

# Munjoy Hill Neighborhood Organization

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*Proudly serving Portland's Munjoy Hill neighborhood since 1979.*



**Ready to Vote on Tuesday, November 2nd?**

**CONTESTED CITY COUNCIL RACES WILL BE DECIDED FOR:**

**AT-LARGE (elected City-wide)**

**and**

**DISTRICT 1 (Munjoy Hill, Islands and part of downtown)**

**and**  
**DISTRICT 2 (West End and part of downtown)**

This election could be a pivotal one for the City. Three new Councilors will be joining the 9-member City Council. The terms of current District 1 Councilor Belinda Ray, District 2 Councilor Spencer Thibodeau, and At-Large Councilor Nick Mavodones are expiring and they are not running for re-election.

Folks who live on Munjoy Hill will be voting in the District 1 and At-Large race. There are four candidates for one At-Large seat so the race will be decided using rank choice voting. To maximize your impact, you should vote for at least your first and second choice.

In-person absentee voting is already available in Room 24 of City Hall, 9 am - 4:30 pm, Monday - Friday through October 28th. Absentee ballots can also be requested online or by calling the Clerk's office at (207) 874-8677.

**LOOKING FOR MORE INFORMATION?**

**AT-LARGE COUNCIL AND DISTRICT 2 CANDIDATE FORUM  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, 6:30 - 8:00 PM**

As they have done for several years, the Western Promenade Neighborhood Association and the West End Neighborhood Association are co-sponsoring a candidate forum on Thursday, October 14th from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. The forum will include candidates for the City Council At-Large and District 2 (West End) races. (Note: this forum does not include candidates for the District 1 race, but District 1 residents should be interested in the At-Large portion of the program.)

No pre-registration is required. At the appropriate time, click the link at "Zoom info" to join.

Who:

- District 2: Jon Hinck
- District 2: Victoria Pelletier
  
- At-Large: Stuart Tisdale
- At-Large: Brandon Mazer
- At-Large: Travis Curran
- At-Large: Roberto Rodriguez (cannot attend)

When:

- Thursday, October 14, 2021 - 6:30 to 8:00 PM

Where:

- Via Zoom

Zoom info:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87434633328?pwd=dmFESDgrd2Z6VFFhRzQ0Q3VmdFdEZz09>

Meeting ID: 874 3463 3328

Passcode: 181238

**MHNO, BAYSIDE, PARKSIDE AND EAST BAYSIDE  
CO-HOST AT-LARGE, DISTRICT 1, AND DISTRICT 2  
(and more) CANDIDATES FORUM MONDAY,  
OCTOBER 25TH, 6:30 - 7:30 PM**

The Munjoy Hill Neighborhood Organization and the Bayside, Parkside and East Bayside Neighborhood Associations will co-host a remote candidates forum on Monday, October 25th at 6:30 pm. Troy Bennett of the Bangor Daily News will be the moderator.

All of the candidates for City Council seats have indicated they plan to participate: At-Large: Roberto Rodriguez, Travis Curran, Brandon Mazer, and Stuart Tisdale; District 1: Anna Trevorror and Sarah Michniewicz; and District 2: Victoria Pelletier and Jon Hinck.

Candidates for the School Board At-Large, School Board District 1 and School Board District 2 seats and the Portland Water District, all four of which are uncontested, have also been invited.

No pre-registration is required. To join, at the appropriate time on October 25th, click on the Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81375733294>

Or One tap mobile :

US: +16465588656,,81375733294# or +13017158592,,81375733294#

Or Telephone:

Dial(for higher quality, dial a number based on your current location):

US: +1 646 558 8656 or +1 301 715 8592 or +1 312 626 6799 or +1 669 900 9128 or +1 253 215 8782 or +1 346 248 7799

Webinar ID: 813 7573 3294

International numbers available: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81375733294>

And there are many other sources of information including the candidate's websites:

