

# **FRIENDS** *of the* **EASTERN PROMENADE**

**2017**

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**



### **Matthew Kennedy, President**

Matthew and his wife Lori have lived on Munjoy Hill since 2012. Matthew's academic training was in architectural history and urbanism, where his research focused on the intersection of public and private interests in the development of urban space and infrastructure. Matthew left academia in 1998 to join ERS Group, an economic and statistical consulting firm, where he is now a Managing Director. Matthew joined the Board of the Friends of the Eastern Promenade in 2014 and previously served as Secretary. He is also a Director and former Treasurer of the Munjoy Hill Neighborhood Organization.

### **Shawnee Sax, Vice President**

Shawnee A. Sax was born in St. Stephen, N.B. and graduated from Dalhousie University with a Bachelor of Commerce, Certified Financial Planner (Canada) 1997 and received a M.S.F from Husson College in 2005. She has been employed by H.M. Payson & Co. since 1996 as a Portfolio Manager. Shawnee enjoys long walks, biking, cooking, gardening and knitting. Shawnee lives with her husband and two cats on Sheridan Street.

### **Brandon Mazer, Secretary**

Brandon has lived on the Eastern Prom since 2012. He graduated from Bowdoin College and the University of Maine School of Law. He is currently the General Counsel for Shipyard Brewing Company. He sits on the Board of Directors for Special Olympics Maine, the Maine Brewers' Guild, and is a member of the Government Affairs Committee for the Brewer's Association. Brandon has a passion for politics and public service and ran for Portland City Council in 2015.

### **William Jabine III, Treasurer**

Bill grew up in Baltimore and relocated to Portland in 1976. He has lived on Munjoy Street since 1980 with his wife Deborah. He is a licensed Maine CPA with over 30 years of experience in the accounting profession as a CFO and public accountant. Bill recently opened his own accounting practice in Scarborough. He was elected to our Board in April of 2013, when he also served the Board as Treasurer and Chair of the Finance Committee.

## **Zack Anchors**

Zach is the owner of Portland Paddle, a sea kayaking and paddle boarding outfitter that offers guided trips on Casco Bay. He also works as a freelance writer and editor and has written for dozens of regional and national publications. He is currently a doctoral candidate in American History at the University of New Hampshire specializing in environmental history. Zack Grew up in Old Town, Maine and has lived in Portland since 2005. He is on the board of the Friends of the Presumpscot River and has taken on leadership roles in several local organizations focused on voter education and civic engagement.

## **Nan Cumming**

Nan served as Executive Director of Portland Trails from 1999 to 2011, working in partnership with the Friends of Eastern Promenade on some of FoEP's early trail projects. Having worked for Maine Historical Society as curator and assistant director from 1989 to 1999, Nan returned to MHS in 2013, where she is now Director of Institutional Advancement. Prior to moving to Maine, Nan worked in the development office of the Whitney Museum of American Art. She has a BA in History and Art History from Kalamazoo College in Michigan and earned her MA in American and New England Studies at the University of Southern Maine. Nan and her husband Drew Masterman, live on Vesper Street and remain in awe that their neighborhood park is the spectacular Eastern Promenade.

## **Cynthia Murray-Beliveau**

Cynthia currently resides on Sheridan Street. She is a graduate of the University of Maine with a BA as well as a graduate degree. She has been a music teacher and a guidance counselor. In addition, Cynthia is Co-Founder of Maine Women's Lobby, Co-Founder Catholic Foundation of Maine, Past Chair of St Joseph College Board of Trustees and a Hallowell City Councilor. She currently serves on the Maine Arts Commission Executive Committee. She is very active within the Democratic Party and has participated in many campaigns. Cynthia is married with four adult sons and four fabulous adorable and very talented grandchildren that are the love of her life these days.

