

# Munjoy Hill Neighborhood Organization

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

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## **MHNO GROW TOGETHER SEEDLING SALE, SATURDAY MAY 14**

9am to noon (or until earlier sell out)  
MHNO Hill House yard, 92 Congress Street

Your Hyper-Local Source for Seedlings  
Ready to Thrive on Munjoy Hill



# Seedlings Sale

Munjoy Hill Neighborhood Organization


Saturday May 14th

9:00 - 12:00 or when plants run out

Rain date Sunday May 15th 9:00 - 12:00

MHNO Hill House

92 Congress Street



Plants raised and donated by

Munjoy Hill Gardeners

Proceeds to benefit the Spring

Fix Up Fund for MHNO:

Paint, Flowers, Incidentals



This seedling sale is organized by experienced neighborhood gardeners, some of whom have been featured in garden tours and have enjoyed the smell of wet Munjoy Hill dirt for over 40 years.

Come early while supplies last! [Rain date Sunday, May 15, 9-12.]

Seedlings will include:

- Greens (lettuce, arugula)
- Heirloom tomatoes
- Non-heirloom tomatoes
- Herbs (parsley, cilantro, basil, dill)
- Annual flowers (marigolds, coreopsis, etc.)
- And more!

While you stock up, feel free to consult with these experienced neighbors on your own gardening issues!

*All proceeds benefit the Munjoy Hill Neighborhood Organization, specifically the Hill House maintenance and beautification effort.*

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## MHNO'S EARTH DAY CLEANUP A SUCCESS

Many folks of all ages turned out to clean up trash and remove invasive species from the Eastern Prom Park on Earth Day, April 22nd. The MHNO sponsored the annual event, in cooperation with Portland's Department of Parks and Recreation.

Unfortunately, one big source of trash was a large debris field containing hunks of heavy cardboard tubes, apparently left over from a February fireworks display.



The invasive species crew, directed by Audubon and Portland Parks, removed a lot of bittersweet and multiflora in the mid-slope area.





Blustery winds made trash bag control a challenge, but this family quickly perfected their trash picking technique.



The haul ranged from cigarette butts to entire bags, Some were heard to mutter while picking "the earth is not your ashtray!"



A Quebec Street neighbor, dressed for the spring chill, went off-trail to reach every scrap.

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## FOOD TRUCKS TO BE RELOCATED FROM EASTERN PROM ROADWAY/ESPLANADE -- TO MOVE TO LOT OFF CUTTER ST



Starting on June 15th, for the 2022 season, food trucks will no longer be allowed to locate on the Eastern Prom roadway/esplanade. Instead approximately 10 food trucks will be allowed to operate from the mid-slope parking lot off Cutter Street.

The MHNO and many other members of the public encouraged the City to move the food trucks from the Eastern Prom roadway, many citing a variety of public safety, trash management, parking, damage to park trees and turf, and historic landscape reasons.

City Parks and Recreation staff had proposed a different solution which would have kept the food trucks on the Eastern Prom roadway, but would have removed 30 parking spaces on the inland side of Eastern Prom and shifted a lane of traffic into that space.

Interim City Manager Danielle West made her decision public on April 29th, noting that "this option was favored by the vast majority of the public that provided public comment." This pilot program will be revisited at the end of the season.

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**PLEASE SAVE THE DATE:  
MHNO ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS  
FRIDAY, JUNE 24, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.**

We are excited to announce that it will be

## **OUTDOOR, IN-PERSON, ON THE SIDE LAWN OF ST. LAWRENCE ARTS!**

Greet your neighbors face-to-face while you enjoy snacks and good conversation!

**Social hour, followed by brief reports, recognitions, short speeches and elections.**

**Members who are interested in running for the MHNO Board of Directors need to submit a statement of intent to run for the Board by June 17, 2022. Send it to [info@munjoyhill.org](mailto:info@munjoyhill.org).** Candidates must have been a member in good standing of the MHNO for at least 6 months prior to the election.

If you are thinking about throwing your hat in the ring but want a little more information, please contact President Wayne Valzania at [w.valzania@munjoyhill.org](mailto:w.valzania@munjoyhill.org).

*All members in good standing as of June 23, 2022 will be entitled to vote at the annual meeting. To renew your membership, go to [www.munjoyhill.org](http://www.munjoyhill.org). To inquire about the status of your membership, write to [info@munjoyhill.org](mailto:info@munjoyhill.org).*

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*All are welcome!*

# MHNO Annual Meeting & Social

Friday, June 24, 2022 | 5:00 PM  
St. Lawrence Arts Center Side Lawn  
76 Congress Street

*Relax and mingle with your neighbors!*

MHNO Board elections to follow social hour

*Snacks & drinks provided!*



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## COMMUNITY MEETINGS



## City's Charter Commission to Deliver Preliminary Report to City Council May 9th

The Charter Commission is continuing its work to decide what changes, if any, to recommend to the City's organizational charter. The preliminary report, identifying and explaining the proposed changes, will be delivered to the City Council on May 9th.

Changes are still possible between the preliminary report and the final report, expected to be delivered in July. Modifications in what is being recommended to the voters may be made if a majority of Commissioners change or refine their positions, or if the Commission fails to succeed in having an attorney certify the legality of each of the specific changes that a majority of the Commission would like to recommend. Attorney certification was not required for the preliminary report but it is for the final report. Among topics still subject to question are the authority of the School Board to determine the proposed amount of its own budget without City Council approval, and the authority of the City to adopt universal resident voting, to allow noncitizen residents to vote in municipal elections.

It is anticipated that the recommendations that appear in the final report will be on the November 2022 ballot. The Charter Commission still needs to determine whether the changes will go to the voters as one proposal, or whether they will be divided into multiple separate questions. Portland's voters will determine which of the many recommended changes, if any, will be approved.

For a more complete report on the April 27, 2022 meeting, see Rachel Ohm's report: <https://www.pressherald.com/2022/04/27/portland-charter-commission-again-votes-to-support-strengthening-mayors-role/>

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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*Brian Dewan*

May 30, Memorial Day  
3:00pm bandstand in Ft. Allen Park,  
Eastern Prom, Munjoy Hill, Portland, Me



Mr. Brian Dewan will be giving a performance singing: "Songs of the Patrons of Husbandry" & "Songs of Land & Sea", accompanied by accordion and auto harp.

Mr. Dewan is a visual artist and musician living in Catskills, N.Y. He has performed at the Whitney Museum of American Art, The Brooklyn Museum, The New Museum, Modern Art Oxford, Lincoln Center and The Museum of Jurassic Technology.

Attendees might want to bring a blanket/lawn chair & water bottle. If inclement weather occurs, Rain date venue & time to be determined.

Any questions?? Contact [jwuest@maine.rr.com](mailto:jwuest@maine.rr.com)

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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, June 6th 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.*



*The Annual Meeting of the Membership will be held on Friday, June 24th at 5:00 pm in the side lawn of St. Lawrence Arts, 76 Congress Street.*

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President

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