Resident's of the Casco Bay Islands in need of medical care will be invited to participate in the program of the Family Practice Unit of the Maine Medical Center, a new treatment and educational project of the Maine Medical Center.

The new facility, at Congress and India Streets, Portland, is designed primarily to aid medically underserved families, and to provide training opportunities in family medicine for young doctors. The MMC branch will thus bring improved care to islanders and eastern city dwellers as well as increase Maine's supply of family physicians.

MMC leaders say that while its immediate advantages will be felt by people of the islands and the eastern peninsula, the entire state will benefit ultimately not only from the availability of more family practitioners, but also from a general resurgent interest in family-oriented health care.

Now in final stages of preparation, the Family Practice Unit is expected to be open on November 15th at 4 p.m. with public ceremonies. It will be directed by Robert M. Tran, M.D., MMC Chief of Family Practice. Working with him will be Robert E. Cave, M.D., assistant chief of the department, and a team of professionals that will include Family Nurse Associates from the Portland City Health Department, nurses from Community Health Services, Inc., and social workers, dieticians and other personnel from the Maine Medical Center.

Providing primary care and gaining experience as family practitioners will be a continuing series of young physicians enrolled in the Medical Center's three-year Family Practice residency program. A total of 11 already have begun advanced special training in family practice at MMC.

Family Practice Unit patients will be from the City's eastern peninsula, nearby neighborhoods and the Casco Bay Islands who do not have a family physician. They will be provided with family health care at the Congress-India Street center, and through the new facility will have ready access to all departments of the Maine Medical Center as well as the consultation and services of its specialists and other staff members.

Dr. True, in family practice for more than 20 years, describes the role of the new facility as "providing total care of the family by a primary health care team. It will not be a clinic or dispensary." He said, "but a model family doctor's office where experienced family physicians supervise the training of family physician-students, not only in the usual medical skills, but in human concern."

The Medical Center Family Practice Chief said the Congress-India Street facility is the product of many months of planning by the Medical Center, the City of Portland Health Department and members of a Community Advisory Board. The latter group, which includes Mr. and Mrs. Winthrop Deane and Ms. Beatrice Chapman of Peaks Island, is expected to provide a direct link between the Family Practice Unit and the people it is designed to serve.

City Council Candidate Webster
Will Support Casco Bay Islands

William H. Webster, candidate for the at-large city council opening in the Dec. 2 City elections has promised CBIDA officials that he will support issues of importance to island residents. A summer resident of Cushing's Island, Webster is "island oriented" and would add his strength, if elected, to our own representative Harold Loring.

Webster is a businessman — Executive Vice President of J.B. Brown and Sons and long active in the Portland community. A youthful 34, Webster is a graduate of Amherst College and Harvard Law School. His wife, the former Mary Clark, is Deputy Director of the Maine Office of Energy Resources. In other stated positions Webster says: "The City Council has a public responsibility to preserve and encourage human service programs essential to our City's life ... and we must make certain that the City's revitalization continues so that our tax base is broadened and real estate taxes are kept in line."

If you are a Portland resident don't forget to vote on Dec. 2.
Population Explodes On Great D.

When you're a summer island the addition of one year round family to the other two represents a 30% growth by statisticians. Thus the warm welcome to the Robert Webbers and their three children - two girls who attend school on Peaks Island, and a little pal 2, who stays home with mother. "Lee," as he prefers to be called, has his own boat and works for a trucking company as terminal manager. He is also a welcome and already productive member of CBIDA Steering Committee assisting in the advertising for Nor' by East.

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A decade of service:

Halls Retire

Rev. Carl F. Hall, who has served as pastor of the Staffordville Congregational Church for nearly ten years, is retiring July 1. With his wife, the Rev. Gretchen H. Hall, he will move into their recently purchased home on Peaks Island, Portland, Maine. The Halls began their work in Stafford in October, 1964, serving the West Stafford and Staffordville churches. A little over two years ago the Halls moved to Hebron, but continued serving the Staffordville church.

Before coming to Stafford Mr. Hall served on the staff of the Maine Sea Coast Mission and as pastor of several Maine churches. More recently he has served churches in Duxbury and Northham, Massachusetts, as chaplain of the Massachusetts State Penitentiary and Cancer Hospital, and as director of the Protestant Guild for the Blind. In 1958, Mr. Hall went to West Germany as a Hoffer Cowboy.

