

Munjoy Hill Neighborhood Organization

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Proudly serving Portland's Munjoy Hill neighborhood since 1979.

As we begin to emerge from the Pandemic, there is a lot going on! Free concert, candidates' nights, cleanup, and more!

Please join us:

REMINDER: EARTH DAY CLEANUP at the Eastern Prom Park, tomorrow, Thursday, April 22. All hands appreciated. Please meet at the lot on Cutter Street (below the sledding hill) at 3:00 or 5:00, with a face mask. Yummy treats for workers provided by Katie Made Bakery. Equipment provided by Portland Parks & Rec. What better way to celebrate Earth Day? Questions: info@munjoyhill.org.



PORTLAND
PARKS, RECREATION
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Thursday, April 22

EARTH DAY CLEAN UP OF MUNJOY HILL

Where: meet at the Cutter Street parking lot (below the sledding hill)

When: 3 p.m. or 5 p.m. (two waves for safe distancing)

What to bring: a face mask and comfortable clothes

Who: anyone and everyone!

Parks & Recreation staff will provide all other needed materials

PORTLAND'S CHARTER COMMISSION ELECTION IS JUNE 8TH. TWO GOOD OPPORTUNITIES TO ASSESS THE CANDIDATES:

Portland's newly-forming 12-member charter commission could recommend substantial changes for Portland's city government charter. Topics may include public campaign funding for local elections, the balance of power between the city manager and the mayor, the role of the mayor, qualifications of voters, district vs. at-large councilors, and many other issues. Its recommendations for changes will eventually go to Portland's voters.

The Munjoy Hill Neighborhood Organization is hosting a remote candidates' forum on **Monday, May 10th, from 7 - 8:30 pm** for the **DISTRICT 1 CANDIDATES:** Twain Braden, David Cowie, Karen Snyder and Shamika (Shay) Stewart-Bouley. One of these candidate

will be elected. Please save the date! A Zoom link for the webinar will be sent out about a week ahead. If you have a particular question you want our moderator to pose to the candidates, please send it to info@munjoyhill.org.

AND

A remote forum for the **AT-LARGE CANDIDATES** will be held on **Tuesday, May 18th, from 7 to 8:30 pm**. There are 10 candidates running for 4 seats: William Bailey, Catherine Buxton, Marpheen Chann, Lawson Condrey, Steven DiMillo, Anthony Emerson, Benjamin Grant, Ian Houseal, Nasreen Sheikh-Yousef, and Patricia Washburn. Forum co-sponsors are: Bayside Neighborhood Association, Munjoy Hill Neighborhood Organization, University Neighborhood Organization, West End Neighborhood Association and Western Prom Neighborhood Association. A Zoom link for the webinar will be sent out about two weeks ahead. Please save this date as well!

