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Peaks Island Community Enrichment Program 1993-1994

The Peaks Island Community Enrichment Program is back! If you are new to the program, here's your chance to learn about it. The Peaks Island Community Enrichment Program is funded by an innovative federal grant, entitled Chapter II. This grant awards monies to school communities that demonstrate a need for learning activities outside of the school environment. The program is designed to incorporate the school as well as the island community and foster avenues of lifelong learning for people of all ages. The program is administered by a grant coordinator and is processed through Peaks Island School.

The success of this program is volunteers who act as teachers for the program's activities. The really great thing about teaching an activity in the program is that you get to pick your own hours, ages of people you'd like to work with, topic, length and time of the activity and all your supplies are paid for! Last year activities included juggling, art, a science extravaganza, t-shirt design, a mural project (which can be found in the community room behind the Peaks Island Library) just to name a few. If you're interested in teaching or assisting with an activity, please contact Jennifer Hicks at 766-2528. We need you!

Celebrate the World is a series of programs in the Community Enrichment Program that takes a look at countries around the world. We are looking for people who could lead a program on foreign country. If you have lived (and/or extensively visited) a foreign country, and are interested in leading a one night program on that country, please call Jennifer Hicks or Cynthia Cole.

Connie Cooley is offering an aerobics class on Mondays and Wednesdays at the Peaks Island School gym. The class is already started, but you can still come to the class. It is $2 per class and it is guaranteed to make you sweat! Time: 6 to 7 p.m.

The first Craft Day of the year will be held on Friday, December 10. These days are designed for ages 4 to third grade and involve easy to make crafts. This activity will be centered around a holiday theme. The class is from 2:45 to 4 p.m. in the Peaks Island School gym. The class size is limited to 25 people and parent must accompany children under the age of 5. Artist and Islander, Susan Webster along with other community volunteers will spark your child's creativity. Enrollment is on a first come, first serve basis. Deadline: December 7, 1993.

If you want information on the Peaks Island Community Enrichment Program, flyers can be found at Feeney's, the Community bulletin board in the Community Building and at the Peaks Island School.

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DEADLINE FOR JANUARY 1994 STAR IS DECEMBER 27, 1993

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Greetings!

I am writing these notes to help keep us all aware of the discussion we had on our first advisory meeting to Mayor Pringle. After introductions by Cliff, Little Diamond, Great Diamond and Cushing Island representatives, Mayor Pringle and Councilor Peter O’Donnell spoke to the importance of this group and their personal commitments to working on a process for not only speaking to city officials but also establish official communication with the islands as to the direction of unmet needs as a unique neighborhood within the city of Portland.

We touched on areas concerning Fire Protection, Education and Taxes.

Realizing the magnitude of these and other issues, we decided that we will focus our next meeting on issues of Fire Safety. We will be contacting P.I.N.A.'s Public Safety Committee and attending the next P.I.N.A. Steering Committee meeting. We will also be speaking with our volunteer fire fighters to get their input. We would appreciate hearing from other Island citizens as well regarding this issue.

Our next meeting is scheduled for December 21, at 4:00PM at Casco Bay Lines.

Yours truly,
Jon Kelso

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SENIOR CITIZENS

The Senior Citizens Christmas luncheon will be on December 13th at noon at the Fellowship Hall of Brackett Church. Blanche Wilder will see that there is turkey with dressing and gravy. Those attending are asked to bring covered dish style vegetables. If you want to be more particular consult with Blanche or with Grace Wright if each woman brings a gift for a woman, and each man, a gift for a man; no one will be left out in our Christmas gift exchange. $2 limit on value, please.

Our gifts to the children of the Child Development Center will be the mittens we have made for them. It is not too late to bring mittens you have made either to the Senior Center or to 20 Lower A Street. John Kelso will always be able to find hands for any mittens that come his way.

Have you seen the Thanksgiving murals at the Senior Center? Be sure to stop by and see the creative work our island school children produce.

When the school first established relationship with the Senior Citizens, they asked us to tell when our birthdays were. I am happy to have this occasion to thank my 3rd and 4th grade friends at Peaks Island school for the birthday card that came my way again this fall.

The Senior Citizen pot luck Thanksgiving luncheon at Brackett Church turned out to be a most special occasion with the Mayflower slide show Virginia and Henry Adamson gave us. Even the pictures of notable spots in England and in Holland had been taken by the Adamsons themselves. Carl and I had left Duxbury before the landing of the second Mayflower; so I was particularly interested in pictures of the replica Plymouth colony.

Christmas Greetings to all and to all a good holiday!

Gretchen Hall
PORTLAND RECREATION ON PEAKS ISLAND

DECEMBER 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 and CO-ED VOLLEYBALL

Registration for the Winter term are being accepted starting December 1. Membership fee is $10.00 for the 10-week session. New session begins the week of January 3. We must have 10 paid members prior to that week in order to hold either program. Call Denise (2970) for more information.

