



## Skyline Ridge Neighbors General Meeting

at Skyline Grange Hall  
11275 NW Skyline  
Thurs. Oct. 21  
7:00 pm

**"Both Sides Of  
Measure 37"**

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### **"Both Sides of Measure 37" Topic of Next SRN Meeting**

Skyline Ridge Neighbors invites you to attend its fall meeting on Thursday, October 21. Representatives of both sides of Measure 37 will present their views. The purpose of the meeting is to provide information, both pro and con, about Measure 37 and its potential legal, regulatory and financial impacts. This state-wide measure on the November ballot is titled "Governments Must Pay Owners, or Forgo Enforcement, When Certain Land Use Restrictions Reduce Property Value." The meeting will be held in the Skyline Grange Hall, 11275 NW Skyline Boulevard, starting at 7 p.m. with fifteen minutes of announcements and SRN business, followed by Measure 37 at 7:15 p.m.

If the Measure 37 passes, it will add a new Oregon statute requiring governments to pay owners, or forgo enforcement by repealing, changing, not applying restrictions, when certain land use restrictions reduce owners' property value. It would require local governments to decide which landowners get paid and which landowners can build in violation of land use requirements. Local governments will need new rules and procedures to process claims. The Voters pamphlet fiscal impact analysis estimates that state and local governments will be required to spend \$64-\$344 million every year to process claims under Measure 37. No new revenue sources are identified for payments.

If the Measure 37 fails it will reject requiring that governments pay owners, or forgo enforcement by repealing, changing, not applying restrictions, when certain land use restrictions reduce owners' property value. The current requirements in the Oregon Constitution would continue, i.e., requiring government(s) to pay owner "just compensation" when condemning private property or taking it by other action, including laws precluding all substantial beneficial or economically viable use.

A representative from Oregonians In Action (OIA) will present views in favor of the Measure. For more information about OIA, log onto [www.oia.org](http://www.oia.org) or call (503) 620-0258. A representative from

No on 37 Take a Closer Look Committee will present views opposed to the Measure. For more information about No on 37 Committee, log onto [www.takeacloserlookoregon.org](http://www.takeacloserlookoregon.org) or call (503)248-9527. Each side will have 20 minutes to present their view, followed by a moderated question and answer period. Representatives from both organizations may bring printed information for distribution to the audience, but no demonstrations or signs by their supporters will be allowed.

### **SRN's Political Position**

Skyline Ridge Neighbors has not taken, nor intends to take, an official position on Measure 37. SRN is not a political organization and does not take stands on any candidates or measures. Local residents have made it clear that they are deeply interested in land use issues. In the past, meetings dealing with land issues have been well attended. We, the Board, appreciate the great diversity of opinions and philosophy that exist within our community. For these reasons, we decided to pursue Measure 37 as the topic of our fall meeting. We hope you attend, listen carefully and make a thoughtful decision as to how you will vote on this measure.

SRN Board

## **SRN NEWS:**

### **From the President**

The Board is working in several areas to solidify the future of Skyline Ridge Neighbors.

- The finances of SRN are pretty much guaranteed for the coming year, thanks to the Fundraising Committee's successful Summer Gathering, generous donations by residents, and the continued frugal influence of our treasurer.

- Our IRS status is being re-visited by the Board. Secretary Miles Merwin and Treasurer Patrick Ahern are in hot pursuit of obtaining

IRS 501(c)(3) status. At present SRN is clumped in the “homeowners association” category and thus, classified as a 501 (c)(4) organization. We feel our present status does not accurately reflect our organization that we see as primarily educational and informational ... and frankly we do not care what color you paint your shutters. This documentation and application process will take time and some expense, but in the end, will benefit SRN and you.

- We are searching for new blood, fresh ideas, and more people. Karen Garber, our new Board member is just a start. We are looking for chairs of the Fundraising and Public Services Committees. In the spring, the positions of president and treasurer come up for election. Patrick Ahern does not intend to run again for treasurer and I do not plan to run again for president. Yup in with the new and out with the old! So clearly, this is a time for transitioning for the organization.

