



**Skyline Ridge Neighbors  
Summer Gathering  
& Auction**

**Saturday, July 17  
2:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

16340 NW Rock Creek Rd.

**SRN Elections**

**Tuesday, June 29, 7:00 p.m.  
at Skyline Grange  
11275 NW Skyline Blvd.**

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Skyline Ridge Neighbors, Inc.

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A Neighborhood Association Serving Unincorporated Multnomah County Northwest of Portland.

**SUMMER GATHERING:**

**It's A Social Event!**

Another summer is upon us, which means the date for the Summer Gathering is nearing. Mark your calendars for Saturday, July 17. The Gathering was been an annual event in the Skyline area since 1991. Kids, start looking for places to find that fast frog to enter in the Frog Race. Adults, get those muscles moving, so you can participate in the old-fashioned games without a sore aftermath.

**It's A Fundraiser!**

The Gathering is Skyline Ridge Neighbors' major fundraiser. The proceeds determine the extent to which old and new activities are fundable for the 2005 Budget Year. Publication of the *Skyline Ridge Runner* is by far the most expensive activity of SRN.

- SRN provides you its services FREE.
- SRN's *Skyline Ridge Runner* is FREE and delivered conveniently to your mailbox!
- SRN's Skyline Rural Watch Newslines provides weekly local news.
- SRN keeps you informed about your community better than any other single source of information.
- SRN is a resource of information when you have questions.
- SRN presents information to you in a timely, objective manner.
- Your ad or classified in the *Ridge Runner* reaches 1400 local households.
- SRN presents informative topics at its meetings.

If you value any of these accomplishments, please give back to SRN through a monetary gift, volunteering your time and/or giving an auction item for the Summer Gathering. (Seen the inserted Donation Form)

**A Call for Auction Donations**

Want to donate an auction item or a monetary gift? Mail the inserted Donation Form back a.s.a.p.

Need ideas about an auction item? Consider:

- Something homemade, such as baked goods, peach preserves,

a flower planter.

- Teach a skill, such as a knitting lessons or mole trapping lessons.
- Give a service, such weeding, deadheading rhododendrons, or babysitting.
- Solicit your favorite business for a gift certificate.
- Create a scarecrow for the oral auction.

**Volunteer Opportunities**

Though we would be delighted to load on the work, really we do strive for "one small task for each volunteer." You have many tasks to choose from - some requiring muscles, some requiring creativity, some requiring phone calling, some requiring little time and some requiring much time. Contact us. Find out about volunteer options by calling Sen at 503-621-3331 or emailing Fundraising@SkylineRidgeNeighbors.org or attending the Fundraising Committee meeting on June 29 (7:15 p.m. at Skyline Grange, 11275 NW Skyline Blvd). Calling or attending the meeting does not obligate you to six weeks of forced labor (though some would say walking with the SRN President each morning at 5:30 a.m. does).

**SRN ELECTIONS:**

The biannual elections for SRN vice president and secretary will be held on Tuesday, June 29 at 7 p.m. at the Skyline Grange Hall, 11275 NW Skyline Boulevard. Catherine Dalziel, our current vice president, is running for re-election, as is Miles Merwin, our present secretary, running. Both have held their present position for a two-year period. No other nominees have come forth.

**Special Ridge Runner Thanks**

We thank the following people for writing articles or providing information in this Ridge Runner: Laurel Erhardt, David King, Max Hobbs, Kathy Lamb, Deputy Keith Bickford, Seth Tane, Jolene Williams, Jean Nixon, ODOT, Storm Smith and Ed Bonollo of TVF&R, Leon Speroff, and Sally Lynch of FoffFP. As usual, the process was fast and furious in the end to meet deadlines and to accommodate our hectic schedules. You dropped your own projects and made the *Ridge Runner* a priority. Thank you.

# LAND USE:

## Open House on Land Compliance Codes

In June, Multnomah County will hold two local open houses on the new land use code compliance procedures. The first will be held at the Sauvie Island Grade School Cafeteria, 14445 NW Charlton Road on Thursday, June 17. The other will be held at Skyline Grange, 11275 NW Skyline Boulevard, on Tuesday, June 22. Both will run from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

These open houses are part of a public education effort by the County designated to increase voluntary compliance with rural land use codes. Environmental Compliance Program staff will outline the procedures used to investigate and resolve land use code violation complaints received by the County. The compliance procedure is based on a graduated set of responses to alleged code violations and emphasizes education and voluntary compliance first and foremost.

For copies of the rural land use ordinance or information about the land use code, contact Kim Peoples or Michael Grimmitt at Multnomah County Environmental Compliance Program at 503-988-5050.

