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Summer Gathering 2008 a Big Success at Skyline School

Cindy Banks, SRN Fundraising Committee Chair

It was "back to school" for everyone this year at the Summer Gathering. After many years of having the event at the beautiful Shadysprings Farm, the Gathering moved to Skyline Elementary School last Aug. 2.

After reviewing several choices, the Skyline Ridge Neighbors board chose the school for the change in venue because of its central location, parking, open spaces and kid-friendly playground. But Karin Hunt wasn't done donating her time to the neighborhood; she performed as our auctioneer at

the oral auction, getting the crowd excited and raising the money that we need to keep producing the newsletter you are reading right now. Karin was just one in an army of volunteers who make the Gathering happen.

Our heartfelt thanks go out to everyone who helped gather auction items, set-up and tear down, helped at the food tables, washed dishes and tablecloths, ran the games, created art with the kids - and a long list of other tasks that make our neighborhood event so wonderful every year.

The Summer Gathering was a big success again this year,

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Becca Kelvin presents special recognition award to Ras Sauer for long service as games master at the Summer Gathering (Photo: Natalie Harger)

Local Classes Teach Sustainable Living Skills

Natalie Harger and Jill Inahara

Sustainability means meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs. Sustainability considers the interrelationships of economic, social, and environmental factors.

Skyline Ridge Neighbors is putting sustainable practices into action. Skyline School recently achieved Merit Status as an Oregon Green School. Disposable Styrofoam trays have been replaced with plastic trays that students wash using the commercial dishwasher in the school kitchen. Waste food is saved and fed to local pigs and chickens. Electronic newsletters are sent to most families at the school instead of paper copies. Upcoming activities for this school year include completion of the landscape master plan, which entails removing ivy in front of the school and replanting with native plants, switching to reusable utensils in the cafeteria instead of disposable plastic "sporks," a clothes swap in January, and increased recycling.

Are you ready to contribute to a sustainable future? Are you willing to share your ideas, expertise, and knowledge with others? Connect with interested and interesting neighbors. The future begins with visions and we want

to hear about yours. In talking with some neighbors, we gathered ideas that include community gardens, harvest parties, barn raising, field sharing, courses, classes, neighborly care, a farmers market on the hill.... Let's put our good views together and make them great.

The Northwest Earth Institute (NWEI) offers self-led courses in sustainable living such as Menu for the Future, Voluntary Simplicity, Healthy Children-Healthy Planet, Exploring Deep Ecology, and Discovering a Sense of Place.

A guide and course book make NWEI groups easy, educational, and fun. NWEI recommends weekly one and a half hour sessions, for a total of 5-8 sessions with readings at home prior to each session. See www.nwei.org for course descriptions.

Menu for the Future will be offered this fall to local residents and parents at Skyline School. The cost of the course book is \$25.

If you are interested in Menu for the Future or have knowledge or ideas to share, please contact Natalie Harger (natalie_harger@beavton.k12.or.us or 503.621.3215). A database with the information collected will be created for a Sustainable Ridge and cross-referenced for connections and interests. □

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Skyline Ridge Neighbors is a nonprofit organization serving rural northwestern Multnomah County through educational, environmental and social programs that inform residents on relevant issues and events. SRN endeavors to better our community, encourage volunteer efforts and openly communicate with residents and outside organizations.

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Visit www.skylineridgeneighbors.org for more news, photos and information about our community. Contact the Webmaster, Agnes Kwan, at webmaster@skylineridgeneighbors.org.

► Summer Gathering

thanks to the friendliness and giving of everyone who participated and donated. Familiar and new neighbors came together for a day of food, games, art and music and shopping with the auction and fixed price tables. Generous neighbors and our local businesses made the auction a success once again. Many wonderful items were donated ranging from a canoe to stunning handmade jewelry.

Ras Sauer was honored with frog memorabilia and a touching tribute given by Becca Kelvin for his many years of volunteer service and helping with the games. Ras stepped down this year as the games coordinator but he still attended the gathering and had fun with all of us.

We really appreciated Grant Law and Rebecca Jenkins-Law stepping in to keep the games going. A new activity this year was the cake walk organized by Natalie Harger who gave out tasty treats to those who dared to play. Local musicians Billy Kennedy and friends kept us well-entertained.

