

# Munjoy Hill Neighborhood Organization

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

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## Signs of Spring Coming to Munjoy Hill:

Please Join Your Neighbors for

### Earth Day Clean Up Friday, April 22nd

The MHNO will be sponsoring its annual Clean Up of Munjoy Hill on Earth Day, **Friday, April 22nd**. The effort will focus on portions of the Eastern Prom Park.

There will be two shifts of volunteers:

- Wave #1: 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm, and
- Wave #2, 3:00 to 5:00.

Please meet at the Midslope parking lot on Cutter Street, below the sledding hill. All ages welcome.

This year there will be two project areas in Eastern Promenade Park. One will involve invasive removal in the midslope area. This Invasive Project is headed by Portland Parks and Maine Audubon. The goal is to remove the bittersweet and multiflora in order to plant habitat more supportive of birds and pollinators.

The second project, requiring less strenuous labor, will involve trash pickup along the coastline and trails around the East End Beach.

Organizers will provide:

- Trash bags
- Trash pickers
- Gloves
- Shovels
- Rakes
- Loppers

Volunteers Should Bring:

- Long sleeved shirt
- Long pants
- Sturdy shoes
- Water to drink
- Work gloves (if prefer own)

Please join your Munjoy Hill neighbors. Hope for a beautiful spring day, but dress warmly and bring your favorite work gloves!

Organizers would like an approximate head count of volunteers so they have sufficient supplies. If you plan to attend, please email [k.snyder@munjoyhill.org](mailto:k.snyder@munjoyhill.org). Questions: [info@munjoyhill.org](mailto:info@munjoyhill.org) or [k.snyder@munjoyhill.org](mailto:k.snyder@munjoyhill.org).

## **Spring Yard Waste/Leaf Bag Curbside Collection: April 25-May 6**

The annual spring curbside collection of leaf bags/yard waste will begin Monday, April 25 through Friday, May 6. The leaves must in in large, paper, biodegradable leaf bags. Place the biodegradable leaf bags curbside on Wednesdays (your normal trash day) during these dates and City public works crews will remove them.

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**PLEASE SAVE THE DATE:  
MUNJOY HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION  
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS  
FRIDAY, JUNE 24TH, 5-7 PM**

**OUTSIDE ON THE SIDE LAWN OF ST. LAWRENCE ARTS  
A LOT OF NEIGHBORHOOD CONVERSATION, SNACKS,  
BRIEF REPORTS AND REMARKS, ELECTIONS.**

DETAILS TO FOLLOW. ALL ARE WELCOME!

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## COMMUNITY MEETINGS



### **City's Charter Commission Continues its Work: Next Meeting Wednesday, April 13th at 6 pm**

The Charter Commission is continuing its work to examine the City's Charter to decide what changes, if any, to recommend. They are continuing to work toward the goal of having their recommendation(s) appear on the November 2022 ballot.

There are a multiplicity of topics being addressed. The Commission is meeting weekly to try to get through all of the proposals.

The next Charter Commission meeting is Wednesday, April 13th at 6:00 pm. Among the items on the agenda (as it is currently posted) are:

- Public hearing, deliberation and vote on School Budget Autonomy proposal and Capital Improvement Program Process proposal, both from the Education Committee, and Code of Ethics proposal from the Procedures Committee;
- First Read of the Governance Proposal, as converted into charter language by Attorney Katsiaticas with the intent of capturing the series of "straw votes" on reforms to the basic structure of Portland's government taken over the last few meetings (no public comment scheduled);
- First Read of a new proposal for an Office of Information, sponsored by Commissioner O'Brien;

- Ratification of final language for the Preamble and Land Acknowledgment and vote on whether to send the proposal to the voters;
- Public hearing, deliberation and vote on School Board Vacancies proposal.

Scheduled meetings, posted agendas and materials, and Zoom links are on the City's Agenda Center: <https://www.portlandmaine.gov/129/Agendas-Minutes>.

More information may be posted on the City's webpage: <https://www.portlandmaine.gov/2665/Charter-Commission-2020-2022>

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**PRESIDENT'S NOTE:**

*MHNO continues to be a vibrant, community-based organization. We could never have anticipated the great changes these past two years have 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, May 2nd at 6:00 p.m. Monthly meetings are held remotely using Zoom. This may change at some point. 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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