

On the Prom

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The New Mailboxes Are Here!



New Bigger and Better Mailboxes

No more whining from the mail carriers who had to stuff mail in the old narrow mailboxes. And no more complaints from residents who had to struggle to dig their mail out of the boxes. The new mailboxes have been installed, along with brighter recessed lights in the mail room.

The mailbox layout includes eight parcel lockers at the bottom of the modules. When you receive a package, the carrier places it in one of the numbered lockers and then puts the key to that locker in your mailbox. When you open the locker to retrieve your package, the key stays in the lock. Only the mail carrier can remove the key.



Now that the old outdated mailboxes (above) are gone, some residents have asked if we're going to keep the "mail cubbies." Yes, the cubbies will be used for us to exchange notes, invitations and other items with our neighbors. Anything delivered by

the U.S. Post Office, including advertisements, will go in the new mailboxes.

Farewell to Bruce and Marion



Len Ney and Marion Hopkins

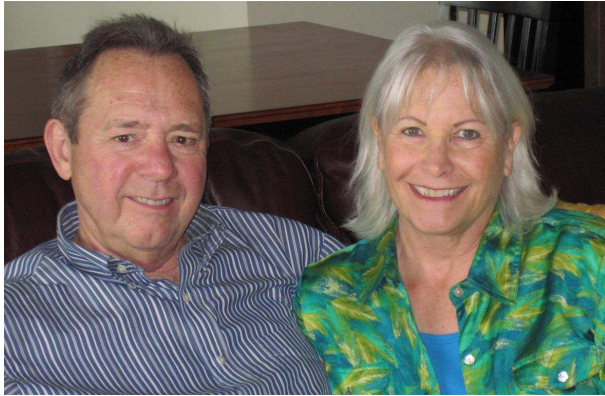
On May 19 residents gathered in the Community Room to say farewell to longtime residents Bruce and Marion Hopkins who are moving to their new home in Falmouth. Board member Len Ney presented Marion with flowers and thanked her and Bruce for their contributions to our community and their friendship.



Bruce Hopkins and Jim Zafirson

Treasurer John Rastl presented a collage of photos of Bruce and Marion with friends at Promenade Towers. President Jim Zafirson presented a plaque to Bruce recognizing his many years on the Board of Directors. Bruce has been on the Board since 1996 and is a Past-President and Treasurer. He set up the rental of our rooftop to cell phone companies and has been our webmaster since 2008. Bruce and Marion will be missed.

Quarterly Profile



Gregg and Andrea Turley #146

“Portland is a cool place!” That’s how Gregg and Andrea Turley describe our city. “The ocean, the Old Port, the restaurants! It has a small town feel with big city amenities,” says Gregg.

Gregg and Andrea have been visiting Portland for years because their son, Sean, who teaches at Thornton Academy in Saco, lives here. They often stayed in short-term rentals on the Prom until just over a year ago when they leased a condo at Promenade Towers. “I feel secure here,” said Andrea. “This is a strong community of people who watch out for each other.” Gregg said, “We were overwhelmed by the generosity of spirit of the residents here. It kept us from going somewhere else.”

Andrea and Gregg live in Siena in Summerlin, a planned community of 2000 homes in Las Vegas. They moved to Las Vegas ten years ago when they left the Chicago area where Andrea was a teacher for 34 years. The last four of those years, though, after she and Gregg bought a home in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, she commuted 51 miles to Chicago. Eeek! That’s a long commute, not a lot of fun, but that’s how much she loved her work.

For twenty years Gregg owned a business in Chicago, a company with thirty employees that sold industrial equipment to manufacturers. “I saw everything from railway cars to computers,” said Gregg. In 1992 he sold the business and went to work for another company as vice president of sales and marketing. Now Gregg does consulting in Las Vegas and along the west coast.

Wherever they’ve lived Gregg and Andrea have been active volunteers in their church. When they

lived in the Chicago area, Andrea ran the charity portion of Holy Family Parish Catholic Church. She chaired the committee for the food pantry and, along with other volunteers, helped women in abusive situations find housing. “I loved it,” she said. “It was very rewarding.” She and Gregg were both on the social committee and Gregg was in the choir. “Now I sing in the choir at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Las Vegas,” he said, “and I’m a Eucharistic Minister.”

It was during the disco era that Andrea and Gregg met. “We would dance till 3:00 or 4:00 in the morning,” said Andrea, “and after we were married we took ballroom dancing lessons.” Dancing is just one of the many activities they enjoy. Gregg says, “I’ve been a golfer my whole life.” Andrea practices yoga, loves walking, especially on the Prom, and is in the Book Club at Promenade Towers. They both use our fitness room, pool and library, and in the winter they like having wine with neighbors by the fireplace in the front lobby.

You may be surprised to learn that Andrea and Greg are no longer leasing a unit here. The reason is not surprising, though; they like Promenade Towers so much that they decided to buy a condo of their own and closed on their new unit in June. “We’re excited about owning a home here,” said Gregg. “I think Promenade Towers is the best kept secret in Portland.”

It’s Time for Our Summer Party!

Mark your calendar for the 4th annual Lawn Party. This popular event will be on **Tuesday, July 21.**

Spring Flowers at the Front Entrance

Lesla von Munkwitz-Smith planted these flowers in the pots by the front entrance this spring. Lesla has volunteered to take over the planting and care of the flower arrangements that she will change as the seasons change.



Hello to New Neighbors

Welcome to new residents: Chris & Owen John; Brandon Henry & Nicole Kendrick-Konkowski; Courtney Musciano; William & Gail Lines; Debbie Brown; Dave Wood; and Nancy & Glenn Griffin