Thanks to everyone that attended and to all of the wonderful volunteers. This event would not be possible without the many hours of work from our neighbors. A big thank-you goes to: Jolene Williams, Rhonda Kelvin & daughter Becca, Laurel Erhardt, Elinor Markgraf, Karin Hunt, Karen Garber, Joe & Sharon Barthmaier, Catherine Dalziel, Jill Inahara & Mark Fuji, Nora Schreiber, Julie Perry & her kids, Marla McLeod-Ali, Moutari Ali, Rita McCardell and kids (Cody & Jennifer), Faith Carlsmith, Dustin Sauer & friend Zach, Renee Orlando, George Sowder, Miles & Libby Merwin, John Desmarais, Steve Fradkin, Natalie Harger, Vickie Coghill, Pat Brady, Jan Campbell & kids, Ras Sauer, Rich Edwards & daughter Chaucie, John Gritzmacher, Bobbie & Richard Linn, Susan Ahern, Grant Law, Rebecca Jenkins-Law, Arden Jenkins-Law, Sara Bowersox, Laura Foster, Allison Kotila, Ali & Marla, TVF&R, and Kenny (school custodian).

We also wish to thank all the families and individuals who so generously donated items for the auction this year: Judith Ann, Zoe Bacon, Dexter Bacon, Joe & Sharon Barthmaier, Vickie Coghill, Steve Cook, Laurel & Joe Erhardt, Laura Foster, Karen Garber, Rep. Mitch Greenlick, Natalie Harger, Terry & Sandi Hart, Karin Hunt, Nancy Johnson, Erik & Kim Johnson, Gary & Kelly Kuntz, Richard & Bobbie Linn, Jim Livingston, Elinor Markgraf, Miles & Libby Merwin, Betsy & Jeff Miller, Jim & Kelly Sue Munson, Marilyn Oliver, Gabe & Vicki Quenneville, Ron & Jennifer Rich, Leon & Sen Speroff, Janice Stevens, Gene & Susan Still, Joan Tanner, Kim & Cat Villereal, Carol & Roger Wilkerson, Jolene Williams, and Bill Wong.

SRN continues to try and improve each Gathering. If you have suggestions for next year or would like to volunteer to help, please contact me at fundraising@skylineridgeneighbors.org. □

Thanks to local businesses that donated to the 2008 Summer Gathering! (see p. 8)

Treasurer's Report

Laurel Erhardt, SRN Treasurer

The new venue for the Summer Gathering proved popular. Our expenses increased by over \$450 but were still a respectable number of just over \$900 - not too bad for throwing a party for the whole neighborhood! These costs are held to a minimum due to the generosity of our neighbors donating time and materials.

Our net for the Summer Gathering was \$4831. This is right on target of a goal of \$5000 to keep this publication coming to your mailboxes and supporting other neighborhood activities. Thank you to the many who donated time and materials, bought items at the gathering or just wrote a donation check. This wouldn't be working without you! But mostly – Thank you for coming – it was so good to see you there!

SRN Income and Expense

5/27/2008 through 10/27/2008

Income

Interest	178
Donations	460
Ridge Runner Ads	150
Summer Gathering Auction	5758
TOTAL Income	\$6546

Expenses

Ridge Runner Postage and Printing	1624
Summer Gathering	927
Hall Rental & Admin Expenses	185
Total Expenses	\$2736

Net Cash Flow **\$3810**

As usual, I welcome all comments and suggestions and your fiscally conservative board will continue to use your donations wisely. So, don't hesitate to send \$30 bucks to

demonstrate your continued support of the 501(c)3 Skyline Ridge Neighborhood Association. Donations can be sent to "SRN", c/o Laurel Erhardt, 14416 NW Skyline Blvd, Portland, OR 97231.

Welcome new Board members!

Two new board members on the Skyline Ridge Neighbors board are Rebecca Jenkins, of Rock Creek Road, and Laura Foster, of McNamee Road.

Rebecca says, "Four years ago I returned to the Hill to raise my family and had hoped to become involved in the SRN. I was thrilled when George Sowder asked me to become a board member."

"My experiences thus far have led me to change my notion of the Hill's boundaries and has provided me with opportunities to meet new and wonderful people and to reconnect with old friends, all of whom are the heart and soul of this community. My current life is focused on raising my four children and helping to care for my mother. I hope to help my father reclaim orchards, gardens, and pasture land on their property."



Laura Foster says of her involvement with SRN, "Karen Garber asked me to consider editing the Ridge Runner when Sen Speroff retired from the job. I've been the editor since spring 2007, a job that meant I had to attend only a few meetings a year. Well, I have enjoyed the people I've met and feeling more connected to the neighborhood, so I joined the board last month (which does entail monthly meetings)."

