



April 2002

Skyline Ridge Neighbors, Inc.

A Neighborhood Association Serving Unincorporated Multnomah County Northwest of Portland.

SRN General Meeting  
Thursday, May 23  
at Skyline Grange Hall

7:00 p.m.

Business Meeting

7:30 p.m.

Topic:

"Identity Theft:  
Reason Behind Mail Theft"

Speaker:

Larry Dziomba  
US Postal Inspection Service

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## Next SRN General Meeting: May 23

### Short Business Meeting: Elections

Looking for a means to become involved in the neighborhood? Look no further! Skyline Ridge Neighbors (SRN) will have its biannual election for the offices of vice president and secretary at the May meeting. Also it is seeking candidates for chair of the Land Use Committee. To qualify, you only need to be committed to the purposes of SRN, live within SRN boundaries, and be eighteen years or older. (The purposes of SRN are printed on the last page of this newsletter). Though not required, it is certainly convenient if a prospective board member has access to email.

Board members are asked to attend 8-10 board meetings per year, be alert to the needs and concerns of the neighborhood, help plan educational programs, and in general guide the activities of SRN. SRN's purposes are informational, not political. The Board seeks to be as representative as possible and sensitive to the diversity of our neighborhood and the range of opinions found within it.

Please contact me for more information about Board positions or to suggest candidates. Elections will take place at the next SRN general meeting, at 7 p.m. on May 23. Karin Hunt, President

### Identity Theft: Reason Behind Mail Theft

As the last topic in our "Noxious and Obnoxious Plants and Animals" lecture series, we are targeting mail and identity thieves. Their damage is overwhelming. We have a good meeting planned with Larry Dziomba speaking. Several years ago Larry spoke to us on mail theft. Since the incidence of mail and identity thefts continue to escalate, we decided it was time for him to return. This time he will emphasize Identity Theft, the reason for most mail thefts. Larry is well qualified; he is assigned to the External Crimes Team and is the Public Information Officer for the US Postal Inspection Service.

We hope to see you at the meeting. In the meantime, visit the excellent website of the Federal Trade Commission at <http://www.consumer.gov/idtheft/>.

In response to the article about Identity Theft in the January *Skyline Ridge Runner*, several local residents wrote to the Editor. We are publishing these letters in hopes that they will motivate you to attend this meeting and to learn what actions will help protect you.

### To the Editor:

I opened my Friday's mail this morning to discover a billing from Verizon Wireless. When I called billing, they turned me over to a recording to report fraud. I receive your *Skyline Ridge Runner*. I remembered your article on identity thieves. I'm so grateful I saved it. I used it to contact all three credit bureaus this morning. I hope I acted quickly enough to keep the thievery to a minimum. I just wanted to acknowledge and say thanks for that information.

Sara Bruemmer, NW Germantown Rd

### To the Editor:

I was reading in the January 2002 newsletter about identity and mail theft. I had a serious problem with this same thing last October and thought you might like to know about it. To be brief, I put a couple of bills in the mail box on Columbus Day. A short time later my wife said it was a holiday so I went to retrieve the mail and it was gone. I put a stop on the checks thinking I had solved the problem. On the 31st of October I called the bank for my balance and found it was almost zero. I called the bank and to make a long story short we found someone was writing checks on my account. What the thieves had done was somehow copied my checks and printed a bunch of their own. They wrote over \$3,000 worth that I know of. I wasn't out any money but it sure was a hassle. The bank is out the money. They are investigating the crime but say the chances of catching the thief and recovering the money are very, very slim. I learned a very hard lesson and now take my mail to town.

Over the 16 years living in this rural area of Portland we have had two other incidents of mail theft that we know of. We initially called the Post Office but discovered there is very little they can do. I'm glad you're covering this dilemma at a future meeting. I look forward to attending.

