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# Munjoy Hill Neighborhood Organization

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

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## **MHNO HOSTS FIRST FRIDAY BOARD GAME NIGHT! THIS FRIDAY, February 3rd, 5-8 PM**

Please join your neighbors for a relaxing kick-off to 2023! It will take place at the Munjoy Hill Neighborhood Organization office, also known as the "Hill House", 92 Congress Street (corner of Congress and Atlantic, next to Rosemont Market). Hope to see you there! Details below.

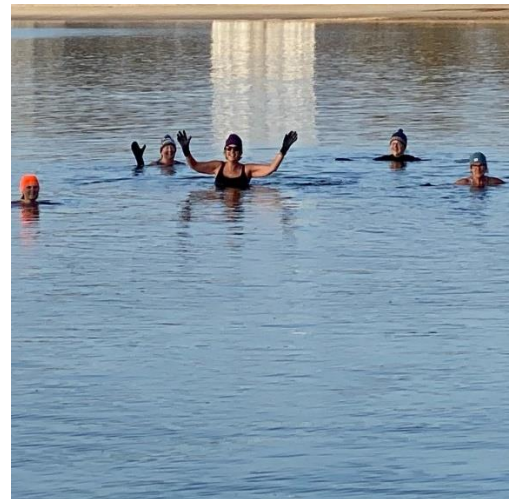
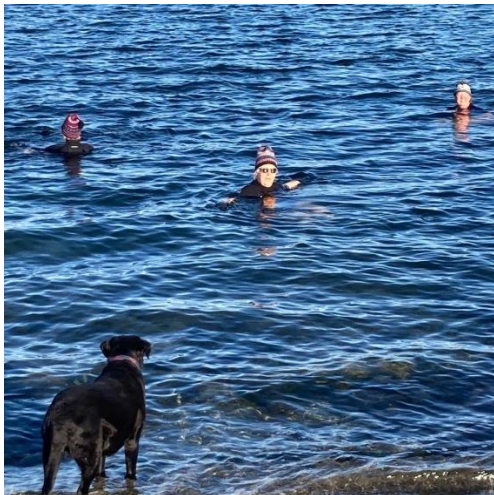
Questions?: info@munjoyhill.org.

Originally scheduled for January 6th, this had to be rescheduled. Don't miss this second chance to join in the low-key fun. All ages welcome!



## **Intrepid Cold-Water Swimmers Still Going Strong**

You might see them swimming off the East End Beach, at Ferry Beach, or other frigid waters at unpredictable times. Munjoy Hill's hardy band, informally known as BASS (Bad Ass Swim Sisters) balance tides, weather and appointments to find auspicious times to take the plunge two or three times a week. MHNO President, Maggy Wolf, invites you to consider joining them, below in her President's Message.



## **SURVEYS SEEK INPUT ON NEW CITY MANAGER AND SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT SEARCHES**

The consultants hired to help with the search for the new City Manager and the new School Superintendent have both posted community surveys to collect opinions about the desired qualities in the individuals to be hired for these important positions.

To weigh in on the next City Manager, click on the following link:

<https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=v2OTYdhbR0CwIFh91zJzkndRRAJeWotArOTW0EDdQDFURTRFV0hCMVM4SU9ISkk4NUEwTjA3OVRUNiQIQCN0PWcu>

To share your thoughts on the next Superintendent of Schools, click on the following link and scroll down to the mustard-colored box "Community Survey" and click your preferred language:

<https://www.portlandschools.org/about/board-of-education/superintendent-search/community-engagement#forums>

Responses for both surveys are requested by Friday, February 3, 2023.

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## Coffee & Climate 2023 Series

### Friday, Feb 10th, 9 am via Zoom: Being Bird Friendly and Bird Safe

The City of Portland Sustainability Office is hosting a monthly speaker series called Coffee & Climate. Each session explores a sustainability or climate topic with the help of guest speakers.

The guests in February are from Maine Audubon and Portland Society for Architecture. Sessions are remote, via zoom, starting at 9 am.

