

On the Prom

Winter Edition

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Winter on the Hill



Neighborhood view from Promenade Towers

Though some of our residents have flown south for the winter, most of us stick around to enjoy the season. We miss the fall colors and the summer days by the pool, but we like what winter has to offer here in Maine and in our own neighborhood.

We can head for the ski slopes or just stay in and enjoy the view. On snowy days it's nice to stand by the window with a cup of hot chocolate and watch children pulling their sleds on their way to the park on the Eastern Promenade. Instead of joggers or people on bicycles, we occasionally see Nordic skiers go by on the streets below. We can bundle up after a big snowstorm, put on our boots and walk to restaurants on Munjoy Hill for lunch or dinner. Except for snowplows, there's very little traffic in our neighborhood on those days.

Winter is a nice time to get together with friends right here in our building. Cathy Bubier has lived at Promenade Towers for a year. When asked what she likes about living here, Cathy replied, "The wonderful people and the delightful gatherings!" Carol Patterson agrees and says, "It's a pleasure to live in such a well-managed and well-maintained building with so many nice people."

New resident Neila Rockwood says, "From the time I first moved to Portland, I saw this place and imagined living here. Our building is like the North Star," she said. "You can see it from everywhere. You see it, and it's home." Whatever the season, this is a good place to call home.

The Holidays at Promenade Towers



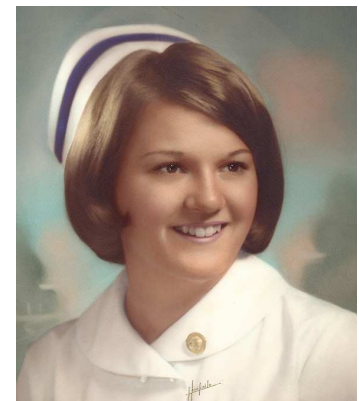
Jenna Galli and Derek Strout at our Holiday Party

The Social Committee—Tom Leonhardt, Sarah Burke, Pauli Daniels, Nan Dewing and Janine Galli organized another great party. On December 7, residents enjoyed food and drinks while visiting with neighbors at our Holiday Party in the front lobby.

Residents are used to seeing holiday decorations in the lobby, but they were surprised this year when they looked out their windows and saw Christmas lights around the pool area. Early in December volunteers Sarah Burke, Tom Leonhardt and John Rastl put lights on the fence and shrubs by the pool. The lights have gotten enthusiastic reviews from many residents, including Carol Reynolds who said, "I wish we could keep them up all year."

Know Your Neighbors Contest

Jill Babcock won the prize drawing in last edition's contest. Others who guessed correctly that Tom Leonhardt was the guy in the photo were Len Ney, Gunnel Hansen, Nan Dewing, Pauli Daniels, Barry Glew, Margie Thomsen and Cynthia Widdows. Do you recognize the girl in this photo? Call or email your guess to Judith Rastl (775-1190 or jrastl@earthlink.net).



Quarterly Profile



Janine and Anthony Galli - #255

Doesn't this sound like the storyline for a movie? After a big wedding and reception, a young bride and groom fly off to Italy for their honeymoon. They spend a week in Rome and then take a train to a mountain village to visit the bride's grandparents. By now the bride is feeling a little homesick; she misses her family. When she and her new husband arrive at the station, a surprise is waiting for them. Her father and the priest who married them have traveled from the U.S. and are there with her grandfather to greet them. The family has planned a second wedding for them.

This isn't a movie, though. It's a story about Janine and Anthony Galli that began 26 years ago. "It was a very well-kept secret," said Janine. The wedding was held in the church her father attended as a young boy. Then after the ceremony there was a procession to her grandmother's house in the village.

Family is very important to Anthony and Janine. "Janine has three brothers," said Anthony, "and I have five brothers and a sister. We get together all the time." He and Janine have three children—Karla, a senior at Falmouth High School; Anthony who is in college in Florida and plays baseball there; and Jenna, a Boston University graduate who lives on Munjoy Hill.

Anthony and Janine moved to Promenade Towers last year after selling their home in Falmouth. After many years of owning a house, Anthony appreciates the benefits of condo living. He said, "You don't have to mow the lawn or fix things all the time. I played more golf last summer than I

have for years." He loves golf and says that's his one hobby. He said he didn't have much free time when he owned his own business. "I was working over twelve hours a day." That changed when he sold the company but stayed on as Operations Manager at Radford Transportation.

Janine works for Mancini Electric, her dad's company that has been in business since 1966. She recently took the job with the understanding that she would have Fridays off. On Fridays she volunteers at St. Vincent's on Congress Street. For the last two years she has been helping prepare and serve lunch there. Janine also volunteers at Promenade Towers on our Social Committee.

Anthony and Janine like living in Portland, especially on Munjoy Hill. "I grew up here on Morning Street," said Anthony. "I still know a lot of people who lived here years ago." Both enjoy walking along the Prom and to the Old Port and like to walk to The Front Room and Blue Spoon for dinner. They also like living at Promenade Towers. Anthony said, "I was surprised that with eighty units how the community interacts and how well this place functions."

Janine said, "I have met so many people here and our kids have met other young people, especially at the pool. They have made close friends." She adds that when the kids' friends from Falmouth visit, they say, "This place is so cool!" "It's a great community," said Anthony.

Movies Coming Soon

Thank you to Bruce Nelson who recently donated a large selection of VHS movies to our Condo Library. Go to www.promenade-towers.org and you'll find the list of VHS and DVD movies on the *Residents Only* page. The new movies will be on the shelves soon once they've been labeled and added to the list.

Would you like to help our DVD movie collection grow? Maybe you have some DVDs that you probably won't watch again; if you would like to donate them, bring them to the library and drop them in the basket. With your donations, our library just keeps getting better.

Hello to New Neighbors

Welcome to new residents: Mehrdaad & Marjaneh Ghorashi; Peter & Janna Townsend; and Donald Lewin