

# The *BAYSIDER*

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## MEET (MOST OF) THE CANDIDATES FOR DISTRICT 1'S CITY COUNCIL SEAT

The *Baysider* invited all the candidates for District 1's City Council seat to tell us why they are running. All but one of the candidates have responded.



**Paula Guillemette Agopian**

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THESE ARE the reasons I want to represent District 1, my neighborhood!

- Property taxes are high enough. We should hold off next evaluation and start thinking about a progressive tax system.
- We need to build more affordable housing.
- We need directed and appropriate development. We need to develop for the people who are living here now. We need to care for our family first.
- We need historic preservation. Our past is our future; our future is our past. Let's respect and protect it.
- Residents of Munjoy Hill should have resident parking stickers.

I'd love to have the opportunity to contribute and serve the city and its people. Contact me at [pagopian1@yahoo.com](mailto:pagopian1@yahoo.com).



**Sean Kerwin-**

*A Thoughtful, Logical, Principled Voice at City Hall*

I LOVE THIS CITY. I love its history, its architecture, its parks and trails, and its people. From the arts community to the food scene to the thriving local businesses community and ambitious new startups, Portland and its residents are the embodiment of a dynamic community.

But, like many residents, I'm dismayed by the aggressive climb in housing costs. I'm alarmed by the impacts of our overwhelmed system of social services, both the antisocial behaviors that compromise our quality of life and sense of safety and the growing numbers of homeless, addicted, and otherwise vulnerable people who are not finding real help in our supposedly compassionate city. I'm frustrated that some areas are struggling with rapid growth that's swiftly changing the character of neighborhoods and bringing economic uncertainty for longtime residents while other areas languish with projects that can't get off the ground. And on issues along the entire spectrum, I see too much reactive

action and a need for greater strategic, coordinated planning.

I want to be District 1 City Councilor to make sure that Portland's future is worthy of our hardy, storied past. It will take strong, intelligent, and thoughtful leadership at City Hall to preserve the elements that make our city great, contain and mitigate our problems, and invest smartly in our infrastructure in a way that lays the foundations for a bright future. I believe that I possess the skills to wrestle with these issues and others, to identify the best path forward, to align with allies, and to exchange thoughtfully with opponents in order to move us all toward that vision.

Portland is an engaged community with a diverse range of opinions. Residents know their own neighborhoods better than anyone else; professionals in various fields bring specific expertise and a focused perspective; longtime residents offer the wisdom of experience and history; and yes, even recent transplants bring something to the table. We all love Portland in our individual way. I strive for robust and respectful discourse, and I'm proud of my reputation as a thoughtful, logical, and strong presence. I am a calm and respectful but unwavering advocate in pursuit of the best solution.

My approach enables me to effectively represent the residents of District 1 and lead Portland forward. I hope I can count on your support. Please contact me at [seankerwinforcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:seankerwinforcouncil@gmail.com) or visit my website at <http://kerwinforcouncil.nationbuilder.com> for more about me and the issues Portland must address to grow into the city we'll all love for decades to come.



**Brandon Mazer**

I AM RUNNING for the District 1 City Council seat because of the incredible pride I have in our city. As a Munjoy Hill resident and lawyer at Shipyard Brewing Company, I make my home and my living in our neighborhood. On the Council, I will be your voice, making sure that City Hall is acting in the best interests of our community.

I know that when neighborhoods work, cities work. Neighborhoods work when housing is affordable for all of us--college students, families, retirees, and everyone in between. Neighborhoods work when people have good jobs and when kids go to schools with engaged parents and outstanding teachers.

From Bayside to Munjoy Hill, the Old Port to the Casco Bay Islands, every part of District 1 plays a critical role in our city. I'm proud to have the endorsements of leaders in every part of our community, like Rep. Diane Rus-

sell, Sharon Sudbay, Elizabeth Boepple, and Allison Stevens. As your City Councilor, I promise to listen to all voices, not just the loudest ones. I promise to be approachable



and responsive--I will always pick up the phone and answer your emails. I promise to be proactive: I will make it a priority to maintain the jobs and housing we have, encourage existing businesses to create new jobs within our city, fight for housing that everyone can afford, and attract new investment to our city.

I would love to hear from you, because the more we work together and the more we talk about new ideas, the better our city will be. Feel free to call me at (207) 619-0212 or send me an email at [mazerforportland@gmail.com](mailto:mazerforportland@gmail.com).

In the next three years, I promise to stand up for everyone in District 1 and to fight for a proactive, accountable, and responsive City Hall. I would be honored to have your vote.



**Belinda S. Ray**

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Simply put, I am running for City Council because I believe in public service, and I love this city.

A lifelong Mainer, I grew up with civic-minded parents who volunteered for everything from helping to organize the town's annual Oyster Festival to serving

as the treasurer for the local Little League. Whether they were working concession stands, counting money, or staffing aid stations at road races, my parents always found a way to include me, and I always enjoyed being involved.

Here in Portland, I have continued to participate in public service.

In 2007, I helped to found the East Bayside Neighborhood Organization and served sequentially as its Vice President, President, and Community Organizer.

Once EBNO was established, I helped write grants to improve the neighborhood and bring people together. One of those grants brought the American Institute for Architecture's Sustainable Design Assessment Team to East Bayside, and another improved and expanded the basketball courts at Fox Street field, an area that is considered the center of the neighborhood by East Bayside's youth.

When former Police Chief James Craig established his Community Policing Advisory Board, I volunteered to participate and served as his co-chair for the group's first 18 months.

I am a firm believer in working for the betterment of the world at large, and I think that the best way to make a difference is to get involved at the local level.

If elected to City Council, I will work for responsible development that will increase the city's economic prosperity while respecting the needs and desires of the community. I will engage in civil discourse and seek to make connections with people from diverse socioeconomic and cultural backgrounds so that all voices have a chance to be heard. And I will advocate for improved accessibility to ensure that everyone who lives in and visits Portland will be able to enjoy all of the assets that make it such a special place.

As I said before, I love Portland, Maine, and who wouldn't? It's a wonderful city, but there is still work to be done in terms of development, dialogue, and accessibility. I am excited to do that work, and I hope I can earn your vote.

I will be knocking on as many District 1 doors as I can over the next six weeks, but in the meantime, you can learn more about me—and contact me—via my website, [belindaray.me](http://belindaray.me). Thank you for your time.

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## B.N.A. COMMITTEES

### NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Meets bi-monthly; see Facebook page for dates/times/locations (in the community room in Unity Village, unless otherwise posted, at 6 pm). Please contact the BNA or Mary-Ellen Welch at Midtown Policing if you have an issue to bring to a meeting. The public is always welcome.

Laura Cannon and  
Cindy Bachelder, Co-Chairs  
Midtown Policing 772-1371

### BAYSIDER COMMITTEE

Meets regularly at various locations. Writes, collects articles and information. Publishes *The Baysider* quarterly. Promotes advertising.

Colette Bouchard  
Steve Hirshon  
Susan McCloskey  
Rob Sylvain

*Baysider* Committee is seeking new members with an interest in writing or graphics. No experience necessary. Call the BNA for more information.

### GARDEN COMMITTEE

Organizes and runs the Bayside Chestnut St. Community Garden.

