sargent.

On Monday, Nov. 30th we were invited by Falmouth Seniors for a pot-luck luncheon... The folks there were just wonderful and we had a grand time.

It is "Fair time" again and Brackett Memorial U.M.W. started us off Sat. Nov. 18th. St. Christopher's Fair is on Sat. Dec. 2nd.

Heather Erica and Jane Burg had a Thanksgiving dinner at the senior Center for anyone who might have been alone. Fr. Chris Piscelle was ready to use St. Christopher's Hall, but there were not enough people to take part.

Monday, Dec. 18th is our Christmas Party day for the Day Care children at Fellowship Hall in Brackett Church. There will be a Christmas dinner with turkey and dressing prepared by Grace Wright and Sylvia Peterson. Potatoes (15 lbs) mashed by Elaine Quigg and Margaret Broadwater also. All other members are asked to bring the trimmings.

It is with mixed emotions that we inform you that Rev. Charles Hale is leaving Brackett Memorial Church for a new assignment in Portland. We will miss him, but are happy for him and wish him and his family the very best.

CITY-RELATED PROBLEM?

George Flaherty, Manager of Island Affairs for the City of Portland, is on Peaks each Wednesday, 7:45-2:45, to meet with individuals or groups to talk about any City-related issue you may have. At any time you may call him at his office at 756-8288; he will return your call.

On Wednesdays, you may call him at 874-8419; this number rings on Peaks. Or, if he is not out talking to people, you may find him at the public safety building.
Scholarship Available

The Island Institute recently announced that through the generosity of an anonymous benefactress, a full scholarship to attend Westover School in Middlebury, Connecticut, has been made available to a qualifying Maine island student. Westover is an excellent college preparatory school for young women. Initially the gift will be restricted to Maine island students, with an evaluation of this limitation to take place after a trial period.

The Island Institute can help arrange transportation for students who would like to interview, tentatively scheduled for January, 1995. Final applications are due in mid February. Westover and the Island Institute are committed to making a Westover School experience affordable for a Maine island family in every way.

Potential applicants can contact Lisa Shields or Doreen Cabot at the Island Institute (207-594-9209) for more information or for an application packet. Information about the scholarship is being forwarded to the Guidance Department at Portland High School. An information packet is also available at the Peaks Island Library.

MESSAGE FROM THE SERVANTS OF GOD OF ST. AUGUSTINE

Every day since our arrival on Peaks Island, we constantly give thanks to Almighty God for bringing us here. We are truly very happy to have established Mother of the Good Shepherd Monastery by the Sea and to be part of the Peaks Island family.

In the November issue of the Star, it mentioned that we would be having an open house for our neighbors and friends and we apologize that it has taken much longer than originally anticipated. We still are not sure when we will have the open house, but as soon as we are able to do so, it will be a delight to welcome you to our Monastery.

We do wish you to know that the doors to our chapel are open for anyone to come and pray quietly or to join us in any of the liturgical celebrations. The chapel doors should be open from about 7:30 AM to 8:45 PM each day. Our temporary schedule is posted on the bulletin board outside the chapel and an abbreviated form of it on the chapel door itself.

On December 12, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Queen of all the Americas, we are planning to have a day of prayer in the holy season of Advent, in preparation for the Solemnity of Our Savior’s Birth. Mass will be at 8:00 AM followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament all day until the conclusion of evening prayer with Benediction at 5:00 PM. You are all most welcome. If anyone wishes to sign up to keep vigil with the Blessed Sacrament for one hour, they may either call the Monastery or sign up on the sheet located on the bulletin board outside the chapel.

Please know that you are in our prayers and we are very happy to know your prayer requests. You can reach us at 766-2717. We do ask that if we are not available to speak with you personally, that you leave a message on our answering machine and we will return your call. May God bless you.

Fr. Seamus, O.A.S.
Br. Nicholas, O.A.S.
Nominees Needed --

Volunteer yourself (or someone you know) for PINA's Steering Committee. Norm Proulx's resignation followed by Charles Hale's transfer have opened up two half-year terms on the board. We'll vote December 12 at PINA's General Meeting: to nominate yourself or a friend, talk to Lloyd Hamilton, Claire Filliettaz, Judy Piawlock or Don Webster -- or be prepared for a from-the-floor nomination at the meeting.

Also on the docket for the General Meeting are reports from Bob Cook from Public Works on the closing of the dump, from the police on bike thefts, and from someone on the Torrington Point sewer project.

Tree Recycling

If you can't replant your Christmas tree (seldom an option), chip it! Between December 27 and January 5 you can take your tree to the Peaks Island Transfer Station (better known still as "the dump") for chipping.

The possibility of curbside pick-up will be discussed at the General Meeting.

Obviously you'll learn a lot you need and want to know so be sure to show up for the next PINA General Meeting -- Tuesday, December 12, 7:30 at the Community Center.

December Committee Meetings:

- December 5: Human Services
- December 19: Environment
- December 26: Planning & Land Use

These regular meetings are all at the Senior Citizens' Center at 7:30. At 7:45 a.m. on Thursday, December 7, the Steering Committee will meet with City officials at the CBITD terminal; the meeting is of course open.