Dennis Trettin, NW Ash Street

# COMMUNITY NEWS:

## Grange News:

### From the Master:

In March a group of Grange members, interested local residents and observers from other Granges and the State Grange met. Once again the Skyline Grange looked like it was about to close due to the lack of people participation with only a few members actively involved. The people in attendance voiced strong concern about loosing the Grange Hall. The Hall is about the only place where local people can meet on the Ridge since the Church has closed and the School requires meetings to end by 8:30 p.m. The visiting "observers" informed the group that using the Hall as a community meeting place would easily fall within the Grange's dedication to community service. Though the traditional Grange rituals and ceremonies are important to many Granges and members, the observers also informed the group that it was acceptable that our Grange meet with less formality, i.e., simply sitting around a table and meeting with at least a quorum of seven members. From the group present, people volunteered to fill the required Grange positions with a promise to learn their roles if a more formal meeting was held.

If you value the Grange Hall as a community resource, consider joining the Grange (\$33/year) or by giving a monetary donation or by expressing that you would be interested in joining a maintenance work party. Donations can be sent to "Skyline Grange," c/o Jon Ruddell, 14815 NW McNamee Rd, Portland 97231. For information about the Grange and membership, contact Mary Ann Linn at 503-286-7946 or email to maryannlinn@aol.com. Any suggestions, comments, or how you would like to personally use the Grange building or any relevant information would be welcomed.

Already, the Grange is buzzing with plans for upcoming community activities. Read on and join us in upcoming activities.  
By Mary Ann Linn, Master

### Skyline Grange Native Plant & Tree Sale:

The Skyline Grange will hold its second annual Native Plant and Tree Sale on Friday, April 26 and Saturday, April 27 from 9am-5pm. Native plants will be provided by Bosky Dell Native Nursery and fruit and flowering trees from a local generous grower. We will have plenty of resource information available about native plants and planting instructions. If you desire to buy a particular native plant, call Mary and she will try to obtain it for you to be ready for pick-up at the Sale. For information, contact Mary Young @ 503 286-7613 or youngsatheart@earthlink.net

### Kids' Summer Classes Again at the Grange:

Looking for a local, convenient option for summer activities for kids! Classes and camps will again be offered at the Grange this summer. So far, DU JUMP Theatre Camp (circus arts), Drama Camp, Art Camp, Creative Dance Theatre and Fencing have been lined up. More will be offered. At the end of certain camps, perhaps a performance or a demonstration or open house will be offered to the public, families and friends to attend. As soon as the final schedule is determined, fliers for registration will be available at Skyline School, Plainview Grocery and information placed on the Newslines. If you have ideas about classes or instructors, or would like to share your talents, contact Mary Young at 503-286-7613 or youngsatheart@earthlink.net.

### Car Wash

The Girl Scouts of Troop 1532 have organized a fundraiser for the Skyline Grange. They are holding a car wash on Sunday, May 5 at the Skyline Grange from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Come and enjoy. For more information call Cathy Ramsey at 503-292-1704.

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## Skyline School News

### From the Principal:

It is impossible to watch the news or read the newspapers without becoming aware of the current budget crisis in the state of Oregon and its impact on school funding. I know the Skyline community is intensely invested in education, and that investment is reflected in the high caliber of our student body.

The Portland Public School Board adopted a budget in March that resulted in a decrease of one teacher from our teaching staff. In addition to this cut, Skyline will be affected by the loss of district wide services in areas such as curriculum, textbooks, maintenance and special education. Central administrative support was trimmed long ago: for example, my boss directly supervises principals at 22 schools, (plus various other programs and personnel). Each principal supervises a staff ranging from 20 to 120.

All school districts in Oregon have been affected by the decrease in state funding for education out of Salem. Portland Schools have been additionally challenged during this budget cycle due to a 60% increase in employee health benefits over the last three years, rising energy costs and loss of one time funds from the city and county.

Ballot Measure 13, which effects funding for schools, will be voted on in May. For complete information regarding budget issues in Portland Public Schools visit our website at [www.pps.k12.or.us](http://www.pps.k12.or.us). It is provided so we can all become better-informed voices in the current dialogue about school funding in Oregon.