Mrs. Hall's Stafford Community service includes membership on the town Sewer Commission and as Institutional Representative, Chairman, and Committeeman of Scouting in West Stafford and Staffordville.

Mrs. Hall's activities in Stafford include initiation of the Stafford Association for the retarded and representation of the town in the Cepitol Region Mental Health organization. In the churches she has been active in Bible study and in work with children. During the past year she has been acting superintendent of Staffordville Sunday School.

In the larger Christian ministry Rev. Hall has served as a moderator of the Tolland Association of the United Church of Christ. He has also served for over twenty five years on the Board of Governors of the Boston Seamen's Friend Society, and is listed in directory of "Who's Who in the East."

EDITOR'S NOTE: Rev. Carl Hall is a Maine native, born in Strong, and was a classmate of Bea Chapman at Deering High School. He and his wife have been long time summer residents of Peaks Island. Mrs. Hall, a native of Las Vegas. New Mexico, is also an ordained minister and the couple met while attending Bangor Theological Seminary. Their combined talents are a welcome addition to our community.

"Think About It"

The documented cost of operating the State ferry service in Penobscot Bay outside of revenue received is over $1,060,075 for the past three years. The breakdown released by the Department of Transportation is as follows:

Who pays the overage? You and I!

CWC Presents Position

ATTORNEY John Amerling, recently elected president of Citizens Who Care, presented that group's position on the Gibbs NEECO Oil terminal and pipeline proposal at the October meeting of the CBIDA.

Briefly, CWC, will intervene to request any containment of future expansion — especially of the oil storage facilities on Long Island — not be allowed without due process of full public hearings. While no vote of concurrence was requested from CBIDA, general discussion of this position seemed to meet with the approval of those present.

Perspective

Descartes observed that "Good sense is of all things in the world the most equally distributed, for everyone thinks himself so abundantly provided with it, that even those most difficult to please in all other matters do not commonly desire more of it than they already possess."

"How many worthy men have we known to survive their own reputation?" wrote Montaigne some four centuries ago.

Thomas Carlyle said "Adversity is sometimes hard upon a man; but for one man who can stand adversity there are a hundred that will stand ad

Passing through

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Your home can be in either disorder or disrepair or both, but if there is a set (or more) of encyclopedias sitting there somewhere in all its (or their) glory, the focus never seems to be on faded or peeling paint, sagging floors, termite nests and assorted other seemingly terrible things. The focus is on those volumes, with the gold lettering from “Index” to “Atlas” on their backs, and those inviting in between volumes which declare from “EDWA to EXTRACT,” “HYDROX to JEREM,” “SABS to SORC” and all the exciting in-betweens.

Right out there, within reach, is more accumulated wisdom than you’d ever need to know — and what does it matter if the roof leaks when within seconds you can be learning, knowing beyond argument, that an ellipse (q.v.) by

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We Visit
Cliff Island School
By Gretchen Hall

Cliff Island had nation-wide attention three years ago when, in order to have enough children to keep its elementary school open, the City of Portland offered the island way of life to an under privileged family with six children. (The initiative had been taken by the island residents who restored a house for them to live in.)

This fall five of the children are among the fifteen who make up the present school. Since the family came to the island, the father has suffered incapacitating illness so that now they are looking for a less isolated setting for the family. With six island children now in the lower grades, the school can look forward to a future that does not require the family to remain on the island.

The fifteen also include Bonnie Rideout whose family had lingered on after Labor Day. Bonnie had found no problem in returning late to her Michigan school the previous year but was a little apprehensive over having missed the adjustment period of going to a new school this year.

This fall for the first time there is a student in the seventh grade. Parental objection had been exercised about attending junior high school in the City by taking the 6:20 boat.

Johanna von Tilling has maintained the stability of the school through a variety of changing circumstances during the years she has taught there, with loving concern for each child who comes along. Because the school is so small she is able to give a one-to-one relation seen now as so important. The children reaching the upper grades in the school learn to look out for the younger children and to develop interpersonal relations like those in a good family.

The Portland school department does not leave Miss von Tilling to carry the responsibility alone an hour by boat from the City. Our visit was shared with Mr. Harmon, the reading consultant, on his weekly visit. In consultation with Miss von Tilling, he spent the two hours taking children by ones and twos into a small ante room for the extra attention their reading needed. Other days of the week bring other helpers to the school. In the morning when kindergarten, consisting of Connie and the twins Dale and Scott is in session, Muriel Anderson is there as Teacher’s Aide.

