

On the Prom

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Curb Appeal at Promenade Towers



Curb appeal—that good first impression is mentioned in an article in the March 2013 issue of *Condo Media* magazine. It explains why curb appeal is important for condominium communities, not just for single-family homes. The article says that the appearance of entrance signs, driveways, landscaping, lobbies and other common areas affects how owners feel about their community, as well as how prospective buyers view it. Owners here frequently compliment the office and Board of Directors on their efforts to keep our property looking good.



The Landscape Committee—Gunnel Hansen, Sheila Mathieu and John Rastl (shown in the above photo)—planted new ground cover in the spring, putting finishing touches on the work done by our

landscaping contractor. Contractors scheduled by Office Manager Pauli Daniels, volunteers and Joe Coyne, our Maintenance Custodian, continually improve and maintain our property.

As part of spring cleanup, common area windows have been washed and carpets have been cleaned. Soon, kick-plates will be installed on all unit doors after the doors have been re-painted. Inside and outside, Promenade Towers keeps getting better.

Changes at the Pool



A spring renovation project at the pool included a new roof, siding, door and trim that transformed the pool house. Those are just some of the changes you can see at the pool. What you can't see is the new heater inside the pool house. And have you noticed how clean the pool deck looks this year? You can thank volunteer Barry Glew who spent hours power washing the deck.

Each year some of the deteriorating pool furniture has had to be discarded. While Barry worked on the deck, Sheila and Dave Mathieu and John Rastl helped Joe Coyne bring out what was left of the old furniture. Now the sleek new furniture has arrived and surrounds our beautiful pool. Our pool service keeps the pool sparkling, but we count on residents to return furniture to the original setting for others to enjoy while at the pool and while viewing it from their units. When people forget, Alex Borynack often straightens up the furniture. We thank Alex and other residents who take the time to do this.

Quarterly Profile



Judy and Peter Foster #251

What are some of your favorite things about living in Portland? Walks on the Eastern Promenade? Summer concerts in the park? When Peter and Judy Foster answer that question, those are two of the many things they name. Another, since they are both from Maine, is being near family. Peter and Judy, who have been married 49 years, were born in the same hospital in Fairfield. “We went to school together,” said Judy. “Peter was my first date.”

As much as Peter and Judy like Portland, they especially like living on Munjoy Hill. Last summer they enjoyed the Mumford & Sons concert on the Prom, and they like that they can walk to the annual fireworks display on the 4th of July and to Whole Foods and the many restaurants on the Hill.

They hadn’t planned on buying a home in Portland when they decided to sell their house in Oakland, Maine. They looked at a lot of places along the coast and weren’t that familiar with Southern Maine until their realtor brought them here. He showed them condos in our building and others in Portland. When they sold their house in Oakland, the closing was in Portland, and while they were here, they took a second look at one of the condos in Promenade Towers. A week later they were in Germany for a conference, and after thinking it over, realized they were very interested in that condo and called their realtor to make an offer. Peter said, “After several emails, calls and faxes we had a signed contract before we left Germany.”

Peter and Judy also own another home. In the past they had traveled to Florida, Arizona, New Mexico, North Carolina and Maryland before

choosing South Carolina for a future home. That’s where they bought a house near the ocean on Hilton Head Island. One home in South Carolina, one in Maine, lots of travel; it sounds like they’re retired, doesn’t it? Nope. They are not retired. Judy works full-time. “I’m a nurse case manager for MaineGeneral Medical Center,” she says. “I work from home by phone, fax and email.” Peter, who has a Ph.D. in chemistry, worked in research and development after getting his degree and now has a consulting business. “I specialize in food packaging,” he says, “especially in the use of recycled materials.”

Working from home allows Judy and Peter to enjoy both Hilton Head and Portland. Peter says, “Portland is the opposite of what we thought we wanted. It’s the first time we’ve lived in a city since we were newlyweds.” They’re very happy with Portland and their penthouse condo at Promenade Towers. They appreciate the appearance of the building, the grounds and common areas, and Judy says, “We like our neighbors and the amenities here.” Their first impression of our property was a good one; we’re glad they came back for a second look.

Paving Project with All New Parking Curbs



Five years ago all driveways, parking lots and the garages under Building 1 and 2 were paved, and all of this was seal-coated the following year. The rest of the garages were paved last month, new parking stops were installed in all of the garages, and parking spaces were re-stripped (as shown in the above photos). Next summer everything will be seal-coated and re-stripped, and that will continue to be done every five years.

Hello to New Neighbors

Welcome to new residents: Paul & Martha Milot; Tracy Payne; Howard Lowell; Dennis Vanier & Beverly Nye Vanier; Bernie Schwab; Aaron Hoo; Dimitry Didevick; and Peter & Mari O’Connor