"While I don't like meetings, the eclectic group of people up on this hill make the meetings unlike any I've ever attended. And when you're dealt a good hand in life, as most of us on this hill have been, it's good to give back, and I'm glad to take my turn." □



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Rural reserves at FPNA meeting, Nov. 18

Can we imagine our community in 40 or 50 years? Come to the Forest Park Neighborhood Association's November 18 meeting to hear about the Urban Reserve/Rural Reserve process now underway by local agencies, and the new capability classifications assigned to agricultural lands in this area by the Oregon Department of Agriculture. Of the several planning processes currently underway and scheduled for decision points one year from now, these two are the most likely to affect rural west Multnomah County over the next four to five decades. Presenters are Mary Kyle McCurdy of 1000 Friends of Oregon and Jim Johnson of the Oregon Department of Agriculture. There will be time for questions.

The meeting will be Tuesday, November 18, 7 to 9 p.m., in the Willis Building (Water Bureau Community Center) at 360 NW Greenleaf. This is on the west side of Skyline Blvd., across Skyline from the Greenleaf sign between Burnside and Cornell Roads. There is a parking lot up the drive, next to the building, but please consider carpooling. Questions? Call Jim Emerson, 503-283-4096.

Skyline Grange garage sale results

Thanks to local donors and volunteers, the Grange made \$1,400 at its fall garage sale. The Grange plans to hold its annual spring sale. Start a donation box, yup, even that ugly holiday gift. Think of the Grange first. If the item is clean, functional, and unwanted, the Grange wants it! The Grange will accept donations months before the sale if items are not huge. Call Sen to arrange a drop-off time, 503.621.3331.

Super Saturday Soup Night, Nov. 15

Skyline Grange invites you to join neighbors and friends for good conversation over a home cooked dinner. The menu, courtesy of local cooks and featuring fresh local produce, includes delicious soups, homemade breads, salads, and desserts. Saturday, November 15, 5 to 8 p.m., 11275 NW Skyline Blvd. Suggested donation is \$5/adult or \$12/family. Questions: call Mary Young 503.286.7613, or Sen Speroff 503.621.3331. ☐

People of Skyline

Cheryl Neal named 2008 Bank of America Local Hero

Jennifer Schoenbeck; Executive Director, MIKE Program

On November 12, 2008, Skyline neighbor Cheryl Neal, M.D., will be honored by Bank of America as a 2008 Local Hero. According to Bank of America, Local Heroes are "Heroes who champion causes vital to their communities. Heroes who inspire others to get involved. Heroes who have special and significant impact on individuals, families, or communities."



Cheryl is one of five awardees, selected for her commitment to the MIKE Program, a nonprofit she founded eight years ago as a memorial to her husband, kidney doctor Mike Hartnett, who passed away from lymphoma in 2000. MIKE (Multicultural Integrated Kidney Education Program) connects adult mentors with youth to help equip them with skills and inspire them to choose healthy lifestyles. Designed to prevent chronic disease and premature death, MIKE's emphasis on promoting healthy kidneys has proven to be an engaging context to promote healthy relationships, physical fitness, nutritious habits, mental health, and skills for avoidance of risky behaviors.

As President of MIKE Program, Cheryl established and

pilots a diverse volunteer corps, fostering values of respect, inclusion and empowerment to meet a vision of every individual meeting his/her potential with vibrant good health. For more about MIKE, visit www.mikeprogram.org.

Grace Pauly Westbury 1916 - 2008

Margaret Pauly Tate

Grace was born at home August 10, 1916 to Mr. and Mrs. H.E. Pauly in Linnton, Oregon. (Grace grew up in the area now called Pauly Road which at the time was called Linnton. It now has a Portland address.) She went to the local grade school, Brooks Elementary (now Skyline School), with the rest of her siblings. Later on, as her brothers and sisters grew up, married, and had children, she took care of their babies and children when necessary.

Grace lived and worked in Portland for many years, but later moved to the country. She truly appreciated nature and always surrounded her house with flower gardens. She joined the Mycological Society for a time and often used her artistic ability to draw the many forms of mushrooms she found.

In 1951 she married Robert Westbury who died in 1960. One daughter, Jo Ann Johnson survives.

A graveside service was held at the Presbyterian Cemetery on Kaiser Road.

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WMSWCD open house Nov. 17

The West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District invites the public to an open house, Monday, November 17, 2008 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at 2701 NW Vaughn, Suite 420 in Portland. Light refreshments will be served.