- Mindful of your requests, we are compiling a community resource booklet, with hopes that it will become an annual publication. Also, in response to inquiries, a classified section has been added to our website for those of you with items to sell or give away. Agnes Kwan, our webmaster, is organized and prompt.

- Those of us who work on the *Ridge Runner* know it is past time to share the work load and to better organize the production of the *Ridge Runner* with advanced planning and more people involved in its writing and decision-making. At this time, I can report that the next *Ridge Runner* probably will be published some time in late January or February ... so I will finish by wishing you happy holidays and peace on earth.

Sen Speroff

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## New Land Use Committee Chair

Hooray, Karen Garber was appointed by the SRN Board to the position of Chairperson of SRN’s Land Use Committee in September. As Board member, Karen will keep our community informed about applications to and decisions by Multnomah County Land Use Planning Division, and land use issues affecting our community. Karen is quite aware that the SRN community has consistently demonstrated interest in local, state and national land use issues and that residents have extremely diverse opinions which they are quite willing to express.

Karen and her husband John Desmarais have lived on McNamee Road for almost two years. Karen is a budget analyst for the Multnomah County Health Department and has the difficult job of balancing an increasing need for services with decreasing funding. Karen and John are avid hikers, cyclists, budding birders, and sea kayakers.

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## Treasurer’s Report: 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2004

It just came to me that this is probably the only periodical you’ll see this fall that has nothing but good news! Especially here at the Skyline Ridge Mint! Our Summer Gathering was another great success, with attending neighbors bidding enthusiastically so SRN might maintain its level of service to the community. I’m a little disappointed that I was out-bid for the Blazer tickets this year. NOW, they’ll probably make the playoffs! Yeah, right!

Anyway, the bidding was spirited, and lots of fun. I did land a trip on Karin and Michael’s boat, and I’m delighted to announce that somewhere between the Bloody Marys and the McTartan’s ale, err... I mean somewhere between Clatskanie and Astoria, I found an excellent replacement for myself as this association’s treasurer. He may not remember it, but I did have my video camera on “record”, just in

case. What fun on the river!

We’ve lived within our means this year. Our income reached \$6270, with \$5416 coming from the Summer Gathering. Our list of neighbors making donations now includes Patrick and Mary Anne Hengen, Loretta Field and Floyd Nelson. Many thanks to you folks.

Expenses incurred to date in 2004, exclusive of this *Ridge Runner* issue, are \$3359. This issue will cost about \$900, and the planned *Skyline Ridge Neighbors’ Resource Booklet*, approved by the SRN Board, will consume a like amount. This leaves our rainy day fund untouched for the year and our accounts in a positive balance. More detail will come with the year end report.

As a final note, we are again revisiting the possibility of applying to become a 501 (c)(3) tax exempt organization. If successful, your contributions to us could become tax deductible. We’ll let you know our progress next year.

Patrick Ahern, Treasurer

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## SRN Website News:

- **Classifieds**

In order to accommodate SRN residents who wish to advertise items for sale between issues of the *Ridge Runner*, Agnes Kwan, our webmaster, will post your classifieds for a duration of one month. Send your classifieds to [webmaster@skylineridgeneighbors.org](mailto:webmaster@skylineridgeneighbors.org). Classifieds should be limited to 30 words or less and with no graphics. Residents can continue to list free give-away items on the weekly Newsline by emailing [SkylineRuralWatchNewsline@hotmail.com](mailto:SkylineRuralWatchNewsline@hotmail.com) or calling (503) 621-3331.

- **Summer Gathering Photos Posted**

A number of Summer Gathering photos are posted on the website. If you have a Summer Gathering story, sent it to us for possible placement on the website.

# FLORA & FAUNA:

## Cut Your Bloomin’ Ivy Campaign

Noxious English ivy spreads through seed dispersal, not just spreading by creeping. When conditions suit its reproductive stage, ivy produces flowers in the fall. These flowers will form berries that ripen in late winter. Birds and animals then disperse the seeds in the berries to other locations. October is a perfect time to nip flowers so they won’t form berries and seeds. Effective methods to ‘dead-head’ the flowers will be demonstrated on Saturday, October 23 at the launch of the “Don’t Harbor the Seeds of Destruction, Please Cut Your Bloomin’ Ivy,” a No Ivy League winter campaign. After the demonstration and rally, people can go home to tackle their own blooming ivy or join a work party at OHSU or other work party sites. Oregon Health and Sciences University will host the rally on the 23rd starting at 8:30 a.m. on its main campus at the Vollum Courtyard by parking lot #83, one block east of the Plaid Pantry. For more details, check [www.noivyleague.com](http://www.noivyleague.com) or call (503) 823-3681.