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## The Dirty Thirty Workshop

What do the Grey Squirrel, English Ivy, Japanese Knotweed, Morning Glory and the English Sparrow have in common? They are all non-native species damaging our native ecology. "The Dirty Thirty Workshop" will assist local residents to identify species of plants, animals, and insects considered a threat and will instruct about methods of control. It will be held on Wednesday, June 23, 6-9 p.m. at Montgomery Park, 2701 NW Vaughn St., Portland. The Workshop includes an award winning video & break out sessions. It's free, with refreshments and a complimentary "Dirty Thirty Control Kit." Sponsors are West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District, Portland Parks & Recreation, Forest Park Stewardship Program & Ivy Removal Project. While advance registration is not required, an R.S.V.P. would be appreciated. Contact Jim Robison at 503-238-4775 x 101 or email [jim@westmultconserv.org](mailto:jim@westmultconserv.org).

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## Tree Debris & Wildland Fires

What you do now certainly can make a difference this summer when wildfires are the day's top news stories. This winter's heavy snow and ice brought down many tree limbs, even whole trees. This magnitude of woody debris could become a huge source of fuel if a wildland fire should occur.

Skyline residents have begun asking what to do to rid their property of this debris. First, do not toss downed limbs and other combustible materials into ravines. When wildfires do occur, they often move faster up ravines. Dumping woody debris into ravines only increases wild fire fuel and fire danger. One suggestion would be for neighbors to join together to have the debris chipped or hauled to an approved recycling center. An excellent web site source of information about reducing fuel loads in wildland/urban interface areas can be found on [www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org).

TVF&R encourages property owners to be proactive in preparing their properties to be defensible in the event of a wildland/urban interface fire. Over the past several years, TVF&R has tried to hammer this into all who will listen. The reality is, during a wildland/urban interface fire, firefighters triage properties; those most defensible

will have top priority; those less defensible, for example because of narrow driveways or combustibles near buildings, will not have priority! TVF&R is so intent on assisting property owners that they offer FREE consultation. They will come to your residence to perform a wildland/urban interface site assessment with you. You will receive written recommendations for making your property more defensible. To make an appointment or for questions, contact Deputy Fire Marshal Ed Bonollo at 503-356-4715. (Source: Storm Smith, TVF&R)

# COMMUNITY NEWS:

## Skyline Grange News

### Circus Camp Returns for Kids

For the third summer, the Nomadic Theatre Company will offer Circus Arts Camp at the Skyline Grange. This popular camp occurs July 26 – 30, from 9 a.m. to noon. It is open to children in grades kindergarten through sixth. The Camp includes clowning, juggling, acrobatics, theatrical games, stilts, tumbling, dance and lots of imagination! Circus skills are challenging and fun, with activities alternating between group skills and individual, mixed age and age specific. Participants will develop acts over the week to present on Friday, July 30 to friends, family and the community. The Camp costs \$85/child or \$75/each child in the same family. Some financial assistance or trade is available and parent involvement is encouraged. Balance is due on first day of camp. Early registration is appreciated. Checks should be mailed to "Heather Pearl", 4207 N. Longview Ave, Portland, OR 97217. For details and questions, contact Heather at 503-358-3441 or email [heatherpearlcromie@yahoo.com](mailto:heatherpearlcromie@yahoo.com). For more information about the Nomadic Theatre, log onto [www.nomadictheatre.org](http://www.nomadictheatre.org).

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## Forest Park News

- **Walk or Run for the Wildwood**

On Sunday, July 25, enjoy the splendor of the Wildwood Trail in Forest Park. This 5<sup>th</sup> annual event raises funds to maintain this urban hiking trail. Proceeds will be used for repair and maintenance of the Wildwood Trail and other trails in the Park. Participants have the choice of three different routes: the 2.5 mile Aspen Trail Loop, the 7.5 mile Alder Trail Loop, and the 20 mile Wildwood Course (Germantown Road to Lower Macleay). Fees are \$20 for pre-registration and \$25 of registration on the day of the event for the 2.5 and 7.5 mile routes. For the 20 mile route, pre-registration is required and costs \$45. For more information, to request a brochure, or to register, log onto [www.FriendsofForestPark.org](http://www.FriendsofForestPark.org), or call 503-222-6454.

- **Forest Park's "All Trails Challenge"**

Beginning in June, Friends of Forest Park (FoFP) challenges you to hike or run every trail in Portland's crown jewel of parks. Deemed the "All Trail Challenge" (ATC). FoFP hopes the ATC will encourage you to explore areas of the Park that might be new to you. FoFP will provide check-off sheets (available both online and through the mail) that list all major trails, side trails, and roads; trail segment distances and elevation change are included—that's over 50 miles and more than 11,500 feet of cumulative elevation change! The check-off sheet will also provide space for you to log your completion date for each segment. When you've completed the ATC, send the form to the FoFP office for a certificate of achievement and a listing of your name in the FoFP newsletter. Sponsors, REI and Fit Right Northwest, will also

reward your success. The ATC runs through the end of 2005, giving you a year and a half to apply your feet to this feat. To download a copy of the ATC form, visit [www.friendsofforestpark.org](http://www.friendsofforestpark.org). To receive a form in the mail, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to the FoFP office with a request for the ATC form. Email [info@FriendsofForestPark.org](mailto:info@FriendsofForestPark.org) (preferred) or leave a phone message at 503-223-5449 with any questions.

