



MUNJOY HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION  
92 CONGRESS STREET  
PORTLAND, MAINE 04101

October 31, 2019

Greetings MHNO Members,

Here are various announcements that may be of interest as we move into November:

The City has scheduled its **Annual District Meeting for District 1** on **Thursday, November 7, 2019** at 6:30 pm at the East End Community School at 195 North Street. It will be hosted by Councilor Belinda Ray. It may also be attended by the Mayor, possibly other Councilors, the City Manager and staff representatives from various departments within the city. They will be available to listen to comments and discuss neighborhood issues. Similar meetings are scheduled in the other Council Districts throughout the month of November. Please attend, particularly if you have neighborhood issues that you want to bring to the attention of the City and your neighbors.

The City has re-launched its **facade improvement program for commercial storefronts on Washington Avenue** (from Congress Street to Gould Street Common) because the first round of funding did not use up all of the available funds. The program assists with grants from \$500 - \$20,000 to rehabilitate commercial storefronts, signs and awnings, subject to an equal match. Applications are due by November 26, 2019 at 3:00 pm. More information is available at <http://www.portlandmaine.gov/557/Facade-Improvement-Program>.

The City has announced that this year the curbside **Leaf & Yard Waste Bag Collection** will be **Monday, October 28 - Friday, November 22**. The leaves and yard waste must be in biodegradable leaf bags. Bags should be placed curbside on your normal trash day. If they are not picked up that day, leave them curbside and crews will be back to pick them up. Please note this is NOT a program for whole tree or tree branch removal, only for leaf and yard waste in large biodegradable leaf bags (which are available for purchase at hardware stores).

The **Historic Preservation Board** will hold a final **workshop** on the proposed Munjoy Hill Historic District on **November 6, 2019** at 5:00 in Room 209, City Hall. The purpose of the workshop is to finalize a few boundary adjustments. The **public hearing** on the entire recommendation for a Munjoy Hill Historic District and a few individual Landmark designations will be on **November 20, 2019 at 7:30** in Council Chambers. The Historic Preservation Board's recommendation will be forwarded to the Planning Board for review, probably in December. The Planning Board will then make a recommendation to the City Council for final action.

Finally, the **Maine Suffrage Centennial Collaborative** is commemorating the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment, when women earned the right to vote. One part of the year-long celebration is the **Daffodil Tribute**. The yellow daffodil was the Suffragists symbol, so people are being encouraged to plant daffodil bulbs now, and then "celebrate when they bloom in May -- a collective, community-based creation of a beautiful, renewable tribute to these great women -- and a reminder that the work of equality and inclusion is never done." For more information see <https://www.mainesuffragecentennial.org/daffodil-tribute>.

Hope you have a happy and safe Halloween! Please remember to vote on November 5th.

Sincerely,

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