By Charlene Russell

### School Foundation Garage Sale:

Skyline School Foundation will have a fundraising Garage Sale on May 3 and 4 at the School. The purpose of the Foundation is to raise money to hire teachers. Skyline Foundation can use money to hire teachers unlike the Skyline PTA. (The PTA's School Auction raised money for enrichment programs, but not teachers.) If you would like to donate an item to the Sale, contact Jan Campbell immediately at 503-621-3324. Your donations to the Foundation are tax deductible.

## Fireproofing Your Property

"Spring Cleaning" is a great time to get outside to clean up excess debris, trim bushes and trees, and start "fireproofing" the area around the house before wildfire season starts. All of the moist weather we had this winter only fed the underbrush that fuels a wildfire so residents still need to take the threat of wildfire seriously. Of course,

# FLORA & FAUNA:

## Cougar and Coyotes and Reporters on the Urban Landscape, Oh My!

(Note: We thank the Audubon Society of Portland and Bob Sallinger for permission to reprint the following article that had been originally published in the Audubon Warbler, March 2002.)

Anyone who reads the newspaper or watches the local news would have been hard pressed to miss the media frenzy that surrounded the sighting of a cougar on Portland's Powell Butte in late January. The Tribune put the story on its front page. All five local television stations sent crews to the Butte to chase down joggers and birdwatchers to find out how they felt about the cougar. One station ran the cougar sighting as the its lead story and another had its reporter stand out in the rainy darkness for two consecutive evenings so that she could report "live" from the scene. At the time that these stories ran the cougar sightings were both unconfirmed and already more than a week old. There is no denying that the sighting of a cougar, coyote and other predator species on the urban landscape remains big news.

Given the sheer number of media stories focusing on predator species in the urban environment, we decided to do some background research on just how big of a risk these species actually pose to humans. The following is a summary of what we found:

In July of 1998, Oregon Health Division published a summary of animal related deaths in Oregon between the years 1980 and 1996. According to their statistics, during those 16 years a total of 76 Oregonians died as a result of direct or indirect interaction with animals. Horses were the most common cause of animal related mortality accounting for a total of 41. Bees, wasps and spiders accounted for 13. Cows and bulls accounted for 9 and domestic dogs accounted for 5. One person died as a result of being kicked by a sheep and another died after being kicked by a mule. One man was gored to death by his pet buffalo, another was consumed by his pet lion, and an infant was killed by a pet ferret. The only deaths that can be described as "wildlife related" during this time period were caused by a car collision with a black-tailed deer and a fatal bite from a rattlesnake. Significantly, there has never been a single death over the entire history of Oregon attributed to either of the two species that get the most press coverage, cougar and coyotes.<sup>1</sup>

It is often suggested that increased hunting could reduce the risk from cougar and coyote. However it is also worth noting that in Oregon alone between the years 1990 and 1994, 67 people were injured and 14 people were killed in hunting related accidents.<sup>2</sup>

Nationally the numbers are not much different. Over the entire history of the United States there has only been one documented death attributed to a coyote. This occurred in Glendale, California in 1981. A family punctually put out food for a wild coyote each day between 4:00 and 4:30. Unfortunately one day their toddler-aged daughter wandered out "to greet the coyote" before her parents had a chance to put the food outside. The coyote consumed her instead.<sup>3</sup> Cougar account for a slightly higher death toll. Between 1970 and 2000 cougar accounted for 73 attacks and 13 deaths across the North American Continent.<sup>4</sup>

The most common wildlife related cause of human mortality in the United States is not associated with a predator species, but rather with white-tailed deer. A report recently published on the CNN Website

cited US Department of Transportation Statistics that car collisions with white-tailed deer account for an average of 130 human deaths per year.<sup>5</sup> Domestic animals take an even higher toll. According to the US Department of Health an average of 4.7 million people are bitten by dogs each year in the United States. 800,000 of these bites require medical attention, 10,000 require hospitalization and an average of 18 people die each year from their dog-related injuries.

