

#### POLLS OPEN TOMORROW MORNING

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### THURSDAY'S PUBLIC MEETING on HISTORIC DISTRICTING for MUNJOY HILL

# TOMORROW'S VOTE ON PORTLAND SCHOOLS

#### **WILL YOU VOTE TOMORROW?**

Portland voters head back to the polls tomorrow, Tuesday June 11 to approve or decline the new budget for Portland Public Schools. This year, Portland City Councilors cut the budget submitted by the Portland Board of Education by approximately \$450,000, leaving a total budget for Portland Public Schools slightly more than \$117.4 million, according to *The Forecaster*. At the City Council's May 20th meeting, Councilor Kim Cook stated Portland's school system has received budget increases of more than 11% in the last three years, suggesting the budget submitted by the school system has become too high. But Portland schools officials have said the money is needed to maintain programs aimed at both the general student population as well as facilities and special needs students. Now Portland voters have their opportunity to decide. See the sample ballot below and whatever you do tomorrow, **PLEASE VOTE.** 

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#### Official Ballot Special Municipal Election School Budget Validation Portland, Maine June 11, 2019

City Clerk

To Vote, Fill In T	The Oval Next To Your Choice, Like This:
◯ Yes	Do you favor approving the Portland School Budget for the upcoming school year that was adopted at the latest City Council
○ No	budget meeting?
○ Yes	Do you wish to continue the budget validation referendum process in
$\bigcirc$ No	Portland for an additional three years?
Informational Note	
A "YES" vote will require Portland to continue to conduct a referendum to validate its annual school budget for the next three years.	
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A "NO" vote will discontinue the budget validation referendum for at least three years and provide, instead, that the annual school budget shall be finally adopted by the City Council.

On Thursday evening at St. Lawrence Arts, (the corners of Congress and Munjoy St.,) at 6:30pm we'll be cohosting a meeting with the City of Portland aimed at providing an overview of the City's proposal for a historic district on Munjoy Hill. There will be time for questions and comments and, as always no matter what you think on the matter, please, PLEASE join us. We want to know your thoughts & to be sure we're all completely aware of what it means, what it doesn't mean and what the process will be should the City move forward with this proposal. Please join us! (Click on the image below to view a larger version of the mailer.)

#### Owning Property in a Historic District – What Does it Mean?

What types of alterations or construction activities require review and approval in a local historic district? By what standards are projects reviewed? Who conducts the review? How long does it take to get approval? Are there resources available to assist property owners with their projects?

These questions and more will be answered in an informational session intended for Munjoy Hill property owners. As the City of Portland explores the possibility of historic district designation for a portion of Munjoy Hill, this is your chance to learn more about the potential effect of designation on your neighborhood. Historic Preservation Program Manager Deb Andrews will describe Portland's historic preservation program, provide examples of typical reviews and answer your questions.



Thursday, June 13 6:30 pm

St. Lawrence Arts & Community Center, 76 Congress Street

This event is co-sponsored by the Munjoy Hill Neighborhood Organization and the City of Portland



A reminder that the Munjoy Hill Neighborhood Organization will be holding our annual meeting and neighborhood mixer on Friday, June 28 at the St Lawrence Arts side yard located on the corner of Congress and Munjoy. It's free and open to everyone. We'll conduct brief business by electing new Board members and officers and then, it's all about getting to know your neighbors. Join us, okay? It's a good time, you can walk over and best of all there'll be snacks and beer! (Beer for those over the age of \*18 with valid id).



## Hidden Gardens of Munjoy Hill Sunday, July 7th 10:00 am ~ 4:00 pm



# Hídden Gardens of Munjoy Hill

Self-guided tour runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. beginning at Fort Allen Park, Eastern Promenade, Portland, Maine (rain or shine)

\$15 in advance, \$20 day of the tour









