

# On the Prom

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## It Won't Be Long Now!



Fun at the Pool Last Summer

It wasn't such a bad winter, was it? Won't it be nice, though, to have green leaves on the trees, a beautiful lawn and a sparkling pool again? All the colors in this photo make me smile.

The picture below of the same view is not a black and white photo; it was just a black and white cloudy day. We looked out that morning and saw Florida! Did anyone else see the outline of Florida where the snow had melted on the pool cover?



Map of Florida on Our Pool Cover

Residents who spent the winter in the real Florida and other warm places can look forward to some changes at Promenade Towers.

One change will be a new fence around the pool, a maintenance-free aluminum fence in a traditional wrought iron design. Not only will the fence be

more attractive, but opening the gates will be more convenient. We can throw away the old pool keys and use our fobs to enter the pool. That's right, the same fobs we use to enter the building.

Another improvement in the pool area will be a new pool cover that we can admire next winter; when it's not covered with snow, that is.

## The Elevator Project Continues



Tom Mannett, Pine State Elevator Company

New cables, a new motor, new electronics and all new controls and displays! Elevator Number One is back in service and the Pine State Elevator guys are now working on the second elevator.

A feature we appreciate when we press the call button now is the digital position indicator at each floor. Numbers show us the location, and arrows show the direction of the elevator. I like that! When I'm waiting for an elevator, it's nice to know where it is and if it's on its way.

Once the project is complete, not only will our elevators have a new modern appearance, but reliability will be much improved; that, of course, will result in lower monthly maintenance costs.

We can also expect improved energy efficiency. And something we can't see but certainly appreciate is that the modernization project adds many new safety features.

This project is running smoothly, thanks in part to the patience and cooperation of residents at Promenade Towers.

## Quarterly Profile



**Frank & Jane Walsh #221**

Here's a travel quiz for you. Which of the following vacations sounds like your idea of a good time? (a) a trip to New York for shopping and a Broadway show; (b) traveling to Germany for Oktoberfest; (c) a diving vacation in the Galapagos Islands; or (d) a camping safari in Namibia? If you chose (c) or (d), you have something in common with your neighbors Frank and Jane Walsh. They've been there and done that.

Frank and Jane also went diving in the Maldives and on safaris in India, Kenya, Zimbabwe and Botswana. Frank said, "Our work in international education allowed us opportunities to travel to conferences and have a chance to do some side trips." Jane described the trips as "very cool."

After years of teaching in the United States, Frank and Jane went to live and work in Ethiopia where Jane taught third grade and Frank was the principal at the International Community School in Addis Ababa. "We were there for five years," said Jane. "We loved it!"

Their careers in education took Frank and Jane to schools in countries around the world for over twenty years. After Ethiopia they went to Venezuela, followed by Qatar in the Middle East. Next they were in Niger in Western Africa, then Egypt and then the British Virgin Islands. For three years they were in West Africa where they worked at the American International School of Nouakchott in Mauritania until they retired last summer and came home.

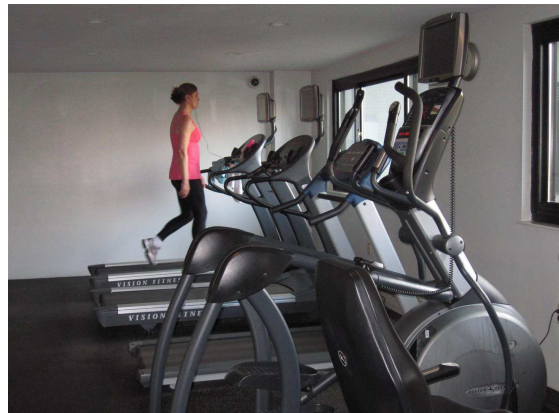
Jane said, "It's great being back and being able to connect with family and friends." Recently they

joined 25 relatives for a family birthday party at DiMillo's. Family celebrations, their nephew's college football games, getting together with Jane's alumni friends from Wheaton College and Frank's from Brown University are times they missed when they lived outside the U.S. Our maintenance custodian is one of the relatives they frequently see now. Our own Joe Coyne is Jane's brother.

Frank and Jane bought their condo in 1996, but only stayed in it four to six weeks each year when they were here in the summer. Since coming home, they began renovations in their unit and now have a beautiful new kitchen. They enjoy the views from their poolside deck and like our location on the Eastern Prom. They also like the people here and got acquainted with many of them at the Lawn Party in July and the Holiday Party in December, and they've already started volunteering at Promenade Towers.

"We've had a good time exploring Portland since we got home," said Jane. She and Frank are both enjoying the restaurants and being able to walk to the Old Port. "It's such a great small city," said Frank. "We've been away from it for so long." We're glad they're part of our community and here to stay.

## New Paint Freshens Up the Fitness Room



**Megan Ladd Working Out in the Fitness Room**

A quick project for spring! The fitness room has been freshened up with a new coat of paint.

## Hello to New Neighbors

Welcome to new residents: Neil McBride; Abi Davids and Pavi Nepokojova; Michael Peachman and Jacob Sternhagen; Emily Cooper and Emily Clyatt