

On the Prom

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Changes at Promenade Towers



Memorial Day at the Pool

Do you recall this famous quote by football quarterback Joe Namath? “I can’t wait until tomorrow ‘cause I get better looking every day.” Promenade Towers is like that. Well, maybe not every *day*, but at least every year if you listen to residents who have been away for the winter. “Everything keeps looking better,” they say.

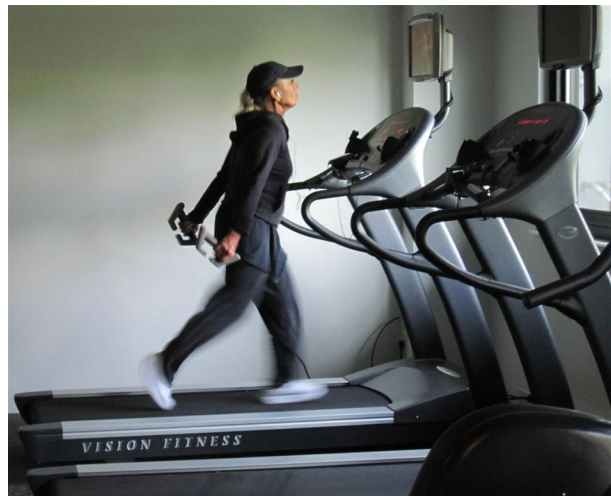
Besides admiring the landscaping, this year they noticed some changes—the new treadmill in the fitness room, Wi-Fi in the library and the new pool gate. But wait, there’s more; if you looked out your windows on Memorial Day weekend, you probably saw some of your neighbors playing croquet on the lawn. Mark Rockwood (in photo), Belinda and Len Ney, Dave Mathieu, and Tom Leonhardt were the first to try out the new set. If you want to check it out, you can find it in the closet at the far end of the Community Room, along with a sign-out sheet and copies of the rules of the game.



About that Wi-Fi in the library, a new router that has a “guest” Wi-Fi channel has been installed on

the office computer. This amenity is in response to requests by residents wanting to use their laptops in the library.

The new treadmill in the fitness room was also the result of residents’ feedback. We learned that our high-end treadmill was the most popular piece of equipment in the room. People would wait around or leave and come back later to use it.



Cathy Bubier on the new treadmill

If you have been attending Board meetings or reading the minutes, you know that more improvements are being planned, including the Community Room renovation project which has already begun. Watch for a progress report in the next edition of *On the Prom*.

Designated Smoking Area

When you have guests who are smokers and you prefer that they don’t smoke in your unit, you can direct them



to the new designated smoking area outside the entrance to Building 2. There’s a bench and a cigarette receptacle in a covered area just outside the door.

Quarterly Profile



Dave and Sheila Mathieu - #223

A year ago on June 3, Dave and Sheila Mathieu had two things to celebrate. It was their 39th wedding anniversary and they had just closed on their condo at Promenade Towers. "After we closed, we brought a bottle of wine and came here to celebrate," said Dave. They sold the house in Kennebunk where they had lived for 31 years and a cottage they owned on Saco Bay.

Dave and Sheila have family in the area including Sheila's dad who is 100 years old and lives in Biddeford. When she visits him, he asks, "How is it on the Prom?" They like it here just fine. Dave says, "We love the views and the walkable location." He plays tennis in the park across the street, and Sheila likes to walk to East End Beach.

Sheila grew up on a farm in Kennebunkport and spent summers gardening and going to the beach. Dave, who grew up in Westbrook, met Sheila at a dance in Portland. "I saw her across the dance floor," said Dave, "and I thought she looks like she will be worth knowing." They dated off and on for a few years, but both were busy with school and work at the time. Dave was going to Bentley College in Boston and was working his way through school. Sheila went to business college and did some work modeling on TV and in fashion shows. One day Dave saw her on TV and thought to himself, "I ought to give her a call." This year they celebrated their 40th anniversary.

After graduating from Bentley, Dave went to work for an accounting firm. He became a Certified Public Accountant and did auditing. In 1986 he

and a friend started a commercial real estate company in Kennebunk, a business he sold in 2009. Last year Sheila retired from the Kennebunk school system where she worked for fourteen years with special education students.

Now Sheila volunteers at East End Community School in a reading program for 2nd and 3rd graders. Dave works with SCORE, a volunteer program that provides business counseling services by retired executives. They both also give their time to our community at Promenade Towers. They're on the Social Committee and the Welcome Committee, and Sheila just joined the Landscape Committee. Dave was recently elected to the Board of Directors and says, "I think this is a very well run Association with strong reserves. I'm looking forward to being involved."

With all their volunteer work, they still find time for walks on the Prom and on Mackworth Island. Dave likes hiking in the mountains and kayaking. He has two kayaks, one that he keeps at East End Beach. Sheila spends time at our pool, and they both work out in the fitness room. They also enjoy entertaining family and friends.

Dave says, "I've been lucky in my life." We're lucky, too. He and Sheila contribute so much to our Association; we're glad they chose to live at Promenade Towers.

First Annual Lawn Party

Mark your calendar for a good time on Tuesday, July 17. The Social Committee has planned a Lawn Party from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. (rain or shine). It will be a "bring your own food, we supply the beverages" event with croquet, bocce ball and other activities.

Neila Smith, who chairs the committee says, "This is an opportunity to have fun on this wonderful property, to mingle with old neighbors, welcome new ones and create community."

Hello to New Neighbors

Welcome to new residents: George Petkov & Polina Inkoulova; Pete Smythe; Michael Sullivan & Liudmila Petrova; Ajay & Deepika Mothukuri; Mark Grohman & Ann Magner; Reza Alam; Leisa Spence; Wayne & Linne Thomson; Timothy & Sarah LaBonte; David & Nichole Becker; Tom & Liz O'Connor; and Rachel Giroux.