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Subject: Save the Date: MHNO Earth Day Cleanup 4/22; Historic Rehabilitation Tax Workshop 4/10; and More

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Proudly serving Portland's Munjoy Hill neighborhood since 1979.

MHNO EARTH DAY EASTERN PROM CLEANUP SATURDAY, APRIL 22nd ALL INVITED TO PITCH IN!

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

Park. This year Earth Day falls on a Saturday, making it easier for more people to participate.

WHAT: EARTH DAY ON EASTERN PROM

WHEN: Saturday, 4/22/2023

There will be two shifts of volunteers:

- Wave #1: 10:00 am to 12:00 noon, and
- Wave #2, 2:00 to 4:00.

WHERE: Please meet at the Mid-slope parking lot on Cutter Street, below the sledding hill.

Project #1: Trash Removal Along Eastern Prom Upper Sidewalk.

- Volunteers will pick up trash along the sidewalk, starting from East End Community School/Loring Memorial, walking along the sidewalk toward Cutter Street junction with Eastern Prom.

Project #2: Trash Removal Along Eastern Prom Middle Sidewalk

- Volunteers will pick up trash along the sidewalk starting from Fort Allen Park midslope sidewalk toward below Eastern Promenade Community Gardens.

Project #3: Trash Removal at Eastern Prom Beach Coastline Sidewalk

- Volunteers will pick up trash along the coastline starting from the water treatment facility lower sidewalk, past the East End Beach to where the train originates.

Organizers will provide:

- Trash bags
- Trash pickers (numbers limited)
- Gloves (latex gloves)

Volunteers Should Wear/Bring:

- Long sleeved shirt

- Long pants
- Sturdy shoes/boots
- Water to drink
- Work gloves (if prefer your own)

Please join your Munjoy Hill neighbors. We will hope for a beautiful spring day, but dress warmly and bring your favorite work gloves!

Questions: info@munjoyhill.org



Lucky volunteers might be able to snag a favorite frosted Earth Day cookie!



A few of the Earth Day 2022 volunteers, likely to help out again this year. Please join them!



HISTORIC REHABILITATION TAX CREDITS WORKSHOP ON MONDAY, APRIL 10TH

At the request of the Munjoy Hill Neighborhood Organization, a free workshop on state and federal historic rehabilitation tax credits will be presented by Greater Portland Landmarks on Monday, April 10th from 3-5 pm at the Woodfords Club, 179 Woodfords Street in Portland. The session will be hybrid, with participants who register able to attend either in person or view remotely via Zoom. It will also be recorded for future viewing.

To register for this workshop, for either remote or in-person participation, fill out the form at this link:

<https://www.portlandlandmarks.org/htc-registration>

Space is limited for in-person attendance, so you must register in advance. If you register to participate via Zoom, a link will be sent to you in advance.

Now that the National Park Service has certified that the locally designated Munjoy Hill Historic District meets the requirements for listing in the National Register of Historic Places, owners of income-producing Contributing or Landmark buildings within the Munjoy Hill Historic District have the option of applying for State and Federal Rehabilitation Tax Credits for qualifying projects. These credits can collectively total up to 45% of the value of qualified

rehabilitation expenses on a project. Owners of income-producing property in each of Portland's National Register Districts are similarly eligible.

The workshop will explore how owners of income-producing structures, such as small residential real estate with one or more rental units, might be able to take advantage of these state and federal tax credits. Presenters will be Ian Stevenson, Director of Advocacy at Greater Portland Landmarks, Mike Johnson from the Maine Historic Preservation Commission, and John Egan, senior program officer at the Genesis Fund, a community loan fund. They will explore how historic tax credits work and how they can be a powerful tool for preservation and rehabilitation.

Coffee & Climate 2023 Series

Friday, April 14th, 9 am via Zoom: Sharing Economy & Electric Tools

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 guest in April will be Brie Berry, described as an economic & environmental anthropologist. Sessions are remote, via zoom, starting at 9 am.

To register for the virtual event, go to:

<https://portlandmaine-gov.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZLocu2hqj8vGNAD2NWj35piKvt2yclRbln>

For more information and to see the entire list of sessions for 2023, see www.oneclimatefuture.org.