## Crime Report

Since 1994, SRN has tracked crimes in the area. The report area is all in northwest Multnomah County. The borders of the crime report area are approximately: Up Newberry Road, west on Germantown Road to the Washington County line, northwest along the County line to the Columbia County line, southwest along Hwy 30, and back to Newberry Road.

Accuracy of this crime information is dependent upon Multnomah County Sheriff's Office communicating with SRN, and by information provided to SRN by the victims. SRN tries to validate the accuracy of its information and realizes crimes occurring in the area are under-reported to SRN, especially mail theft crimes.

From January 1 – June 8, the following crimes were reported to SRN: 1 mail theft, 3 residential burglaries, 6 mailbox vandalisms, 1 theft from a vehicle, and 2 illegal dumping incidences.

If you see suspicious behavior or are witnessing a crime in process, do not hesitate to call 911. To report a crime that has occurred and the situation is now a non-emergency, call the non-emergency response line at 503-823-3333. To report crimes to SRN, email information to [SkylineRuralWatchNewsline@hotmail.com](mailto:SkylineRuralWatchNewsline@hotmail.com) or call 503-621-3331, giving accurate details.

## Want DSL & Have Qwest?

DSL service is available only sporadically to segments of residents in northwest Multnomah County. If you do not have DSL, want it, and are a Qwest customer, Qwest wants to hear from you. If the demand for service is high enough in locations not presently with DSL availability, Qwest will install a remote terminal (also called a DSLAM or "stinger") to service that area. First, Qwest needs documentation that there is a demand for DSL in an area, so call and keep calling them. Requests for service are kept on record only for 6 months; after that, the count starts over. Keep calling at least every six months if you do not get service within that time period and encourage your interested neighbors to do so also. Contact Qwest by calling 1-800-267-1192 or online at [www.qwest.com/dsl](http://www.qwest.com/dsl).

## TVF&R News

### • Staffing at Skyline Station #63

TVF&R is assisting young people who wish to make firefighting a career while reducing response times to incidents in the Skyline area. Previously, incidents were handled by trained volunteers living in the Skyline area who had to drive from their homes to the station before responding. Thanks to a new program, the Skyline volunteers now have been augmented by four volunteer/residents who live at Station 63 while attending fire science classes at area institutions. The volunteer/residents call the fire station "home" Mondays through Fridays from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m., and 24-hour coverage on Saturdays and Sundays. The addition of volunteer-residents to Station 63 is yet another way that TVF&R continues to look for innovative and cost-effective ways to serve you and help keep your community safer.

### • Volunteer Firefighters Wanted

If you have an interest in serving your community as a volunteer firefighter, contact Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue's Volunteer Hotline at 503-259-1207 to leave a message. At this number, you can also leave a message for Skyline Volunteer Captain Jeremy Davis by following the prompts. For additional information, log onto [www.tvfr.com/Jobs/Vol.html](http://www.tvfr.com/Jobs/Vol.html).

Volunteer firefighters drill each Monday night at various locations around the Fire District. Captain Davis is usually available Mondays between 5 and 6 p.m. at Station 63, 11646 NW Skyline Blvd. while the crews do their weekly apparatus maintenance checks. Feel free to stop by Station 63 for a visit.

### • Rule Changes for Agricultural Burning

The rules regulating agricultural burning have changed and are too numerous to list here. Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue will no longer issue written agricultural burning permits; however, burning of agricultural debris will be allowed in compliance with the Fire District's Safe Burning Regulations, DEQ's Air Pollution Regulation, and Oregon State Statutes. Check TVF&R's web site at [www.tvfr.com](http://www.tvfr.com) for complete information on agricultural burning.

## Raccoons Carrying Virus

Is your dog vaccinated for canine distemper? Some raccoons in the Metro area are carrying canine distemper virus which can be spread to dogs. Cats and humans are not affected. An infected raccoon may have mucousy eyes and nose, and may be sluggish. If you are concerned about a sick raccoon, call the Portland Audubon Society's Wildlife Care Center at 503-292-0304. The Center is coordinating the disease response, but since resources are limited, a sick raccoon in an urban area will have higher priority over rural areas. The bottom line is: have your dog vaccinated. (Source: Oregonian, ODF&W)

## PEOPLE NEWS:

- **Brad and Karina Ganz** are the parents of twin boys, born on March 9, 2004. **Enrico** weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces and **Antony** weighed 5 pounds, 3 ounces at birth.
- **Johan Daniel Sybrand Vonk** was born on November 22, 2003, measuring 7 pounds 8 ounces and 21 inches long. Proud parents **Coert Vonk** and **Barrie Levinson** are enjoying his smiles and coos.
- **Stacy Heymann and Scott Rust** were married on February 29, 2004; yes that is Leap Year Day! Their wedding story was featured in the April 14, 2004 issue of *The Willamette Weekly*.