To register for the virtual event, go to:

<https://portlandmaine.gov.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZLocu2hqj8vGNAD2NWj35piKvt2yclRbIn>

For more information and to see the entire list of sessions for 2023, see [www.oneclimatefuture.org](http://www.oneclimatefuture.org).

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**Knitters!  
Crocheters!  
All hand needlecrafters!**



**The MHNO welcomes you to our  
Needlework Sunday afternoons!**



**Sundays from 3-5  
92 Congress St**

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

## **HANDCRAFTER GATHERINGS EVERY SUNDAY, 3-5 (except Sunday, February 5th)**

The MHNO Handcrafters weekly Sunday afternoon gatherings are ongoing every Sunday for the foreseeable future (except for Feb. 5th when many regulars will be in Boston to attend the New England Farm & Fiber Festival).

All levels and types of hand-crafted projects are welcome. Bring your knitting, crocheting, hand piecing, darning, etc. Or just bring yourself and join in the conversation.



**President's Message:**

Well! I don't know about you all, but suddenly I am feeling **much less cheated on winter** than I was 2 weeks ago! Consulting the National Weather Service records, I see that the average snowfall in Portland for January is about 19 inches and we have had almost 23 so far this month, most of it in the last week!

I know it is inconvenient and I certainly have done my share of griping about the shoveling and the city plowing and the RE-shoveling after the plowing, but Munjoy Hill sure is beautiful in a blanket of snow. It is an **instant shot of joy** to see the kids sledding on the prom! Plus, I'll take a foot of snow over 1 inch of wintry mix turning into black ice any day.

Which reminds me to remind you all to **be careful out there**. There is constant melt and re-freeze and the sidewalks and streets and our front steps can be lethal, especially in the mornings!

Speaking of snow, we had to postpone the **evening of Board Games** we had planned earlier this month, but it's ON for this **Friday, February 3**, so bring your families for an evening of old-fashioned fun.

Also, we are continuing to meet for **needlework and camaraderie on Sunday afternoons from 3-5**, so please join us, **EXCEPT** there will be no meet-up on Feb 5, as several of us will be taking the Downeaster to Boston to attend the New England Farm & Fiber Festival. <https://www.newenglandfarmandfiber.com/>

My little **band of swimmers, the Bad Ass Swim Sisters**, aka BASS, is still braving the waters at the East End Beach on a catch-as-catch-can schedule, balancing tides and weather and our other commitments. We aim for 2-3 times a week during these colder months, and **if you are interested in joining us**, you can email me and I will loop you into our next meet-up. To learn more about this activity, there was a fun podcast a few weeks ago, <http://outsideinradio.org/shows/cold-tits-warm-hearts-cold-water-dippers-of-maine>, which featured some of the groups of intrepid Maine cold-water swimmers.

If any of you are interested in dipping your toe into less icy waters, we have a vacancy on our board of directors to fill out a partial term until our next elections in June. This would be a great opportunity for an interested person to see what it would be like to serve on the board without having to make the usual 2 year commitment. If you are a member and might be interested, please contact me at [m.wolf@munjoyhill.org](mailto:m.wolf@munjoyhill.org).

And as ever, everybody is welcome to attend our monthly board meetings on the first Monday of the month.

*Hope to see you on Friday for the Board Games Night!*

*Maggy Wolf  
President, MHNO  
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*To join or rejoin as a member, or make a contribution to support your neighborhood organization, please visit [www.munjoyhill.org](http://www.munjoyhill.org) and click on "Join Us" or "Donate." We are a 501(c)(3) organization. All memberships and contributions go to support the work of the MHNO.*

*Members are welcome to sit in on the monthly meetings of the MHNO Board of Directors. They have resumed in person at the MHNO's "Hill House", 92 Congress Street, Portland, Maine. The meetings are generally held at 6:00 p.m. on the first Monday of each month, except in the case of Monday holidays; in that event they are held the second Monday. The next meeting is scheduled for February 6, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. Questions: [info@munjoyhill.org](mailto:info@munjoyhill.org).*

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