So be a nominee, come to meetings and ....

HAVE A MERRY MERRY HOLIDAY!
Yoga on Peaks Island
Reduce holiday stress! Kripalu Yoga classes will continue on Wednesdays only from 6:30 - 8 PM through December 20 at the Community Center. Winter session begins the week of January 8. Instructors: Rebecca Stephans and Colquit Meacham. For more information, contact Colquit at 799-5066.

GRIEVING GROUP - The next meeting of the Grieving Group will be Monday, December 4th at 2:00 PM at Elizabeth Loewold’s home on the corner of Pleasant and Park Streets (the white house on the right behind the school playground).

PEAKS ISLAND HEALTH CENTER
STERLING STREET 766-2929
Monday 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and Friday 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Look for Information about Additional Hours to be Posted in the Weeks to Come.

OUR OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON: FRIDAY DECEMBER 8TH, MONDAY DECEMBER 25TH, FRIDAY DECEMBER 29TH and MONDAY JANUARY 1.

The Cumberland County Foot Clinic will be on Tuesday December 5th. For an appointment, please call 761-3889.
The Well Child Clinic will be on Friday December 8. For an appointment please call 874-8869.
The Peaks Island Dental Clinic has not scheduled any days as of yet, to make an appointment please call Connie at 874-1028.

F.Y.I. The heart is a fist size muscle that pumps about 2,000 gallons of blood a day. It beats about 100,000 times daily, sending blood through 12,400 miles of blood vessels in an average person!

HAVE SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS!
WE'LL SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!!

Request from the Casco Bay Health Center Board
As you consider donations during this holiday season, please keep your island health center in mind. Your gifts are vital to the health of our Peaks Island Health Center. Contributions should go to the Casco Bay Health Center, PO Box 52, Peaks Island, ME 04108.
The Friends of Peaks Island Animals will not meet in December; regular meetings will resume in January.

Please keep in mind that Peaks is subject to the same leash law as Portland, i.e., dogs must be kept on their owner's property; when off that property, they must be on a leash, except in certain designated areas, such as the ball field, the sewage treatment plant property, and certain areas of Battery Steele.

In these specific exempted areas where dogs need not be leashed, they must stay within 50 feet of their owner and be under voice control at all times; a dog that does not obey voice commands must remain leashed, even in the designated voice control areas. Violation of the leash law has resulted in people being bitten on Peaks and in serious injury and death to other dogs and cats here. And unleashed dogs are particularly deadly to deer in the winter because deer are not sure-footed in snow and are easily outrun by the dogs that chase them. Violations of the leash law should be reported to the island police at 766-4411 or to Portland Animal Control at 874-8575.

November 21, 1995

Dear Casco Bay Garage Patrons,

**Security Measures.** As I mentioned in a previous letter, we are installing electronic sensors at various points of the perimeter and interior of the garage. Some of the sensors will be set to detect movement inside the garage after closing. As previously mentioned, we have also installed keyed dead bolts which are lockable after hours to make it more difficult for vagrants to "slip out" after closing. Since the sensors will sound alarms to the on site Fire Department personnel and to the Portland Police Department, we hope these steps will put us in a position to detect, catch and prosecute anyone who is in the garage after closing. We obviously don’t want vigorous enforcement measures to be directed at you, so we need your absolute cooperation in never sleeping overnight in your car if you miss the last ferry.

**Maintenance.** In order to perform maintenance in parking stalls, it is necessary to place traffic cones behind cars in the stalls scheduled for work. It would help us greatly if you would replace the cone at the end of the stall after you pull your car out. If you see cones blocking a vacant space, please do not park in that space. We will attempt to perform the work as quickly as possible, but we often must clear more than one stall at a time to make it economically efficient to perform tasks such as oil clean up, sign installation, and striping.

**Snow Ban Parking.** We will not be able to offer a “snow ban” parking rate this winter since the garage is becoming increasingly filled with monthly parkers. If you need to find emergency snow ban parking this winter, please call Portland's Downtown District for information about available lots and garages. Their number is 772-6828.

Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving and save some pie for the next day.
**Library News**

**Pre-School Story Hour:**
**Wednesdays at 10:15 AM**

**Adult Book Discussion Group** will meet in the Community Room, Tuesday, December 5, at 7 PM to discuss *Good Scent From a Strange Mountain* by Robert Butler. The book group is open to all and meets the first Tuesday of each month. For January, we will read *Stone Diaries* by Carol Shields.

**Thank you:** It is hard to imagine Tuesdays without Virginia Horne, who has been volunteering here at the library. We wish her a happy winter visit with her family in Texas, but Virginia, Don’t forget to come back!

Thank you also to Larry Blake for a work in progress. Larry is making us a rolling cart for the storytime mats. It has a tail now. Can anyone guess what it is going to be?