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# IN REMEMBRANCE:

## **Bill Mahoney 1953-2004**

*(Bill Mahoney passed away on April 27 at the age of 50. He was our bearded, shy, yet talkative local mechanic of Plainview Garage and a committed volunteer for the old Skyline Rural Fire District 20. Bill is survived by his brothers, Tim and Michael, and sister, Janet, and a thankful Skyline community.)*

Up until earlier this year, I didn't know his name, Bill Mahoney. Before that I knew him as "Hillbilly Bill," the mechanic. He was big, soft-spoken, and always wore the same outfit, a plaid shirt and overalls.

He played a huge role in this community. He was, well, the mechanic. I am sure he's fixed everyone on this hill's car at least once.

When he opened the hood of your car, you couldn't help thinking, "What the hell is he doing?" But the car always ran. His methods were unorthodox but they worked.

The three things that Bill Mahoney probably loved most were reading, music, and all of us.

I remember him as the man we gave the Harry Potter books to. (I am sure he will finish the series somehow.) He's the man who gave my little brother a violin, the man who fixed our broken cars in sticky situations.

It hurts to say that you'll be missed. In the last words of Timothy Leary to Ken Kesey, "I'll see you on the other side, man."

The line for the next ride is over. Rock on... It won't be the same without you.

Max Hobbs, age 15

## **Gordon C. Hoare 1927 to 2004**

*(Gordon Hoare passed away on May 9, 2004 at the age of 77. The family suggests remembrances to charity.)*

Gordon built a home in 1970 on NW Sheltered Nook Road where he lived until his death. His sons, David Wells, Keith Wells, Jim Wells and daughter Nancy Walker all attended Lincoln High School while living on Sheltered Nook. Gordon and his wife Iona had just celebrated 51 years of marriage on March 28. There are now 10 grandchildren and two great grandchildren in the family.

Gordon was a Civil Engineer with the US Army Corps of Engineers for 30 years. While living here he was on the Board of the Skyline Volunteer Fire Department District #20. He participated in protecting and defeating the request to mine clay off of Cornelius Pass. Many of you will remember Gordon for his participation and volunteer work, along with many others in our area, in fighting the County placing a dump site where the Wildwood Golf Course is now located on Highway 30. The group formed West Hills and Island Neighbors and the neighbors will remember the countless meetings, rummage sales, cookbook sales, and other fundraisers held to pay the attorneys, geologists and consultants. Persistence paid off and the site

did not become a landfill. Gordon loved spending time outside in his forest and rhododendrons working and building.

A "Country Gathering" at the Skyline Grange was held on June 5 to celebrate Gordon's life.

## **Emma Krueger Brooks 1902 – 2004**

*(Emma Krueger Brooks passed away on March 23 at the age of 101. When Halley's Comet came over when she was a child, her father said, "This is something that you will never again be able to see!" When it came again a few years ago, she triumphantly stated that she had been able to see it again. Until her health started failing a few years ago, she had a great gusto for life. But she did give up her driver's license when she was 94; she thought traffic was too much.)*

One of the last old timers of "The Hill" passed away on March 23 in Forest Grove where she lived for several years. She would have been 102 years old this July. Born the third of eleven children to Ferd and Caroline Krueger, she spent most of her years at the family farm (now the Plumper Pumpkin on Old Cornelius Pass Road) and at her home on Kaiser Road. She grew up speaking German at home until her father realized the teacher was having to spend extra time teaching his children English. He then pronounced, "From now on, no German will be spoken in this house. We are now Americans."

Her father had come to Portland in 1872 via San Francisco and the "new" railroad. Her mother's family had come to Oregon earlier – her grandmother as a small child coming around the "Horn" and her grandfather by way of the Oregon Trail. Near the German community of Bethany they all settled, where her maternal grandfather helped to start the Bethany Presbyterian Church.

Emma Krueger married a neighbor boy, Joe Brooks. As a young girl she and her sisters thought those Brooks boys were pretty wild because they raced their horses up and down the muddy tracks that became Skyline Boulevard. The Brooks were also very early settlers on the "hill" and had given property from their donation land claim so that there would be a school (now Skyline) and a church.

Joe Brooks was the local rural mail carrier who used a horse and cart at first, then a motorcycle with a side-car, and finally an automobile. He worked out of the Linnton post office. One day he walked into the Lemma's Grocery store where Emma was a bookkeeper. He handed her a small box with the admonition, "Here, don't lose this." When she opened the box she found an engagement ring. Thus was the culmination of that courtship.

For awhile they lived in a remodeled granary on Kaiser Road and then when he was able to build a nice new home, it became a good place for the Brooks and Krueger gatherings. Soon after the depression, the social scene changed from just school and church to activities like the Home Extension Unit, P.T.A., Grange, and American Legion. The ladies all found themselves being charter members of everything; and Emma was no exception because she and Jewel Motz were the unofficial taxi drivers for most events.

