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#### Munjoy Hill Neighborhood Organization

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Proudly serving Portland's Munjoy Hill neighborhood since 1979.

## MUNJOY HILL GARDENERS KICKED OFF THE SEASON AT THE SEEDLING & PLANT SALE







Lots of enthusiastic Munjoy Hill gardeners visited the second annual, May 20th hyper-local seedling and plant sale at the Hill House, 92 Congress Street. Organized by experienced neighborhood growers, the inventory included lots of seedlings and locally-sourced divided perennials. Many folks stayed for a while to discuss plants and socialize in the pocket garden beside the MHNO office.



Photo from the 2022 Annual Meeting of a lively performance by members of the Maine Ideal Social Aid & Sanctuary Band. Don't miss the opportunity to enjoy them again in 2023, at full performance strength.

# PLEASE JOIN US! MHNO SOCIAL HOUR AND ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

### OUTDOORS, 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 from 5-6 with lively music by the Maine Ideal Social Aid + Sanctuary Band,

- to be followed at 6 by a short program featuring special invited guests (including Munjoy Hill authors Michael Connolly and W. Edward Crockett), and
- a brief business meeting with reports, recognitions, and elections for the Board of Directors, President and Vice President, and opportunity for neighborhood discussion.

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 14, 2022. Send it to <a href="mailto:info@munjoyhill.org">info@munjoyhill.org</a>. 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 Maggy Wolf at m.wolf@munjoyhill.org.

All members in good standing as of June 20, 2023 will be entitled to vote at the annual meeting. Memberships are good for one year. **To renew your membership, go to www.munjoyhill.org**. **To inquire about the status of your membership, write to info@munjoyhill.org**.

# SOCIAL & ANNUAL MEETING

All are Welcome!

Wednesday, June 21, 2023, 5:00 pm St. Lawrence Arts side lawn (inside if weather is inclement) 76 Congress Street

FREE ENTRANCE!

> 5-6 PM: SOCIAL HOUR, MUSIC BY MAINE IDEAL SOCIAL AID & SANCTUARY BAND >6-7PM: PROGRAM/MHNO ELECTIONS AND DISCUSSION

> GUEST SPEAKERS INCLUDE MUNJOY HILL AUTHORS MICHAEL CONNOLLY AND W. EDWARD CROCKETT > SNACKS & DRINKS PROVIDED.

Any Questions? Please contact info@Munjoyhill.org

MHNO Needlecraft Sundays Pause for the Summer, Resuming Sept. 10th



Celebrate the Summer Solstice at Fort Sumner Park Tuesday, June 20th at 5:30 with Friends of Fort Sumner Park



#### PRESIDENT'S NOTE:

Greetings, Munjoy Hill Friends and Neighbors!

It was so wonderful to see so many of you 2 weeks ago at our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Hill-born-andraised plant sale. To those of you who supported us by buying a seedling or a transplant, I hope your new green babies are happily established in their new homes.

I had to leave my freshly-planted garden for 2 weeks of grandma duty in North Carolina, which is the best duty in the world, but I am also keeping an anxious eye on the Portland weather forecast. Between May's drought and the bunny I saw in my garden just before I left, there may not be anything to tend when I get home. I am always grateful that we have such abundant farmers markets and that I am not dependent on my own crops.

One last word about crops – I was puzzled to see my peach tree go from bare branches to leaves a few weeks ago without any sign of blossoms. I then compared notes with other peach growers and heard that either the February record cold snap or a late frost killed most of the peach flower-fruit buds in Southern Maine and if that is true then even the farmers markets may not provide my August fix. The consolation is that the pear and apple trees are looking very promising, so keeping my fingers crossed for fruit in September.

In other news, PLEASE mark your calendars for Wednesday, June 21 at 5 pm, when we will hold our Annual Social and Meeting at the Saint Lawrence Art Center, as we have done in recent years. It is always a great occasion to see old friends and meet new people. And everybody should try to bring a neighbor with them, as the more people who get involved, the better our community is.

We especially welcome renters and would love to have more renter representation in our membership in the future. We know housing is one of the most urgent issues in our city right now and we want to help renters stay on the Hill as long as they want to. It used to be that almost everybody one met in Portland had lived on the Hill at some point in their past, usually the "starting out" phase of life, but we all know that has changed dramatically over the past 10 years. If you are a landlord who still rents to a young tenant, or any other person trying to get a foothold, please know that you are helping to keep our neighborhood vibrant and we appreciate you!

I hope to see you on the 21st!

Maggy Wolf President, MHNO m.wolf@munjoyhill.org

The next monthly business meeting of the 13-members of the Board of Directors of the MHNO will be held on Monday, July 10th at 6:00 p.m. Monthly meetings are held in person at the Hill House, 92 Congress Street. If you are a member of the MHNO and are interested in sitting in on the Board of Director's meeting, please join us in person.

The Annual Meeting of the Membership will be held on Wednesday, June 21st at 5:00 pm in the side lawn of St. Lawrence Arts, 76 Congress Street. Please join us for a lively social hour followed by a brief program and business meeting.

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