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Munjoy Hill Neighborhood Organization

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Proudly serving Portland's Munjoy Hill neighborhood since 1979.

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE:
MHNO MAYORAL CANDIDATES' NIGHT
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH, 7:00 pm
In-Person, East End Community School

This will be a great opportunity to hear from the candidates running to be Portland's Mayor for the next four years. All five candidates have accepted the invitation from the MHNO:

- Pious Ali
- Justin Costa
- Mark Dion
- Dylan Pugh, and

- Andrew Zarro

The MHNO event will be moderated by Greg Kesich, long-time Munjoy Hill resident and recently retired editorial page editor of the Portland Press Herald.

The event is free, with no preregistration required. It is open to all as long as space is available.

Election Day is Tuesday, November 7th. In-person absentee voting starts on October 9th in City Hall.

If you want to suggest questions that you think should be posed to the candidates, please email info@munjoyhill.org.



Monthly Highlights:

MHNO SUSTAINABLE LIVING

By Maggy Wolf, MHNO Board of Directors, m.wolf@munjoyhill.org

In 2023, I don't think there are many people living in Portland who still deny the global damage done by our dependence on fossil fuels. From the obvious direct impacts such as global warming, sea-level rise and air pollution, to geopolitical impacts such as disproportionate power over the global economy wielded by oil-rich countries, our dependence on fossil fuels has an impact on our daily lives and even more so on those of future generations. Therefore in

this month's Sustainable Living column, I want to focus on some city and state opportunities to reduce our personal dependence on fossil fuel.

I wrote last month of the City of Portland's joint Climate Action Plan with South Portland which is called One Climate Future. Under the umbrella of this plan, both cities have led programs called "Electrify Everything". This has been a strong focus of One Climate Future because electricity is cleaner and can be powered by renewable sources, making a dramatic difference in our carbon footprint.

In 2022, Portland partnered with Revision Energy to provide discounts to homeowners on residential solar panels and heat pumps; the program also aimed to help low-income households and renters find community solar farms. This past spring, for the second round, Portland provided a discount on e-bikes for qualifying individuals and households. The next round is in the planning stages to roll out this fall and the scope will depend on any grants the city may receive, but will likely focus on ways to reduce energy consumption even further and may include incentives for weather-stripping, window and door caulking, insulations, portable induction cooktop, clothes drying racks and clotheslines, smart thermostats, and other efficiency items.

Other than the incentives that the city may offer for switching to electric systems, the state offers potentially more significant savings on home and vehicle through Efficiency Maine. One of the best deals for homeowners or landlords here is the rebate on attic and/or basement insulation. I took advantage of this program last year and it made a big difference in my home heating costs.

Finally, the Federal government also offers some incentives for switching to electric and or weatherization. More details can be found here: <https://www.energy.gov/save>

Navigating the different state and federal programs can be confusing, especially when some of the programs change every year. The Maine Climate Team has put together a very handy guide to put the incentives in one place: https://www.maine.gov/climateplan/sites/maine.gov.climateplan/files/inline-files/Maine%20Guide%20to%20Climate%20Incentives_April2023_1.pdf

If you are considering any of these programs, the best place to begin might be One Climate Future's next Coffee and Climate session, entitled "Navigating State & Federal Incentives" which will be on Zoom on Friday, September 8: <https://www.oneclimatefuture.org/event/coffee-climate-navigating-state-federal-incentives/>. (See article, below.)

Coffee & Climate

Friday

9 a.m.



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Charting a Course for
Portland and South Portland



COFFEE & CLIMATE: NAVIGATING STATE AND FEDERAL INCENTIVES FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH, 9:00 AM

As part of the Coffee & Climate monthly speaker series, hosted by Portland and South Portland Sustainability Offices, the One Climate Future team invites you to September's Coffee & Climate Event: **Navigating State & Federal Incentives!**, Friday, September 8th from 9 am to 10 am. Dan Burgess, Director of the Maine Governor's Energy Office and Hogan Dwyer of Efficiency Maine will be joining to discuss the opportunities available to help Mainers transition to renewable and energy-efficient technology. They invite you to listen in to learn how you can decrease your reliance on fossil fuels and save money while doing it. "Grab a cup of coffee and join us online to discover just how much money you can save with the Inflation Reduction Act."

Sign up for this Zoom get-together through this Zoom registration link: <https://portlandmaine->

gov.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlocu2hqj8vGNaD2NWj35piKvt2yclRbln_ .
After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

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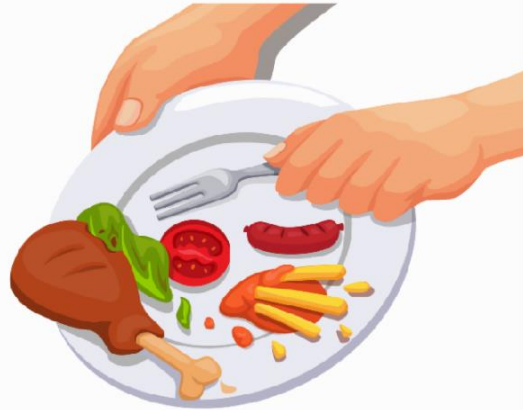
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Saturday, September 9, 2023

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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METRO Discontinues Bus Service on South Side of Munjoy Hill

Greater Portland Metro has announced the discontinuance of bus service on the south side of Munjoy Hill, effective August 27, 2023. The bus route has eliminated the portion of the route which used to go around the Hill on Eastern Promenade between Congress and Atlantic Streets and then drive up Atlantic Street from Eastern Prom to Congress. As of August 27th, the bus turns right when it reaches Congress Street and does not venture into the southern side of Munjoy Hill.