Some years after Joe passed away in 1963 she moved to Hillsboro because the farm was a big job and not as safe as it had been at one time. But her heart was always on "the Hill." In her later years, her biggest treat was a ride to see the old home place, the little church, and the folks she still knew.

By Jean Nixon, Daughter



## How To Contact SRN:

**SRN Website:** <http://www.skylineridgeneighbors.org>  
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### Skyline Rural Watch Newsline:

Please submit information about local crimes, events, and news for consideration, by faxing 503-621-1272, by emailing to [newsline@skylineridgeneighbors.org](mailto:newsline@skylineridgeneighbors.org), or by leaving a message at 503-621-3331. To receive the longer, weekly Email version of the Newsline, contact [skylineruralwatchnewsline@hotmail.com](mailto:skylineruralwatchnewsline@hotmail.com) or pick one up at Plainview Grocery.

# SRN NEWS:

## Letter to SRN

### Letter

*This letter from an anonymous writer was written in response to the meeting topic chosen by the SRN Board for its spring meeting. At that meeting about 22 Skyline residents gathered to hear a panel discussion on "Airport Issues, with Emphasis on Noise." The panel consisted of members of PDX's Citizen Noise Abatement Committee and representatives from the Port of Portland.*

"I can hardly believe what some people can come up with. We have lived in the Northwest Skyline neighborhood for over 20 years. The planes have been flying overhead all those years. I would imagine they were flying over when the complainers bought their house up here.

They are not that noisy. Where would you have the airplanes fly? I suppose a good suggestion would be to have them fly over someone else's neighborhood. That seems to be the mentality of so many people. They move next door to a racetrack or rock quarry or airport and then expect those people to do their business somewhere else. Just how do these people get to be so important that something like the airport should be moved to accommodate them?

How long does the noise of the airplane last? Maybe 10 seconds. We sit on our patio or in the hot tub and the airplanes don't even begin to annoy us. Conversation can go on as normal. Frankly, I find the neighbors constantly barking dog much more annoying.

It is also rather reassuring to be able to hear the airplanes and

know they are flying, business as usual, compared to the time after 9/11. I have suggestions for the complainers. Next time they have a trip or vacation to Hawaii, the East coast or wherever, maybe they should just drive or take the train or a slow boat. Don't fly on one of those annoying airplanes. A better solution to the problem, if you don't like it, just move.

Long time resident of NW Portland"

## Board Response

The SRN Board encourages residents to provide suggestions for meeting topics. Accordingly, we responded to numerous inquiries about aircraft noise. It was apparent at our Airport Meeting that 1) the intensity of aircraft noise varies significantly even within short distances in our area, 2) attendees' perceptions of aircraft noise varied from not bothersome to significantly bothersome, and 3) our neighborhood does not experience an unfair share of aircraft noise (The Vancouver area probably does).

We are pretty sure most of the attendees left the meeting with a greater appreciation of the complexity of the issue. Also, we are quite sure attendees did not go away feeling they had just spent two hours in a gripe session.

We appreciate the opinions of this anonymous writer. Yes, most of us did buy our properties after PDX was well established with frequent flight patterns over our neighborhood. Yes, most of us enjoy the benefits of air travel. And yes, aircraft noise is a part of our world and neighborhood, just as are the sounds from chainsaws, lawnmowers and ever increasing traffic.

***(Note: The SRN Board has decided that in the future we will print and respond only to signed letters. This is a fairly common practice with most newspapers.)***

## Treasurer's Report: May 2004

Well, the big elections are coming up, and the Board is all a twitter. I'm referring here to the Skyline Ridge Neighbors elections, of course. The year, the treasurer position is not voted on. So, I'll continue to keep the terrorists away (except those that bash your mailboxes...they're unstoppable!), and to spend your money with reckless abandon!

Speaking of that, we're sucking the treasury down faster than Bela Lagosi, so if you feel a tickling on the back of your neck at the Summer Gathering, it's just me doing a little covert fund raising. Or at least, that's what I'm going to tell my wife!

In all seriousness, we do need your financial participation at the Summer Gathering, our annual fundraiser. Our regular funds will be expended by the end of the year without this event, and we would be forced to dip into the rainy day account next spring. With the economy picking up a little, hopefully we'll all have a little more in our pockets come July.

Many thanks to Donald and Shirley Motz, the Erhardt Family and Robert Vanderwerf for their continued financial support to this organization.

Here are SRN financial numbers:

Income:	Expenses:
Advertising: \$100	Administrative: \$ 100
Donations: \$ 36	Ridge Runner* \$ 1180
Interest: \$ 4	Website \$ 186
<b>Total Income: \$194</b>	<b>Total Expense: \$ 1466</b>

(\*These results do not reflect the cost of this issue of the *Ridge Runner*, approximately \$1000.)