Free YardScaping Workshop on April 11th

The Cumberland County Soil and Water Conservation District is offering a workshop on how to build healthy soil to turn your yard into a better, healthier place on Tuesday, April 11, 6-8 pm. Tips on fertilizing, weed and pest management, watering, renovating an unhealthy lawn, and more.

Attend in person in Gorham at the Baxter Memorial Library, or online by clicking:

https://www.cumberlandswcd.org/conservation-shop/p/spring-yardscaping-series?ss_source=sscampaigns&ss_campaign_id=6127d61401a2c14c8d3d2804&ss_email_id=6414986e21070724ceb87012&ss_campaign_name=FREE+YardScaping+Workshop+on+April+11th%21&ss_campaign_sent_date=2023-03-17T16%3A42%3A36Z

Presenters say it is compatible with Gorham, Portland and South Portland ordinances.



**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:
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**HANDCRAFTER GATHERINGS
CONTINUE EVERY SUNDAY
AFTERNOON, 3-5 AT THE
MHNO'S HILL HOUSE,
92 CONGRESS STREET**

The MHNO Handcrafters weekly Sunday afternoon gatherings are ongoing every Sunday for the foreseeable future.

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. Hosted by MHNO President, Maggy Wolf.

In Memoriam: MHNO Long-Time Volunteer Cynthia Fitzgerald

The Munjoy Hill Neighborhood Organization would like to recognize the passing of Cynthia Fitzgerald on March 5, 2023 at St. Joseph's nursing home. Cynthia was one of the founding members of the MHNO, serving as an incorporator in 1978. She remained active in the organization for many years, serving on the Board of Directors and as its secretary for decades, and assuming the presidency for a term. Long time residents of Munjoy Hill, Cynthia and her late husband of 48 years, Bob, who predeceased her in 2012, resided on Sheridan Street for decades prior to moving to Merrill Street. Cynthia eventually had to move off her beloved Hill. Bob and Cynthia were loyal and capable volunteers, pitching in to facilitate family festivals, spaghetti suppers, neighborhood meetings, playground construction, and many other Hill events. During that time, Cynthia served as the informal MHNO historian. Cynthia raised four children on the Hill, and is survived by those children, 10 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

RASH OF THEFTS FROM UNLOCKED CARS: BEST TO SECURE YOUR VEHICLE

Janine Kaserman, Portland Police Department's Community Policing Coordinator for Munjoy Hill, reported at the April MHNO Board of Directors meeting that there has been a recent rash of thefts from unlocked cars on Munjoy Hill. She urged residents to take the simple precautions of locking their vehicles, rolling up windows, and not leaving anything of value in vehicles, particularly in plain view. She also asked people to be aware of suspicious people in your area. To reach the Police Department, for emergencies, call 911. For non-emergency matters, call 207 874-8575.

President's Message:

Greetings fellow Hill-folk!

"April is the cruelest month, breeding
Lilacs out of the dead land, mixing
Memory and desire, stirring
Dull roots with spring rain . . ."

From *The Wasteland* by T.S. Eliot

I am not very knowledgeable about poetry and even if I were, I suspect that most of Eliot's poem would still be over my head (I counted at least 6 different languages!). However the opening clause is one I can really get behind and, in fact, I quote it every year at this time. Yes, it is wonderful to see lovely crocuses popping up all over and if you have not yet gasped in wonder at Rob and Robin Whitten's glorious crocus meadow on lower Saint Lawrence Street, do yourselves a favor and walk by as soon as you can!

Nevertheless, April is my least favorite month of the year, in terms of Maine weather. Days are longer and warmer, at least on paper, but at the same time, I find most of us are running on fumes after slogging through March, and windy,

wet mud season is hardly the reward most of us deserve after shivering and shoveling for months!

OK, enough complaining -- there is work to be done to prepare for when spring really does get here. I am about to plant seedlings for my vegetable garden and also for our second annual MHNO Plant Sale which is planned for May 20th. Before the fun of planting, however, there is clean-up work to be done and we hope to see you all on Earth Day, April 22nd for our annual "Clean Up the Prom" event. In the meantime, do get out and enjoy those crocuses!

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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 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 May 1, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. Questions: info@munjoyhill.org.