We arrived at the beginning of the noon hour, to learn that everyone goes home for lunch. Miss von Tilling has maintained the stability of the school through a variety of changing circumstances during the years she has taught there, with loving concern for each child who comes along. Because the school is so small she is able to give a one-to-one relation seen now as so important.

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Jill Freeland
End of Stay Coordinator
Travel Department

A HAPPY SUMMER MEMORY

New president, Stanley R. Williamson is taking hold of Island affairs with a firm hand and strong voice.

Past president James Coolbrith of Long Island was equally effective in organizing an orderly protest with City officials and representative Casco Bay groups over the tax issue. It was his last official act before the annual meeting election of Williamson.

Other new members of the Steering Committee elected were Peter Murray, Cushins Island; Johanna von Filing, Cliff Island; Robert L. Webster, Great Diamond Island; and Lawrence Foster of Foxboro representing the summer residents.

President Williamson, year round resident of Peaks Island is a graduate of General Motors Institute, Flint, Michigan; and is employed as supervisor of auto and marine lines General Adjustment Bureau.

City Charged With Failing To Keep Revaluation Vow

The new president of the Casco Bay Island Development Association said Monday that city promises to review controversial island property valuations haven't been kept.

Stanley R. Williamson of Peaks Island said the island organization had been told several weeks ago by city officials that island property would be surveyed to determine whether it had been valued fairly.

"Some valuations have been lowered and others have been raised," Williamson said. "They're so high as to be completely unrealistic and unreasonable."

Williamson said a swamps parcel bought three years ago for $500 was revalued at $33,000.

"It's evident they never saw a lot of the land the first time around and we doubt that they've seen much of it the second time around.

AFS BUS STOP ARRIVES AT CANAL BANK PLAZA

Historic Island Profiles

Chebeague Island

By Virginia Schroeder

Great Chebeague Island is located 8 miles northeast of Portland, 1 mile easterly of Falmouth Foreside, and 2 miles offshore from Yarmouth. Cousins and Littlejohn Islands, which lie between Chebeague and Yarmouth, are joined by bridges to the mainland. Chebeague is serviced by Casco Bay Lines from Portland and a water taxi which runs between Chebeague and Cousins. Chebeague is 5 miles long and 4½ miles wide with 2½ miles of roads. The population ranges from around 350 year-round residents to over 1,000 in the summer.

Chebeague has part of a town of Cumberland and has one representative on the Town Council. Cumberland has a town manager form of government.

Chebeague has two grocery stores, a gift shop, post office, garage, fire department and rescue squad. Methodist Church, elementary school, library, and taxi service. Islanders enjoy the voluntary services of a physician, when he is on the island, and V.N.A. service on a year-round basis. The Island Hall is used for various community affairs.

There are three large beaches — Hamilton at the east end, Chandler's Cove at the west end, Division Point on the inner bay side, several small beaches on both shores, plus a splendid sandy bar which at low tide stretches over to Little Chebeague. The main anchorages for both working and pleasure boats are the Chebeague Island Boat Yard, Stone Pier (water taxi landing), Hamilton Beach, and Chandler's Cove (Casco Bay Line landing). The island also boasts a 9-hole golf course, two tennis courts, and a yacht club.

Hillcrest Hotel offers food and lodging. There is one real estate business, Brookwood Real Estate. There are a limited number of cottages for rent.

The population includes a small number of retired persons, a group of over twenty people who commute daily to the mainland to work and a fairly large and stable number of long time residents who fish and lobster or run various businesses such as stores and contracting. The large out-of-state summer population is made up mostly of people who have been coming to the island for years, their families, friends and relatives.

No fortifications exist on Chebeague.

The first permanent settlers came to Chebeague in the late 1700s. The two original families were the Wailes, who bought the northeast half of the island in 1773 and the Chanders, who purchased the southwest half in 1746. One of the most fascinating eras of Chebeague history concerns stone slopping, which started about 1700 and flourished a little over 100 years. This was the time when America was building thousands of ships, and the stone sloops, big flat-bottomed ships, carried the ballast used in the launching of these ships and freighted the huge granite blocks to build lighthouses, monuments, piers and fortifications up and down the Atlantic Coast. What is most interesting and singular is that so many stone sloops, captains and crews should come from one relatively small island in Casco Bay. One of the results of this profitable trade can be seen today in the stone slop houses of Chebeague with their solid granite block foundations and pleasing architecture.