Deborah and John  
Van Hoewyk, Co-Chairs  
Kate Pendleton  
Robert Sylvain

The BNA exists to serve you, our neighbors, and to make Bayside the best place to live and work in Portland! *We want to hear from you.* Attend a meeting or event, send an email, or call. Let us know your thoughts, dreams, and concerns.

### PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE

Meets the third Thursday of each month at 5:30 pm in the community room at Unity Village. Plans events and community gatherings. Helps with After-School Arts Program and Summer Children's Lunch Programs.

Cindy Bachelder, Chair  
Colette Bouchard  
Susan McCloskey  
Steve Hirshon

Currently looking for new members. Please call the BNA if interested.

### MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Works on developing and maintaining membership in the BNA.

Alicia Harding, Chair  
Robert Sylvain  
Colette Bouchard  
Susan McCloskey  
Alex Landry

Currently looking for new members. Call the BNA if interested.

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

Meets as needed.  
Steve Hirshon, Chair  
Sean Kerwin

### TRANSPORTATION/ PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE

Meets as issues arise.

Alex Landry, Chair  
Colette Bouchard  
Steve Hirshon  
Ron Spinella

### TREE COMMITTEE

Meets as needed. Works on bringing more trees to Bayside streets.

Robert Sylvain, Chair  
Jeff Tarling  
Colette Bouchard  
Alex Landry

### BYLAWS COMMITTEE

Meets as needed.

Colette Bouchard  
Sean Kerwin  
Rob Sylvain, Chair  
Alex Landry

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Meets each year to recruit and nominate new members for the Board.

Colette Bouchard, Chair  
Cindy Bachelder  
Susan McCloskey  
Alex Landry  
Rob Sylvain



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## BNA BOARD

Meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 6 pm in the community room of Unity Village, 24 Stone Street (behind City Hall). This is a great way to find out all that is going on in Bayside. Reports from all the subcommittees are given regularly. The public is welcome.

Cindy Batchelder  
Mike Batchelder  
Colette Bouchard  
Jon Bradley  
Laura Cannon  
Dennis Ferrante  
Alicia Harding  
Steve Hirshon (President)  
Charles Kaufmann  
Sean Kerwin  
Alex Landry  
Susan McCloskey  
Ron Spinella  
Rob Sylvain  
Deborah VanHoewyk  
Annie Wadleigh

THE BAYSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD  
ASSOCIATION (BNA) REPRESENTS  
ALL THOSE WITH A VESTED INTEREST  
IN THE BAYSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD.  
OUR MEMBERS ARE MADE UP OF  
RESIDENTS, PROPERTY OWNERS,  
BUSINESSES, AND ORGANIZATIONS IN  
THE NEIGHBORHOOD. WE WELCOME  
ANYONE WHO LIVES, WORKS, OR  
OWNS PROPERTY IN BAYSIDE TO  
BECOME INVOLVED.

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Have you written a poem you'd like to see in *The Baysider*? Send it to our poetry editor, Alicia Harding, at [aliciaharding@gmail.com](mailto:aliciaharding@gmail.com). In the subject line, put "Baysider Poetry".

## TRIPTYCH ON SAFETY

By N. Greenleaf

### Safe Place

Safe bets  
Safety nets  
Safe investments.  
Caution gets  
You safe returns  
With few regrets  
Or countless debts.

### Safe Space

I long for a space  
Free from  
In your face  
Eye-rolling  
Judgments.  
Just in case  
My inner fear  
Is ready for  
A hearing ear.

### Hiding Place

Or is it the safety of  
A sowbug I crave.  
That crustacean of  
Grayish tones  
Found mostly  
Under stones  
In some moldy  
Deep, dank cave.

poetry corner

### THE BAYSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (BNA)

Bounded by Forest Avenue, Marginal Way, Congress Street, and Franklin Street, we are just minutes from Downtown, the beach, the working waterfront, and the cove. Historically, Bayside has been home to warehouses, scrapyards, manufacturing, small businesses, and many families that go back generations. Today, it is a mix of families and singles, young and old, immigrants and Mainers, old and new development, social services, businesses, offices, and an active neighborhood association.

We have monthly Board meetings **the first Tuesday of the month at 6 pm**, which are always open to the public. It is a great way to hear about what is happening in the neighborhood. Unless otherwise noted, all meetings take place in the community room at Unity Village, 24 Stone Street. Check out the committee page to see all the active subcommittees and what they are doing.

The BNA also produces the newspaper on a quarterly basis to keep members and the community informed on issues and events of interest. We have special meetings and host forums as the need arises to get people together to discuss issues impacting our neighborhood.



# Community CONTACTS

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# The BROADSIDE



BEING A FORUM FOR Editorial Viewf e' THE Publick Opinion

## The Dilemma That Is Bayside

By Chip Kafmann

AN ARTICLE IN *The New York Times*, dated September 2, 2015, about the homeless crisis in New York City, contains the following two quotations, the first by former Mayor Giuliani and the second by current Mayor de Blasio.

"You chase 'em and you chase 'em and you chase 'em and they either get the treatment they need or you chase 'em out of the city."

"We don't chase human beings who are in crisis."

Thus the dilemma is made clear. Here in the Bayside Neighborhood in Portland, the crisis is in the concentration of so-

cial service providers and in the number of people, especially during the summer, seeking these social services. Many of these people sleep in parks. Some live in cars parked at the side of the road. There are those with young children. Some are people who, rightly or wrongly, leave the impression that it would be safe to avoid them.

Not only is this a human tragedy for those in need, the situation is hindering the development of Bayside into a healthy place to live and work; it is causing a flight of residents — including some longtime board members of the Bayside Neighborhood Association, who bravely moved

here to raise families — out of Bayside.

The solution is not to diminish the availability of social services in Portland, but to distribute the location of these services equally throughout the city's neighborhoods, districts and precincts. Not only would this help Bayside recover and prosper, it would encourage the City of Portland to manage the distribution of social services more efficiently and humanely. Why wouldn't it be possible for Portland, Maine, to become a model city in this regard?

## Bayside Plan Redux

By Steve Hirshon

EVERY 10 YEARS or so (more, in this case) cities and towns are required to revise their Comprehensive Plan. Portland is currently revising its comprehensive plan (<http://www.portlandmaine.gov/562/Comprehensive-Plan>). Comprehensive Plans aren't exactly law but are expected to state the policy guidelines that guide a city's expected development. The *New Vision for Bayside*, published in 2000 and accepted as part of the current comprehensive plan, has seen mixed results. Here is where I think we need to refocus our efforts.

**HOUSING** The Comprehensive Plan calls for the construction of 700 units of housing that would appeal to a mixed demographic. To date, fewer than 300 have been built, most of which are subsidized units for people on housing programs. There needs to be a stronger attempt to promote the creation of housing for people in the 80 to 120% AMI (adjusted median income) demographic, namely young couples and even families. We are located amidst King Middle School and Portland High and the YMCA and the Boys and Girls Club. Why shouldn't this be a place for families?

**WE ARE TOO WILLING TO BEND THE RULES** The New Vision set forth concepts that have not been adhered to. Proposals to create height limits, design standards, and transit-oriented, pedestrian-friendly areas have mostly been ignored. Virtually every proposal that has come along, from Whole Foods to Midtown, has

an element that upends existing provisions of the plan.