District Manager, Dick Springer, says “A lot has changed recently and this is an opportunity to show our constituents and partners what we’re up to.” Since the East Multnomah district moved to a new location, the West Multnomah district office has been upgraded and remodeled. Besides a new board room and office space, the West Multnomah district office now features a dedicated research library, which includes a wide assortment of maps and surveys related to land use in the district, which includes the SW hills and Sauvie Island. The historical data will be particularly interesting to landowners who may have questions about original uses of their land, boundaries and topography.

In addition to the office changes, new staff will be on hand to introduce themselves and talk about the skills they bring to district projects. New staff members include conservation planner/technicians Mary Logalbo and Scott Gall; and Erica Stokes, Executive Assistant, and Carolyn Myers Lindberg, Education & Outreach Communications Specialist.

Small woodlands workshop, Dec. 6

Small woodland owners in Northwest Oregon manage some of the most biologically rich forests in the world. By understanding the variety of new markets and incentive programs now available, woodland owners can translate that biological richness into diverse income opportunities.

WMSWCD and partner groups offer a one-day workshop, Saturday December 6, 2008 to introduce landowners to strategies and tools for maximizing

the economic potential of conservation-based forest management. Speakers from companies and organizations that specialize in small woodland management, markets, and incentive programs will provide overviews of each strategy.

Programs and strategies addressed will include: 1) Environmental Certification Programs; 2) Forestry Based Carbon Credit Markets; 3) Small-scale Wood Product Manufacturing & Direct Sales; 4) Conservation Easements; 5) Financial Assistance Programs for Small Woodland Owners; and 6) Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) Certification and Markets.

For information, contact Kammy Kern-Korot, WMSWCD Conservation Planner & Team Leader, at 503.238.4775 x108 or kammy.kern-korot@or.nacdnet.net.

Metro continues floodplain restoration along Multnomah channel

Karen Kane, Senior Public Affairs Coordinator, Metro

In September, Metro crews worked to restore the natural alignment of Crabapple Creek, the main stream feeding Metro’s Multnomah Channel natural area. Crabapple Creek runs through Wildwood Golf Course and intersects Highway 30 about 4.5 miles north of the Sauvie Island Bridge. The project returned the creek to its historic streambed (i.e., as mapped in the 1850s) and helped to restore wetlands at the natural area by renewing year-round flow from the stream.

Before European settlement, wetlands along the Multnomah Channel flooded each fall with rising water from the Willamette and Columbia rivers and from smaller streams from the Tualatin Mountains. The largest of these streams, Crabapple Creek, drains a watershed in the eastern Tualatin Mountains. Over generations, the vast series

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Burton Brooks 1919-2008

Sharon Barthmaier

Our neighborhood lost another long time resident in the recent passing of Burton Mallory ‘Duce’ Brooks on May 15, 2008. Duce Brooks was born Dec 9, 1919, the only child of Mallory (Jim) Brooks.

Duce’s great grandfather homesteaded 640 acres on what’s now Skyline Blvd. in the mid-eighteen hundreds. His family name adorns Brooks Rd, Brooks Hill and Brooks Hill Church, and the original neighborhood elementary school (built in the late 1800’s) also bore his name.

Duce married Helen Freitag of Helvetia in 1942 and they had one daughter, Nancy. Duce served in the US Navy in WWII, worked for the Southern Pacific Railroad for 25

years, and later worked as an overhead crane operator for Bingham Williamette.

Duce is best remembered by his neighbors for his lively participation in the Portland Swiss community, Skyline Grange and the delicious corn he used to sell at his farm (the home east of Skyline School with the Swiss flag). He enjoyed meeting people and loved to tell a good story. Duce was always ready with tales of the old times on “the Hill.” Mr. Brooks’ gregarious nature and distinctive voice will be missed but long remembered.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Helen, and his daughter Nancy Scheer; son-in-law Leroy Scheer; two grandsons and great-grandchildren. He is buried at Helvetia Cemetery. □

Love for Rent

Kim Johnson

A dairy goat can produce a surprising amount of milk during their usual ten month milking season. Goat milk is used to make cheese and soap, is a substitute for cow's milk in recipes, and is quite tasty on Frosted Flakes. A goat can be milked twice daily, about twelve hours apart, or for the lazy homesteader once daily if you are willing to settle for slightly less volume. All of this is well and good if the goat you have is already "in milk", or is pregnant. You could simply begin milking, or in the case of the pregnant goat, wait until her baby can be weaned and then take over. My problem occurred when I had three goats that were not in milk and not pregnant. How to get milk?, I sat and wondered.