Land use is limited to residential-agricultural and limited business. Lot size is one acre.

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Book Review

Maine Landowner's Handbook by Edward Schrerrer

Edward Schrerrer

If you want to know generally about the various attitudes, ideas, philosophies, laws, implementing authorities, public agencies, and private organizations currently affecting the use of land in Maine, read the Maine Landowner's Handbook, even if you are not a landowner. It is not a "how to" guide, however, nor does it claim to be except, perhaps, in title. Readable and inclusive, this catalogue has for the moment, anyway, caught up with the proliferation of influences on the use of land to list and describe each one briefly, and to identify sources of further information should the introduction prompt an interest in learning more.

Respect for the land is a theme which runs throughout the book and is that which obviously prompted its preparation. As the book points out, respect for landowners has shaped most patterns of land use superimposed on the natural landscape. Until recently, good neighborliness has been the primary constraint on misuse of land affecting others adversely. Today, by the enactment of a substantial body of state legislation and local ordinances, Maine is following the rest of the country in admitting that good neighborliness is no longer sufficient to protect the individual from the effects of land damage to others.

But Maine is also in the lead by preventing misuse for the sake of the natural processes of the landscape rather than just for the sake of the people who live in it....

Unlimited individual prerogative in land use is one of the last paths leading from another age, and that, as we see in the pages of Maine Landowner's Handbook is ever less trafficked. Unlike the past, however, society today is asserting control over widespread individual privilege in the use of land for the benefit of all, and not to the power of few.

-- George B. Tertian

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CATERPILLARS were crawling across the grass when a butterfly flew over them. They looked up, and one nudged the other and said: "You couldn't get me up in one of those things for a million dollars!"

America has become so tense and nervous it has been years since I've seen anyone asleep in church—and that is a sad situation.

NORMAN VINCENT PEALE

A company is known by the men it keeps.

There are few, if any, jobs in which ability alone is sufficient. Needed also are loyalty, sincerity, enthusiasm, and cooperation.

Two caterpillars were crawling across the grass when a butterfly flew over them. They looked up, and one nudged the other and said: "You couldn't get me up in one of those things for a million dollars!"

On The Good Ship Romance

Lynn Collins and Captain Robert Armstrong were wed on the Island Romance at dockside on Nov. 2 with relatives and friends as the only "passengers." The service was performed by Rodney Quinn of Gorham who won election to the State Legislature on Nov. 5th. Happy sailing, bride and groom.

DECKHAND LYNN COLLINS TELLS IT LIKE IT IS AS OUR ONLY FEMALE CREW MEMBER

I'm supposed to tell you something about myself and the job I do.

I'm second in a family of four children, having one older brother and two younger sisters. My family lives in Massachusetts, where I was born and raised. My mother teaches nursing and my father works for the Boston Globe, running their computerized library. He is also a Union President, which presented us with a bit of irony when I came to work at CBL during the strike last fall.

But my parents raised their children to think for themselves and do whatever they feel is right, even if it hurts. (And believe me, the first few weeks I was here you never saw a girl with sore muscles than I had.) My working here took a bit of getting used to as it was, because they must feel that I am wasting a college education.

But, since jobs teaching Drama are scarce, I figure that I'm better off out in the fresh air than in some stuffy office somewhere. And as long as I'm happy in what I do, my folks are content.

Newlyweds Collins-Armstrong at "Romance" Wedding

I moved up to Maine two years ago, and spent the first year as a Teller in one of the local Savings Banks. After an intermin period in which I tried to join the Air Force, I came to work at CBL.

Being a deckhand is sometimes hard, usually fun, and always interesting. People ask if I don't get bored doing the same runs all the time. No way! Every run is different, with different people, light, wind, tide, such an infinite number of variables that there is no way I'd ever get bored.

It seems unusual to a lot of people for a girl to be working on the boats. I guess it is unusual in this area, but there are ferry lines all over the country which employ female deckhands, notably on Lake Champlain, and in Massachusetts and Florida. I've had many people say to me that a girl shouldn't be doing a "Man's Job." Well, I'm not a Woman's Libber, but I'll fight to protect my right to do any job of which I am capable, and if I weren't capable I would not have remained employed by CBL for better than a year.