We need more consistency between what is stated and what is actually done.

**THE TAIL IS WAGGING THE DOG** Development of the rail yards has been driven by development of a proposed parking garage. The site has seen four proposals for more comprehensive development fall by the wayside, and the outlook for a fifth is tenuous at best. We need to rethink our approach to redevelopment of the rail yards while keeping in mind that it is a difficult site to develop and that accommodations, like possibly abandoning the idea of a garage, need to be made.

**SOCIAL SERVICE SLOWDOWN** The New Vision specified that the City's social service network would be located in Bayside. Since that time, West Bayside has seen substantial growth in the population that utilizes the homeless shelters, soup kitchens, and other safety net services. The growth has severely impacted the area from Forest Avenue along Portland Street to Oxford Street.

Despite repeated efforts, we have not been able to lower the number of people seeking food and shelter. Unfortunately, the concomitant increase in loitering, trespassing, and drug and alcohol abuse, along with antisocial behavior and petty crime, have grown well beyond our capacity as a neighborhood to deal with them.

The City needs to rethink its zoning policy regarding the location and density of homeless shelters and day services. The City

needs to find a way to discourage new arrivals and at the same time provide more housing and housing supports to allow people to move beyond homelessness. Cramping three hundred or more people into a few blocks and letting them mill around all day is detrimental to the neighborhood and helps no one move past the chaos in their lives.

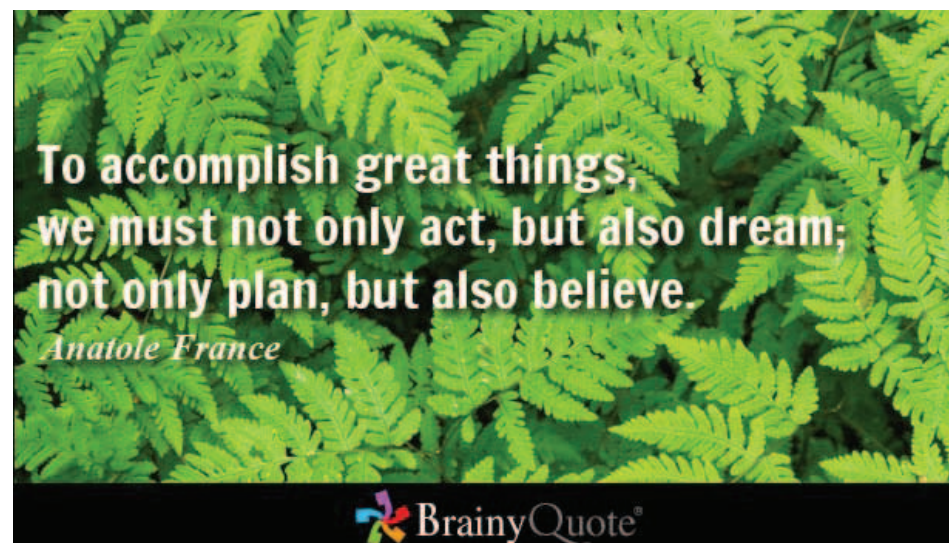
We have an open door policy that lets anyone in, which is admirable, but no housing and no support for literally hundreds of people. We need to rethink our approach to social services and begin with the end in mind. HOUSING FIRST—supported housing to help folks make the jump to a safe and secure life.

**TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT** West Bayside is a rabbit warren of one-way streets, streets lacking sidewalks, underutilized parking lots, and sidewalks in serious need of reconstruction. The City's commitment to infrastructure improvement has been haphazard at best. Particular attention needs to be focused on the Oxford Street-Portland Street corridor. Traffic-calming measures need to be implemented on Marginal Way, along with better pedestrian and bicycle amenities along that route.

A revised Comprehensive Plan won't make any of this happen. But it should be a guidebook for how Portland and this neighborhood can grow in the next ten years.

### BNA MISSION STATEMENT

The Bayside Neighborhood Association brings members of the Bayside community together. BNA brings conversations about Bayside to Bayside and to the greater community in a way that organizes, informs, and empowers residents, social service and other organizations, local businesses, and city representatives to form meaningful and long-term partnerships. BNA preserves and promotes safety, multicultural diversity, housing, and carefully planned social, economic, and physical development in this unique urban community.







CITY COUNCILOR DONOGHUE

## CITY OF PORTLAND

By Kevin Donoghue,  
District One City Councillor

### VOTE FOR BAYSIDE ON NOVEMBER 3!

THANK YOU, BAYSIDE, for electing me to represent you for nine years as your City Councilor. Having decided against seeking another three years, this marks my final column for *The Baysider*. I campaigned to represent the neighborhood having found inspiration in *A New Vision for Bayside*, and in the Bayside Neighborhood Association as a student at the Muskie School of Public Service. I have enjoyed greatly our work together in advancing the cause of urban revitalization in Bayside, especially securing relocation of the Department of Public Services and hope for Portland Street. While much more needs to be done in Bayside, we have laid the foundation for continued success by expanding the Bayside TIF District to leverage funding for needed infrastructure improvements.

As five first-time candidates seek to represent Bayside as the new City Councilor for District 1, including neighborhood favorites Sean Kerwin of West Bayside and Belinda Ray of East Bayside; and Ethan Strimling and Mike Brennan, and their differing visions for Bayside, compete for mayor, the upcoming citywide election has significant implications for Bayside, as it does for all of Portland.

Through my three terms on the City Council, I have made a priority of affordable housing, the critical need for which has never been more apparent for all but the most fortunate among us. A New Vision for Bayside had called for "a critical mass of housing" and housing types to "enable citizens from a wide range of income levels, age groups, and life circumstances to live in Bayside." In a city that is seeing nearly all of its residen-

tial growth at the high end and low end of the market, Bayside may well represent our best opportunity for a critical mass of housing for the middle class. This opportunity demands leadership that recognizes that Bayside is where the city can exercise its leverage to both provide the raw land for middle-class housing and to care for the public spaces that attract it. It is on these critical leadership issues where I have clashed with incumbent Mayor Mike Brennan, who resisted efforts to redevelop the land being vacated by the Department of Public Services into housing for working families and favored reserving it for the prospect of expanded shelter facilities and who had been the most dedicated proponent of redeveloping our own Congress Square Park not into an amenity that serves the neighborhood but into another conference room at the Westin.

Bayside deserves leadership that rejects zero-sum games and solicits neighborhood perspectives on how best to address social services and economic development and build middle-class housing. I have concluded that Mayor Brennan is simply unable to offer the leadership that Bayside needs and would encourage neighborhood voters to consider the alternatives when they vote for mayor. While challengers Tom MacMillan and Ethan Strimling both defended Congress Square Park, Ethan possesses the best grasp of *A New Vision for Bayside* as demonstrated in his run in 2011.

As it concerns the five-way race for the district seat representing Bayside and District 1, I am truly delighted that it has attracted so many candidates, including Patrick Flynn of Peaks Island, with whom I have long served on the Board of Directors for the Casco Bay Island Transit District; Munjoy Hill residents Paula Guillemette Agopian and Brandon Mazer, who declared back in June; as well as two candidates I believe have the most to offer Bayside: Sean Kerwin and Belinda Ray. I know both Sean and Belinda to be constructive advocates for their respective neighborhoods and am as impressed by Sean's grasp of social and urban development policy as I am by Belinda's talent for organizing and community development. Either would serve Bayside well at City Hall.

