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## **Street Closures In Effect Tuesday, April 9 Around Cross Insurance Arena for Memorial Service**



Street closures will be in effect on Tuesday, April 9 around the Cross Insurance Arena for the memorial service of Maine State Police Detective Benjamin Campbell. The service will begin at 11:00 AM, and street closures begin around 8:30 AM and will last until 3:00 PM.

Organizers are expecting thousands of attendees. Motorists should anticipate delays and congestion in and around the Cross Insurance Arena, consistent with an influx of people. Streets around the Cross Insurance Arena will be closed to vehicles. Starting at 6:00 AM streets will be posted with Emergency No Parking signs.

### **The street closures will include:**

- Spring Street from High Street to Temple 8:30 AM - 3 PM or event conclusion
- Oak Street from Free to Spring
- Center Street from Free to Commercial St
- Cross Street from Free to Spring St
- Cotton Street closed
- Free St will be closed from High St to Temple for 30 minutes from 10:30-11:00

High and Commercial Streets will be impacted briefly during the day due to the motorcade.

Members of the public who plan to attend the law enforcement tribute to Campbell should park at the Maine Mall parking lot, 380

Gorham Road, South Portland. Beginning at 8:30 AM, shuttle buses will transport guests to the Cross Insurance Center. To access shuttle buses after the service, guests should walk to the Portland Fish Pier at the intersection of Center and Commercial streets, where buses will transport them back to their parking locations.

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## **City Begins Digital Imaging for Revaluation Project Today**



## **Portland STREET IMAGING**

Vans to travel Portland streets for digital imagery of properties

Beginning today, Monday, April 8, the City of Portland will start the street-level digital imagery part of the 2019 Revaluation Project. The City has contracted Tyler Technologies to digitally photograph the exterior of every property in the city and validate addresses and exterior data. Correct up-to-date property information is crucial to ensure fair and equitable property values in the revaluation process. Many of our currently used photos are more than 10 years old.

The digital photos will help improve the overall quality of the City's real estate data, save taxpayers money by making the property tax administration process more efficient, assist homeowners and businesses with "before" photos in case of loss, enhance emergency management recovery reports necessary for state and federal assistance, and validate property addresses to identify homes for fire, police, and medical emergency response.

The work entails two white vans, clearly marked, that will be driving around the city and taking photos of every property. All photographs are taken from public right-of-way whenever possible. Project members will access private roads/lanes only when necessary to obtain an unobstructed image. The project is expected to take five weeks.

Erasmio Benitez and Ligon Durham are the two staff from Tyler Technologies who will be driving the vans. One van is a 2016, Chevrolet City Express van with Ohio plates, and the other van is a 2016, Ford Transit Connect van with Missouri plates. Both staff persons will have picture ID badges that identify them as City of Portland Assessor's Office personnel and both vehicles will be

identified with magnetic signage. Additionally, both vehicles will have informational flyers to hand out to anyone that approaches them or asks questions. The Portland Police Department is aware of this work and will be notified of the vans expected locations each day.

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## **New Owners of Munjoy South Signal Maintaining Residents, Improving Property**



If you've seen today's Portland Press Herald, you may have noticed Randy Billings' piece about Munjoy South, the East End's, and one of Portland's last remaining, protected low-income housing campuses.

If you've not noticed the story, it's a good read and you can see it by clicking the images linked below.

Over the past few years, The Munjoy Hill Neighborhood Organization's Board of Directors has monitored Munjoy South, the fallout from the former owner's legal issues and its eventual transition to where it stands today. As home to many low income people in a dynamic and rapidly changing community, we recognize the importance of these homes not only to their residents, but to the City of Portland. In fact, it's been so important to us that we prioritized Munjoy South in our 2018 assessment and report to the City of Portland in how we hope to see, and endorse the evolution of Munjoy Hill, (titled '*Resolution & Report on 2017/2018 Assessment of Diversity, Community & Livability Standards for the Munjoy Hill Neighborhood*').

City Councilor Belinda Ray has worked closely with us by keeping us up to date on the City's involvement. The MHNO has also been in direct contact with Portland-based LIHC, Inc., the property's new owners. LIHC is a large firm, owned and managed by a Maine family. LIHC's portfolio is vast and includes properties from New York City to Irvine, California. One of the company's primary

practices focuses on acquiring and rehabilitating low-income housing. According to their website, LIHC claims to "*..invest heavily in the affordable housing properties we acquire to not only make sure they are safe places for all tenants but places people are proud to call home.*"

Members of LIHC's senior management have indicated a willingness to meet with our Board members this summer, and we anticipate an eventual meeting with the public. However, no dates have been selected or committed to.

Given the protections of the Munjoy South property already in place, along with the work of Councilor Belinda Ray, and LIHC's willingness to have dialogue with the MHNO and Munjoy Hill Community, we're very hopeful that the property will continue to offer affordable and low income housing to those who need it most.

As always, we'll keep you posted on our progress and any significant developments.

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## Low-income housing with waterfront views in Portland sold to investment firm

The existing 140 units at Munjoy South must remain available for low-income renters until 2042, but any new development could be market-rate.

BY [RANDY BILLINGS](#) STAFF WRITER

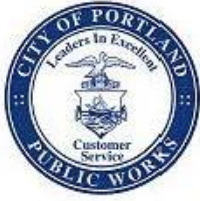


A low-income housing development with harbor views in a rapidly gentrifying area of Portland has been sold to an investment firm that is exploring redevelopment options.

Munjoy South provides 140 rental apartments for low-income tenants, and the owner is required to maintain an equivalent number of affordable units under a covenant that expires in 2042. But state affordable-housing officials say that market-rate units could be added to the site.

Munjoy Housing Townhouses Inc. purchased the complex on Fore Street for \$13 million late last year from a company affiliated with developer Michael Liberty, according to city tax records. The limited liability company is controlled by Marci Booth, the CEO of the Portland-based LIHC Investment Group, whose principals include Charlie and Andrew Gendron.





# City of Portland Department of Public Works

## Spring Curbside Leaf Collection

Leaves will be collected between:

**April 29<sup>th</sup> - May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**IMPORTANT!** - The leaves **MUST**  
be in large, paper biodegradable  
leaf bags that can be purchased at  
most hardware stores.

Place your biodegradable leaf bags  
curbside during the above dates &  
City crews will take care of the rest!

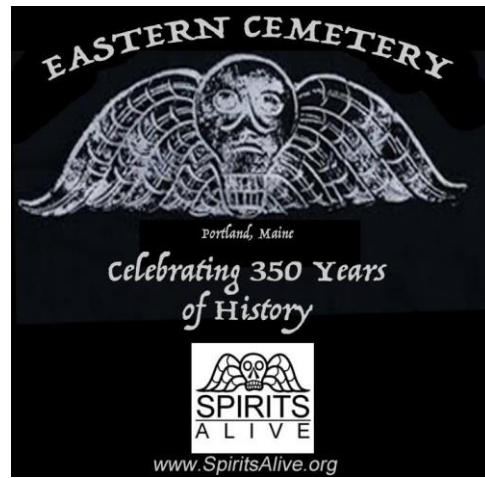
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