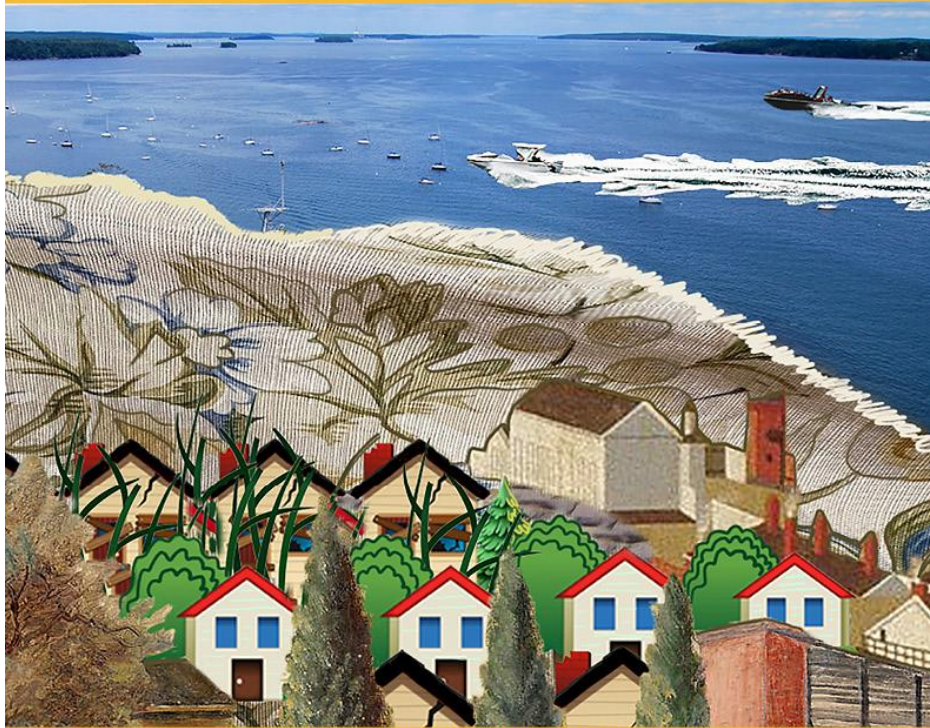
Enjoy live music at Fort Allen Park, Friday May 21st at 2:00 p.m. at a free concert featuring Palaver Strings. "Witnessing Change" is a multimedia, place-based performance exploring the transformation of Portland's beautiful Munjoy Hill neighborhood over the last fifty years. The program will premier two new pieces by local composers Noah Fishman and Abby Swindler, who will collaborate with dance artist Riley Watts and incorporate interviews with Munjoy Hill residents. It will also include Tchaikovsky's *Serenade for Strings*. With this performance, they invite audience members to engage with the diverse stories of their neighbors and reflect on the role we all play in creating community.

The May 21st live performance is weather dependent, and will omit some portions of the pieces that would be difficult to hear in an outdoor setting. The complete program will be streamed virtually on June 3 at 7pm from Palaver's YouTube channel. The June 3rd virtual performance is "pay what you wish". To make a contribution and obtain tickets visit <https://www.palaverstrings.org/events/witnessing-change-2>. The program is presented in partnership with Mechanics Hall and the Munjoy Hill Neighborhood Organization.



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season 7 concert series



Presented in partnership with Mechanics Hall and the Munjoy Hill Neighborhood Organization

May 21 +
witnessing change June 3

Palaver Strings presents their multimedia performance: *Witnessing Change*. Free outdoor concert on May 21, 2pm et at Fort Allen Park. Livestream on June 3 at 7pm et. Visit palaverstrings.org/events for more info. Featuring dancer Riley Watts and speaking by Munjoy Hill residents.

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Palaver Strings is a musician-led string ensemble and nonprofit organization based in Portland, Maine, whose mission is to strengthen and inspire community through music. Palaver's musicians share artistic and administrative leadership, guided by a passion for engaging new audiences, addressing social justice issues, and amplifying underrepresented voices through classical music. Each year Palaver presents over 40 live performances featuring diverse musical programming, cross-genre projects, and community collaborations. Equally committed to education, Palaver offers music

instruction to over 325 students per year through the Palaver Music Center in Portland.

For a sample of other performances, visit <https://www.palaverstrings.org/watch>.

**PLEASE SAVE THE DATE:
MHNO ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS
FRIDAY, JUNE 25, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.**

More information will follow as we get closer to the date and know applicable CDC recommendations. If possible we would love to have it in person rather than via Zoom. Stay tuned!

PRESIDENT'S NOTE:

MHNO continues to be a vibrant, community-based organization. We could never have anticipated the great changes this past year has brought. But these have only reinforced our mission. We are here for the people who love on Munjoy Hill. To do this, we need your help. Please join us, stay involved, and encourage your friends and neighbors to do the same. Change is not only good -- it's essential. We embrace new members, and welcome their thoughts, ideas and involvement. Please visit us at www.munjoyhill.org.

The next monthly business meeting of the 13-members of the Board of Directors of the MHNO will be held on Monday, May 3rd at 6:00 p.m. It will be held remotely using Zoom. Please note that this is NOT the Annual Meeting of members, which is always held in June. If you are a member of the MHNO and are interested in sitting in on the Board of Director's meeting, please send an email to info@munjoyhill.org and request that you be emailed a link to the May MHNO Board of Director's meeting.

Stay safe and be well!

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