

# Munjoy Hill Neighborhood Organization

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



**REMINDER: PLEASE JOIN US TOMORROW**

**CANDIDATES FORUM ON MONDAY,**

## **OCTOBER 25TH, 6:30 - 7:30 PM**

The Munjoy Hill Neighborhood Organization and the Bayside, Parkside and East Bayside Neighborhood Associations will co-host a remote candidates forum on Monday, October 25th at 6:30 pm. Troy Bennett of the Bangor Daily News will be the moderator.

All of the candidates for City Council seats have indicated they plan to participate. The At-Large Candidates are: Roberto Rodriguez, Travis Curran, Brandon Mazer, and Stuart Tisdale. Both District 1 candidates, Anna Trevorrow and Sarah Michniewicz, are expected to participate. District 2 candidates Victoria Pelletier and Jon Hinck will introduce themselves as well.

Candidates for the School Board At-Large, School Board District 1 and School Board District 2 seats and the Portland Water District, all four of which are uncontested, have also been invited.

No pre-registration is required. To join, at 6:30 on October 25th, click on the **Zoom link**:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81375733294>

## **Please Plan to Vote on Tues., November 2nd**

**CONTESTED CITY COUNCIL RACES WILL BE DECIDED FOR:**

**AT-LARGE (elected City-wide)**

**and**

**DISTRICT 1 (Munjoy Hill, Islands and part of downtown)**

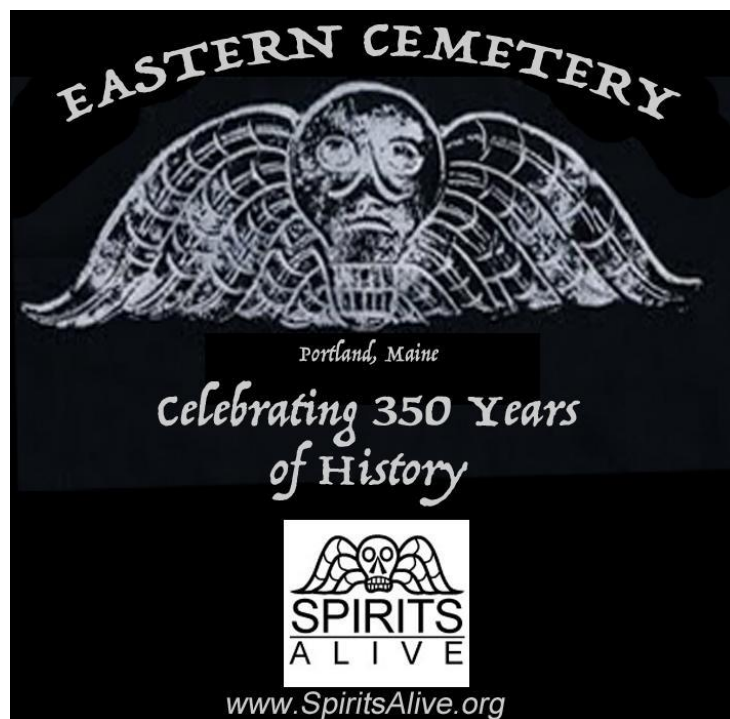
**and**

**DISTRICT 2 (West End and part of downtown)**

Folks who live on Munjoy Hill will be voting in the District 1 and At-Large races. There are four candidates for one At-Large seat so that race will be decided using rank choice voting. To maximize your impact, you should vote for at least your first and second choice.

In-person absentee voting is available in Room 24 of City Hall, 9 am - 4:30 pm, Monday - Friday through October 28th. Regular voting will take place on Election Day, Tuesday November 2nd at the East End Community School, 195 North Street, from 7:00 am - 8:00 pm.

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## "Walk Among the Shadows" Performances in Eastern Cemetery: "The Secret History of Eastern Cemetery"

The non-profit group Spirits Alive is offering their popular "Walk Among the Shadows" event this October in Eastern Cemetery. This year's theme is "The Secret History of the Eastern Cemetery - Movers and Shakers in the Old Burial Ground".

Seven Spirits will rise from their graves to tell stories of their time in the Old Burial Ground: true tales of new stones, old stones, overcrowding, unexpected relocations, and more. Audience members will be led through Eastern Cemetery by specters, encountering each story at a different location within the graveyard.

The event occurs live at Eastern Cemetery. The remaining performances are on **October 28-30, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.** There are also **twilight performance on Sundays, Oct. 24 and 31 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.**

Audience groups will enter from the 224 Congress Street gate every 20 minutes during the event on a first-come, first-served basis. Each Walk Among the Shadows performance lasts about 40 minutes. The audience is cautioned to dress for outdoor evening weather and slightly uneven terrain.

Tickets are available on Eventbrite or at the gate. Suggested donation for admission is \$10 (\$5 for under 12). Spirits Alive is a non-profit organization formed in 2006, and dedicated to the preservation of Eastern Cemetery. Eastern Cemetery, 224 Congress Street, is Portland's oldest graveyard,

founded in 1668. All proceeds from this event go to Spirits Alive to help accomplish their twin missions of education and preservation. More info at [spiritsalive.org](http://spiritsalive.org).

This presentation is funded in part by a grant from the Maine Arts Commission, an independent state agency supported by the National Endowment for the Arts. Other generous event sponsors include: Coffee By Design, Norway Savings Bank, Townsquare Media, UpPortland, Murray Plumb and Murray, Otto Pizza, Osher Map library, Carlson & Turner Bookstore, The Maine Celtics and Learning Works.

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## Fall Curbside Leaf Pickup Starts This Week



City curbside leaf pickup begins Monday, October 25 and goes through Friday, November 19th. Place your biodegradable leaf bags curbside on your normal trash/recycling day and City crews will take care of collecting them on weekdays.

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## MHNO's Real Estate Tax Revaluation Panel Recording Is Available

A recording of the full program is available on YouTube, clicking on this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xOPFMDO-kDw>

**Background, Why Revaluation Now and Legal Parameters**, MHNO President Wayne Valzania, Chris Huff, Tax Assessor, Mayor Snyder, Councilor Ray, minutes 0:00 to 19:00;

**How Portland's Revaluation Was Conducted**, Chris Huff, Tax Assessor Gynt Grube & John Valente, Tyler Technologies, minutes 19:00 to 37:30;

**Contesting Your Tax Assessment: The Formal Appeal Process**, Attorney Peter Murray, 37:30 to 1:02:00;

**Possible Real Estate Tax Relief Programs** (with a footnote on Rent Control), Chris Huff, Tax Assessor, Mayor Snyder, Councilor Ray, Barbara Vestal, 1:04:00 to 1:23:00;

**Questions from the Public:** 1:23:00 to 1:42:00.

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**PRESIDENT'S NOTE:**

*MHNO continues to be a vibrant, community-based organization. We could never have anticipated the great changes this past year and a half has brought. But these have only reinforced our mission. We are here for the people who live on or have businesses on Munjoy Hill. To do this, we need your help. Please join us, stay involved, and encourage your friends and neighbors to do the same. Change is not only good -- it's essential. We embrace new members, and welcome their thoughts, ideas and involvement. Please visit us at [www.munjoyhill.org](http://www.munjoyhill.org).*

*The next monthly business meeting of the 13-members of the Board of Directors of the MHNO will be held on Monday, November 1st at 6:00 p.m. Monthly meetings are held remotely using Zoom. 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 MHNO Board of Director's meeting.*

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