I began to look at options. My friend Jacqui told me that I wouldn't want to own an uncastrated male goat or buck. In her lovely lilting English accent she informed me that a buck, "can be a bit uncivilized" which is British for "nasty as all get out." Apparently male goats engage in the disagreeable behavior of urinating on their beards or goatees. When their beard has a nice pungent odor they rub it on any readily available female. Because this odiferous beard stench can be smelled in three counties when the wind blows right, a buck is not something to keep about the farm.

A quick Goggle search found a website that suggested the average handy homesteader might enjoy to artificially inseminate their goat herd, which offered the benefit of not having to keep a buck around. Artificial insemination represents a great convenience of modern science, a relatively straight-forward procedure that requires an enormous stainless steel tank full of semen filled straws cooled by liquid nitrogen. A few clicks away I found that this option could be mine for the low, low price of seven hundred dollars. They throw in the liquid nitrogen for free.

A rental agreement proved the way to go. The goat Ferrier I hired to do hoof trims suggested that the answer to my problems would be to lease a buck. With a lease I would only have a buck for a few months and I could simply return him after my goats were bred. She said I should contact her Uncle who owned several bucks and might be willing to loan one out for a modest fee.

I did just that and arranged to pick up my rented stud the following weekend. He was a handsome guy but seemed young and a little on the shy side. I was assured that he spent a large portion of his day urinating on himself and was sufficiently stinky, just what my female goats would want.

We drove him home and I introduced him to the ladies,



"Tina" enjoys life.

who promptly kicked him out of the barn and ate all his food. For the next several weeks this continued. Our rented Romeo remained optimistic however, and daily attended to his stinky hygiene while the ladies continued to kick him in the head and steal his food. I began to despair, wondering if we would ever see baby goats. I didn't need to worry for long, however, as one crisp fall morning I found the goats in the barn getting along famously, the ladies suddenly aware of a certain *eu de cologne* wafting their way. I marked my calendar as "goats bred" and counted out one hundred and fifty days. If all goes well this spring we will have cheese, soap and plenty of Frosted Flakes.

3,220 Pounds Lost!

Sen Speroff, SRN and Karen Smith, FPNA

That is 3,220 pounds of Garlic Mustard. This spring, 27 local residents spent 144 hours pulling second year plants before they could go to seed. They monitored and pulled along roadsides and on private and public property in the second year of a joint effort of Skyline Ridge Neighbors (SRN), Forest Park Neighborhood Association (FPNA), and Skyline Grange. Thanks to West Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District which paid for disposal fees and for roadside informational signs.

Garlic mustard has been listed as a "priority noxious weed" by the Oregon State Weed Board. It takes a serious weed to reach that status! It is a threat to Oregon's ecology and economy. A single plant can produce a thousand seeds that can live in the soil ready to sprout for about five years. Yikes!

We are working swiftly to control garlic mustard before it becomes impossible to control. Other groups and agencies working to eradicate garlic mustard in our area are Portland's Bureau of Environmental Services, Portland Parks and Recreation, Clean Water Services, SOLV, The Nature Conservancy, Three Rivers Land Conservancy, WMSWCD, and Multnomah County.

Next April through June, join your neighbors to monitor your property and roadsides. Details for spring 2009 will be posted on the Newline and in the Ridge Runner. □

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► **Floodplain** (continued from p. 5)

of riverbank floodplains that lined the Willamette River, including those at Multnomah Channel, were converted for agriculture and development, with dikes built to prevent seasonal flooding. In the process, the wetland ecosystem based on that flooding was dramatically altered.

Restoring Multnomah Channel's natural functions focuses on re-establishing the seasonal flood cycle. Beginning in 2001, Metro partnered with the U.S. Forest Service, Ducks Unlimited, Natural Resources Conservation Service, and others to build two structures that could hold water from Crabapple Creek and the Multnomah Channel in the floodplain during the winter and spring and allow the wetlands to drain slowly in the summer, just as they did 150 years ago. Although the structures are artificial, they represent the only effective way to mimic the natural, annual cycle of flooding that occurred historically.