Some bus patrons are in the process of asking for reconsideration of the decision to discontinue that service. If interested, email info@munjoyhill.org.



Service Changes Effective August 27, 2023

Route 1

No service on Atlantic Street & south side of Munjoy Hill. Route turns back onto Congress St. Use new bus stop at Congress/Emerson.

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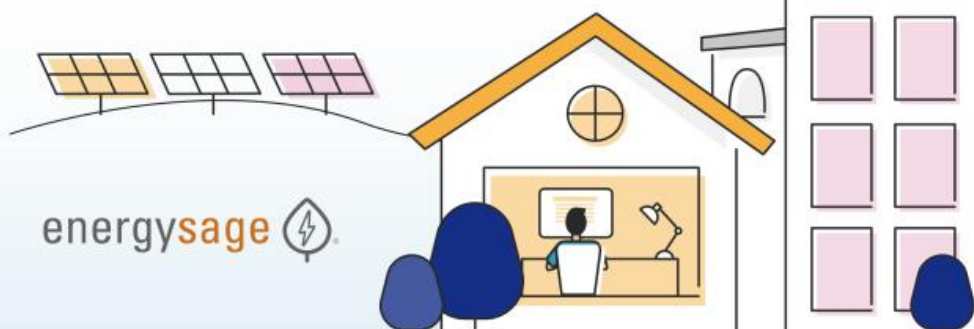
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MHNO Announcements:

The Activities Committee is in search of households who want to participate in the inaugural **Munjoy Hill Hidden Treasures Yard Sale**. This will be a MHNO-sponsored, neighborhood wide reuse/replace/recycle event. If interested and for more information, email info@munjoyhill.org.

MHNO Needlecraft Sundays paused for the Summer, but they will resuming Sept. 10th.

Handcrafters -- Please join us starting September 10th:



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



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



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



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PRESIDENT'S NOTE:

Greetings Munjoy Hill Friends and Neighbors!

This past week my husband, Ned, and I were playing tourist on Chebeague Island. It is just far enough removed to be "away" but close enough to be very convenient. Happily, we wandered into the Chebeague Island Historical Society, a restored school house, to see the current exhibit, "Growing Up on Chebeague." This excellent exhibit explores growing up on the island from the Civil War to present through the eyes of its children. Culled from thousands of photographs and memorabilia, the exhibit captures the unique sense of place of this particular island, but also explores the universal experience of growing up as part of a tightly knit community.

As we were reflecting upon our own distant childhoods and enjoying the humor woven into the photo selection (don't miss the "Pranks" section, hung in the bathroom), we struck up a conversation with Donna Miller Damon, curator of the Chebeague Island Historical Society. "Where are you folks from?" she asked. We quickly replied "Munjoy Hill" and were immediately off into a wide-ranging discussion about our neighborhood and its own social fabric of 45 years ago. It turns out Donna had worked various places on Portland's peninsula in the 1970s and the three of us had a shared appreciation for many of the unique individuals who inhabited Munjoy Hill in that era. Donna also recalled that 40 years ago she wrote a piece about the Moses Gould house on North Street for inclusion in the MHNO's monthly newspaper; we noted that Ned and I were probably the folks who pasted up that article for the Munjoy Hill Observer.

Small world, of course. You probably have your own stories about running into somebody with a Munjoy Hill connection in an improbable location. But beyond that, I was struck by similarities of the Chebeague and Munjoy Hill communities -- the importance of the shared traditions, the tireless mentoring of children by special adults, and the painstakingly woven social fabric. The details may be different (probably not as much hunting and fishing on Munjoy Hill, and dogfish probably did not have a starring role in Munjoy Hill pranks), but for each there is a strong loyalty to place and pervasive sense of identity shaped by having grown up in that particular community. If you have a chance to see the exhibit, I would be interested in whether you see similarities to Munjoy Hill of the same era. For more information: <https://www.chebeaguehistory.com/>.

Please save the date for the MHNO Mayoral Candidates' Night, Thursday, September 28th at 7:00 pm at the East End Community School. Whoever is elected mayor will set the trajectory for Portland for the next 4 years. Rank choice voting does apply, so you may want to identify not only your top choice, but also your second and third choices. Hope to see you there.

Best wishes for a smooth transition back to the school year,

Barbara

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The next monthly business meeting of the 13-members of the Board of Directors of the MHNO will be held on Monday, September 11th at 5:00 p.m. Monthly meetings are held in person at the Hill House, 92 Congress Street. If you are a member of the MHNO and are interested in sitting in on the Board of Director's meeting, please join us in person.

The MHNO is a membership organization, with our work supported by annual memberships (\$20 for an individual, \$35 for a household). For more information or to join or renew, or to make a much appreciated donate, please visit www.munjoyhill.org.

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