

# Munjoy Hill Neighborhood Organization

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



**REMINDER:**

**MASKS & MUSIC**  
**FRIDAY, SEPT. 4TH, 6-8 PM**  
*(weather permitting)*  
**OUTSIDE THE MHNO OFFICE**  
**92 CONGRESS STREET**



PLEASE JOIN US FOR **MASKS & MUSIC**, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH, ANYTIME BETWEEN 6-8, IN THE YARD OUTSIDE 92 CONGRESS STREET (corner of Congress and Atlantic). **STOP BY FOR A LITTLE WHILE TO ENJOY LIVE MUSIC AND GOOD CONVERSATION!**

MASKS ARE MANDATORY. PLEASE MAINTAIN AT LEAST 6 FEET OF SOCIAL DISTANCE. Spread out on to the nearby sidewalks if necessary. SORRY, we will not be providing any **FOOD OR DRINK** (we haven't yet figured out how one can eat or drink in a mask).

No agenda except to get to know our neighbors. Weather permitting.  
Hope you can join us for a while!

For more information: [info@munjoyhill.org](mailto:info@munjoyhill.org)

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# HOW TO VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT

Many people are considering voting by absentee ballot this year to avoid long lines and extended contact with others on Election Day. It should be simple if you plan ahead. You do not need a special reason. Any registered voter may request an absentee ballot.

Assuming you live on and are registered to vote on Munjoy Hill and are requesting a ballot for yourself here is the latest information:

(If you are requesting a ballot for an immediate family member or want to designate a third party to pick up and return the ballot, it can be done but best to talk to the City Clerk's office for explicit instructions.)

## To request a ballot (requests are being processed now):

Call the City Clerk's Office at 874-8677 or 874-8610, Monday - Friday, 9 - 4:30, **OR**

Complete a form online at the Secretary of State's website:  
<https://apps.web.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/AbsenteeBallot/index.pl>  
Your request will be forwarded to the City Clerk's Office.

The City Clerk will process your request and send an email confirmation detailing the status of your request.

Starting about 30 days before the election, your ballot will be mailed to your designated mailing address.

## To return your ballot:

Follow all instructions carefully to complete your ballot. Once that is done, ***you have delivery options.***

You can **mail it back** to the City Clerk's office, making sure there is adequate postage and you have left more than enough time for it to be delivered. To count, absentee ballots must be **RECEIVED** by the City Clerk by 8:00 p.m. on Election Night. **OR**

You can **return it in person to City Hall** any weekday during business hours. The Portland City Clerk says the deadline is 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 29th (but the Secretary of State's site says 5:00 pm on October 30th ). Better practice: don't cut it close and get it there well before 5:00 p.m. on October 29th. This year the drop off location will be on the **Myrtle Street** side of City Hill, just inside the exterior door near the Merrill Auditorium box office. There will be a staffed ballot box with a person to show you where to place the ballot.

The regular business hours are Monday - Friday, 9 - 4:30 p.m. but there might be extended hours too.

**Another Option: In Person Early Voting:** An alternative to requesting that an absentee ballot be mailed to you is to personally go to the City Clerk's Office after October 3rd to vote early. You don't need to complete an application to obtain an absentee ballot if you are there in person to vote right then, but you might have to wait in line with others who are waiting to vote the same way. The last day for absentee early voting in the presence of the clerk is Thursday, October 29th.

If you have additional questions (such as whether there are extended ballot drop off hours, how to request for a family member or how to use a designated third party for pick up and return) please call the Clerk's Office (207 874-8677) or see the Bureau of Elections website on the Absentee Ballot Process at <https://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/voter-info/absenteeguide.html>.

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**PRESIDENT'S NOTE:** The next monthly business meeting of the 13-members of the Board of Directors of the MHNO will be held on Tuesday (not the usual Monday due to Labor Day) September 8th at 6:00 p.m. It will be held remotely using Zoom. Please note that this is NOT the Annual Meeting of members, which is always held in June. 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 September MHNO Board of Director's meeting.

The Social Distance Social, Masks & Music, on September 4th promises to be much more fun! Come to meet your neighbors, engage in good conversation, and meet MHNO Board Members. Please remember, masks and appropriate social distance are required, but we can have a pleasant time despite those constraints.

Hope to see you for a little while on Friday. Stay safe and be well!

Wayne Valzania,  
President

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