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## Friends of Forest Park News

### Ridge Trail Extension Completed

This new 1.3 mile trail stretches from the St Johns Bridge to Firelane 7. The trail heads up concrete stairs, passes through forest edge particularly plagued by invasive English ivy, passes through rock deposited during the Missoula floods 15,000 years ago, then transitions into

some of the Park's most beautiful interior native forest. (Source: The Friends of Forest Park Quarterly, Summer 04)

## Scoop the Poop

A tremendous number of dogs walk, hike and run with their families in Forest Park. This tremendous number also produces a tremendous amount of dog waste. This waste threatens the quality of water in the Balch Creek and Willamette River watersheds. Friends of Forest Park ask that when hiking the Park with your dog, remember to carry a plastic bag, collect the poop in the plastic bag, and carry it home to dispose. (Source: The Friends of Forest Park Quarterly, Summer 04)

# UTILITIES:

## Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue News

### Levy Renewal on Nov. 2 Ballot

If you voted in November 2000, you may get a sense of ballot déjà vu when you read the details of Measure 34-94 from Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue. The requested \$.25 per \$1,000 tax rate is exactly what voters previously approved, which leads to the obvious question: Why vote on this again? The short answer is that the 2000 vote authorized a four-year levy that expires in June 2005. Measure 34-94 would extend the same tax rate and retain existing personnel for an additional five years. If the measure is approved, typical homeowners will pay \$46 towards the levy in 2005, essentially the same as they paid in 2004.

### Help Responders Help You

When you have a medical emergency, it is important for the emergency responders to know about any medical conditions and current medications. This helps ensure you receiving the best medical treatment possible in the shortest amount of time. You can help us by completing a TVF&R Medical Emergency Card and posting it on the refrigerator. The card would provide critical information about health history, medication, physician information, and emergency contacts. It may also include the location of advanced directives, including Do Not Resuscitate Orders. These cards are available at TVF&R North Division Office, 14480 SW Jenkins Rd, Beaverton, 97005-1152, or call 503-356-4700, or pick one up at the October 21 SRN meeting. (Source: Safety Matters, 2004 Issue)

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## Want DSL?

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). Other providers, such as Earthlink and Comcast, may want to compete for your business too if enough people request their high speed serve. You may want to contact them, letting them know of your interest.

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# PEOPLE NEWS:

## Birth Announcement

**Koen Savage Storm**, son of **Joe and Alegra Storm**, was born on August 4, 2005. His birth was midwived by his grandmother **Laura Goldfarb** at OHSU. Koen joins his brother Caden.

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## Pottery Studio Rolled from Aloha to Skyline

Nearly 5 years ago, potter Kenneth Pincus and his wife decided to move from increasingly congested Aloha to a quieter location in the Portland area. After months of looking, they settled on a house on Ash Street near Skyline. The property fit the bill, with the land necessary to reestablish a pottery studio. Also, the house had room for a home office for Ken and his wife Hiko, and the public schools, Lincoln and West Sylvan, seemed excellent for the family's 2 children Sasha and Nina.

Next Ken had to consider options for a pottery studio at the new location. He could build a new studio or somehow move his current studio building. Emotional attachment to his Aloha studio became the decisive factor. He, with a carpenter friend, had designed and built the studio ten years prior, not long after Ken had returned from a five-year stay in Japan, and some Japanese design elements had been put into the building. Soon he was in contact with a Scappoose building mover and he learned that moving the studio was not only possible, but affordable as well.

On a bright, early Sunday August morning in 2001, the studio building was rolled up Cornelius Pass Road, along Skyline Boulevard, and onto its permanent home site on Ash Street. The move was followed by months of construction work to build a foundation, seat the building, and make renovations to bring the structure up to code, after which the building received its Final Approval from the City of Portland. Now Ken spends many hours a week making pottery in his well-traveled Pincus Pottery Studio.

