

On the Prom

The Place to Be In Portland



A group of realtors recently toured Promenade Towers and were overheard saying that this is one of the nicest places in Portland. They admired our landscaping, commented that “the lobby makes a beautiful statement” and complimented our modern glass entrance and interior renovations.

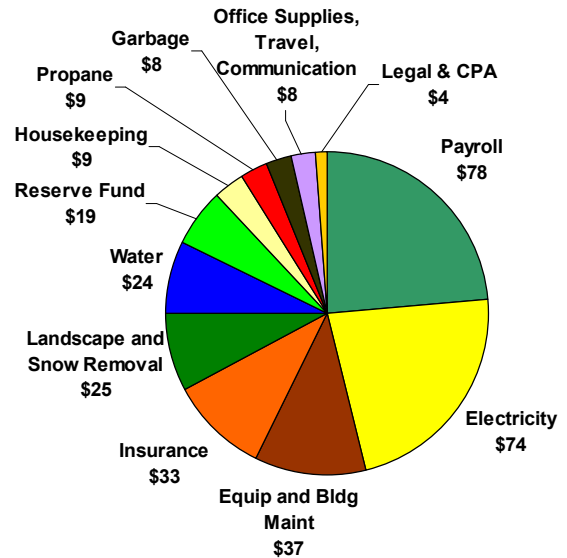
New resident Tom Leonhardt echoed their comments and said it took him a long time to find a condo in Promenade Towers. On earlier visits to Portland, he focused his search on the Eastern Prom and when he saw our building he decided this was the place where he wanted to live. He said before moving here from Washington, D.C., he read a story in the *Washington Post* describing a visit to Munjoy Hill. “I love being part of this wonderful neighborhood,” said Tom, “where you can walk to all these restaurants and shops.”

Barbara and Jerry Donahue searched for three years before choosing Portland for a summer home and then another two years before they found their condo in our building. “For us,” said Barbara, “this is the place to be in Portland. The heart of the city is a short walk, and many of our interests—the walking trails, the park and the tennis courts—are just beyond our doorstep.”

On the 4th of July, as thousands flocked to the Eastern Promenade for the city’s annual celebration, Promenade Towers residents strolled along the Prom to nearby vendors and later watched the amazing fireworks from our grounds or their units. Yes! This is the place to be!

Your Monthly Association Fees

To show you how your monthly Association fee is spent, Treasurer John Rastl has prepared the following chart, an updated version of one we published two years ago.



Based on the average monthly fee, the chart shows the dollar amount spent in an average month in each category of the Operating Budget.

Know Your Neighbors Contest

There were lots of guesses in last edition’s contest, but **not one** was correct. The girl in the photo was Bonnie Adams! Three of you thought it was Margie Thomsen, while other guesses were Carolyn Cilley, Edna Quinn, Madeline Hill, Judith Rastl, Marion Hopkins, Marilyn Peller, Renee Boyle, Pauli Daniels and Gunnel Hansen. Here’s a new challenge. Guess your neighbor in this photo and email or call Judith Rastl (jrastl@earthlink.net or 775-1190).



Quarterly Profile



Karen and Richard Winslow - #151

“Golf, golf and golf!” That’s the answer that Richard Winslow gives when asked about his hobbies. In fact, he and Karen moved to Texas in December of 2007 so he could spend more time with his brother and, said Richard, “so we could play a lot of golf.”

This spring Karen and Richard moved back to Promenade Towers and are enjoying the city they love. Karen says, “We walk an hour a day on the trails along the Eastern Prom and Back Cove.” Besides walking, some of Karen’s many interests include reading, scrapbooking and swimming in our pool. Richard enjoys walking the trails in the summer and going to the gym in the winter. Also, he says, “There’s a lot of golf around here.”

Karen and Richard are both from Maine. Though they met and were married here, they lived in Virginia for eleven years because they wanted to be “someplace warm.” However, Richard’s work brought them back to Portland in December of 1998, and that’s when they bought their beautiful penthouse condo. “Our view of the city—from the islands to downtown—is spectacular!” said Karen.

They both like the convenience of condo-living. “When we want to travel,” they say, “we just lock up and go.” They’ve visited family in Seattle, New York, Florida and California and have traveled from coast to coast in Canada. They have also traveled four times to Ireland where they enjoy the people and the pubs and, no surprise, Richard likes to play golf.

Richard is a CPA and worked many years for a national public accounting firm. He also worked for Blue Rock Industries, a company that built Marginal Way and most of the Interstate in Portland. Karen has a management and marketing background and was Marketing Director at Blue Rock. Here in Maine, she has volunteered for the MS 150 Fundraising Drive, setting up events, riding a bike and helping with marketing materials. While in Texas, as part of a program in the public school system, she was a volunteer mentor.

Before moving to Texas, Karen served on our Association’s Board of Directors and, as Treasurer, had an active role in our building’s construction project. Upon returning, she said, “The building looks great! It’s what we hoped it to be.” She likes the changes, inside and out, and also says, “The landscaping is a vast improvement.” Richard added that he likes the new door hardware, the brushed nickel door numbers and the keyless entry.

Commenting on being back in Promenade Towers, Richard says, “The people here are nice, and when my grandchildren visit, they love the pool.” Karen likes the location, being able to walk to the Old Port and to some of their favorite restaurants. “Portland has everything a big city offers, but it’s easy to get around,” she said. “We’re glad to be back home!”

Annual Meeting on September 9

At the Annual Association Meeting which will be held on the second Wednesday of September, unit owners will have the opportunity to vote for two members to serve on the Board of Directors. If you are interested in running for election to the Board, you may contact any Board member for more information. Directors’ names and phone numbers are posted on the bulletin board.

Prior to the meeting, a notice will be sent to all owners along with a proxy. A quorum is needed to elect directors; therefore, it is important that you return your proxy if you are unable to attend.

Hello to New Neighbors

Welcome to new residents: Jill Babcock (118); Tom Leonhardt (246); Peter Lord & John Russell (215); Edith Toegel (115) and Stevan & Carrie Trooboff (226)