## **Katie Brown**

Katie Brown has lived in Maine for 25 years, the last 12 on Munjoy Hill. She is the Executive Director of the Locker Project, an organization providing take-home and class-time food for hungry children in Maine through their schools. Katie has many years' experience working for and developing nonprofit organizations, and serving on several boards over time. She is an avid community volunteer. She is passionate about fiber arts and photography.

## **Aynne Doil**

Aynne's love of the Eastern Promenade dates back to her childhood and many happy memories visiting relatives who raised their families on the "Hill." A New Hampshire immigrant, she lived on the Eastern Promenade from 1971-1974 and then returned to the Prom ten years ago, happily settling in two blocks away from where she originally

started. Aynne's strong connection to the Eastern Promenade and her love of its history and beauty led her to join the Board of the Friends of the Eastern Promenade three years ago. She brings to the FoEP table her solid skills in event planning and fundraising, having chaired many events for several non-profit organizations in the Portland area, including the 2103 Hidden Gardens of Munjoy Hill Tour and the 2014 Bicentennial Celebration of Fort Allen Park. She is delighted to continue her involvement on the Board of FoEP for another term.

## **Courtney Francis**

Courtney grew up in Northern Maine, Caribou to be exact, where she learned the importance of hard work and giving back to the community. Shortly after graduation, she moved down to the "big city" to attend college at the University of Southern Maine graduating cum laude with a B.S. in Business Administration and a minor in Sociology. After a slight detour to Salamanca, Spain, to participate in an 8 week language exchange program, Courtney took a job at the U.S. District Court in Portland. It wasn't long before she realized her passion for numbers and sought a career in accounting. In 2014 she completed my B.S. in Finance and Accounting at the University of Southern Maine and passed the necessary exams to become a Certified Public Accountant. Courtney currently works as a tax accountant at Baker Newman Noyes, specializing in private foundations and not-for-profit organizations. "Running is by far my most treasured hobby. In 2007 I ran my first marathon, the Maine Marathon, and have completed three others since then, including the Boston Marathon. In addition to running, I also enjoy cooking, golf, and playing soccer."

## **Dan Haley**

Dan Haley was raised and currently resides on the Eastern Promenade. He continues to enjoy life on Munjoy Hill. He has been a Board Member of the FoEP for the past three years. He was co-chair of the Fort Allen Bicentennial Committee and is a member of the projects committee. Dan serves as a Port of Portland Harbor Commissioner. He is president of the Boys and Girls Club Alumni association and serves on the Board of Directors of the Boys and Girls Club of Southern Maine.

## **Joyce Wethington Knight**

Joyce is a lawyer by training and spent the first half of her legal career in private practice and as general counsel for the US operation of an international insurer. In recent years Joyce has consulted with mid-size companies to manage their legal costs and mediate disputes. She has extensive for-profit and non-profit board experience. Some non-profit boards on which she has served are N.C. Special Olympics, American Insurance Association, Memphis Small Business Chamber, and several Montessori schools. Joyce and her husband recently relocated to Portland from Memphis, TN. They are living on Munjoy Hill, their neighborhood of choice. They have two children, both living in N.Y.C.

## **Tom Leonhardt**

After a 44-year career as a teacher and non-profit consultant in Washington, DC, Tom retired to Portland, ME where he now resides on the Eastern Promenade. Since arriving in Portland, Tom has continued his work with non-profits on a pro bono basis. He teaches classes for the Maine Association of Nonprofits in supervision and

communication. He also volunteers as a docent at the Portland Museum of Art, specializing in guided tours for children Pre-K through 5th grade. In addition, Tom is the "go to" person at SCORE for non-profit consultation. Tom is currently chair of the Membership and Volunteer Committee at FoEP.

## **Mary Noyes**

Mary, of Munjoy Hill, serves on several boards in Maine and Colorado, including Coastal Studies for Girls, Portland Ovations, True North, Steadman Phillippon Research Institute and Maine Center for Creativity. She has experience in sales and marketing, long-range planning, fiscal management and general program planning. Mary, a graduate of Skidmore College, enjoys sports, music and spending time with her two daughters.

