

On the Prom

Spring Edition

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Springtime on the Eastern Promenade



View of the park from Promenade Towers

Location, location, location! For springtime activities, you couldn't ask for a better location than Promenade Towers on the Eastern Prom. Soon we'll open our windows to enjoy the fresh air and the sounds of cheering fans and ball players in the park across the street. Some of our residents will be playing tennis or shooting baskets on the courts next to the ball field, riding bikes and hiking along the Eastern Prom Trail or taking a picnic to East End Beach.

A short stroll over to Congress Street will take you to Rosemont Market & Bakery where you can grab a sandwich "to go" for your picnic. Also on Congress, you'll find outside tables for lunch at The Front Room and Blue Spoon, two of our neighborhood restaurants.

For springtime activities in other parts of the city, our location on Munjoy Hill is a good starting point. Walk through the neighborhood or along the water to the Old Port and then take the Mailboat or a ferry to the islands or visit shops and art galleries. After hunkering down all winter, it's time to go out and play.

Association Trip and Spring Party

A date hasn't yet been set for a spring party, but Social Committee chairman Tom Leonhardt asks residents to watch for news on the party and a possible trip to the Maine Botanical Gardens.

Protecting Your Investment

Knowing that washing machine hoses are a leading cause of residential water damage, a large condo association in New Jersey purchased new hoses for all of its units. The hoses were then distributed for the owners to install. A year later a washing machine hose in one of the units broke and caused thousands of dollars in damages. It was discovered that the unit's owner had put the new hoses in a closet and never bothered to have them installed.

In the last six months Promenade Towers had two such failures. Fortunately, the water was shut off fairly quickly, but there was damage to those units, units below and the common area. In an effort to protect our investments, the Board of Directors passed a Resolution to purchase high-quality hoses for all units. Our Board goes a step further than the above association in New Jersey. Though owners are not charged for the hoses, installation is their responsibility and compliance must be verified. A letter sent on March 2 notified owners of the Resolution and explained the program that will benefit all owners. A burst hose can release up to 650 gallons of water per hour. We can feel more secure knowing that all of our neighbors above and around us have new high-quality hoses.

Know Your Neighbors Contest

"It's not fair; she hasn't aged; she hasn't changed." Those are the comments by many who guessed that Marion Hopkins was the girl in last edition's contest. Those who recognized Marion were Margie Thomsen, Len Ney, Bonnie Adams, Gunnel Hansen, Cynthia Widdows, Rick Lank, Pauli Daniels, and Audrey Libby. The prize went to Audrey Libby who was the winner in the drawing. Here's a new challenge. Guess who the girl is in this photo and call or email Judith Rastl (775-1190 or jrastl@earthlink.net).



Quarterly Profile



Michael Lincourt - #214

It was a beautiful summer day when Mike Lincourt first saw his condo. "I walked out on the deck and fell in love with the place," said Mike. He was so excited when he closed the sale that he couldn't wait to move in. "As soon as I had the keys I brought my sleeping bag and slept on the floor the first two nights."

Before buying his condo here, Mike owned a house in Sanford for nineteen years but often came to Portland to go out to dinner or to the movies with friends. A graduate of Cheverus High School, he has many friends in Portland. The first time he saw our building was while riding his bike one day on the Eastern Promenade. Now that he lives here he rides two or three times a week, usually on the Eastern Prom Trail and Back Cove Trail.

Mike is a physician on the staff at Goodall Hospital in Sanford and has a private practice in internal medicine just down the street from the hospital. He said he took over his father's practice there in 1982 when his father retired. Mike was impressed when he read in the last edition of *On the Prom* that Ron Cilley, another doctor in our building, has delivered 6,000 babies. When asked how many he has delivered, Mike smiled and said, "Seven, and that was in medical school."

Mike was born in the same hospital where he's working now. He says, "When I'm on call and have to be in Sanford, I stay in the house where I grew up, the house that my sister now owns."

Mike has three sisters and three brothers and says while he was growing up the family spent every

summer at a camp that his parents owned on Mousam Lake in Shapleigh, Maine. He and his brothers and sisters had fun swimming and boating and would go barefoot all summer. "My fondest memories are of all the good times we had there," said Mike. The camp now belongs to Mike and his brothers and sisters, and they gather there with their families every 4th of July and Labor Day.

Mike, who has served as a volunteer on many committees at Goodall Hospital, volunteered to serve on the Promenade Towers Board of Directors when he was told there was an open seat. He was elected to the Board at the last Annual Association Meeting. Mike said, "I think a strong condo association is important," and adds "I was very impressed with the Board throughout our construction project."

Promenade Towers' location is one of many things Mike appreciates about living here. "Your front yard is the park," he says. He enjoys grilling on his deck and especially likes the views. One of his friends described it as a world-class view. Mike agrees and says, "I totally love living in Portland."

Library Services Expand at Munjoy Branch

During the Portland Public Library's renovation project at the Main Library at Monument Square, the Children's Library was relocated to the Munjoy Branch at East End Community School. Since the summer of 2008, materials and services for adults have been limited at our branch. The renovations will be complete this month, and the Children's Library has returned to the Main Library.

The Munjoy Branch now has full branch services, including a larger collection of books, reference materials and computers for adults. New hours for our branch are: Tuesday and Wednesday 3:00-8:00 p.m.; Friday 3:00-6:00 p.m.; and Saturday 9:00-4:00 p.m.

New Arrival

Congratulations to Kimberly and Peter Doyon, and welcome to their new baby, Ella!



Hello to New Neighbors

Welcome to new residents: Charlotte Coggins & Dev Chanda; Peter & Carolyn Claypoole; Nick Harding; Martin, Paula, Grace & Nora Mahoney; and Brady Hecht