

# THE SCHOONER FLASH

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#### All the News That's Fit to Print About the Happenings at our Wonderful Schooner Estates!

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#### SPRING CLEANING AT SCHOONER

Spring is right around the corner! Believe it or not, Friday, March 20th is the first day of the season to "renew" and CLEAN! Schooner offers a "Deep Cleaning Service" at NO CHARGE! We will send in a crew to your apartment to wash walls, steam clean the carpet, flip the mattress and drag the furniture away from its permanent location in order to tackle the garden of dust balls growing underneath. They will even help you pack up things to donate to Goodwill at the Bi-annual Goodwill collection day coming April 28th.

You will need to contact the housekeeping supervisor at extension 119 to make an appointment. Just dial 784-2900 from your apartment phone and ask for housekeeping or extension 119. Or dial 119 from any hall phone.

Do not be afraid to let our deep cleaning crew do all or some of these services to your apartment. It's included in our Schooner amenities package.



Feb. 23rd snowstorm Camden parking lot

PORT CITY JAZZ BAND

Mark your calendars to save Thursday, March 19th for a live performance from the "Port City Jazz" band. They will come in from the BIG city of Portland to play many of the big band sounds you've always enjoyed. Port City Jazz is a septet that plays standards from the Great American Songbook in the Chicago/Kansas City style.



# NEW ACTIVITY COORDINATOR



Schooner Estates is proud to welcome Claire Giasson to the Resident Services staff as Activity Coordinator for the entire Castine building. Claire is charged with providing quality programs and entertainment for the residents living in the Assisted Living Studios and the Residential Care Living Center at Schooner Estates. Claire enjoys being with older adults and has been working diligently to make life fun and meaningful for them since taking over the position. Claire is looking forward to many restaurant outings, games, trips, concerts and plain old fun things to do with her new extended family here at Schooner.



# **MARDI GRAS AT SCHOONER!**

New Orleans has NOTHING on us! Mardi Gras was celebrated in style on Fat Tuesday, February 24th. We had masks, we had costumes, we had authentic food and or course we had beads!

Chef Mike outdid himself with a fabulous New Orleans style menu: Andouille sausage gumbo, Tasso & crawfish Jambalaya, Pan fried catfish, Cajun pork loins, Brabant potatoes, Green onion cole slaw, Dirty black eyed peas and Bacon smothered collard greens. Desserts included Jitterbug bread pudding, Banana cream pie and Coconut gelato profiterole w/hot fudge.

Gus Turbide played the organ while staff and tenants alike danced to the music. Tenants invited over 60 guests who thoroughly enjoyed the merriment.

The culmination of the day was the Mardi Gras parade through the Village Green. Tenants and staff were dressed in Mardi Gras finery as they paraded in front of the tenants and guests which overfilled the area. Theresa and Romeo Labbe were crowned King and Queen of Mardi Gras 2009!



### **NEW DIETARY PROCEDURE**

Starting in March, Tenants picking up their dinners and food items from the kitchen will find a new system for receiving their food. A buzzerwalkie-talkie system will be installed in the kitchen and in the room with the menus, opposite the kitchen. When you want to pick up your food, just push the buzzer in the menu room. The kitchen personnel will ask you how they may help you. After you tell them what you would like from the kitchen, the kitchen personnel will bring your food to you in the menu room.

We are instituting this procedure to keep you safe and healthy. The kitchen is a busy, hectic place with hot stoves and people moving around quickly. It is not a place to be if you are not working in the kitchen. In addition, having nonpersonnel in the kitchen also can spread germs which can cause a variety of diseases.

So, for the safety and health of all at Schooner, we appreciate your following this new procedure.

#### **SALON OPEN HOUSE**



The Salon at Schooner Estates makes it's debut! February 20th marked the official open house for "The Salon at Schooner Estates". Balloons marked the spot and Dot Larra-

bee, President of the Tenant's Council, cut the ribbon to make the opening official.

Tenants were served crackers and cheese, fruit and punch. Names were drawn for several door prizes. The following prizes were all handed out to the winners: Certificate's for the following - a hair cut, a shampoo and style, manicure and a pedicure. Also a Schooner mug and Schooner bag. Below is the new schedule for the salon:

Monday - 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. - NOLA Tuesday - CLOSED Wednesday - 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - BRITTANY Thursday - 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - BRITTANY

Friday - 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. - BRITTAN