The pottery Ken makes is inspired by what he saw and studied in Japan and China, but reflects Ken's desire to find his own expression with clay. Whether the pieces are for the dinner table or for flower arranging, they are made to be used on a daily basis. The use of ash from fire-places as an addition to glazes is a technique that Ken worked with extensively in Japan, and he continues this practice with his glazes today. When fired successfully, ash-glazed pottery can have subtle color and texture variations, and Ken seeks these effects in his firings.

Moving to the Skyline area was not something Ken had sought initially, but he and his family now feel very fortunate to be here.

The air is clean; the sky is dynamic; the views are lovely; and there is space to clear one's mind. Of course, Ken admits the challenges are here as well, briefly summed up by our beloved winters with all the wind and rain, the moles, the deer, and the need for a car to get anywhere. Ken is thankful to have found this beautiful spot and to be a member of the Skyline community... and he will probably be here for quite awhile since he says of the studio move, "A pottery studio is something I never want to move again. Clay and bricks are heavy, but they have found their spot to be here on Ash Street. I intend to be working with clay here for many years to come. I look forward to those winter storms and warm summer afternoons to guide me in new directions with the pottery."

## Jay, A Skyline "Pearl"

"Jay the Jeweler" works with pearls, diamonds, and other natural stones, placing them in contemporary design sets. His workmanship has highlighted the Summer Gathering oral auction for many years. For twenty-one years, Jay Raymond has owned Gold Leaf Fine Jewelry, now located in the Pearl District. His customers appreciate him as artist, designer, goldsmith, platinumsmith, and creative perfectionist. If you call Jay at his store, you might mistake his brother Sander for Jay. Their phone diction and cadences are very similar. Sander has worked with Jay since 1988. Both studied their craft at Revere Academy in San Francisco. Jay also studied at the Gemological Institute of America in what is now Carlsbad, California.

Jay, a long-time Portland resident, bought property here in 1991. In 1993 he and his wife Tamera moved to Skyline with full appreciation of living in a quiet, private setting. Soon his sense of design was put to use in deck designing and landscaping. His love of gardening and woodworking progressed into a high level of practical skills when Tamera purchased a horse named Satin. Eventually Satin mothered a colt named Fresco ("Buster"). With the horses, Jay's gardening interests expanded into serious pasture management. His woodworking skills quickly turned into fence making and mending. The influence of a horse didn't end there, Jay also designs a line of equestrian related jewelry pieces featured on [www.horsejewelry.com](http://www.horsejewelry.com). Between the demanding hours of running his jewelry store, raising a son, Tamera working as an intensive care nurse, and keeping the horses, they still hope that one day a house will be built and mobile home living will be just history.

Almost all jewelry at Gold Leaf Fine Jewelry is designed and crafted by the Raymonds. Jay's work is simple, yet stunning in its simplicity. You can view some of his work at [www.thepearl.net](http://www.thepearl.net), or visiting the store at 634 NW 12th Avenue in Portland. He will design something unique for you or you can attend next year's Summer Gathering and bid on a piece that he designed specifically for our Skyline area.

## Still a Family Farm

Jim and Peggy Kessinger bought 65-acre of the old Krueger farm in 1993. The Krueger family homesteaded it starting in the 1890's. The Kruegers built the house and the main barn, both of which have been occasionally remodeled over the years. In 1911, the one-mile train tunnel from Cornelius Pass Road to Rock Creek Road was constructed channeling underneath the farm. This construction brought electricity to the farm much earlier than to most area farms. Its land became the host of many farm activities, including a dairy and raising walnuts, potatoes, wheat, and clover.

Like in its earlier years, today the acreage sustains a large family and continues to be a working family-owned farm. Now known as the Plumper Pumpkin Patch & Tree Farm, pumpkins have thrived there since 1998, as do the Kessinger's five children. September-October are particularly busy months for all the Kessingers. People come not only to choose their Halloween pumpkins, but bring their whole families to experience a real farm, a farm with many animals and fields of pumpkins, gourds, flowers and other produce. The farm offers two hay mazes with slides, a corn maze, pony rides, a play area and a frontier area with "Fort Clatsop" and a tipi to be explored. Hayrides take families up the hill to a beautiful view of the valley.

