

July 18, 2020 Munjoy Hill Neighborhood Organization News

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: HELP NOURISH MUNJOY HILL

To address issues of food insecurity on Munjoy Hill, worsened by the Pandemic, MHNO volunteers are growing food for distribution to neighbors who can make good use of fresh produce. The MHNO garden plot on North Street has been planted with tomatoes, hot peppers, eggplants, green beans, and assorted greens. Experienced gardeners are carefully tending to the plants. Those MHNO volunteers have also been pleased to receive generous donations from other gardeners in the North Street and Promenade gardens. The fresh produce is being distributed weekly through a Munjoy South distribution center.

The project is going well! But as the harvest increases the current volunteers could make good use of a few more hands. Help is needed weekly on Mondays. Tasks include:

Harvest ripe produce and gather contributions Mondays at about 9 am;

Assemble individual boxes for distribution at the Root Cellar about 10:30 am;

Help with distribution at Munjoy South Mondays about 12:15 pm.

Volunteers can sign up for as little as 2 hours one Monday a month. All activities are being organized being mindful of COVID-safe procedures.

Please email Maggy Wolf (m.wolf@munjoyhill.org) or Clare LaVergne (c.lavergne@munjoyhill.org) to work out the specifics of how and when you can help. Thank you.

JUNE 2020 ANNUAL MEETING RESULTS:

Thanks to all of those members who participated in the MHNO Annual Meeting on June 26th. The six candidates for the six open seats on the MHNO Board of Directors were elected to serve for two year terms, 2020 - 2022: Wayne Valzania, Barbara Vestal, Clare LaVergne, Carol Connor, Karen Snyder and Mike Hoover.

The 2020-2021 Board of Directors and email addresses are listed below. Wayne Valzania was re-elected to a second term as President. Mary Casale will be serving as Vice President.

The in-person, socially distanced, masked voting following the Zoom meeting turned into a pleasant social interlude, with lively music provided by board members Carolyn Swartz and Peter Blackstone. It worked so well, it inspired a repetition. See below.

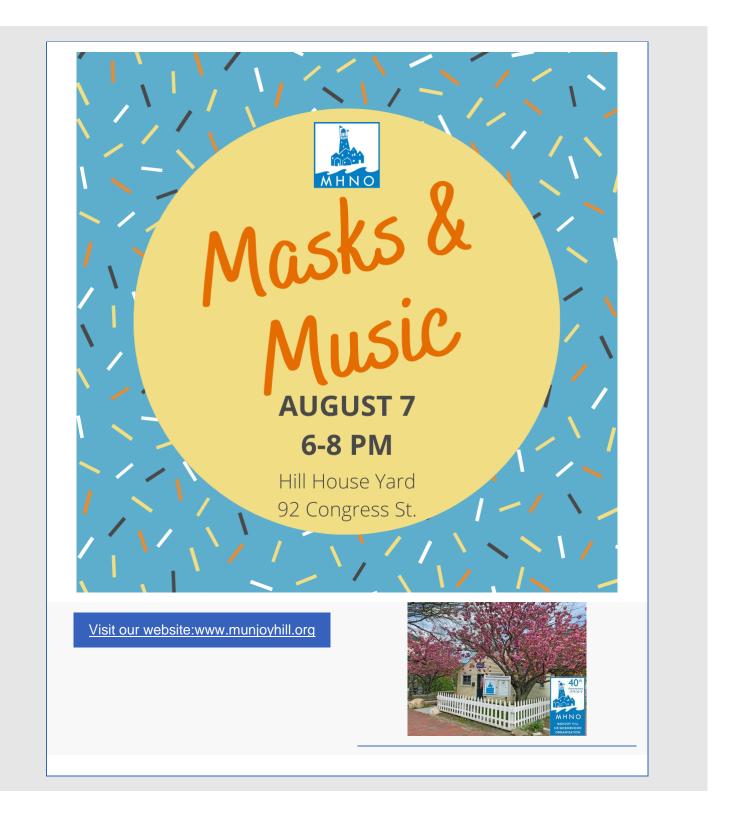
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PLEASE SAVE THE DATE! "SOCIAL DISTANCE SOCIAL" ON AUGUST 7, 2020 OUTSIDE THE NEIGHBORHOOD OFFICE, 92 CONGRESS STREET, 6-8 PM.

MASKS & MUSIC

Drop by (with mask on and please maintain 6 feet of social distance) outside the MHNO office (corner of Congress and Atlantic streets, next door to Rosemont Market). Hear some live music, breath some fresh air, meet some of your neighbors, discuss ideas and concerns. It worked so well at the end of the Annual Meeting we were inspired to try it as a monthly event. Hope to see you there, Fingers crossed for decent weather.



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