The cougar that wandered onto Powell Butte was most likely a youngster only a year or two old, out on its own for the first time and pushed into marginal territory by territorial adults. It is very likely that cougar pass through our midst far more often than we realize; the secretive cats come and go in the night and, save for an occasional track, we never even realize that they are there.

The key to preventing urban wildlife problems is to promote human awareness and there is nothing inherently wrong with publicizing the fact that predator species can and do occasionally wander through our urban greenspaces. Portland Parks and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife should be commended for posting signs around Powell Butte informing the public that a cougar had been sighted and delineating how to behave should another encounter with a cougar occur. Likewise the media also has an important role to play in providing information as to how we best live with our wild neighbors. It is perhaps the nature of the beast that predator stories will grab headlines disproportionate to the relative risk that they pose. We hope that these statistics will provide some valuable context the next time that one of these creatures finds its way into our city, our newspapers and our television sets.

By Bob Sallinger, Wildlife Care Center Director, Audubon Society of Portland

### (Footnotes)

<sup>1</sup> Hopkins, David. "All Creatures Great and Small," Oregon Health Trends. Series # 50, July 1998

<sup>2</sup> Fahey, Brooks, "Living with Cougars" 1996.

<sup>3</sup> Clifton, Merritt, Editor. Animal People (personal communication).

<sup>4</sup> Clifton, Merritt, Editor. Animal People (personal communication).

<sup>5</sup> Dykstra, Peter. "Bugs, Bears Among Beasts that Attack People." CNN Website. February, 12, 2002.



## Reuniting Pets & Owners



Multnomah County Animal Control has developed a website designated to help reunite pets and their owners. You can report a lost pet or a found animal at [www.multcopets.org](http://www.multcopets.org) and click Lost & Found. If you find a lost pet with a Multnomah County license, just type in the license number. The number will bring up the first name and phone number of the animal's owner. This, of course, is dependent upon a pet wearing its license! Having the pet constantly wear identification is the key to improving the chance of reuniting with a lost pet. In addition to wearing a county license, consider a name tag with name, address, and phone number, and consider having a microchip implanted into the pet.

According to the website, do not even wait a day to look for your pet. Unlicensed pets are kept at the Shelter for only 3 days, so an owner should file a report as soon as a pet is missing. At a minimum, talk to neighbors, post notices in the neighborhood, at stores and on SRN's Newslines; contact Multnomah County Animal Shelter at 503-988-7387 or by using its website; call Washington County Animal Control at 503-681-7041; and contact local vets and emergency animal clinics.

## Responsible Disposal of Electronic Equipment:



### • High Tech Now

Accepts electronic equipment from both residential & commercial contributors for asset recovery, dismantling, recycling and/or re-marketing. Charges modest fee for monitors & televisions. Stores CRTs rather than sending them off to an uncertain fate in Asia. Located at 2328 NW Reed St, Portland. Log onto [www.hightechnow.com](http://www.hightechnow.com) or call 503-497-9400 for more information.

### • Students Recycling Used Technology (StRUT)

Is a non-profit organization with the primary goal to get electronic equipment into classrooms. Students evaluate, repair and refurbish the donated computers and equipment. Students gain skills, while public K-12 schools throughout Oregon receive the refurbished computers. If equipment cannot be used at a school, it is taken apart and various materials are recycled. Drop off sites are at Northwest Regional ESD, 5825 NE Ray Circle (just off of Cornell Road towards Hillsboro) and at 13320 NE Jarrett (near Portland airport). Donations are tax deductible. For more information, log onto [www.strut.org](http://www.strut.org) or call 503-251-3771.

### • Free Geek

Refurbishes donated equipment using volunteers who receive computers, education and internet access in exchange. This non-profit, Portland-based organization sells a small portion of its extra equipment and has a for-hire service group. Donations are tax-deductible. For more information, log onto [www.freegeek.org](http://www.freegeek.org) or call 503-232-9359.

## SRN NEWS:

### Treasurer's Report

The similarities between being retired and being treasurer of this association in the first part of the year are striking! There is a lot more money going out than coming in! It makes us appreciate even more the Summer Auction and the donations from our neighbors, like Lawrence Zivin and Carol Chesarek that help to support this newsletter.

