Munjoy Hill Neighborhood Organization

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Proudly serving Portland's Munjoy Hill neighborhood since 1979.

Council Committee Meeting This Wednesday, March 23rd at 5:00 on Food Trucks on Eastern Prom

The City Council Sustainability & Transportation Committee meets this Wednesday, March 23rd at 5pm via Zoom to review a proposed Food Truck Management Plan for the Eastern Prom. The proposed plan, generated by City Parks and Recreation Staff Alex Marshall and Ethan Hipple, includes two options for discussion.

Option One would keep the food trucks on Eastern Prom, but would remove all of the parking from the landward side and shift the travel lanes in that direction. (Instead of parking on both sides of the street, parking would be removed on the side opposite the food trucks.)



Option Two, a hybrid model, would keep some of the food trucks on the Eastern Prom, but move other food trucks to the Mid-Lot on Cutter Street.

Public comment on the possible plans will be taken at this meeting.



To join the Sustainability and Transportation Committee meeting, Please click the link below to join the meeting: https://portlandmainegov.zoom.us/j/88680298039?pwd=dDExUzIXSG5idml2TW1xR3JLUEZ2dz09 Passcode: 347627 Or Telephone: US: +1 929 205 6099 Webinar ID: 886 8029 8039 Passcode: 347627



Signs of Spring Coming to Munjoy Hill:

Earth Day Clean Up on April 22nd

The MHNO will be sponsoring its annual Clean Up of Munjoy Hill on Earth Day, **Friday, April 22nd**. The effort will focus on portions of the Eastern Prom Park.

There will be two shifts of volunteers:

- Wave #1: 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm, and
- Wave #2, 3:00 to 5:00.

Please meet at the Midslope parking lot on Cutter Street. All ages welcome. More details to follow. Please save a couple of hours to join your Munjoy Hill neighbors. Hope for a beautiful spring day, but dress warmly and bring your rakes and work gloves!

Spring Curbside Collection: April 25-May 6

The annual spring curbside collection of leaf bags/yard waste will begin Monday, April 25 through Friday, May 6. The leaves must in in large, paper, biodegradable leaf bags. Place the biodegradable leaf bags curbside on Wednesdays (your normal trash day) during these dates and City public works crews will remove them.

MHNO-Sponsored Fundraiser Nets over \$10,000 for Munjoy Hill Neighbors Displaced by January Fire



The January 29th fire at Munjoy Hill's Island View Apartments displaced residents in 8 units. The Munjoy Hill Neighborhood Organization sponsored a GoFundMe campaign for those residents who were displaced. Thanks to all who donated so generously. The campaign has been closed and the funds are being distributed to residents of those 8 units.



City's Charter Commission Continues its Work: Next Meeting Wednesday, March 23rd at 6 pm

The Charter Commission is continuing its work to examine the City's Charter to decide what changes, if any, to recommend. They are continuing to work toward the goal of having their recommendation(s) appear on the November 2022 ballot.

The there are a multiplicity of topics being addressed. The Commission is meeting weekly to try to get through all of the proposals.

The next Charter Commission meeting is Wednesday, March 23rd, at 6:00 pm. Meetings are likely to follow weekly thereafter for the next several weeks.

The March 23rd agenda includes:

- About 1.5 hours of continuing deliberation on the most appropriate Governance Model (Executive Mayor? City Manager? Public Advocate? Powers of each?);
- That will be followed by public hearing, deliberations and a vote on: **Clean Elections** proposal,

- **Redistricting proposal** (change from 9 Councilors (including Mayor) to 13 Councilors (10 district, 3 some variety of at-large), unclear whether it would affect School Board as well,
- Code of Ethics proposal;
- Participatory Budgeting proposal.
- Finally the agenda includes first reads of proposals for the following items, which will have a public hearing, deliberation and vote at a subsequent meeting: Amended capital improvement program process in relation to the School Budget process, and a proposal for School Board autonomy in setting the total amount of the School Budget, subject to voter approval.

The agenda for the Wednesday, March 23rd meeting is at: https://portlandme.civicclerk.com/Web/Player.aspx?id=3442&key=-1&mod=-1&mk=-1&nov=0

Scheduled meetings, posted agendas and materials, and Zoom links are on the City's Agenda Center: https://www.portlandmaine.gov/129/Agendas-Minutes.

More information may be posted on the City's webpage: <u>https://www.portlandmaine.gov/2665/Charter-Commission-2020-2022</u>

PRESIDENT'S NOTE:

MHNO continues to be a vibrant, community-based organization. We could never have anticipated the great changes these past two years have 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.

The next monthly business meeting of the 13-members of the Board of Directors of the MHNO will be held on Monday, April 4th at 6:00 p.m. Monthly meetings are held remotely using Zoom. This may change at some point. 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 and request that you be emailed a link to the MHNO Board of Director's meeting. Wayne Valzania, w.valzania@munjoyhill.org President

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