## **Peter O'Donnell**

Pete is a resident of Portland's Munjoy Hill. He is a third generation Munjoy Hill resident, and lives with his partner at the Portland House on the Eastern Promenade. Pete attended local schools, and has been active in neighborhood activities for many years. He was a former City Councilor, representing District 1 (includes Portland's East End), and Mayor from 1990-91. Pete was the City Councilor on the Master Plan committee for the Eastern Promenade. His professional work includes working in a number of public policy and administration positions including as an Executive Director of a social service agency, Director at the State of Maine Department of Behavioral and Developmental services, owner of a fitness and health business, Program Specialist for Portland Public Health, and as an economic development specialist for the State of Maine. Pete has been involved in several community activities since leaving public service and helped to establish the Riverton Health clinic, served as co-chair of the Town of Cumberland's Aging in Place Committee, and is involved in fundraising for the Milestone Foundation. Pete completed his Masters of Nursing at Husson University, and Post Masters in Psychiatric Nursing at Vanderbilt University. He recently completed his Doctorate at Vanderbilt, and now works as a Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner at the Togus Veterans Health Care outpatient clinics in Augusta, Lewiston, and Bangor.

## **Erin Piper**

Erin moved to Portland in 2011, having spent her childhood summers in midcoast Maine. She is currently a senior analyst in the investment office of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System, where she focuses on alternative investments. From 2008 until 2011, Erin worked as a financial analyst at the U.S. Treasury Department in Washington, DC and prior to that she was a global markets analyst at Deutsche Bank in New York. Erin lives on Munjoy Hill with her husband, Ben, a fellow graduate of Georgetown University who grew up in Falmouth. Erin enjoys exploring the outdoors and engaging in the Portland community, and she also serves on the board of SailMaine and CEI Capital Management (CCML) and is a member of the Baxter State Park Investment Committee.

## **Sharon A. Sudbay**

Sharon provides strategic public affairs counsel, stakeholder communications and outreach planning, and media relations assistance to several corporations doing business in Maine. Sharon has been involved in Maine politics for more than 25 years

and spent 14 on the staff of former U.S. Senate Majority Leader George J. Mitchell. This Munjoy Hill Native has been active politically in the Portland area, organizing significant volunteer efforts and civic events. She has also served as campaign manager, political director or field director on several statewide campaigns including for the U.S. Senate, the U.S. Congress and Governor, as President of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Southern Maine and serves on advisory councils for the Mitchell Institute and Maine Women's Lobby & Policy Center.

## **Carolyn Young**

Carolyn was born and raised in NYC, was transferred to Houston, TX with her job; worked long and hard in Houston so she and her husband, along with their three cats, could eventually retire to the city and neighborhood of their dreams – Portland's Munjoy Hill. Carolyn's degree is in psychology and her career was primarily in the health care business management field. Carolyn has volunteered for The American Red Cross, Planned Parenthood, Maine Citizens Against Handgun Violence and is currently volunteering on the Membership Committee for FoEP.

## **Caron Zand**

Caron Zand came to the Portland area in 1986. She worked for a number of years at Casco Northern Bank, first as a Trust Officer and then as Public Relations Officer in the Marketing Department – continuing that role after Casco became a subsidiary of BankBoston Corporation. Later she joined Maine College of Art to manage annual giving and special events. When she ceased employment at MECA, she was asked to join the Board. As a volunteer, she was on the Board of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Southern Maine for 21 years, chairing the Development Committee for many years and also the Governance Committee. She served as Board Chair for two years and as chair of the Clubs' centennial celebration. At MECA, Caron was Chair of Institutional Advancement for a number of years before finishing her 12 years on the Board as its Chair. She also chaired Governance and was a member of the Executive Committee at The Fort Williams Foundation as it ramped up its Arboretum Project. Born in Columbus, Ohio, Caron is a graduate of the Columbus School for Girls and holds a BA from Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut.