

On the Prom

The 4th of July on the Eastern Promenade



Karen & Rich Winslow and Pam & Dave Nelson

Hot dogs, fried dough, ice cream and lemonade! Vendors set up around noon on the Prom where people were already claiming their spots for the evening's fireworks show. Joan and Tom Cushman's "spot" was their poolside deck in our building where they entertained twenty friends and family. "It's good to have everybody here," said Joan. Manjula VK, who recently moved here from Connecticut, took a walk down the Prom before returning to her unit to view the fireworks. She said she was amazed by the holiday spirit. Karen Winslow's sister, Pam Nelson who was visiting from Florida, said "This is spectacular!"

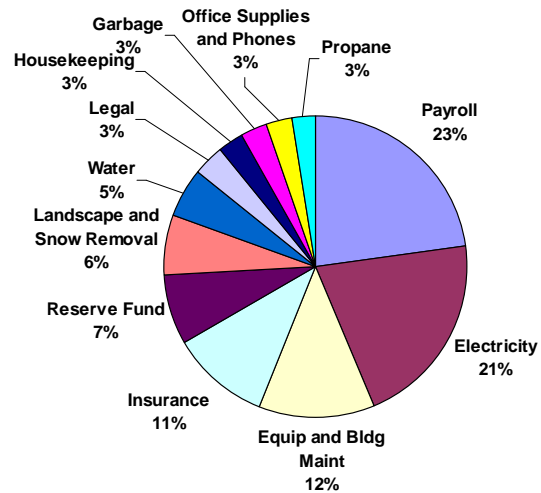
Our pool was a popular place all day for residents and their holiday guests. Marianne DiPietro took her nephews, Michael and Antonio, out for a quick swim before the fireworks. The rain came, but the show went on. After the show, Nan Dewing said, "Wow, what a great place to live!"

The Parking Puzzle

Has this happened to you: You go out the wrong door because you forget where your car is parked? Because of the construction project, most of us at some time have been assigned a temporary parking space. Parking has been a challenge during the project, and your patience is appreciated. The person all of us appreciate for assigning our parking is Pauli Daniels. Thank you, Pauli, for managing this enormous task so well!

Where Your \$\$\$ Go

When you pay your monthly PECA fee, do you ever wonder how your dollars are spent? This chart shows a breakdown of the major categories by percentage:



Note – Antenna income is not included above but all is deposited into the Reserve Fund

Owners are encouraged to set up automatic payments through their bank (offered free by most banks). Once set up to be paid on-time (arrive in the office before close of business on the 10th of the month), the owner will never have to "remember" to make the payment, never get assessed a late fee, and save money on postage/envelopes. This will also result in less administrative time and cost spent on this area thus helping to control costs and keep fees as low as possible.

Library News

Our Movie Library continues to grow with more contributions from Fred & Judy Hill, Ben & Gloria Alfiero, Elaine Findley and Ed & Marilyn Collins. Thanks to donations by Pauline Sivovlos and Pauli Daniels, we now have enough children's movies for a separate section. If you have children visiting this summer, they may enjoy a movie after a dip in the pool. And if you're looking for a new book to read by the pool, check on top of the fiction bookcases where you'll find new arrivals.

Quarterly Profile



Scott Hawkins – Unit 223

A cabin built in the late 1920's on Lovejoy Pond—that's what brought Scott Hawkins home to Maine. Scott bought the cabin from his grandmother because she needed to sell and he wanted to keep it in the family, a family that goes back twelve generations in Maine.

Scott, who has twenty years of experience in non-profit management, left a job in Minneapolis in 1999 and came to Portland where he is the Director of Information Technology for Catholic Charities. About six years ago, Scott volunteered to do the bookkeeping for Promenade East. He spends two to three hours a week doing the work that the association was paying someone \$10,000 to \$12,000 a year to do. Scott said he has noticed other volunteers providing services for the association, helping all of us save money on our condo fees. "All these little things add up," he said. "This is my way to give back."

Asked what he likes about living at Promenade East, Scott said, "You can't beat the view." He is fascinated by the tides and has a tide clock on the wall in his unit. "Condo living is the way to go," he says. He likes not having to shovel snow or mow the lawn, leaving time to do the things he enjoys.

Scott has a garden at his camp and goes there as often as he can in the summer. He makes his own strawberry and raspberry jam, enjoys travel and computers and refers to himself as a "techie."

"I like living in the city where I was born," says Scott. The slower pace of life here appeals to him too, not to mention sitting on the deck of that cabin on Lovejoy Pond.

Travel Notes

Stockholm, Amsterdam and Paris! These are some of the cities in Europe that Gunnel Hansen and Einar Juhlin visited last month. Ed and Marilyn Collins' trip to West Virginia was a shorter one by miles, but their journey took them back in time (57 years for Ed and 55 for Marilyn) to their high school class reunions.

While some of us like to travel to faraway places, summertime is a wonderful time to stay in Maine. We can swim or sun at our own backyard pool, have a picnic at the table behind the pool, visit one of many area beaches or take a ferry to Peaks Island. Boating, another popular activity is one that some Promenade East residents enjoy at their own camps.

Myles and Jinnie Delano's camp in Raymond is on Crescent Lake where they have several boats, Bill and Aileen Hock have a paddleboat and a small sailing dinghy at their place on Kimball Pond in Franklin County, and Bruce and Marion Hopkins like to get away to their camp on Biscay Pond near Damariscotta. Rich and Janet Smith's weekend lake retreat is also in the Damariscotta area where they enjoy their flower garden, loon-watching, fishing and boats. Scott Hawkins and Ross Harpestad have a cabin with a deck overlooking Lovejoy Pond in Albion, while George and Lillian Lopes spend lazy summer days at Sebago Family Campground on Sebago Lake in Standish. You need to go by boat or snowmobile to reach Ellen and Mike Donahue's camp in the Belgrade Lakes area. It's on beautiful Hoyt Island in Great Pond.

Lakes, ponds, the ocean, the islands—Is it any wonder that tourists flock to Maine in the summer?

Hello to New Neighbors

Welcome to new residents: Stephen Crouchley & Chris Brooks (121); Valerie Martin (213); Manjula VK (127); and John & Susan Wilson (227).