The restored seasonal floods have been largely successful at drowning invasive plant species and favoring flood-tolerant native plants. Additionally, Metro has planted 60,000 native trees and shrubs including red alder, Oregon ash and willow species. These efforts have created habitat for species including bald eagles, great blue herons and beavers. Today, beaver-chews are found across the site, and the number of great blue heron nests has increased in number from none before Metro began managing the property to around 20. The Northern red-legged frog, whose status has been listed by ODFW as sensitive, has expanded its range from two small areas to more than half the site. Ongoing phases of restoration will continue to improve water quality and wildlife habitat.

This work is part of an overall wetland restoration effort conducted by Metro at Multnomah Channel, and is funded by the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, and others. For more information visit www.oregonmetro.gov/naturalareas.

Metro launches 2009 grant cycle

Do you have an idea that could lead to positive change in the Skyline neighborhood? Metro has three grant programs that may be of interest; each will be funded in 2009, with applications due in the next few months. Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants fund projects that preserve or enhance natural features and their ecological functions on public lands in neighborhoods, and help ensure that every community enjoys clean water and nature. Schools, neighborhood associations, community groups and other nonprofits, cities, counties, and public park providers may apply. Pre-applications are due at Metro Jan. 7, 2009. Successful pre-applicants will be invited to submit final applications late January/early February 2009.

Metro Central Enhancement Grants are available for projects that benefit areas affected by Metro's garbage disposal facility in Northwest Portland. Grants are to be used to create changes in the community that also may improve a neighborhood's image. Skyline School has been

the past recipient of these grants, to fund playground equipment. Approximately \$150,000 is available for the 2009 grant cycle. Applications are due Dec. 22, 2008.

Nature in Neighborhoods Restoration Grants support individual, non-profit and government sponsored restoration, enhancement, education and efforts in regional watersheds. These grassroots, community-minded projects create new connections and improvements to neighborhoods, natural areas, backyards and beyond. Pre-applications are due at Metro by Jan. 7, 2009. Successful pre-applicants will be invited to submit final applications in late January/early February 2009. For more information about each grant program and past grant winners please visit www.oregonmetro.gov/grants.

WMSWCD offers new grant programs

To meet the District's many stakeholders desire for more locally led conservation, WMSWCD will emphasize providing technical assistance to landowners with issues related to small acreage livestock, protection of water quality, and control of invasive plant species. Two new grants are available to encourage conservation practice and watershed health improvement: the Conservation Assistance and Restoration (CARE) and Financial Incentives for Sustainable Habitats (FISH).

Visit <http://westmultconserv.org/swcd> or contact us at 503.238.4775 to find out more about these new grant programs and other services we might provide to you. Or visit us at our office at Montgomery Park, 2701 NW Vaughn Street, Suite 450.

County seeks public input on roads

In late October and early November, Multnomah County held five open houses to seek public opinion on services for county roads, and where best to reduce services to accommodate funding cuts. The county maintains 300 miles of roads in unincorporated areas such as Skyline.

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16428 NW Rock Creek Rd
503.621.3823 / 621.9203
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Jim & Peggy Kessinger
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Fall farm produce, hayrides, holiday trees

Water bottles for sale

Avoid plastic and get an earth-friendly aluminum water bottle at a fraction of the price you'd pay elsewhere. The Skyline Foundation is selling aluminum water bottles for \$10. They're a beautiful shiny blue, emblazoned with "Skyline Eagles." Cost is \$10. Contact Robin at 503.621.9655 or robin@bni.com.


Native Plants Wanted

Skyline School is working on a Landscape Master Plan. Part of the plan will be to remove ivy and other non-native plants such as juniper from the school grounds and replant with native plants. We are looking for: Oregon grape (mahonia), salal, swordfern, red osier dogwood, evergreen

huckleberry, vine maple, snowberry, and red flowering currant. If you have any of these native plants that you could donate, please contact Jinnet Powel at 503.286.2408 or jinnetpowel@comcast.net to arrange a time to drop off the plants at the school We hope to start planting in January. Thank you very much!

Girl Scout Underwear Drive

Girls Scout Troop 33 is helping a fellow Girl Scout earn her silver award by collecting new underwear for orphans in Kenya. We are looking for underwear that will fit K-8 grade girls and boys. Every pair counts. We will be taking donations until November 15. Please place new underwear in designated boxes at school. Thank you, Girl Scout Troop 33. □



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Skyline Teachers and Staff Wish List

Lincoln High School publishes a semi-annual “Wish List” which has been a very effective means for families, parents, and school supporters to help meet specific classroom requests that can’t be met by the usual budgets or sources. We’re going to try the Wish List at Skyline School. Perhaps some of the items in the list below are sitting in your basement or garage unused, or perhaps you like to donate funds for specific causes, rather than to a general fund. If you can contribute an item or money, contact Ben Keefer, principal at Skyline, 503.916.5212.