If you, too, are feeling so inclined, please mail your contribution to: "Skyline Ridge Neighbors," c/o Patrick Ahern, 21000 NW Logie Trail Road, Portland, OR 97231.

Income from donations and advertising revenue, since January, totals \$220. Expenses for community services, including the *Ridge Runner*, Newslines, and website add up to a little over \$1100. Administration costs round out the total of expenses to \$1160 for the first three months of the year. These amounts are exclusive of the cost of this newsletter issue.

These results leave us with a comfortable balance in our bank accounts of \$5943.

Respectfully submitted, Patrick Ahern

## CLASSIFIEDS:

**Subscribe to the Sauvie Island Gazette:** \$6/year for 11 issues. News pertinent to residents of west Multnomah County. Send check to The Sauvie Island Gazette, 27448 NW St Helens Rd #300, Scappoose, OR 97056.

**Road & Mountain Bicycle Tune-Up & Repairs:** Cleaning, adjustment, lube, suspension fork service, wheel truing, flats fixed, upgrades for all components installed at competitive prices. Call Jesse, high school student from Newberry Rd., at 503-286-6339.

**Meals on Wheels:** Needs volunteers to deliver hot noontime meals to homebound people living in the Skyline area. Commitment is about 1-2 hours once a week. Volunteers pick up the meals in St Johns. Drivers need reliable transportation and a commitment for at least several months. For information, call Nancy Hamer at 503-736-6325 x728.

**Golden Hinoki Cypress Trees:** Narrow, conical shaped ornamental evergreens, 5-6 feet now, moderate growth rate. Tolerates partial shade, prefers sun. \$13 each. Call the Stones, 10570 NW Skyline, at 503-285-5685.

**Wanted Volunteer Firefighters:** For TVF&R Station #63, 11646 NW Skyline Blvd. For information, contact Captain Kevin Ferguson at 503-649-8577.

**Craftsman Hedge Trimmer:** Gas powered (21cc) trimmer. 22" blade for fast, powerful cutting of up to 3/8" diameter branches. Used three times. \$95. Call 503-621-3510.

**2 Items For Sale:** 1000 gallon Steel Tank with access on top, drain at bottom ... inside coated to prevent rust. Wood Burning Blast Furnace for heating water. Call Maryann, on Kaiser Rd, at 503-283-4730.

**Paper Wanted:** Fundraiser for Environmental Middle School that several Skyline kids attend. All types of clean paper and cardboard. Don't have to sort. Until early June. For pick-up service, contact Jan at 503-285-6797 or [encountvid@aol.com](mailto:encountvid@aol.com).

**Babysitter/Mother's Helper Wanted:** for three-year-old daughter while I care for newborn. Good summer job. Need to be able to drive to our home in Skyline/Cornelius Pass area. Call Maureen 503-754-7177.

**House For Rent:** 3 bedrooms & 1 bath. Newly remodeled. \$1250/month. In Skyline/Cornelius Pass area. Call 503-260-3684.

**Farm Produce:** Flower & vegetable plants, honey & straw. At Plumper Pumpkin, a family owned farm, 11435 NW Old Cornelius Pass Rd, Call 503-645-9561.

**Horse Boarding:** Two full care stalls coming available in April at Shadysprings Farm, 16340 NW Rock Creek Rd. \$375 per stall. Call 503-621-6932.

the fire district encourages everyone to avoid burning the debris they collect and to opt for an alternative method of disposal - like drop off at a yard debris collection site or mulching. Anyone who needs wildfire prevention handouts can contact the North Division office at 503-356-4700 or drop by the fire station. If you would like to borrow an excellent TVF&R videotape on fireproofing your property, do so by requesting it from [secretary@skylineridgeneighbors.org](mailto:secretary@skylineridgeneighbors.org). (Note: *American Landscape and Best Buy both accept yard debris for a small fee and they are relatively nearby.*)



