



March Update: Toss the Tanks – Imagine the Possibilities

SAVE THE DATE

You are invited to a Community Forum Focused on the Removal of the Tanks at the Hill Street Tank Farm next to the High School, Kaler Elementary and the SP Community Center. The Toss the Tanks – Imagine the Possibilities Community Forum will be held on April 26th and hosted by the First Congregational Church of South Portland on Meeting House Hill. Stay tune for more information about the Forum which is occurring during Earth Week.

DEP Air Quality License: By a majority vote of the City Council, the city formally objected to the issuance of a 5-year State of Maine Air Quality License. The Maine Department of Environment Protection rejected this request and granted their approval. There are serious issues related to both contaminated air and contaminated water caused by the tanks.

Meeting with the Mayor and Council Members and Key Planning Staff: We had very good meetings with 6 out of the 7 City Council Members and the staff. We are keeping them closely informed about the campaign,

During the month of April, the Comprehensive Plan Committee we will be focusing upon the Hill Street Tank Farm and the surrounding schools and neighborhoods. We will carefully monitor this, and will be prepared to offer language, if need, that would be supportive of the Toss the Tanks – Imagine the Possibilities campaign goals. Stay tuned!

DO YOU KNOW?

- All the oil stored in the Hill Street oil tanks is sent by pipeline to Montreal. Neither South Portland nor Maine receives benefit from this transfer of oil.
- Many of the tanks have sat mostly empty for years.
- If operations resume, up to 11 billion gallons of crude oil could flow through these tanks annually for up to 5 years
- Some tanks are over 80 years old, far past their intended lifespan.