Pumpkin flinging trebuchets and the pumpkin cannon have become traditional entertainment at the Plumper Pumpkin Patch. As people watch the competition between a wood and sling trebuchet and a more modern metal trebuchet, their heads swing and their eyes follow the fast moving pumpkins to distances over 600 feet. The cannon, built by Ivan McLean, fires pumpkins over 1000 feet. The demise of the pumpkins is spectacular - an explosion of orange as the pumpkins land, dissipating into small particles. Barney, the old lab dog, often chases those high flying pumpkins, only to be confused by their sudden disappearances.

The Plumper Pumpkin Patch is located at 11435 NW Old Cornelius Pass Road. It is open in October each day 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Although there is no charge for visiting the farm, there is small admission price for farm animals, mazes and weekend hayrides. More information on activities and produce can be found at [www.plumperpumpkins.com](http://www.plumperpumpkins.com) or by calling (503) 645-9561.

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# COMMUNITY RESOURCE BOOKLET IN DEVELOPMENT:

## Why a Resource Booklet?

The SRN Board voted to develop a Skyline Ridge Neighbors' Resource Booklet. Why? Because you asked for it when you responded to the Ridge Runner Questionnaire last November. You ask for it every time you contact SRN looking for a plumber, a knitting teacher, a window cleaner, a gopher expert, or a housesitter. You ask for it every time you inquire about to whom to contact with land use, road, traffic, crime and other problems.

SRN is willing to compile a Skyline Ridge Neighbors' Resource Booklet... are you? NOW, we really need you. Fill out the Booklet questionnaire on the next page, encourage your neighbors with business & interests to do so. Our community is rich in people resources. The purpose of this Booklet is to connect you with the people in the other 1400 local households. **FILL OUT THE FORM.** The Regular Text Listing is free. In addition you may purchase a Display Ad.

Robin Schuckmann, resident of the Skyline community, has volunteered her expertise to spearhead this project. Robin lives with her husband, young son and two dogs. Her immediate goal is to complete this year's Portland Marathon as a walker, then in January to have this Resource Booklet ready for distribution. Robin is director of BNI Oregon and SW Washington. Business Network International (BNI) is a successful organization networking businesses with other businesses through a referral system.

To emphasize the variety of resources within our neighborhood, we have written about three local families with businesses. See "People News".

## Resource Questionnaire

# THE GATHERING:

## SUCCESSFUL GATHERING:

Wow! What a success! The proceeds from this year's Summer Gathering were a record high. Thank you all! And most importantly, attendees enjoyed the day, a true gathering of neighbors. Ages spanned from the unborn to the 80's. New and long-time local residents attended. People who once lived in our area came back looking for familiar faces and were willing to tell old stories. Some came as far away as Australia (The Young family) and New Jersey (Rebecca Jenkins Law and children). There were several families with 3 generations attending. Kids rode horses from Phoenix Farm and Shadysprings Farm. Karen Garber seriously documented the event, taking two hundred photos. People volunteered to assist Raz Sauer in old-fashioned games. Frogs were gently caught and shared so each desirous child had a frog to enter in the Race. Samantha King's frog hopped in first in the large frog category and Ciara Chen's frog

in the small frog category in the Shadysprings Farm Down. Youthful muscles dominated the Tug-of-War and our local vet Pete Davis attended to a rope burn.

The Gathering could not be possible without many committed volunteers. You know who you are and we thank you for giving. The Brothers Jam played lively music, which added drama to the games and added excitement to the oral auction. Personnel from TVF&R were present for safety and education. Again, we deep appreciate Karin Hunt and Michael Tillson for letting us use Shadysprings Farm with its beautiful facilities and pastoral setting. We thank the following families for giving items to the auction: the Barthmaier family, the extended Bowersox-Beller family, Campbell family, Erhardt family, Gary & Kelly Kuntz, Sally Lynch, Jim Livingston, Libby Hise Merwin, Betsy & Jeff Miller, Cheryl Neal, Oliver family, Pete Richards, Liz Stark, Nick Veroske, and Carol Wilkerson.