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CRAFT WORKSHOP: MAKE YOUR OWN FLORAL NOTE CARDS

December 2 - Thursday 1:00 pm - Community Center
Instructor: Betty McIntyre
Please call Denise 2970 to register

SPECIAL CRAFT WORKSHOP: HOLIDAY DECORATIONS FOR COMMUNITY TREE

December 7 - Tuesday 10:30 am - Community Center

GENTLE YOGA FOR RELAXATION*

December 8, 15, 22 - Wednesday 6:15-7:30 pm - Community Center
Instructor: Robin Walden
Come learn how yoga can help you manage holiday stress
First night is FREE!
$2.00 drop-in fee per night after that. Please call Denise (2970) to register
* Please bring: foam pillow or cushion; mat or blanket

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**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.

CHRISTMAS at the VICTORIA MANSION and LUNCH

December 8 - Wednesday 11:15 am boat/no later than 4:30 return
Approximate cost: $6.00

SHOPPING TRIP: WAL-MART and MARSHALL'S and LUNCH

December 15 - Wednesday 8:15 am boat/2:15 return
Approximate cost: $4.00

KOTZSCHMAR ORGAN CONCERT and DINNER

December 21 - Tuesday 5:00 pm boat/9:15 return
Approximate cost: $4.00

HOLIDAY FESTIVAL OF MUSIC AND LUNCH

December 22 - Wednesday 11:15 am boat/2:15 return
Note: Music will be at the Portland Museum of Art from 12:00-1:00. Lunch will be after that.
Dear Star reader:

In October representatives from the school committee and administrators from Portland Public Schools came to the island to view the school. They were treated to a pot-luck luncheon sponsored by the staff and parents. The purpose of this meeting was to celebrate our many successes. Among the many successes that were shared were:

- lots of support for each other
- diversity of population
- community events involving people who do not have children in school
- Community Enrichment Program
- increased parental involvement
- caring focus on kids
- teachers and support staff that always go that extra mile
- hospitality level on the islands
- Foster Grandparent

Our next event will be on December 16 from 6:45 - 8:00 p.m. It is titled "An Evening of Musical Variety with John Fenlason". Mr. Fenlason is our new music teacher. He and his creative approach to teaching are enjoyed and anticipated by the students. The purpose of this evening is to meet Mr. Fenlason and watch some of his lessons. Refreshments will follow.

STAR OF THE SEA
THEATRE AND DANCE CO.

OUR PLAYERS AND DANCERS WILL PERFORM ON SUNDAY DEC. 5th AT 2:30pm.
AT ST. CHRISTOPHERS PARISH HALL, DOORS OPEN AT 1:30pm., FOR THE CHURCHES ANNUAL CHRISTMAS GIFT SALE

ON WED. DEC., 8th, OUR PLAYERS WILL PERFORM WITH THE DANCERS FROM STUDIO 11, AT THE RIVERTON COMMUNITY CENTER AT 7.PM.AT 1600 FOREST AVE. IN PORTLAND. DONATION $3. FOR ADULTS AND $1. FOR A CHILD. THE SAME SHOW WILL BE PERFORMED WITH OUR PEAKS ISL. PLAYERS JOINING STUDIO 11aAND IV, AT THE REICHE SCHOOL ON FRIDAY DEC. 10th. AT 7:00PM.

AFTER THIS BUSY SCHEDUAL WE WILL TAKE A BREAK FOR THE HOLIDAYS.
THE NEW SEASON WILL RESUME ON MONDAY JAN. 13th AT STUDIO IV CUMMINGS CENTER (MONJOU HILL). TUES. STUDIO 10N PEAKS ISL. WED. DEC. AT RIVERTON STUDIO 11, SAT. AT REICHE SCHOOL STUDIO 111.
AEROBIC EXERCISES MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS 9:30 am. COUNTRY LINE DANCING (ADULTS) THURSDAY 6pm.
SINCERE THANKS TO MY STUDENTS, PARENTS AND SUPPORTERS.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS
NEW BOOKS

FICTION
Margaret Atwood
Peter Beagle
Jay Brandon
Catherine Cookson
Dick Francis
Peter Hoeg
Robert Jordan
Dean Koontz
Anne McCaffrey
Robert Waller

NONFICTION
Tom Chappell
CIA
Rush Limbaugh
Wilma Mankiller
Diana Maychick
Raymond Moody
Diana Maychick
Encounters
Wilma Mankiller

AUDIOTAPE
Backyard Birdsong

Macintosh Computer Gift

The Friends of the Peaks Island Library have purchased a Macintosh LC3 computer, Clarisworks software, and a StyleWriter II (inkjet) printer for public use at the library. The computer and software are the same as those used at the Peaks Island School, so we hope students and their parents will particularly make use of this opportunity. We hope in time to offer some instruction for those interested in learning. We may also be able to add more software in the future.

