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CITIZENS MEET TONIGHT TO ADDRESS HISTORIC DISTRICTING FOR MUNJOY HILL

Following years of debate surrounding development on Portland's East End, the public will gather this evening for an informational session cohosted by the Munjoy Hill Neighborhood Organization and the City of Portland. That meeting will focus on a proposal to designate a portion of one of the area's most historic communities as historic.

The presentation 'Owning Property in a Historic District and What It Means', will be lead by staff from the City of Portland Department of Planning and its Historic Preservation program.

Following a months-long assessment and research process funded by the City, Greater Portland Landmarks and the Munjoy Hill Neighborhood Organization, the City is proposing a plan to zone a portion of the neighborhood as historic, thus providing a review process prior to demolition of any structures considered historic, historically significant, or contributing to the community's historic character.

The proposal has received a warm response to date, though many throughout the community have expressed a desire to learn more details about the plan's potential impact to property owners.

WHERE: St. Lawrence Arts, 76 Congress St. in Portland

WHEN: Tonight, June 13

TIME: 6:30 PM

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Owning Property in a Historic District – What Does it Mean?

What types of alterations or construction activities require review and approval in a local historic district? By what standards are projects reviewed? Who conducts the review? How long does it take to get approval? Are there resources available to assist property owners with their projects?

These questions and more will be answered in an informational session intended for Munjoy Hill property owners. As the City of Portland explores the possibility of historic district designation for a portion of Munjoy Hill, this is your chance to learn more about the potential effect of designation on your neighborhood. Historic Preservation Program Manager Deb Andrews will describe Portland's historic preservation program, provide examples of typical reviews and answer your questions.



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St. Lawrence Arts & Community Center, 76 Congress Street

This event is co-sponsored by the Munjoy Hill Neighborhood Organization and the City of Portland