SRN continues to try and improve each Gathering. If you have suggestions, criticisms or would like to volunteer to help, please contact [fundraising@skylineridgeighbors.org](mailto:fundraising@skylineridgeighbors.org).



Ras Sauer orchestrates the Sack Race at this years Skyline Ridge Neighbors' Summer Gathering & Auction.

Business Adds

# LOCAL NEWS:

## County Land Use Decisions

June 1 through October 28, SRN has been informed of the following decisions made by Multnomah County Land Use Planning. Significant Environmental Concern and/or Hillside Development and Erosion Control permits were approved with conditions in application requesting to construct an in-ground swimming pool at 15400 NW McNamee Road; build a replacement dwelling on Newberry Road; build a new single family resident at 11410 NW Skyline Boulevard; build a replacement dwelling & new barn at 19869 NW Logie Trail Road; add a 2 car garage & bonus room to existing dwelling at 23740 NW Moreland Road; and to build a replacement dwelling at 17050 NW Skyline Boulevard. Land Use also determined that the property adjacent to 17841 NW St Helens Road was created in compliance with the applicable zoning and land division regulations on its date of creation.

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## 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. The following crimes were reported to SRN from January 1 through September 28, 2004: One each of mail theft, mailbox vandalism, vandalism, theft from vehicle and residential theft; two illegal dumpings; three each of residential burglaries and suspicious behavior; and numerous theft III of political lawn signs.

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 or call 503-621-3331, giving accurate details.

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## Grange News

Skyline Grange continues to provide a vital meeting place for the Skyline community. Scouts, 4-H, yoga classes, Skyline Lego Robotics team, and neighborhood organizations rely on the Grange Hall. It is also available to rent for parties, weddings and memorials. Yet, like in many organizations, a few people do a lot of work.

### • Join the Grange or Give a Donation

Sign up for 2005 membership now. Log onto [www.skylinegrange.com](http://www.skylinegrange.com), click onto "About the Grange", then click "Join the Skyline Grange," fill out the form, and send the form and \$38 to Skyline Grange, 10800 NW Skyline Blvd, Portland 97231. If you prefer to express your support as "a friend of the Grange," a monetary donation can be sent to the same address.

### • Fall Grange Work Party 10/16

Come "party" on Saturday, October 16 from 9 a.m. to noon. Need enticing – how about chili and neighborhood comradeship! Volunteers have a number of indoor and outdoor projects to choose from. For those interested in landscaping, bring gloves, dress for the weather, bring tools such as loppers or pruning shears (optional). For volunteers somewhat handy with "home" projects, bring some tools (optional). Cleaning supplies will be furnished for those who want to tackle a good fall cleaning of the interior. For questions or list of projects, call Sen at 503-621-3331 or email [sensperoff@hotmail.com](mailto:sensperoff@hotmail.com).

### • Thank You, Grange

I'd like to thank the Skyline Grange for making its facility available to all types of activities for our community. I've seen family picnics, birthday parties, tree sales, and other community activities held there. I especially appreciate that the facility is available for a yoga class on Wednesdays and Fridays. Having this activity a little closer to home sure makes it a lot easier to get my weekly exercise!

Thanks, Robin Schuckmann, New Skyline Resident

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## Skyline School News

One hundred ninety-six students attend Skyline School with classes in nine classrooms. All students benefit from a halftime physical education teacher and a music teacher. During this academic year, kindergarten offers either a half day option or a full day option. "Kindergarten Round-up" to register new students for fall 2005 has been scheduled for January 19 from 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. Skyline School Auction, the School's major fundraiser, will occur on March 5, 2005. The Auction Committee is gearing up to accept and to solicit auction items.

## United States Congress

Congress is in session. Here are some suggestions to more effectively communicate your opinions and concerns with your legislators. Write an individual letter rather than send a mass generated form letter to make a greater impression. Include your name, address and phone number in the letter. Be specific; the purpose for writing should be stated in the first paragraph. Be accurate, personal, concise, constructive, and realistic, and persistent.