I like the job very much, but like anyone else I do have a few pet peeves involving different types of people, such as the obnoxious drunk to whom in extreme cases, we sometimes deny passage; the people who are consistently late for the boat, but insist their watch is right and we left early, and the kind of people who seem to think we are servants.

I was asked quite often this past summer while on the Bailey Island Cruise exactly what my job was. This is what a deckhand must do. Throw the line and tie it down (both of which take judgement, skill
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In addition, we have to know how to splice lines, keep an eye on the boats to note any needed repairs, and help any passengers who need aid in any way. We also have to know how to load and unload vehicles on both the Abenaki and Rebel, proper use of the radio, learn to judge the tides and winds and how they will affect docking the boat at each landing, know how to start the engine, generator, furnace, and which of the various switches to turn in case of emergency, the location of and how to use all firefighting equipment aboard, know basic first-aid and keep the aid kits stocked.

We are also expected to know the routes and marks of all the runs we work, so if something ever happened to the Captain the deckhands could take over and bring the boat safely home. Therefore, we also have to learn how to dock and undock the boats and how to navigate, either in good weather or using the compass. So, the way I figure it, a deckhand has to know a little too much and be skilled in too many things to be considered a ‘servant’.

Just one more autobiographical note—as of Nov. 2, I will become the proud and happy wearer of the ring and name of Captain Robert Armstrong.

So if I seem a bit preoccupied in the meantime and don’t answer if you say hello, I hope you all understand. See you on the boat!

### Important Meeting On Tax Issue at Oct. Steering Committee.

Present for Steering Committee meeting were President Stan Williamson, Mary and Win Deane, John and Harriette Johnson, Ted Rand, Peter McLaughlin, Peter Murray, Robert Laughlin, Stuart Laughlin, Howard Heller, Bea Chapman and James Ouellette. Also present: John Menario, City Manager of Portland; John Lovell, Portland Press Herald reporter, Mr. and Mrs. Reimer of Cliff Island, Robert Hitchcock and Harlan Bruns of Long Island, and Mr. and Mrs. Francis Litchfield of Island.

### Tax Issue

President Williamson opened the meeting by moving directly to the main subject—the taxes—and presenting the City Manager. In his opening remarks Mr. Menario said that taxes were due Nov. 1 instead of Oct. 4 (as stated on the bill) and that interest would be charged after that date. He also said that Cole, Layer and Trumble work has been done and Fred Lucci, tax assessor is now in charge of the tax program.

Peter Murray said that the (firm’s) policy on island land values was “fatally defective” and that (existing) laws seem to favor the assessor (more than the tax payer). Howard Heller suggested that the (firm’s) whole program should be thrown out.

Robert Laughlin of Great Diamond, pointed out that the City has accepted streets that do not exist today and based taxes on lots near streets that do not exist. The City Assessor’s maps are inaccurate, he claimed.

A letter from Roger Berle, president of the Cliff Island Association was read pointing out that the (firm) did not inspect thoroughly the land in making the revaluations as promised in August.

Lobstermen and fishermen have been particularly hard hit and year-round residents may be forced off the island.

(City Manager Menario listened to the various complaints with interest and encouraged island residents to continue to apply for adjustments they felt were needed, but that Mr. Lucci is the only City official who can take such action.)

After Mr. Menario left, the meeting was turned over to our attorney who proceeded to advise on tax rebate appeals. (His basic points are included here on page one.) Murray said that conservation easements for large parcels of land might be a possibility, but the City might oppose this because it would strip value out of the land.

Ted Rand presented what he called “a more radical idea”: that all the islands band together and become a town. High taxes and oil industry expansion might force this consideration. Peter Murray called this an “appealing idea.” Cushings Island filed a Village Corporation proposal a few years back. This brought some city service and greatly upset the City, he added.

Other routine business concluded the meeting: Stuart Laughlin, Recording Secretary.

One exceptional traditional type of project took place on Peaks Island in Casco Bay where youthful residents of the island undertook a cleanup campaign. They started at the ferry landing, carting away debris until they had created a sand beach suitable for recreational purposes. Next they moved to an overgrown, all but forgotten, Cemetery. There, battling brambles that had grown into a nearly impenetrable wall, they found gravestones dating back to 1784 and discovered that the dimensions of the graveyard were greater than the townpeople had known. The area is cleared and landscaped now, thanks to the summer youth.