**Some New Books**

**Fiction:**
- Alice Adams
- Rob Bakker
- Barbara Taylor
- Bradford
- Catherine Cookson
- Umberto Eco
- Peter Hoeg
- Judith McNaught
- Patrick O'Brian
- Gerald Seymour
- Danielle Steel
- Amy Tan
- Stuart Woods

**Nonfiction:**
- Southern Exposure
- Raptor Red
- Love in Another Town
- Golden Straw
- Island of the Day Before
- History of Danish Dreams
- Gift of Love
- Unknown Shore
- Heart of Danger
- Five Days in Paris
- Hundred Secret Senses
- Choke

**Ellen Alderman & Caroline Kennedy** Right to Privacy
**Peter Bachelder** Lighthouses and Lightships of Casco Bay
**Ben Bradlee** Good Life
**Peter Drucker** Managing in a Time of Great Change
**J. Gadeberg** Raising Strong Daughters
**Charles Kuralt's America** Pavarotti: My World
**Richard Rhodes** Dark Sun

*(A complete list of new books is on the wall by the door at the library.)*

**We wish we had a recorder** so we could play back your remarks about the library’s new circulation counter. The furniture is in preparation for a less visible but more important change that is coming soon: a new computer system that will allow those who want to to search our library and beyond for the books you want and for information on topics you want to research. We are coming into the 20th Century just in time, before we enter the 21st. Changing computer systems is not the big change that going from handwritten records to computer was in the first place, but there are bound to be wrinkles, so we are counting on your wonderful kindness and sense of humor to carry us through, along with you.
DECEMBER ACTIVITIES ON PEAKS ISLAND
Sponsored by Portland Parks & 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. The Community Center is in use every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings. It is also in use the first and third Tuesday of the month and the second Tuesday of even-numbered months. Please note: For information on putting a display up in the Community Building, please call Denise at 766-2970 (answering machine).

**COMMUNITY - WIDE EVENT: OPEN TO ALL.**

**Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony**
Saturday, December 2
1:00 - 3:30 pm - Holiday Garden Crafts Sharing & Demonstration
Community Center
3:45 pm - Santa arrives at the Living Tree (by the beach stairs in front of the treatment plant)
4:00 pm - Tree Lighting/Tree Decorating & Carol Singing (bring your flashlights)
Refreshments at Will's after the ceremony

This event is co-sponsored by PINA, the City of Portland and the Peaks Island Garden Club

**Craft Workshop**
Thursday, December 14
9:00 - 11:30 am - Community Center

Join Ann Hinderer as she shares with us some unique gift ideas such as decorative oils and nature art crafts.

Cost: $3.00 Pre-registration required -- material list available upon registration.

Happy Holidays!!

**OFF-ISLAND ACTIVITIES FOR ADULTS**

Pre-registration is required for all off-island activities. Sign-up sheets are on the blue door of the Community Building. Many people from "in-town" are interested in coming with us on these trips. They will be receiving their notices a few days after the Star comes out. Please register as soon as you can. Don't delay! 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.

Victoria Mansion (lunch too)
Thursday, December 7
11:15 am (boat) - 4:30 pm (return)
Approximate cost: $6.00
Tour @ Noon, Lunch After

A Child's Christmas In Wales
Oak Street Theater
Tuesday, December 19
12:45 pm boat/no later than 5:30 pm return
Approximate cost: $10.00

Enjoy Dylan Thomas' classic holiday story interspersed with traditional English Christmas carols sung in four-part harmony.
STAR OF THE SEA
STUDIO

THE THEME FOR OUR CHRISTMAS SHOW, "ITS A SMALL WORLD" A PROGRAM
OF THE MUSIC OF CHRISTMAS FROM AROUND THE WORLD. ITS ON SUNDAY
DEC. 3rd. AT 2:30pm. DOORS OPEN AT 1:30pm. FOR YOUR XMAS SHOPPING.
LOVELY GIFTS AND REFRESHMENTS. DONATIONS: ADULTS $3. CHILDREN $1.
PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT ST. CHRISTOPHERS PARISH.
THE BOUTIQUE WILL BE OPEN ON THURS. 11am-4pm. SAT. AND SUN FROM
11:30am.-4pm. CHRISTMAS ITEMS, PORCELAIN DOLLS, $12.50 (WHILE THEY LAST)
HAND KNITTS, MANY NEW ITEMS, STERLING SILVER EARRINGS-$7.50.
WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT TO BENEFIT OUR NON-PROFIT STUDIO
AND BOUTIQUE.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS
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AT THE COMMUNITY ROOM
SAT DEC 9TH 8:30AM - 1:30 PM
EARLYBIRD SPECIAL ... FREE COFFEE!!
LOTS OF GREAT GIFTS BY ISLANDERS

QUESTIONS? CALL KATHY NEWELL 766-2491

GARDEN CLUB REMINDER

SATURDAY, DEC. 2, 1:00 TO 3:30
HOLIDAY GARDEN CRAFTS SHARING
AND DEMONSTRATION
AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER

COMMUNITY TREE LIGHTING AT 4:00
FOLLOWED BY HOT CHOCOLATE & COOKIES
COURTESY OF WILL'S