- Balance in checking account: \$ 2,917
- Balance in Rainy Day account \$ 5,071

Respectfully submitted, Patrick Ahern

## TRASH TALK:



Some of the Logie Trail Volunteers at our neighborhood SOLV-IT Clean-up. Log onto [www.skylineridgeneighbors.org](http://www.skylineridgeneighbors.org) for more photos.

## Caution: Cat-like Urine Smell at Dump Site

When Deputy Keith Bickford of Multnomah County Sheriff's Office heard that SRN was planning a roadside SOLV-IT clean-up in April, he asked that we emphatically warn volunteers not to go near garbage with the characteristic discards of a meth lab. Since many Skyline residents clean up debris routinely along our roadsides and in the woods, we thought this information should be passed along to all local residents. By-products from methamphetamines (meth) labs carry health risks to those who come in contact with them. Even exposure to small amounts through inhalation, skin exposure, swallowing or injection can pose serious health risks.

Every pound of methamphetamine produced generates five or more pounds of hazardous waste. Meth producers have to find discrete ways to dispose of the wastes. Much is dumped down drains, into toilets or onto the ground. Bulkier wastes may be dumped along rural roadsides, down embankments, and in the woods. By-products of a meth lab include plastic tubing, glass jars, coffee filters with red stain, propane tanks that might be burned with bent or tampered valves, empty pill bottles, funnels, rock salt, iodine, lithium batteries, hydrogen peroxide, ephedrine or pseudoephedrine tablets, and empty cans that had contained camp stove fuel, toluene, alcohol, paint thinner, ammonia, or starter fluid. It is true that many of these items may also be found in any household trash. **Characteristically, these illegal dumpsites reek with a strong cat-like smell and contain some of these ingredients. Deputy Bickford emphasizes the urgency for people to leave a suspicious site immediately and report it to 911.**

(Sources: Multnomah County Deputy Keith Bickford; <http://www.metrokc.gov/health/methlabs/>; [www.drugabuse.com](http://www.drugabuse.com))



Discovery of 300 stolen VHS tapes from the Lake Oswego Library. They were found on Logie Trail during our neighborhood SOLV-IT Clean-Up.

### Nearest Trash Facility

The nearest facility to dispose of trash is at the Metro Central Station, located at 6161 NW 61<sup>st</sup> Ave. just off Highway 30. Its hours are changing effective July 1, 2004 from 7 a.m. (instead of 8 a.m.) to 7 p.m. daily. It is closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's. Cash, Visa, MasterCard and checks are accepted. Personal checks must be presented with a valid driver's license or identification card that matches the check being written. The signer must be present. Covered (tarpred) loads of mixed waste are charged \$67.18 per ton plus a \$6 transaction fee. Minimum charge is \$17 for 340 pounds or less. Uncovered (untarped) loads of mixed waste are charged \$92.18 per ton plus a \$6 transaction fee. Minimum charge is \$22 for 340 pounds or less. For more information, call Metro Recycling Information at (503) 234-3000.

# OUR ROADS:

## St Johns Bridge Update

The St. Johns Bridge rehabilitation project has been under way since spring 2003. The contractor will begin work requiring the complete closure of the bridge on five separate weekends this summer (June 11-13; June 25 - 27; July 9-11; July 23-25; and one additional weekend to be scheduled). During the weekend closures, the bridge will be closed at 8 p.m. on Friday and reopened at 5 a.m. the following Monday morning. The weekend closures are necessary to protect the safety of the public and construction workers during very sensitive hinge pin removal and replacement work. Project is scheduled for completion in late 2005.

During the remainder of the painting work, the bridge will remain closed to pedestrians to protect their safety. Bicyclists can continue to ride in the traffic lanes. For more information, contact Stacy Codington, Senior Community Affairs Coordinator, at 503-731-8281. Check out the St. Johns project website for current information at [http://www.odot.state.or.us/region1/f\\_stjohns/index.htm](http://www.odot.state.or.us/region1/f_stjohns/index.htm) (Source: ODOT)

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### Look Quickly - Clean Roadsides!

On April 24, 48 people showed up to clean 19 miles of roadside at the SOLV-IT Skyline Neighborhood Site. All the volunteers were local residents, except for six. Together they collected approximately 1,000 pounds of scrap metal, enough debris to fill a huge dumpster, about 300 stolen video tapes from the Lake Oswego Library, and 56 tires. The best thank you for these volunteers would be for people who tend to litter, not to litter.

SRN would like to thank in particular, SOLV for accepting our site as one of its SOLV-IT sites and helping us make this a successful safe clean-up effort, Laura Foster for spearheading this project, Steve Cook for collecting the scrap metal, Dexter Bacon for taking rims off tires, Les Schwab tire stores on Walker Road and on Imbrie Drive for free tire disposal, the Richard Family for hosting the Logie Trail effort, Tony and Laurel Erhardt for tending the dumpster, George Sowder for hauling debris, Carol Wilkerson for manning registration, Multnomah County Road Maintenance at Quarry Road and Scappoose Fire District for lending orange cones for traffic control, and the Organizing Committee (Sharon Barthmaier, Steve Fradkin, BJ Richards, Susan Ahern, Libby Merwin and Laurel Erhardt).