Editor’s Note:

Arrangements for this effective summer program under the direction of John Backman were made by CBIDA, the State Youth Coordinator’s Office, the City Manpower program, and the Concentrated Employment Program. John Paris of Peaks assisted in recruitment.

**It isn’t** the incompetent who destroy an organization. The incompetent never get in a position to destroy it. It is those who have achieved something and want to rest upon their achievements who are forever clogging things up.

F. M. Young

Temper is what gets most of us into trouble. Pride is what keeps us there.
Governor Kenneth M. Curtis
Honorary Chairman

First Annual
United Nations Ball

One of the last opportunities to socialize with Maine's outgoing popular governor and his wife occurred on Oct. 26 in Portland at the First Annual United Nations Ball.

Governor and Mrs. Kenneth M. Curtis received the nearly five hundred guests including 45 international students attending Maine colleges.

The event was staged by the Corporation of the Peaks Island Conference Center, Inc. (the Battery Steele site) as a benefit for such items as TAXES, liability and more importantly the further development of such people to people programs as the AFS bus stop. The group has decided to put the holding of 15 acres surrounding Battery Steele on a "back burner" during this inflationary period and to do more programs which carry out the philosophy of international exchange.

There was surprise even to the organizers that there were so many ethnic groups right here in Maine and their cooperation and support made the event the great success that it was.

Two United Nations flags were presented to Governor Curtis for use by Wilber Ziehl, deputy controller of the United Nations. One flag was donated by John MacVane, a Portlander who has been with the American Broadcasting Company at the UN for the entire 29 years of its existence. The other flag was on behalf of Mr. Ziehl's wife, Sylvia Rhodes, formerly of Portland.

Mrs. John Dexter of Saco was general chairman, with Mrs. Kenneth Baird of South Portland and Mrs. William J. Graham of Portland as co-ticket chairman. Bill Graham, treasurer of the PICA, introduced the program and was a pillar of support for the entire affair.

Incidentally, water taxi service for those from Peaks and Long Islands who wanted to get home was provided at 1:30 by franchised Ted Royal, something for Symphony lovers to remember as an available resource.

CBIDA Action Line

At the November meeting it was voted to prepare a letter to the City Manager with copies to all City Commissioners relative to the police situation on all islands. This issue will be vigorously pursued, says President Williamson.

The Public Works Department should acquire their own barge for work on the islands. This need was pointed out by deputy director Gerald Brewster at the November meeting. CBIDA voted to support this suggestion and President Williamson has written a letter to the City Manager, with copies to Work Leaders, Public Works director, and all City Councillors.

Attorney Peter Murray will be consulted by both CBIDA and Peaks Island Conference Center officials on the feasibility of applying for a tax rebate. The total tax for remaining land owned by CBIDA on the Ocean side of Peaks Island is over $1,000 and most of it is unusable in its present condition. All ocean frontage is privately owned on the land side, and deeded to the City on the water side.

Matching DCI Funds

A grant of $725 went to the Peaks Island Conference Center, Inc., a spin-off corporation of the bay-wide organization, the Casco Bay Island Development Assn. This project will be initiated by inviting top business and commercial leaders to Peaks Island to familiarize them with the deserted 15 acre WWII Battery Steele installation, which offers a magnificent view of Casco Bay. The potential utilization of this area will be the subject for recommendation by these business leaders.

You’re Invited!

You are cordially invited to join the Bay-wide Casco Bay Island Development Association.

Working for the past 16 years for business-like relationships with local and state governments and agencies, CBIDA has become well known as an established and responsible link with the decision makers who govern many of the island's issues.

The Steering Committee is the elected governing body of CBIDA but all members are welcome to attend the monthly meetings at Maine State Pier on the first Saturday at 10:30 A.M.

CBIDA Position On CBL Rates

Our attorney, Peter L. Murray has filed a brief with the PUC urging that no further rate increases be considered for the Casco Bay Lines until such time as the radar issue is resolved.

Murray has challenged the responsibility of the PUC on this subject and suggested that a full investigation of safety factors, as well as further studies of the finances be initiated by the PUC. Until then — the message from CBIDA is hold the line to the present 17% allowed.

The Bicentennial License Plate which may be worn on the front of your car through the year 1976 (by legislative edit) may be ordered through the CBIDA which will receive a $1.00 commission on each plate. The price is the same everywhere, so you can help up by ordering through us.

Check for $6.25 must be enclosed with your order and you will receive your plate promptly from Augusta.

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