## Crime Report

The following crimes were reported to Skyline Ridge Neighbors as occurring during the period of January 1 to April 12, 2002: 1 Criminal Mischief 111 (mailbox); 1 Fraud (as result of mail theft); 4 Illegal Dumping; 1 Mail Theft; and 1 Residential Theft. If you are a victim of a crime, report it to your law enforcement agency. Call 911 in an emergency and/or if the crime is in process. Call Multnomah County Sheriff at 503-823-3333 if it is a non-emergency. Also please inform SRN at [skylineruralwatchnewsline@hotmail.com](mailto:skylineruralwatchnewsline@hotmail.com) to report the crime. SRN does report local crimes on the weekly Newline, but when doing so, does not give specific addresses and names of victims unless the victims request this information to be given out.

## Land Use Decisions:

Since January 1, Multnomah County Land Use Planning Division has notified the public of the following decisions. Unless appealed, the decision goes into effect 14 days after the decision has been announced.

02/19/02 Approval with conditions for a request for lot line adjustment at 19427 NW Morgan Rd.

02/22/02 Denial of a SEC permit to replace a mobile home and to construct a loafing shed and horse barn at 22037 NW St Helens Rd.

03/08/02 Approval with conditions of the request to verify nonconforming use status for residence at 23850 NW Moran Rd.

## People News

**Eleanor Michael Foster** was welcomed into the world by her parents, Laura Carlsmith and Kevin Foster, and 3 siblings on April 8, 2002. Eleanor weighed an even 8 pounds at birth and lives on McNamee Road.

**Kurtis Richard Villarreal**, son of Kim Holm and Cat Villarreal, was born August 17, 2001. He is being well mentored by his active three brothers and lives on Cornelius Pass Road.

Maureen and David Rudder, of Skyline Blvd, announce the birth of their son, **Aaron David Rudder**, born on February 22. Sister Samantha and "canine brothers" are adjusting well to the new arrival!

# TRANSPORTATION:

## St Johns Bridge Update:

The approximately \$30 million project to rehabilitate and paint the 70-year-old St. Johns Bridge is expected to begin early in 2003 and continue through 2005. At this time a seven-week complete closure of traffic is planned at the beginning of the project. Seth Tane, a

resident of Newberry Road, is the Westside citizen representative for this ODOT project.

## Miller Creek/ Newberry Road Update:

As of April 22, 2002, Newberry Road will be closed to all traffic at its intersection with Highway 30. This will last for about six months as the new Miller Creek viaduct beneath Highway 30 is being constructed.

## Rock Creek Road Update:

Washington County Board of Commissioners approved in February general guidelines for changing a road's designation from public access road to a county road. The Commissioners also concluded NW Rock Creek Road falls within these guidelines and approved beginning the process to seek easements from adjacent property owners, to have the road surveyed, to assess the road's condition and to develop a repair and maintenance plan. Once these steps have been completed, this information will be presented to the Commissioners for a final decision whether to accept its portion of Rock Creek Road as a county road.

# IN MY OPINION:

## Model Good Driving

I just received my winter *Ridge Runner* and noticed the mention of Germantown Road being closed. I don't know if you are aware, but Germantown and Newberry Roads have become a nightmare for the people who live along them because of commuter traffic. The speed limit along Germantown is 25-30 mph and few people respect this. This is our home, our neighborhood - not just a road to race down to get to one's destination. The city of Portland is pursuing traffic calming measures to help with the problems but people could help a lot just by respecting the rules of the road as well as respecting their neighbors.

It is true that a lot of the problems come from people outside the neighborhood as well. However, we can set an example for them with very little effort. Please, to all readers, don't be the next car or truck upside down in my yard.

Tomala Paulson, NW Germantown Road

## Need To Reduce Drinking Drivers

As I drive up and down Newberry road to my home on Newberry road, I am continuously alarmed by the number of beer cans in the ditch and on the banks. The litter is one thing which I have little tolerance for - I can continue to do my part, as others do, in picking up after less responsible individuals.