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### More Than a Roadside Clean-Up

It's Sunday evening, April 25<sup>th</sup> and the SOLV dumpster sits in my front yard heaping full. Who would ever have thought that a pile of garbage would bring a smile to one's face? It was a very rewarding weekend as neighbors and SOLV volunteers from out of our neighborhood brought bag after bag of garbage for the dumpster. To know that all of this garbage would now be off our streets took away some of the anger for those who dumped it there in the first place! And, once again, I renew my appreciation of all the good people of the earth who care enough to get involved. There are more than we know.

I met some who were new to the neighborhood: my math teacher's husband, the bluebird lady's partner, the group from Moreland Road. Some who came, we hadn't seen in decades. "How long have you guys lived up here?" - "Well, more 'n 25 years." - "You're kidding, has it been that long?"

There were stories of the day. The turkey vulture who was standing on the ground, atypically close. Close observation and a sense of smell determined he was feeding. One litter patrol brought in 7 bags of video tapes. Lots of really good movies. In disbelief that these had been thrown out, they were found to be from the Lake Oswego Library. The library

was called; they were thrilled the tapes were found, knew their tapes had been disappearing, but didn't know where or how. The police will be investigating.

Some left with "good junk" every time they brought "bad junk." - A good racing tire that must have fallen off a trailer unknown. An old wheelbarrow that came in, left with the next group who were going to turn it into a planter. Tony, my son, was loading the dumpster. He was demonstrating how it is easier to throw backwards over your head with a roll of carpet, approximately the size of a body, than to shove off from your chest. Wrestlers know this move as a belly to back. We all tried it out. Just make sure you keep your mouth is shut when you're throwing old carpet!

And my dogs had probably one of the best days of their lives. Typical of the lab breed, they love people. Load after load of new people came through, all smelling so interesting!

It's a little too hot today for this Oregonian. I'm glad that the hardest work was yesterday morning when it was cooler. As the day begins to cool down, I sit in my front yard sipping a cool drink, giving my old muscles a rest while soaking in the view of the setting sun behind a full dumpster. Ahhhhhh!

By Laurel Erhardt

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### Horses: Pass Wide & Slowly

In order to get from the barn to a favorite wooded riding trail, my horse and I first have to travel along our roadsides. Probably like most other horse riders, bicyclists and walkers, I certainly would prefer not to share the roadway with fast moving autos, school buses, and trucks, as probably most drivers would prefer horses not be on the road. The reality is, we do share the road, and traffic continues to increase. Many drivers of today may not be aware that even the most calm, reliable horse can startle quickly into unpredictable behavior in the presence of loud noises, fast movements, and unfamiliar sights. Horses are capable of bolting, spinning and leaping into traffic faster than riders or drivers may be able to react. A collision between a half ton horse and a vehicle could cause injury or death to the driver, passengers, rider or horse.

Most motorists are careful and attentive, but they cannot assume that horseback riders are in control of their horses at all times. **When approaching a horse, slow down, be prepared to stop, and pass with as wide a margin as possible.** Use additional caution if you are driving a vehicle with a flapping tarp, a noisy engine, or with air brakes. Be prepared to come to a quick stop if a horse seems nervous or if the rider is having difficulty controlling the horse.

A horse can be startled quickly also by a quiet moving object (interpreted as a possible predator). Bicyclists and runners should warn the horse and rider of their approach. When approaching, make conversation and keep talking to let the horse and rider know you are present. If the horse seems nervous, be prepared to stop.

Horseback riders have responsibilities in ensuring road safety. Horses should be ridden at a walking pace on the right shoulder of the road. When there are several horses, the horses should be ridden in single file. Riders should communicate to drivers, runners and bicyclists if they need them to slow down even more.

According to the Oregon Horse Council there are 120,000 horses in Oregon, This industry contributes almost 4% of the \$841.9 million agricultural revenue. Horse ownership continues to grow as a business and as recreation activity. 50% of this equestrian activity is centered in the Metro area. Rock Creek Road, for example, is home to approximately 30 horses and several dozen cows, goats and donkeys. With these simple guidelines, sharing the road with horses will be safer for all.

By Kathy Lamb

## Scare Crows Wanted

Wild - Zany - Funny - Creepy - Traditional  
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Summer Gathering

Use your imagination! Create & donate a scarecrow to be auctioned off in the oral auction. For more information about donating or for ideas about making a scarecrow, contact Pat Brady at 503-645-1535 or pbradyonskyline@aol.com.