Whoever is elected on November 3, I hope you will join all of us on the following evening as I host my final District 1 Annual Meeting at the East End Community School starting at 7pm.



STATE REP. BEN CHIPMAN

By Ben Chipman, State Representative

DEAR NEIGHBORS,

IT IS AN HONOR to serve as your State Representative in Augusta. After a challenging session the Legislature adjourned on July 16. In a few weeks I will be mailing out a Legislative Update newsletter that will highlight some of the new laws we enacted.

Election Day is coming up on Tuesday, November 3d. Below you will find a summary of the referendum questions that will appear on the ballot. The polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. If you are not registered to vote or have moved since the last election you may register to vote at the polling place on Election Day if you bring a utility bill or piece of mail showing your current address.

Again, it is an honor to represent you. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or concerns about the upcoming election or any other issue. I can be reached at (207) 318-4961 or e-mail Ben.Chipman@legislature.maine.gov.

## BALLOT INITIATIVES

### QUESTION 1: CITIZEN INITIATIVE

An Act to Strengthen the Maine Clean Election Act, Improve Disclosure and Make Other Changes to the Campaign Finance Laws

Do you want to change Maine law to allow publicly financed state candidates to qualify for additional funds under certain limits and rules in the Maine Clean Election Act, to improve the disclosure of who pays for political ads, and to increase penalties for violations of campaign finance law?

### QUESTION 2: BOND ISSUE

Do you favor a \$15,000,000 bond issue for the construction of new energy-efficient affordable homes for low-income seniors, the adaptive reuse of structures for homes

for low-income seniors, and the repair and weatherization of existing homes for low-income seniors, which will create jobs and will be matched by an estimated \$22,600,000 in private and other funds?

### QUESTION 3: BOND ISSUE

Do you favor an \$85,000,000 bond issue for construction, reconstruction, and rehabilitation of highways and bridges and for facilities and equipment related to ports, harbors, marine transportation, freight and passenger railroads, aviation, transit, and bicycle and pedestrian trails, to be used to match an estimated \$121,500,000 in federal and other funds?

### LOCAL BALLOT QUESTION 1: CITIZEN INITIATIVE

AN ORDINANCE TOWARD A LIVING WAGE

Summary: This ordinance will ensure that all workers in Portland will earn at least \$15 per hour by 2019. Employers having 500 employees or fewer will transition over four years. Employers having more than 500 employees will transition by 2017. The applicable tip credit allowed by the State is not changed, meaning that tipped workers must be paid \$11.25 per hour plus tips, but not totaling less than the normal \$15 per hour minimum wage. After 2019, the minimum wage will be adjusted every year to keep pace with inflation. The minimum wage will be enforced by the Portland City Manager and/or designees of the City Manager. An exemption is included stating that City employees are not protected by this minimum wage, but this exemption may be removed by the City at any time.

### LOCAL BALLOT QUESTION 2: CITIZEN INITIATIVE

NEW SCENIC VIEWPOINT PROTECTION ZONE

Shall "An Ordinance to Add a City-wide Scenic Viewpoint Protection Tool to Portland's Zoning Ordinance; to Save the View of Portland's Working Harbor from Upper Fore Street as the First Protected Scenic Viewpoint, and to Require Certain Information to Be Provided to the Public as Part of a Zone Change Request, with a retroactive effective date of May 26, 2015," and a copy and summary of which is printed hereon be adopted?

Find the sample ballot on the City of Portland's website: <http://www.portlandmaine.gov/325/Elections-Voting>

## Local Gamer/Entrepreneurs See Their 'Robots' Card Game Hit the Shelves!

IN MID-AUGUST, a giant truck pulled up to a residential West End street and unloaded 5000 copies of a brand new card and dice game called Pro Bionics League (PBL)

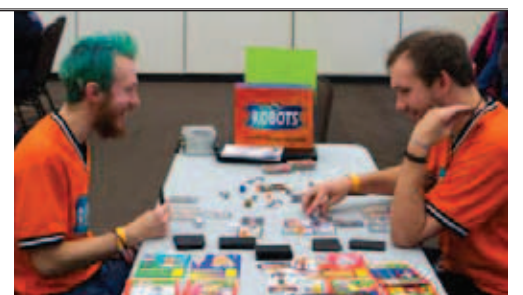
ROBOTS ([www.robotcardgame.com](http://www.robotcardgame.com)). After a successful Kickstarter campaign in 2014, Portland residents William Hessian and John "Sighless" Supinski created Hidden Ladder Games and were able to afford the first shipment of the game.

"The game is an interesting mix of "Risk" and "Magic: the Gathering", except this game has giant 100-foot Robots!" William said.

The card game challenges each player to collect cards in a draft format in order to build their deck. When the battle begins, each player slides their pilot card into the robot card, courtesy of a die-cut cockpit in the center of the robot. Then players lay armor cards onto the robot card to watch the robot grow stronger and boost up the attack and defense. When players start attacking, they roll dice to determine if the robot will blow off an opponent's arm, a leg, or head. Each pilot has a powerful "critical form", so that when the player's robot is down to one remaining limb, the losing player still has a chance to make a comeback. However, when a robot has lost all four limbs, the game is over.

Arcadia National Bar, in Portland, and Weekend Anime have begun holding weekly 'Learn to Play' events.

The Hidden Ladder Collective is planning a cross-country road trip in October to promote the game, do art events, and play music. "Our collective has planned to go on



tour for years, and finally all the elements are falling into place. Art, games, music!" said William Hessian. The tour will go from Portland (Maine) to Portland (Oregon) and everywhere in-between. Stops include: Minnesota, North Dakota, Montana, Seattle, the Bay Area, Salt Lake City and Indiana. The collective is currently raising money to make the trip possible. How can you support the Portland art collective and help them travel the country? Buying PBL ROBOTS is a great start (find it at Weekend Anime or online at [www.robotcardgame.com](http://www.robotcardgame.com)).

Learn more about the upcoming Hidden Ladder Collective tour: [www.hiddenladdercollective.com](http://www.hiddenladdercollective.com).





# BAYSIDE COMMUNITY GARDEN

## Has Active Summer; Runs Two Programs for Youth

By Deborah VanHoewyk

IF YOU'VE WALKED past the Bayside Community Garden on Chestnut Street, you might have noticed some new signs. The signs mark two new garden beds on the Hall Court side—these were planted by kids from the Summer Lunch program at Unity Village, assisted by volunteers from STRIVE.

STRIVE is a nonprofit with a Bayside office in Back Bay Towers; its mission is to serve teens and young adults with intellectual and emotional disabilities. In the flower beds are two more signs showing that the STRIVE volunteers worked on cleaning out and replanting the beds. And the sign on the back of the shed reminds you that all this is funded by The Harvard-Pilgrim Health Care Foundation, which awarded the Community Garden a grant of \$3,900 to run the youth programs and revitalize the garden.

### Garden Operation and Upgrades

Now that the growing season is coming to an end, the Harvard-Pilgrim grant will pay for new beds to replace the deteriorated frames and for a three-bay concrete block composter to be placed up against the west wall. The funding also covers a new garden shed and mower, although you may not see those until next spring!