Anyone wanting to use it may reserve time ahead or come in and take your chances. Printing will be 5 cents a page to cover costs of paper and ink. Please bring a floppy disk if you want to save your work. We will figure out how to make all this the most convenient for those wanting to use it as we go along.

Thank you to the FRIENDS for all their hard work - for raising the funds for this gift, for their careful decisionmaking, and their purchasing it and setting up the computer. And thank you to the community at large for your support. Now come enjoy it.

Book Discussion

The Book Discussion Group will meet Tuesday, December 7, 7 PM. December’s book is Before and After by Rosellen Brown. (January book will be Jazz by Toni Morrison. As you may know, Toni Morrison received the Nobel Prize for Literature this fall. Jazz is a novel.)

7TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY CONCERT

This popular Peaks Island Holiday Concert will be performed in two shows this year to accommodate the huge crowd that annually attend the event. The ever-popular mando commandoes will appear with holiday treats, as will the "Push-Button Brigadés" accordion ensemble. Susanna Adams and the Peaks Island Chorale have been working hard to present new and old carols. The New Peaks Island Orchestra will surely surprise and delight you this year... and more. Refreshments will be provided at intermission. You are encouraged to try the evening concert this year to insure great seats. Donations are $2.50 for adults, $1.00 for children 12 and under, $10.00 for family.
BRACKETT MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

TEL 766-5013  PASTOR: The Rev. Charles Hale
Sundays: 9 AM - Sunday School; 10 AM - Worship; 4 PM - Bible Study (at parsonage)
Wednesdays: 6:15 PM - AA Meeting (in Fellowship Hall)
Thursdays: 9 AM - Bible Study at Senior Center

December 12 (Sunday)  7 PM - Music Association Holiday Concert (Sanctuary)
14 (Tuesday) Noon - UMW Meeting at Mary Dennison's. Bring a sandwich, share our friendship, and enjoy a Christmas program.
18 (Saturday) 2 PM - Sunday School Christmas play (Fellowship Hall)
19 (Sunday) 8 AM - Sunday School Christmas Celebration (""")
10 AM - Regular church service with special musical presentation of Christmas
24 (Friday) 7 PM - Christmas Eve Service
(Transportation provided if needed)
6 & 20 (Mondays) 1 PM - At Virginia Paton's (Avenue House). Are you up to your ears in making Christmas gifts? I am. So I have promised myself I will definitely spend at least these two days at home working on them. Will you join me? More fun when there are others working madly too.

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

Activities:
Sunday - Coffee and cake in Church Hall after Mass
Wednesday - 7:30 pm in Church Hall
Thursday - Bible study, 9 am at the Senior Center
Prayer Group - 9:45 am, Erico home. For prayers call 2284, 2502, 2641, 2266.
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 Jim or Joyce O'Brien for more information.
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - TBA in bulletin.
PARISH CONCERNS - Contact Paul Johnson 2910 or Fr. Carrier 2505.

Sun. Dec. 5. Christmas Fair- Parish Hall. Doors open at 1:30 pm. Time to browse for gifts, knitted items, candy, etc. Free refreshments, door prizes. Entertainment at 2:30 pm by Star of the Sea dancers/ singers- "The Toys Take Over Christmas." Donations- Adults $3.00 Children $1.00
Christmas Mass Schedule- Friday Dec. 24- 4 pm. Sat. 25. 9 am, 4 pm.
New Years Mass - Time will be in Sunday Bulletin.
Blessed Holidays to All!!

At the last community meeting a request was made for a light at the foot of the hill where the ramp ended. Two weeks later the State saw that it was installed. Many, many THANKS!!
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWS

On October 28, six very capable candidates for representative (2) to the Mayor's Island Advisory Committee each spoke for a few minutes, telling about themselves and explaining why they wished to become an Island representative: Tom Bohan, Kathy Caron, John Feeney, Jerry Garman, Jon Kelso and Dave Parker. On Election Day, November 2, 303 Peaks Islanders participated in the PINA-sponsored election and selected John Feeney and Jon Kelso to represent Peaks. Dave Parker will be the alternate if either representative cannot complete his term. Please see an article elsewhere in the STAR for a report on the first Island Advisory Committee meeting.

Steering Committee is working with the Maine Council of Churches to implement the request by PINA membership to have study circles on the Island. We are currently looking for Peaks Islanders who are interested in becoming trained as facilitators. Please sign a list in Feeenys or, if you wish further information, call Charlie Hale (766-5013) or Norm Proulx (766-2246).

The Neighborhood Association is working with Denise Macaronas of Portland Recreation and with other Island groups planning a tree-lighting ceremony for Saturday, December 11, at our living tree between the treatment plant and the beach. Fun for all ages and free refreshments!

