



**MUNJOY HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION
92 CONGRESS STREET
PORTLAND, MAINE 04101**

November 25, 2019

Greetings MHNO Members,

These announcements may be of interest as we move into December:

The City has rescheduled its **Annual District Meeting for District 1** for **Wednesday, December 4, 2019** at 6:30 pm at the East End Community School at 195 North Street. It will be hosted by Councilor Belinda Ray. It may also be attended by the Mayor, possibly other Councilors, the City Manager and staff representatives from various departments within the city. They will be available to listen to comments and discuss neighborhood issues. Similar meetings were scheduled in the other Council Districts. This meeting was rescheduled from November 7th due to key people being unavailable. Please attend, particularly if you have neighborhood issues that you want to bring to the attention of the City and your neighbors.

As you may be aware, on November 20th, the **Historic Preservation Board** held a public hearing and unanimously voted to recommend the designation of the proposed **Munjoy Hill Historic District** and unanimously supported the designation of **several individual landmark buildings** that are located outside of the district boundary. With this Historic Preservation Board action, as of November 20th, the structures in the district and individually listed landmarks are now subject to the protections and oversight of the historic preservation ordinance. The Historic Preservation Board's recommendation has been forwarded to the Planning Board for review. The **Planning Board workshop will be on December 10th** in Council Chambers. The meeting starts at 4:30 but there are two other items on the agenda prior to the Munjoy Hill Historic District. The main purpose of the workshop is to familiarize the Planning Board with the proposed Munjoy Hill Historic District, but it is likely that public comment will be taken as well. The Planning Board public hearing, at which public comments will be taken, is likely to be scheduled for January. The Planning Board recommendation will be forwarded to the City Council for final action following its own public process.

The City has announced that its Planners are seeking feedback on the on-going **ReCode** effort to rewrite the Land Use Code. It is being done in stages. The first phase is said to be "focused on reformatting, streamlining and reorganizing the existing code into a more legible and user-friendly document." The second phase will be more substantive changes. However there are certain concepts that are being examined as part of Phase I that would have substantive impacts -- such as a reduction in parking requirements and more welcoming treatment of "accessory dwelling units" (sometimes referred to as "granny flats") in 1- and 2-family buildings throughout the City. The first 4 of 21 articles are available on-line for comment at www.recodeportland.me/public-input-1.

Friends of Evergreen Cemetery announce Rememberance Day on December 8 at 3:00 pm in Wilde Memorial Chapel, honoring people interred in Evergreen during the past year. This is a candlelight service of words and music during which their names will be read aloud.

A few more volunteer snow shovelers are still needed to help Munjoy Hill seniors! Help these individuals remain independent in their own homes. To volunteer, please email me and I will pass the information on to our Munjoy Hill Volunteer Coordinator.

The next meeting of the MHNO Board of Directors is scheduled for **December 2**, 2019 at 6:00 at 92 Congress Street. As always, members are welcome to attend.

We hope you have a happy and safe Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,

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