Teacher/ Staff	Item requested/Purpose
Arras, Katrina 6th-8th grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Document projector, which allows students to project their work for everyone to see, \$500 • Set of Vernier probes (LabPro Deluxe Package), to widen our data collection capabilities and inspire science project ideas, \$950. • Trip to Mt. St. Helens for 7th and 8th graders, as a field trip tie in to our geology/earth science curriculum. Any amounts are welcome.
Azinger, Mi-Anne Spanish	For use with Kindergartners to 3rd graders in Spanish class: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cookie sheets • Magnetic letters • Barrel o’ Monkeys • Simple English/Spanish books
Bostick, Jessica 4th and 5th grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portable DVD player, to provide student access to informational DVDs. • Fabric/thread for quilt, to be used in the auction project; enhances fine motor skills.
Cole, Linda Kindergarten/1st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For the imaginative play house: 2-3 soft baby dolls and 2 blankets (about 3 x 2 feet); a small play kitchen table with table cloth. Used is fine. • For social studies: A big plastic globe, simplistic, and with bright colors. Used is fine. • For the reading table: a small, battery-powered lamp (there is no light switch nearby) that doesn’t look like a camping lantern.
Colvin, Vivian 4th and 5th grade	Lego Robotics materials for the entire classroom, a marvelous way to teach students key science, technology, engineering and math concepts. \$554, from legoeducation.com
Grades 6th-8th grade	Ceiling mount (and installation) for a data projector and sound system, to provide students with regular access to a high quality graphics/data/internet resources.
Hall, Susan Front Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two standing floor lamps with a dimmer switch, one for Susan’s office, and one for Ben’s office. Right now, Susan and Ben’s office are on one light switch, with fluorescent tubes. Individual lights would mean lighting could be controlled separately, and dimmed or brightened as needed.
Hanson, Karen 2nd-3rd Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bins/trays to help students organize their supplies. Total cost: \$250. • Globe, approx. \$100 • Extra money for field trips, as we always run out. Any amount is appreciated.
Koziuk IB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air conditioner and/or large fans; south facing room 203 gets very hot. • Reusable “party packs,” reusable supplies packed in a laundry or picnic basket, used for classroom parties. Contents include: plastic or metal washable silverware, glasses (plastic), plates, and cloth napkins. Parent volunteers take them home after classroom celebrations to wash them. The party packs reduce waste, and model sustainable behavior to students.
Mastin 6th-8th grades	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portable air conditioner (not a window unit) to help on the days when the room temperatures exceed 90 degrees! \$300 new; used is great too. • Dictionaries: the class currently only as four. • Books—nonfiction and fiction—for middle school readers, for a classroom library. Gently used books are fine. New books are less than \$25. Books or cash for the classroom library will be gratefully accepted.

Teacher/ Staff	Item requested/Purpose
Porter, Kristina 4th and 5th grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 clipboards to write assignments while on carpet • Used educational games on CD for my four computers • One electric pencil sharpener • Thick paintbrushes, not watercolor brushes
Romanaggi Physical Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jump ropes, for cardio-vascular workouts. \$20 • Hand weights: 3 to 8 lbs, for muscular endurance; 6th to 8th graders. \$60 • Rhythmic Ribbons: for Kindergarten and 1st through 3rd graders. 30 ribbon sticks, \$90. • Lacrosse equipment, 6th to 8th graders, \$400 • A second layer for the rock wall • Cargo nets, to hang from ceiling

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Administrative Assistant. Business referral education and training company on NW Skyline seeks administrative assistant. At least 1 year administrative experience, self-directed, excellent problem solving skills, computer literate, good phone skills (no cold calls). Part-time, with full time potential; \$10/hour. See www.bin.com or www.bnioregon.com. Email 2-3 paragraphs as to why you are the best candidate, with resume and two business references, to robin@bni.com; or fax 503.621.3274 by Dec. 5, 2008.

Willing Workers. I have teenage boys that are willing to work doing labor. They charge \$8.00 an hour. These are kids that I work with and have playing club soccer for me. I bring them and pick them up. Call if you have odd jobs that you need help with. Kim Holm 503.830.0988

Goats for Sale: Two Nubian/Boer cross female goats. "Pinky" and "Violet" are friendly, 8 mos. old. \$75 the pair. Great brush munchers; harness trained for tie out. NOT to be used in stew. I am firm about a good home; may want to check out your accommodations if you are interested. Patty 503.629.0823 or 503.998.4046.