Wharf construction could cause delays in the docking process for CBL boats approaching Peaks. Your patience and understanding are appreciated. Work will continue throughout the winter.

As people have been hooking up to the new sewer lines, some have discovered that the connections don't line up. Rest assured that the City will pick up any extra costs that may be incurred as a result of the misalignments.

The PINA-sponsored committees continue to discuss island issues and services at various public meetings which are announced on Feeey's and the Library bulletin boards. In order to gather information on community needs, the Social Service/Recreation Committee has prepared a survey and will be delivering it to your home in early December. (Extra copies available at the Child Care Center.) Please take a few moments to fill it out and drop it off at Feeeney's in a special survey collection box. If you have an issue, a concern, a problem or just interest, it's never too late to join in the discussions. Committee reports will be given at the next PINA General Meeting:

Saturday, January 29, 1994
1:00 PM. Community Room

The next Steering Committee Meeting will be:

Thursday, December 2
7:30 PM. Sr. Citizens Center
We’d like to welcome Derek Bean-Grosger to our Kindergarten Program as we bask in our newly found sunshine since the removal of old plexiglass from our basement windows. It’s also turned into a great science experience as our newly hung prisms create rainbows around our room.

We celebrated Thanksgiving with our traditional Stone Soup...we have a well seasoned stone from past years that creates a delicious flavor. Of course, we add some vegetables and potatoes to round out the flavor. We also served the original Thanksgiving treat of popcorn with maple syrup.

We’re looking forward to joining the Senior Citizens on December 13 for our annual holiday get together. In preparation, we’ve been on walks to search for pinecones which we will use to make bird feeders.

Our Open House gave us an opportunity to visit with parents and view some old videos of our “program in action.” If you missed our Open House and would like information about our different programs, please give a call.

PLAYGROUP continues on Wednesdays from 10-11:15AM as a time for parents and their young children to come and enjoy our playspace. This is a drop in program with no fee involved...with winter approaching, it’s a nice destination and place to spend time with other adults and children.

Thank you to the Methodist Church for their recent donation of goods to our Food Pantry. The Food Pantry is available from Mon-Fri, 7AM-6PM, for anyone who finds themselves short of food. Simply come into our kitchen and take what you need. If you know of others who could use extra food, please pick some up for them or let us know and we can deliver.

Each household will soon be receiving a survey from the PINA Recreation/Social Service Committee...your participation will help us understand how to better serve our community.

Our best wishes for this Holiday Season...the best gift we can give to our children is our time and presence.
HEALTH CENTER BOARD ANNOUNCES AFTERNOON AND EVENING HOURS

Beginning in December, the Health Center on Sterling Street will be open Mondays, from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm
Thursdays, from 2:30 pm to 8:30 pm.

The addition of late afternoon and evening hours is an effort to meet the needs of the many Islanders who work off-island or go to school. The Board is pleased that Dr. Rudenberg is willing to rearrange her schedule and child care for the convenience of Islanders, and we hope that Islanders, in turn, will use the Health Center in greater numbers.

There are people on Peaks: the elderly, families with young children, those in need of urgent care... who depend on the Health Center for their health care needs. Others of us use the Health Center because it is convenient and we like the people who work there. But the truth is, if we want to keep health care available on the Island, more of us need to take advantage of the fine health services offered at the Health Center.

In order to gather information on your health care needs, the Health Center has been working with the PINA Social Service/Recreation Committee on a questionnaire which will be delivered to your home in early December. Please take a few moments to fill it out and return it.

The Health Center Board members and elected officers for 1993-94 are: Jack Anderson, Jane Banquer, Janine Blatt, Sandi Boyd, John Feeney, Fay Garman, Charlie Hale, Roberta Jackson (Treasurer), Caralen MacKenzie-Hicks, Cynde Putney-Mitchell, Chuck Radis (Vice-President), Annie Romanynshyn, Cynthia Garner Sargent (Secretary), Gene Taylor, Kay Taylor (President). Meetings are announced and public attendance and input are always welcome.

Peaks Island Health Center
Winter Hours:
(beginning Monday, November 29)

Monday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Thursday, 3 to 8 pm
◆ Call 766-2929 for an appointment
◆ Walk-ins welcome

Donations to this month's printing of the STAR were made by
Carl Ingraham, Kay and Gene Taylor, The Mayor's Island
Advisory Council, Anon. I and II. Thank you very much....
Celebrate the Holiday Season

Join your friends and neighbors at the community-wide Tree Lighting ceremony on Saturday, December 11.

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

Time: Events begin at 1:00 pm
This event will be held "Snow or Shine"

FREE REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE

If you would like to help out in any way, please call Loretta (2523) or Denise (2970). Answering machines at both locations.

This event is co-sponsored by P.I.N.A. and the City of Portland