## CLASSIFIEDS:

**Receive Weekly Local News:** Request email version of SRN's Skyline Rural Watch Newslines reports by emailing skylineruralwa tchnewsline@hotmail.com. or get a copy at Plainview Grocery.

**Vacation Care for Pets & Plants:** References available. Contact Brienne Stone, a reliable Lincoln High student, at 503-285-5685 or ntbstone@aol.com.

**Part-time Nanny & Office Assistant Wanted:** Part-time, flexible nanny needed for one-year-old in Skyline area. Part-time, flexible office assistant needed for home office. Experience preferred. Contact Robin at 503-621-3284.

**Bee Swarm Collection:** Call Tony Erhardt at 503-621-3501.

**Summer Babysitter Wanted:** Looking for some summer baby-sitting help for our 2 & 5-year old children in the Skyline area. Various and flexible hours. Good pay to responsible high school student. Call Maureen at 503-621-6930.

**Guitar Lessons:** \$35/hr, \$20 1/2 hr. Lynn Frances Anderson 503-735-3992.

**Have Your Home VHS & 8mm Tapes Converted To DVDs:** Quality of VHS tapes deteriorate over time. \$13 for each 3 hr. DVD recording. Call Brian Stone, local 9<sup>th</sup> grader, at 503-285-5685 or ntbstone@aol.com.

**PC's By Pete:** I've put many PC's together, workstations & gaming machines. Can build to suit your needs! Offering low prices, software, & startup lessons. Call Pete Richards, a reliable local Lincoln student, at 503-621-3827.

**Yoga Strength Classes at the Grange:** Every Wed & Fri at 6:30 p.m. All ages & fitness levels. \$50/10 classes or \$7 for drop-ins. Wear warm, loose clothing. Call Mary at 503-621-9670 for information.

**Skyline Grange Available for Rental:** Contact Pat Barnard at 503-286-2857 or pbarnard2@aol.com. Log onto www.SkylineGrange.org.

**Linnton Weekend Market:** Every Sat & Sun, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 10614 NW St Helens Rd. Handmade crafts, collectibles, vintage items, art. For info or to be a vendor, contact Nancy Hamer at 503-286-7752.

**Summer Programs for Kids at Linnton Community Center:** Fun packed, well supervised. Daily activities for children ages 4-14. Many program choices. Contact Debbi at 503-286-4990 or 503-323-0214 (cell). Register now.

**Farm Produce:** Cutflowers, vegetables and honey. Plumper Pumpkin, a Kessinger family owned farm, 11435 Old Cornelius Pass Road. Call 503-645-9561.

**Real Estate Services:** Available by local broker Ken Bergren of Bergren Realty at 503-621-9568 or log onto www.kenbergren.com

**Olympic Villiage Inn Time Share:** In Squaw Valley, California. Spring or fall week. \$2500. Call Irene Bergren at 503-621-1319.

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# CALENDAR:

**Land Use Code Compliance Open House:** Tues, June 22, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., at Skyline Grange. Hosted by Multnomah County.

**The Dirty Thirty Workshop:** Wed, June 23, 6-9 p.m., Montgomery Park, 2701 NW Vaughn St. For more info, contact Jim Robson at 503-238-4775 x 101.

**SRN Elections:** Tues, June 29 at 7 p.m. at Skyline Grange, 11275 NW Skyline Blvd.

**SRN Fundraising Committee Meeting:** Tues, June 29 at 7:15 p.m. at Skyline Grange, 11275 NW Skyline Blvd.

**Skyline Ridge Neighbors Summer Gathering:** Sat, July 17, 2 – 7 p.m. at Shadysprings Farm, 16340 NW Rock Creek Rd.

**Skyline Grange:** meets at 7:30 p.m. on Mon, July 19 & Sept 20 at 11275 NW Skyline Blvd. For information, call Pat Barnard at 503-286-2857 or pbarnard2@aol.com.

**Skyline Volunteer Firefighters** meet Monday evenings at Station 63, 11646 NW Skyline Blvd. Regular drills, maintenance, & business meetings. For information about volunteering, call Volunteer Captain Jeremy Davis at 503-259-1207.

**Spring Backyard Burning Season:** ended June 15. The Fall Season begins Oct 1.

## About Skyline Ridge Neighbors, Inc.

SRN is a neighborhood association serving much of north-west unincorporated Multnomah County. SRN is registered as a neighborhood association within Multnomah County, registered as a non-profit public benefit corporation with the State of Oregon and approved as a 501(c)(4) non-profit organization under the IRS Code. SRN distributes the *Skyline Ridge Runner* & the Newsline Report to residents of the SRN area and adjacent areas and to interested parties.

### Purposes of SRN are :

- to enhance the livability of the area by establishing & maintaining an open line of communication and acting as a liaison between the neighborhood, government agencies and other neighborhoods,
- to provide an open process by which all members of the community may involve themselves in the affairs of the area and
- to be organized exclusively for educational, scientific, and charitable purposes.



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