What really concerns me is the presumed amount of drinking and driving. Although I've never seen such a small sign on a back road, it seems to me that we could have a campaign of some kind for many of these small country roads that people drive on while drinking. I am interested in an expanded regional neighborhood effort to promote not driving while drinking. If not regular county signs, then maybe signs like the size of political signs placed in all of our front yards next to the road. It could be creative with several different messages like one liners and one liner statistics to emphasize for their safety, the safety of other drivers, of children, etc.

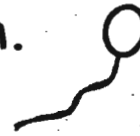
I would love to know if anyone else would be interested or has any experience with such a project. Please call me at 503-222-2322.

Tori Hudson, Newberry Road



# Skyline Ridge Summer Gathering & Auction

## Saturday, July 27, 2-7 p.m.



### Join in the Traditional Summer Fun ... Support Your Community

For the 12th year, Skyline Ridge Neighbors welcomes you to the annual Summer Gathering on July 27. Join the fun - music by local musicians, horse rides, potluck, old-fashioned games and the traditional frog race. The funds raised by the lively oral and silent auctions support the activities of Skyline Ridge Neighbors, such as the printing and mailing of this newsletter, producing the weekly Newline reports, and maintaining its website. **Mark the date!**

### Volunteers Needed:

Success of the Gathering as a social event and as a fundraiser depends upon volunteers. If you would be interested in volunteering, please contact Kathe and Steve Fradkin at 503-614-9064 or kfradkin@msm.com, ideally by the end of April. There is a great variety in work, so choose the activity that fits your interest and time. Volunteers are needed particularly in the following roles:

- **Database & Documentation Coordinator:** Person must be versed with MS Word and Excel programs. Enters auction donors and items information, generates mailing labels, generate solicitation and thank you letters, prepares bid card for each auction item, maintains & updates auction file, prints auction item booklet, and compiles auction results. Marilyn Oliver will be available to orient and mentor someone into this role. This position is labor intense 1-2 weeks prior to the Gathering and just after the auction.
- **Sign Volunteer:** Puts up advertising signs 2 weeks prior and to take signs down day after. Requires about 6 hours in all.
- **Clean-Up Volunteer:** Helps clean-up for several hours just after the Gathering or the morning after.
- **Volunteer During Gathering:** Works 1-2 hours, choosing from a large variety of activities, such as welcoming attendees, helping with kid's activities, manning potluck, working as cashier, manning parking, etc.
- **Children's Entertainment Coordinator:** Decides and coordinates children's activities, including fresh new ideas. Recruits helpers. Requires about 4 hours of planning & set up, about 3 hours during the Gathering and time for clean-up & organizes equipment into storage.
- **Fixed Item Coordinator:** Collects and organizes fixed priced items, recruits helpers, and supervises cashiering at the fixed price tables during Gathering. Fixed priced items include books, records, fabric, fudge, some plants, and possibly other items. Requires about 6 hours.
- **Donation Procurement Committee Member:** Solicits businesses and neighbors for donations and follows up on donations. Requires about 4-8 hours 2-6 weeks prior to Gathering.
- **Oral Auction Coordinator:** Coordinates the oral auction, assists the auctioneer, tallies the results. Requires about 5 hours total.

### Donations Needed:

It is your chance to donate an awesome treasure, something unique, or a service to the auction. Think of items that you would be interested in bidding on. Please completely fill out the donation card below to express your interest in donating. Your volunteer time can be a valuable donation also.

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### Auction Item Donation Card

Donor Name, Address & Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation ... Description: \_\_\_\_\_

Value: \_\_\_\_\_ Suggested Minimum Bid: \_\_\_\_\_

Item is: \_\_\_\_\_ New \_\_\_\_\_ Used, but in good, clean, working condition \_\_\_\_\_ Gift Certificate

I Will: \_\_\_\_\_ mail or deliver item to 12119 NW Skyline between July 10 and 24  
 \_\_\_\_\_ deliver item to 16340 NW Rock Creek Rd on July 26 between 9-11 a.m.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ need someone to pick up the item  
 \_\_\_\_\_ have included a business card

