

# On the Prom

Summer Edition

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## We're Ready for Summer!



**Volunteers Bring Out the Pool Furniture**

The new fence is up, the deck has been power washed and the pool furniture is in place. The group of volunteers shown above; John Rastl, Frank and Jane Walsh, Dave Ritter and Dave and Sheila Mathieu, along with Judith Rastl (on the other side of the camera) brought out the pool furniture last month.

And here's our new fence:



Our new fence is getting good reviews from residents, like this one from Nick Ciciretti, "The new fence gives the pool the classic look it deserves as part of Prom Towers. Also, it improves security and adds beauty." Louise Backer said, "It was worth the wait." Howard Lowell agreed and likes the addition of the rocks around the base of the fence. "So well done," he said.

Swimming or reading a book while sunning by the pool are some of the things residents like about living here. We're ready for another fine summer at Promenade Towers.

## Mark Your Calendar for July 19

Our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Lawn Party will be held on Tuesday, July 19 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Each year we enjoy this time for food and drinks and visiting with neighbors. Here's a photo from our archives: a happy couple at our first lawn party in 2012.



Rain or shine, the party will go on. In 2014 a thunderstorm kept us off the lawn, but we watched the storm from the Community Room where the Social Committee hosted another great party. Whatever the weather, you won't want to miss this summer event.

## The Elevator Project Wraps Up



**Brian McKenzie, R & E Associates**

Just a few finishing touches and the elevator project will be complete. Brian McKenzie who works for R & E Associates, our property management company, repaired the sheet rock outside the elevators and prepared the walls for our painting contractor, Stephen Schools. Stephen painted the walls and all the elevator doors.

Andrea Turley who was away during the project is excited about the modernized elevators. She says, "They look great and seem smoother and faster."

## Quarterly Profile



**Dave Ritter #244**

Politics! If that's all that comes to mind when you think of the White House, here's an image that's more fun: a bunch of five to ten-year-old kids there for the Easter Egg Roll. Then picture them playing tennis! Every year for five years Dave Ritter, who worked for the United States Tennis Association, ran the tennis program. "We'd bring in fifteen trainers and set up eight stations around the court, thirty to forty kids at a time," said Dave. All day, every half hour there was a new group. "By the end of the day we saw 30,000 kids," he said. "For a lot of them it was their first exposure to tennis."

While working for USTA, Dave traveled around the country twenty days a month. He said, "I used to demonstrate with kids age ten and under in Madison Square Garden in front of 20,000 people before the professional matches." He said he did the same thing before the U.S. Open.

Before going to work for USTA as their National Learning Manager, Dave coached high school tennis for twelve years and Division III college tennis at Hamilton College in Clinton, New York for three years. He also worked in the printing industry and as an organizational facilitator.

Shortly after leaving the USTA, Dave wanted to get back into training full-time. His former boss at USTA told him she had a friend at IDEXX Laboratories who was looking for a facilitator. Now Dave is a Senior Learning and Development Specialist at IDEXX, a company in Westbrook that works with veterinarians worldwide.

Dave said, "Within three weeks I had a new job and a new place to live all pretty much from knowing people." One of those people was Tom

Leonhardt. They met twenty years ago in a program where Tom was training facilitators, and they kept in touch through the years. Tom, who lives in our building, told him about a condo that had just become available.

Dave likes his job and likes living in Portland. He says, "It's like a small town that has a bigger town feel. It's a very vibrant city. There's always something to do." He's only been here two years, but is already active at Promenade Towers and volunteers for Friends of the Eastern Prom.

Our location is one of the many things Dave likes here and says he enjoys walking on the Prom with friends from the building. "It's a community with very friendly people," he said. And like most of us, he says, "Oh, you can't beat the view!"

## Fire Alarm Upgrade Complete



**Before**



**After**

One of the most noticeable features about the completion of our fire alarm upgrade is the replacement of the fire panel at the front door with a small digital readout that provides more detailed information.

In the "Before" photo above, notice the large red fire alarm panel. In the "After" photo, a mirror (like the other mirrors along the hall) covers the wall, the red alarm panel is gone and the small digital readout is mounted in a cutout in the mirror.

Next time you're by the front door, take a look at the change.

## Hello to New Neighbors

Welcome to new residents: Kevin McLaughlin; Kiki Bournakel; Justin Weiss; Nate & Melissa Delois; Bill & Loretta Stride; Richard & Barbara Ashley; Judy Katzel; Rebecca Riker & Frank Anderson; and Jennifer Howard