Get in shape. Schwinn Windsprint upright stationary bike. \$600 new, asking \$125. Excellent condition. Also Nordic Track Pro Skier. \$700 new, asking \$100. Both for \$200. 503 621 3510.

Mt. Hood Vacation Rental. Mt. Hood, 3 bed, 2 bath condo, 1500 sq ft. in Government Camp. \$200/night weekends or

holiday; \$100/night mid-week (special Skyline neighbor rate!) Ski from Timberline Lodge (about 3 miles) to our back door. Debbie Brockway Bauer, 503.351.9390 or dbauer9@comcast.net.

Sisters Vacation Rental. Enjoy the Central Oregon outdoors at this Sisters getaway: 3 bed/2 bath home sleeps 6/7 people. From \$125 p/n plus tax/cleaning. 503.240.2992 or email: sistershome@comcast.net. View at www.vrbo.com # 168319.

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at 503.629.9700 or visit www.brookshill.com.

Rent the Skyline Grange. Planning an event? The Grange may be the perfect spot. Contact Pat Barnard at 503.286.2857 or pbarnard2@aol.com. Visit www.skylinegrange.org for info.

Twine Recycling. Linnton Feed and Seed is now recycling bailing twine (polypropylene/plastic). There will be a barrel out front at all times, even when the store is closed.

Community Calendar

November 9, Sunday: SRN Board of Directors meeting, 6 pm, Brooks Hill church.

November 15, Saturday: "Greeting the Shadow in the Body," a workshop on integrating the human shadow. With Jay Fields and Kay Plumb. At Brooks Hill church, 2:30-5:00 PM. \$30/person. Call 503.285.9210.

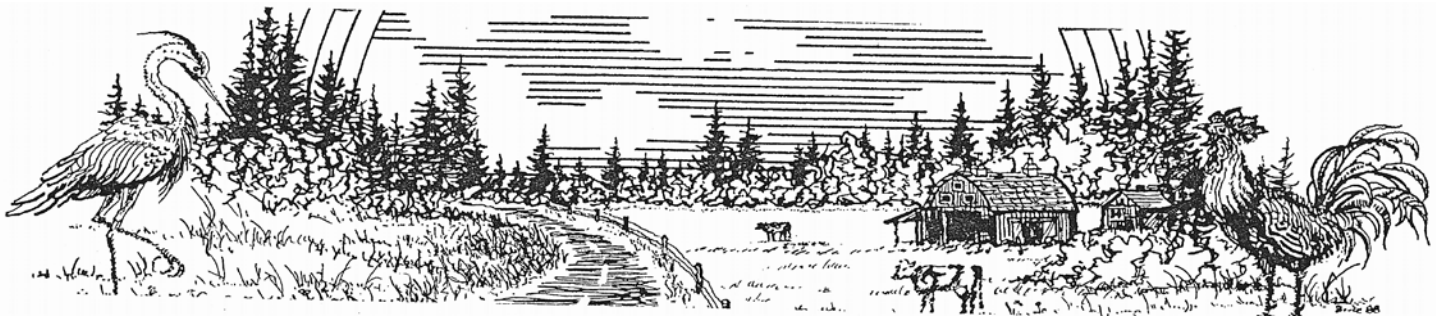
November 15, Saturday: Super Soup Night at the Skyline Grange, 5 to 8 p.m., 11275 NW Skyline Blvd. Suggested donation is \$5/adult or \$12/family. Call Mary Young 503.286.7613, or Sen Speroff 503.621.3331.

November 17, Monday: West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District open house, 5:00 – 7:00 PM, 2701 NW Vaughn, Suite 420, Portland. Call 503.238.4775.

November 17, Monday: Skyline Grange monthly meeting, 7:30 PM, 11275 NW Skyline Blvd.

November 18, Tuesday: Forest Park Neighborhood Assn. meeting, topic will be Urban Reserve/Rural Reserve program. 7 to 9 p.m., at the Water Bureau Community Center, 360 NW Greenleaf. Call Jim Emerson, 503.283.4096.

December 6, Saturday: "Diversify income from your small woodlands or forestland," a workshop sponsored by West Multnomah SWCD. For info, contact Kammy Kern-Korot at 503.238.4775 x108 or kammy.kern-korot@or.nacdnet.net.



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