This year the garden had the benefit of a generous donation of compost from We Compost It!, one of Portland's two curbside

composting companies. They filled the new children's beds, and there was considerable compost left over for individual garden plots. (The garden also uses paid service from Garbage to Garden to remove garden waste, which generates about a yard of compost at the beginning of the season.)

We also have a honey bee hive, placed there by Regina Smith, a Maine State entomology technician. Perhaps thanks to the bees, the garden had its most bountiful crop of apples ever!

During the summer, watering was reorganized with two new hose reels, making it at least somewhat easier for gardeners in each row of beds to water what they'd planted.

### Urban Problems

The Community Garden does suffer from being located in the middle of the social service agencies that Portland provides for the homeless. This year some gardeners have had to put up signs telling people not to pick the vegetables or rip out the flowers. The underbrush at the edges of the garden can be full of rotting food and hidden clothing, not to mention a recent increase in the use of the garden as a toilet. Fortunately, the garden gets garbage pickup from the City, and the underbrush is being pruned—which has to be done for the new compost bins, anyway.



### Sign Up for a Plot in the Garden!

Despite some difficulties with gardening in the middle of what passes for the "inner city" in Portland, the Community Garden is a green and quiet place to work. It's always fun to see what other people are growing and how they go about it. There is a pretty short waiting list—at least compared with the City's list—and the annual fee is only \$20, substantially lower than what the City charges.

If you want to get on the waiting list, send your request to Garden Co-Coordinator John Van Hoewyk, at [jvz@umich.edu](mailto:jvz@umich.edu). Preference is given to Bayside residents. If a plot becomes available, you will be notified by April 15.



Above. This year's garden proved to be bountiful, while signs helped spell out garden etiquette, for those new to the idea.

—press release—

### CITY THANKS COMMUNITY PARTNER FOR STEPPING UP AND FULFILLING FLU VACCINE NEEDS

Public Health urges everyone to get flu shot; Upcoming flu vaccine clinic schedule now available

THE CITY OF PORTLAND'S Public Health division today joined the Portland Community Health Center to thank local pharmacy, Apothecary By Design, for stepping up and covering the much needed doses of the influenza vaccine for uninsured or underinsured adults this year. The two groups are extremely concerned about the possibility of an influenza outbreak in the city, and have joined together in an attempt to vaccinate all vulnerable adults in the Portland area against the flu. After discovering a shortage this year, they sought to raise 1,000 doses to help fulfill this need.

"We are incredibly grateful to Apothecary by Design for their generosity of the 1,000 doses and investment in the health of our community," said Toho Soma, the City's Acting Director of Public Health. "Engaging in public-private partnerships like this one shows that every sector can play a role in addressing public health issues."

"Primary prevention is the best way to avoid the morbidity and mortality of influenza. PCHC is pleased to partner with the City of Portland on this important public health issue, and extremely grateful to Apothecary by Design for their generous donation," said Renee Fay-LeBlanc, Chief Medical Officer of Portland Community Health Center. "Donated flu vaccine will allow us to offer flu shots in local shelters, and at PCHC's four health center locations, where we serve more than 2,000 patients experiencing homelessness and more than 2,500 patients with no insurance coverage."

"As an independent, community pharmacy, we at Apothecary by Design have a vested interest in the health and well-being of our neighbors," said Catherine Cloudman, Apothecary by Design's CFO and Principal. "We are pleased to play a role in supporting the collaboration between the City and the Portland Community Health Center to assist a vulnerable patient population."

Last year, Influenza hit adults older than 65 particularly hard in the U.S., leading to more than 300 hospitalizations per 100,000 people; a figure which constitutes epidemic proportions. Compared with other infectious diseases, influenza is easy to transmit from person to person, making an outbreak—especially in places where sick people congregate, like shelters—a real possibility, and almost inevitable in an unvaccinated community.

The City annually hosts flu vaccination clinics in the fall at several locations around the city and on the Islands. (See schedule below.) Seasonal flu vaccines will be available for \$20, or at no cost for individuals with a Medicare Part B card and supplemental insurance (if applicable). The City also accepts private insurance.

The single best way to prevent seasonal flu is to get vaccinated annually. Every flu season is different, and influenza infection can affect people differently. Even healthy people can get very sick from the flu and spread it to others. Vaccinations reduce health care costs by limiting expensive therapies and unnecessary hospitalizations and decrease the spread of disease in the home, workplace, and community.

Getting the flu shot is something you can do for your health and for the health of others.

It should be noted that this year's vaccination for the seasonal flu is recommended for everyone 6 months and older.

### Groups at especially high risk of either contracting seasonal influenza and/or developing its complications include:

- People over age 50;
- People with chronic medical conditions such as diabetes, asthma, heart disease, or immune system problems;

- Pregnant women;
- People in long-term care or institutional settings;
- Health care workers;
- Caregivers and household contacts of those at high risk; and
- Young children aged 6 months and up.

### Flu Vaccine Clinic Schedule

\*Additional dates will be announced within the next two weeks.

<b>Cliff Island Community Center</b> Cliff Island	<b>Sunday, October 25th</b>	<b>8:30 am—11:30 am</b>
<b>V.A. Building</b> Long Island	<b>Sunday, October 25th</b>	<b>1:00 pm-4:00 pm</b>
<b>Peaks Island</b> 129 Island Ave.	<b>Tuesday, October 27th</b>	<b>1:00 pm- 4:00 pm</b>
<b>City Hall-State of Maine Room</b> 389 Congress St.	<b>Wednesday, November 18th</b>	<b>11:00 am- 3:00 pm</b>

For specific information on the locations and dates for Portland Public Health's flu clinics, please contact the **City of Portland's Flu Hotline at 207-874-8946** DiviDepartment of Health and Hu(or visit the **Immunization Program website**.



# At the PORTLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

## What's Happening at the Library?!

### Banned Book Film Series

THURSDAYS IN OCTOBER the Portland Public Library presents the *Banned Book Film Series* 10/1: *A Streetcar Named Desire*, by Tennessee Williams, 10/8: *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*, by Stephen Chbosky, 10/15: *Fortunes and Misfortunes of the Famous Moll Flanders*, by Daniel Defoe, 10/22: *Frankenstein*, by Mary Shelley, 10/29: *The Dead Zone*, by Stephen King

Times: 6:30pm - 8:30pm in the Rines Auditorium, Audience: Adults

### Oct. 3 Creative Movement with Portland School of Ballet

10:30 am - 11:00 am, Location: Main Library, Sam L. Cohen Children's Library. Audience: Kids & Families

A creative movement dance class for young children is being offered on the first Saturday of each month in the Sam L. Cohen Children's Library. This class will be taught by Morgan Sanborn of the Portland School of Ballet.

### Oct. 3 Teen Superhero Saturdays!

2 pm - 4:30pm, Location: Main Library, Audience: Teens ATTENTION TEENS! Can't get enough of SUPERHEROES? Visit the Portland Public Teen Library the first Saturday of every month for our featured Superhero Film! Movies start at 2 pm in the Teen Lounge - see you there!!!

### Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27: Eat Well Play Hard

11: am - 11:30 am, Main Library, Sam L. Cohen Children's Library, Audience: Kids & Families

The Sam L. Cohen Children's Library

will be hosting Eat Well Play Hard, a series of 6 sessions designed to teach young children about healthy eating and the importance of regular physical activity.

### Oct. 6, Oct. 20: Read to Grace! (the dog)

3:30 pm - 5 pm, Location: Main Library, Sam L. Cohen Children's Library, Audience: Kids & Families

Grace, a 9-year-old yellow Labrador retriever, will be visiting the Sam L. Cohen Children's Library to encourage children to read, and to be a furry, non-judgmental listener to readers.

### Oct. 6 Exploring Human Boundaries: A "Let's Talk About It" Book Discussion Series

5:30 pm - 7 pm, Location: Main Library, Audience: Adults, Seniors

On October 6th, we'll be discussing *Wit* by Margaret Edson. Register for the series and pick up a book at the Reader's Advisory desk at the Main Library before the meeting.

### Oct. 6 Portland Mayoral Candidate Forum

5:30 pm - 7 pm, Location: Main Library, Rines Auditorium, Audience: Adults

*Meet Portland's Mayoral candidates!* The evening will start with a presentation from Fair Vote Maine on the topic of ranked choice voting. Presented by the Portland League of Women Voters and PPL's Choose Civility Initiative.

### Oct. 7 Wednesday, Brown Bag Lecture: Rob Reilly

speaks about *Life in Prison: 8 Hours at a Time* in the Rines Auditorium. Noon.

### Oct. 10 Teen LGBTQ Film Series,

2 pm - 4 pm, Location: Main Library, Audience: Teens. Join PPL as we screen films for LGBTQ Teens and their

Allies once a month featuring LGBTQ themes and interests. Come for food, fun and bring a friend! October's film is *Kinky Boots*

### Oct. 14, 21, 28 Crazy 8's 4-H Club

3:30pm - 4:30pm, Location: Main Library, Sam L. Cohen Children's Library, Audience: Kids & Families, Come join the Crazy 8's 4-H Club and explore math fun with others! Crazy 8s is a new after-school recreational math club designed to get kids fired up about math and to help kids appreciate the math that's all around them.

### Oct. 14, 21, 28 One-on-One Computer Tutoring

4:30pm - 6:00 pm, Location: Main Library, Audience: Adults, Teens, Seniors, Whether you'd like help mastering the job search, downloading ebooks, or refreshing your basic computer skills, our half-hour tutoring sessions might be the place to turn. You name the topic, and we'll work together on one of PPL's laptops.

### Oct. 15 Science Cafe: What Is a Semiconductor?

Noon - 1 pm, Location: Main Library, Atrium, Audience: Adults, Teens, Seniors, Join us for a lunchtime discussion. More details to come soon. Refreshments will be served.

### Oct. 17 Teen Comics Workshop with Liz Prince

12 pm - 1 pm, Location: Main Library, meeting room 5, Audience: Teens, Learn to draw autobiographical comics with award-winning comic creator Liz Prince! Attendees will draw a 6-panel biography of their life, and discover the empowerment that comes with writing about yourself! Teens ages 12-19 only.

### Oct 17 -Author-Visit with Comics Creator Liz Prince

3 pm - 4 pm, Location: Main Library, meeting room 5, Audience: Adults, Teens, Kids & Families. Join comics creator Liz Prince for a creative presentation and reading of her celebrated graphic memoir

*Tomboy*, followed by a Q&A session and book signing.

### Oct. 20 Exploring Human Boundaries: A "Let's Talk About It" Book Discussion Series

5:30pm - 7 pm, Location: Main Library, Audience: Adults, Seniors. On October 20th, we'll be discussing *The Yellow Wallpaper* by Charlotte Perkins Gilman. Register for the series and pick up a book at the Reader's Advisory desk at the Main Library before the meeting.,

### Oct. 21 -Wednesday, Brown Bag Lecture: Stephen Kurkjian

speaks about *Master Thieves* in the Rines Auditorium. 12 pm - 1 pm. Location: Main Library, Audience: Adults.

### Oct. 24 Girl Gamer Days for Teens

12 pm - 2:30pm, Location: Main Library, Audience: Teens, Calling all TEEN GIRLS WHO LIKE GAMES! We love our gamer-girls, so come to the Portland Public Teen Library and play our featured games on the Xbox 360 and PlayStation 4! We'll see you on the 4th Saturday of each month, from 12pm - 2pm!!

### Oct. 24 Teen LGBTQ Book Group

2 pm - 3:30pm, Location: Main Library, Audience: Teens, This group is for LGBTQ teens & allies ages 12-19. We will read texts by LGBTQ writers and/or featuring LGBTQ characters! The October book is *I Am J* by Cris Beam.



www.portlandbuylocal.org

## —press releases—

### PORTLAND COMMUNITY SUPPORT FUND

During approval of the FY16 budget, City Council established a \$2.6M Portland Community Support Fund. The Fund is designed to assist asylum seekers who have received General Assistance from Portland as of June 30, 2015 but who may no longer qualify under the State of Maine's General Assistance Program. The Portland Community Support Fund shall be used to implement a program to provide assistance and basic human necessities.

Actual cost of supporting Portland's population of asylum seekers is significantly higher than the \$2.6M allocated by City Council. During the June 24th City Council meeting many compassionate citizens and organizations noted that they would be more than willing to donate to help fully fund the program. Details on making a donation are included below.

If you wish to donate food or other supplies, please contact us by phone at 874-8685.

### WAYS TO DONATE

**In Person** Drop off your check at the: City Manager's Office, Room 208 389 Congress Street Portland City Hall

**By Mail:** Fill out a check and sent it to:

City of Portland  
City Manager's Office, Room 208  
389 Congress Street  
Portland, ME 04101

**By Phone**  
Call 874-8685.

### PORTLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT KICKS OFF NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION MONTH

The Portland Fire Department will be conducting several Fire Prevention activities during the month of October in honor of National Fire Prevention Month. This year, National Fire Prevention Week is **October 4 - October 10**, and the theme is "Hear the BEEP where you SLEEP" as every bedroom needs a working smoke alarm. The Fire Department is taking this opportunity during the month to edu-

cate the community in areas such as: smoke alarms, fire extinguisher training, preventing fires, home escape plans, CPR training, and much more.

### Open House Locations & Times:

**October 4**, 2015 Munjoy Hill Firehouse 134 Congress St. 9:30 am - 11:30 am

North Deering Firehouse 380 Allen Ave. 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

**October 10**, 2015 Portland Fire Museum 157 Spring St. 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

**October 17**, 2015 Bramhall Firehouse 784 Congress St. 9:30 am - 11:30 am

Rosemont Firehouse 212 Stevens Ave. 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

**October 24**, 2015 East Deering Firehouse 576 Ocean Ave. 9:30 am - 11:30 am

Central Firehouse 380 Congress St. 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

For more fire prevention information, or to request a training, please call 207.874.LIFE.

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### PURPLE LIGHT NIGHTS CAMPAIGN

#### Domestic Violence Awareness Month

On Oct. 1 Mayor Michael Brennan kicked off Domestic Violence Awareness Month, which is held annually in October, at Portland City Hall. This October, Family Crisis Services (FCS) is partnering with City Hall, local police departments, including the Portland Police Department, and area business owners for Purple Light Nights®, a global campaign in more than 23 states and 3 countries. The goal of the Glowing Purple Project is to send the message that "Domestic Violence Has NO Place in Our Community."