**District 1:**

Sarah Michniewicz: <https://sarah4council.com/>

Anna Trevorror: <https://www.annaforportland.org/>

**At-Large:**

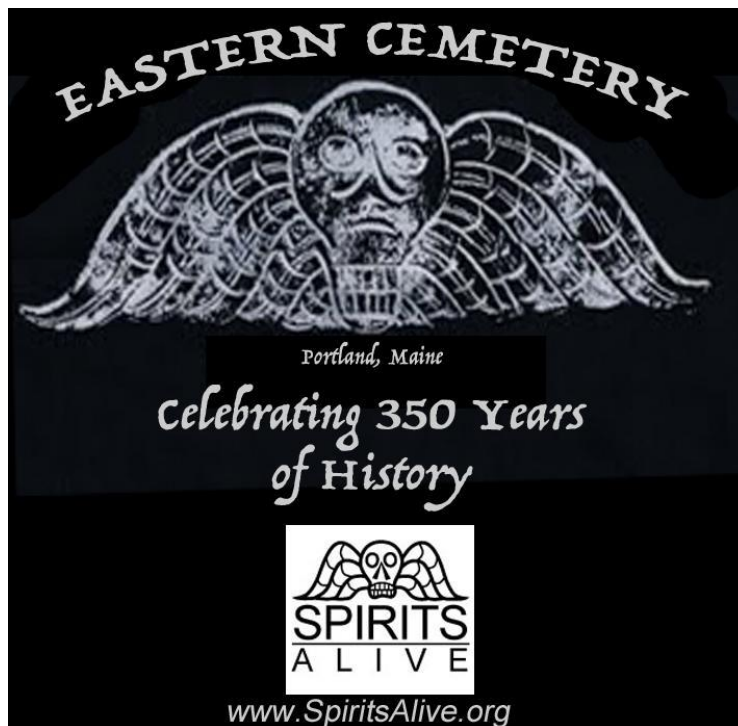
Travis Curran: <https://www.facebook.com/traviscurrenforcitycouncil/>

Brandon Mazer: <https://www.brandonmazer.com/>

Roberto Rodriguez: <https://www.robortoforportland.org/>

Stuart Tisdale: <https://tisdaleforcouncil.com/>

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## "Walk Among the Shadows" Performances in Eastern Cemetery: "The Secret History of Eastern Cemetery"

The non-profit group Spirits Alive will again be offering their popular "Walk Among the Shadows" event this October in Eastern Cemetery. This year's theme is "The Secret History of the Eastern Cemetery - Movers and Shakers in the Old Burial Ground".

Seven Spirits will rise from their graves to tell stories of their time in the Old Burial Ground: true tales of new stones, old stones, overcrowding, unexpected relocations, and more. Audience members will be led through Eastern Cemetery by specters, encountering each story at a different location within the graveyard.

The event occurs live at Eastern Cemetery on **October 21-23 and 28-30, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.** There will also be a **twilight performance on Sundays, Oct. 24 and 31 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.**

Audience groups will enter from the 224 Congress Street gate every 20 minutes during the event on a first-come, first-served basis. Each Walk Among the Shadows performance lasts about 40 minutes. The audience is cautioned to dress for outdoor evening weather and slightly uneven terrain.

Tickets are available on Eventbrite or at the gate. Suggested donation for admission is \$10 (\$5 for under 12). Spirits Alive is a non-profit organization formed in 2006, and dedicated to the preservation of Eastern Cemetery. Eastern Cemetery, 224 Congress Street, is Portland's oldest graveyard, founded in 1668. All proceeds from this event go to Spirits

Alive to help accomplish their twin missions of education and preservation. More info at [spiritalive.org](http://spiritalive.org).

This presentation is funded in part by a grant from the Maine Arts Commission, an independent state agency supported by the National Endowment for the Arts. Other generous event sponsors include: Coffee By Design, Norway Savings Bank, Townsquare Media, UpPortland, Murray Plumb and Murray, Otto Pizza, Osher Map library, Carlson & Turner Bookstore, The Maine Celtics and Learning Works.

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## MHNO's Real Estate Tax Revaluation Panel Recording Available

A recording of the full program is available on YouTube, clicking on this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xOPFMDO-kDw>

**Background, Why Revaluation Now and Legal Parameters**, MHNO President Wayne Valzania, Chris Huff, Tax Assessor, Mayor Snyder, Councilor Ray, minutes 0:00 to 19:00;

**How Portland's Revaluation Was Conducted**, Chris Huff, Tax Assessor Gynt Grube & John Valente, Tyler Technologies, minutes 19:00 to 37:30;

**Contesting Your Tax Assessment: The Formal Appeal Process**, Attorney Peter Murray, 37:30 to 1:02:00;

**Possible Real Estate Tax Relief Programs** (with a footnote on Rent Control), Chris Huff, Tax Assessor, Mayor Snyder, Councilor Ray, Barbara Vestal, 1:04:00 to 1:23:00;

**Questions from the Public**: 1:23:00 to 1:42:00.

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### **PRESIDENT'S NOTE:**

*MHNO continues to be a vibrant, community-based organization. We could never have anticipated the great changes this past year and a half has brought. But these have only reinforced our mission. We are here for the people who live on or have businesses 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](http://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, November 1st at 6:00 p.m. Monthly meetings are held remotely using Zoom. 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](mailto:info@munjoyhill.org) and request that you be emailed a link to the MHNO Board of Director's meeting.*

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