\_\_\_\_ I would like to volunteer, contact me (phone and/or email): \_\_\_\_\_

⇒ Mail by July 1 to Summer Gathering, 12119 NW Skyline Blvd, Portland 97231  
 ⇒ Questions? Contact Steve & Kathe at 503-614-9064 or fundraising@skylineridgeneighbors.org

*Though Skyline Ridge Neighbors is a non-profit organization approved for federal tax exempt status under 501(c)(4) of the IRS Code, this status does not allow donations to be tax deductible for the donor, only very appreciated by SRN.*

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# **CRAIG ANDERSON PLUMBING INC.**

Craig Anderson

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Field and Brush Mowing

Patrick Ahern 503-621-3510

## **Scare Crows Wanted**

Wild - Zany - Funny - Creepy -  
Traditional

For the Oral Auction at the  
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.

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### **Skyline Rural Watch Newslines:**

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# CALENDAR:

**Skyline Ridge Neighbors - General Meeting:** Thursday, May 23, 7:00 p.m. Election of officers & "Identity & Mail Theft." Held at Skyline Grange on Skyline Blvd. between Newberry & McNamee Roads.

**Skyline Volunteer Firefighters:** Every Monday 5:00 p.m. Station 63, 11646 NW Skyline Blvd. Regular drills and business meetings. For information, call Captain Kevin Ferguson at 503-649-8577.

**Skyline Grange Meeting:** 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday each month, 7:30 p.m.: For information, call Mary Ann Linn at 503-286-7946.

**Native Plant & Tree Sale:** A Skyline Grange Fundraiser. April 26-27 at the Grange, on Skyline Blvd. Between Newberry & McNamee Roads.

**Garage Sale:** Fundraiser for Skyline School Foundation. May 3-4 at the school.

**Skyline School Foundation Garage Sale:** May 3-4. At Skyline School, 11536 N.W. Skyline Blvd. For more information contact Jan Campbell at 503-621-3324.

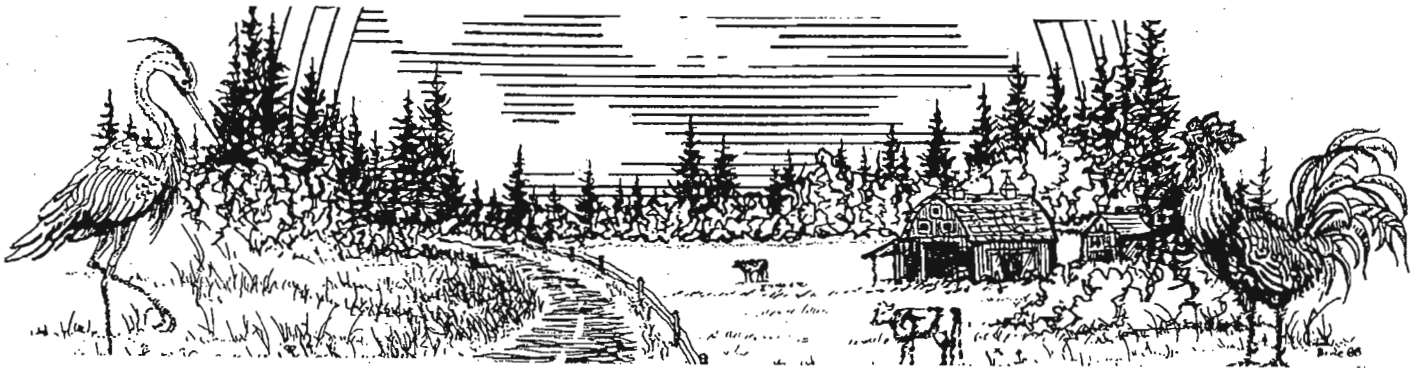
**Girl Scout Car Wash:** Sunday, May 5, 10-3 p.m. Fundraiser for and at Skyline Grange.

## About Skyline Ridge Neighbors, Inc.

SRN is a neighborhood association serving much of northwest 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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