Joining the Mayor was Sister Patricia Pora, community advocate supporting the Latino community, Matthew I. Perry, domestic violence advocate at Family Crisis Services, and Portland Police Chief Michael Sauschuck. The Mayor and the others spoke of the goal of ending domestic violence and raising awareness around the issues in the community, as well as introduced and expalined Purple Lights Nights®.

Family Crisis Services is the local domestic violence agency covering Cumberland County.





## RANKED-CHOICE VOTING (RCV)—IT'S ABOUT VOTING YOUR HOPES, NOT YOUR FEARS!

By Dianne Russell, Maine House of Representatives and Munjoy Hill resident

THIS NOVEMBER, Portland will be voting for mayor using Ranked Choice Voting (RCV), also known as Instant Runoff Voting (IRV). Unlike the current system where we can only choose one candidate, RCV allows voters to rank their candidates in order of preference. If there is no majority winner after the first round of counting, the candidate with the least number of votes is eliminated. Their ballots are then cast for the voters' second choice candidate. The process continues until one candidate receives a majority.

The process sounds complicated, but I like to think of it in terms of ice cream. If I go up to the window with my heart set on Moose Tracks, but they're out, am I really going to give up on having a cone? Of course not! I might decide to have black raspberry or plain vanilla instead. In the voting booth, it's super simple - just rank your candidates in order of preference.

While we are surrounded by choices in all areas of life, Maine's current electoral system is designed to limit those choices to just one. In a two-party only system, that works well. However, Maine is nothing if not fiercely independent. In addition to the Green Party, the Libertarian Party is attempting to form. Further, we have strong independent candidates who choose not to join any party, preferring instead to trust their own instincts, experience and judgment.

Limiting choice to just two candidates may work well for the two major parties in power (including mine, the Democrats!). However, it severely limits our marketplace of ideas. Democracy works best when more ideas are brought to the table, debated rigorously and then voted on. RCV allows us to do that, without spoiling the election. It's a clean way to ensure our elected officials have the confidence - and vote - of a majority of their constituents.

Our current system of winner-takes-all allows a minority candidate to win when competing against two similar candidates. We saw this happen in 2010, as well as 2014, and I respectfully suggest that hasn't worked well for the broader interests of Maine people.

Long before I'd even heard of the former mayor from Waterville, I've been working to advance this reform because it just makes sense. Last fall, former State Senator Dick Woodbury (I-Yarmouth) and I launched a citizen's initiative to bring the idea before the people of Maine for a vote. The response was breathtaking. People immediately "got it" and stepped up to help. In one week, we covered more than 100 polls and on Election Day collected about 40,000 signatures. This Fall, we will be turning in our signatures and anticipate being on the statewide ballot in November 2016. We have a full campaign staff hosting fundraisers and educational events in the farthest reaches of the state. To volunteer, go to [www.RCVMaine.org](http://www.RCVMaine.org) or email me at [dianerussell207@gmail.com](mailto:dianerussell207@gmail.com)

At its core, this campaign isn't about electoral systems, though. It's about the heartbeat of democracy. If we win, Maine voters will be able to vote for their hopes instead of against their fears. From that philosophy, we can build a predictable, engaged, and responsive government that truly is of, for and by the people of Maine.

Rank candidates in order of choice. Fill in one circle per candidate and one circle per choice.

	1st Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice
Ella Fitzgerald	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Louis Armstrong	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Duke Ellington	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

RCV graphic, courtesy of Diane Russell



## Fire and Ice

By ROBERT FROST

Some say the world will end in fire,  
Some say in ice.  
From what I've tasted of desire  
I hold with those who favor fire.  
But if it had to perish twice,  
I think I know enough of hate  
To say that for destruction ice  
Is also great  
And would suffice.

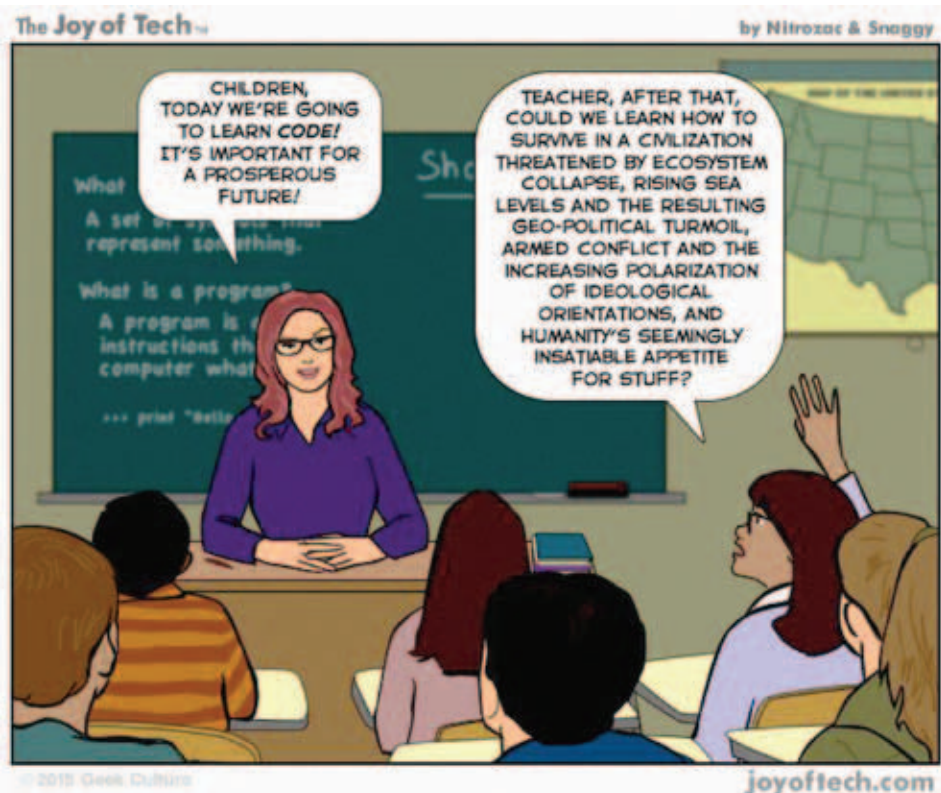


Maine Historical Society presents...

## Baskets from the Dawnland

Through November 28, 2015,  
489 Congress St., Earle G. Shettleworth, Jr. Lecture Hall

The exhibition--*Baskets from the Dawnland: Weaving the past and future together*--explores the rich history of the baskets made by Wabanaki people, a tradition that has thrived for thousands of years. Highlights include historical baskets from the MHS collection as well as modern examples by artists from all four Wabanaki nations. The exhibition features works by award-winning basket artists such as Theresa Secord, Jeremy Frey, Sarah Sockbeson, George Neptune and Clara Neptune Keezer.



### CURBSIDE LEAF PICKUP

The City of Portland provides curbside collection of leaves/grass/yard-waste between mid-Oct. — late Nov. Just put your leaves out on the curb on your normal trash pickup day during this period.

**IMPORTANT:** The leaves **MUST BE IN THE LARGE, PAPER BIODEGRADABLE LEAF BAGS** which can be purchased at most hardware stores.

207-874-8493

<http://www.portlandmaine.gov/473/Customer-Service>



**BAYSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

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## MEMBERSHIP FORM

name \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

full address: \_\_\_\_\_

home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ work phone: \_\_\_\_\_ cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership contribution levels - no contribution is **REQUIRED** for membership. All are welcome regardless of monetary contribution. Investing your time is just as important!

- \$100 - will help sustain community events
- \$50 - will pay for after-school snacks
- \$25 - will help publish our newsletter
- \$5 - will help to publicize events
- other \_\_\_\_\_

I'd like to help with:

- Fundraising
- Membership
- Neighborhood Watch
- Steering Committee
- Adopt-a-block
- Event planning
- The Baysider
- Community Garden
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

my main interests:

- education
- housing
- employment
- urban planning
- green space
- diversity / culture
- transportation
- crime / safety
- other \_\_\_\_\_

for funding purposes, we are required to count the number of members who fall into the following categories. Your name will not be given. Please check any box that applies to you:  elderly  disabled  victim of abuse

"I choose to be a member of the Bayside Neighborhood Association." signed \_\_\_\_\_



# BNA ANNUAL MEETING

The BNA's annual meeting and garden party will be held **October 11 at 1 pm** at the Chestnut Street community garden. We will elect new officers and board members and enjoy each other's company with a potluck and garden party. In case of bad weather the meeting and potluck will be held at 24 Stone St. (Unity Village). All are welcome to help us celebrate another successful season of gardening.

## Bayside b.good!

THE BNA WILL BENEFIT from b.good c restaurant's *Community Night* on **Wednesday October 14th**. The event runs from 6 to 9 pm, and all you have to do is show up and have some of b.good's, delicious, reasonably priced, and locally sourced food. We are working on getting entertainment, and there will be a raffle. Some come on out for good food, a good time, and a good cause--the Bayside Neighborhood Association.

That's **Wednesday, October 14th**, from 6 to 9 pm. *Community Benefit Night at b.good on lower Exchange Street. 15 Exchange Street, Old Port.*

## KEVIN DONOGHUE ~ THANK YOU~ for your 9 years of service to the Community!

Best wishes to Councilor Kevin Donoghue as he rides off into the sunset, with Rosaleen on the bike trailer behind.



Portland Trails, Planet Dog, Bayside Neighborhood Association, and East Bayside Neighborhood Organization present...

## Bayside 5K-9: Portland's Most PUPular Race!

**Sunday, November 1, at 10 am**

The Bayside 5K-9 is Portland's most dog-friendly race! Run the Bayside Trail and surrounding routes with your four-legged friends and then join us for an after party at Planet Dog, with plenty of treats for the pups and food trucks for the humans.

Registration is OPEN!



<http://trails.org/programs/bayside-5k-9/>

**Marijuana legalization creates more questions than answers for teens.**

Talk to them about the risks & consequences.

www.21reasons.org/parents.php

## New Nominations to BNA Board

Three people have been nominated for annual election, which will occur on Sunday, Oct. 11. **Stephanie Scherer** is a new homeowner in Bayside (on Hanover Street) and enjoys exploring Portland on foot with her dog, Lucy. She is Print Production Manager at Diversified Communications.

**Brent Noyes** is co-owner of his family's business, Earl W. Noyes & Sons Moving Specialists, which has operated in Bayside since 1923. His family also sold the Myrtle Street property where BNA was able to relocate a house from Mechanic Street and save it from demolition.

**Ben Culver** is co-owner of a new business on Preble Street, the Arcadia National Bar, which offers arcade, console, pinball, and board games as well as beer and spirits. Ben is also Treasurer for the WMPG Board and the radio station's former music director.



Above, former legislator, Herb Adams, leading a group on an historic tour of the Bayside neighborhood.

## We Walked Booming Bayside

By Martin Arrowsmith

ABOUT TWENTY hardy hikers joined with Portland Trails to "Walk Booming Bayside" on Saturday September 26, 2015, led by our neighbor, the Hon. Herb Adams.

The two-hour walk went from the front door of the Charitable Mechanics' Hall on Congress Street to the vicinity of the Portland Post Office on Portland Street, with frequent stops.

The walk featured Herb's descriptions of numerous Bayside landmarks, personalities, and events, including blacksmiths, tool forges, churches, carpenters, restaurants, tombstone cutters, schools, the Great Fire of 1866, immigrants, cobblers, missionaries, politicians—and even a hint of scandal!

The walk was part of Portland Trails' and the state-wide "Great Maine Outdoors Weekend" celebrated across Maine state parks and neighborhoods. Next spring Herb hopes to offer a special tour of the Irish, Armenian, and other immigrant landmarks in the vicinity of City Hall and the former Portland Stove Foundry, now the terminus of the Bayside Trail.

Here are Herb's opening and closing comments that set the Bayside stage to *Walk Booming Bayside*:

"There was a day when Bayside was Portland's toolbox. When America was a young artisan republic, and Portland a booming peninsula in a cosmopolitan seacoast city, Bayside was where things were made—formed, created, and crafted—by hand, fire, and forge. What would have impressed you in 19th Century Bayside? The noise! The bustle!

One walked those streets amid sounds of hammers falling in forges, chisels chipping stone, horses galloping, wagons groaning, pig iron rolling in past stoves and sharp tools rolling out—cogwheels, pumps, pulley blocks, things that pivoted, pounded, spun and turned. Maine and America turned on those things made here.

Bayside was then what we now call a mixed-use neighborhood—a place where you lived on a leafy street, sat in the shadow of a fine church, breathed salt breezes off Back Cove.

Baysiders made things Mainers used everyday in making a living, making life good, making it easier to get by, and making it pleasant to live in Portland. And at life's end one could even be laid to rest under a stone cut by a Bayside neighbor.

Bayside was a neighborhood of "mechanics"—meaning skilled craftsmen who used specialized tools—the idea behind our own Mechanic Street. The Maine Charitable Mechanic Association was founded in 1815. Portland mechanics—many of them Baysiders—built the Mechanics' Hall themselves, every brick, bar, joint, stone, and column of it.

Portland's Great Fire of 1866 nicked only a corner of the neighborhood, mostly sparing Bayside. So no part of Portland today better shows what Portland once was in the booming days from 1840 to 1866 that built America. *And what we will be again!*

Mechanics' Hall still stands, and so does Bayside—and so, through it, we start!"

Herb concluded the walk with an eye to the future:

"So we are poised to march back uphill. Let's close with local author Edwin Ellwell—the Bill Nemitz of 1876—who wrote optimistic words about Bayside, true then and true now: 'Looking through the vistas of the over-arching shade trees on the streets leading down to Back Cove, one catches glimpses of tranquil waters and green hills beyond. It is like a picture set in a frame-work of foliage... 'We know of no city where, from the very center of its business streets, one may look out upon such beautiful views of land and water as may be seen from the heart of our city... Stand at the hour of sunset at the head of Preble Street and look out over the waters of the cove, reflecting the hues of the sunset sky, upon the green fields and the tree-crowned summits of Deering—and tell us if anything can be finer!'"