Due to security procedures, all mail to your congressmen in Washington is being delayed for inspection. This procedure may cause a significant delay in response. Especially if your message is time-sensitive, you may want to reach them by email via their websites, by fax, or mail to their Oregon offices.

Here is how to contact them:

• U.S. Congress Website: <http://www.uscongress.com/>

• Sen. Gordon Smith (R)  
404 Russell Senate Office Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20510-3704  
202-224-3753 (office)/ 202-228-3997 (fax)  
Webform: [gsmith.senate.gov/webform.htm](http://gsmith.senate.gov/webform.htm)

• Sen. Ron Wyden (D)  
516 Hart Senate Office Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20510  
202-224-5244 (office)/ (202) 228-2717 (fax)  
Webform: [wyden.senate.gov/contact.html](http://wyden.senate.gov/contact.html)

• Rep. Earl Blumenauer (D-03)  
2446 Rayburn House Office Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20515-3703  
202-225-4811 (office)/ 202-225-8941 (fax)  
Website: <http://blumenauer.house.gov/about/>

# CLASSIFIEDS:

**Registered Male Long Hair Mini Dachshund Wanted:** to breed to my female of the same. If you have one or know of one, please call Vickie Coghil at (503) 621-3507.

**Part-time Infant Care Wanted:** Starting March 2005 in the Skyline area. Working Mom needs Mon/Wed coverage. Interested, caring non-smokers please call Sara Bowersox at 503-621-0426.

**Planning an Event? Rent the Skyline Grange:** Contact Pat Barnard at 503-286-2857 or email pbarnard2@aol.com. Log onto www.SkylineGrange.org for photos.

**'97 Jeep Wrangler:** 6 cylinders. AC, CD, hard top, white, 77k, excellent condition, \$9300. 503-939-7594.

**Pincus Pottery Studio Pottery Show & Sale:** Works of Skyline potter Kenneth Pincus. Nov 26-28 & Dec 4-5 (Fri & Sat hours 9am - 5pm; Sun hours 11am - 5pm). 14754 NW Ash St off Skyline Blvd. (503) 285-4784 for directions.


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

**PC's By Pete:** Puts together PC's, workstations & gaming machines. Can build to suit your needs! Problem-solving. 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.

**Tire Chains For Sale:** Laclede Chains, Alpine Super Sport #2524. Only used several times on Suburban. \$50 donation to SRN. Call Sen with tire size to check fit at (503) 621-3331.

**Handyman/ General Maintenance:** Reliable, experienced handyman in home repairs as well as landscape maintenance. References upon request. Contact Louis Lozada @ (971)235-3463 or(503)543-8399.

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## How To Contact SRN:

**SRN Website:** <http://www.skylineridgeneighbors.org>  
Contact Webmaster at [webmaster@skylineridgeneighbors.org](mailto:webmaster@skylineridgeneighbors.org)

### SRN Board Members:

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### Skyline Ridge Runner:

Please submit comments, stories, classifieds, ads and articles for consideration by emailing to [ridgerunner@skylineridgeneighbors.org](mailto:ridgerunner@skylineridgeneighbors.org) or mailing to 16340 NW Rock Creek Rd, Portland, OR 97231 or by faxing to 503-621-1134. Please keep SRN informed of any changes in mailing addresses. The *Skyline Ridge Runner* is published three to four times per year.

### Skyline Rural Watch Newslines:

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

Please send your comments, poems, stories and opinions to SRN, 16340 NW Rock Creek Rd. Portland, OR 97231

# CALENDAR:

**Deadline for Voter Registration:** Oct 12.

**“Both Sides of Measure 37” at SRN General Meeting:**  
Thurs, Oct 21, 7 p.m. at Skyline Grange Hall, 11275 NW Skyline Blvd.

**Skyline Grange Work Party:** Sat, Oct 16, 9 a.m. to noon. Indoor & outdoor projects, cleaning and maintenance. For info, call Sen at 503-621-3331.

**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.

**Skyline Grange:** meets at 7:30 p.m. on Mon, Nov 15 at 11275 NW Skyline Blvd. For information, call Pat Barnard at 503-286-2857 or pbarnard2@aol.com.

**Fall Backyard Burning Season:** Begins October 1 & ends December 15.

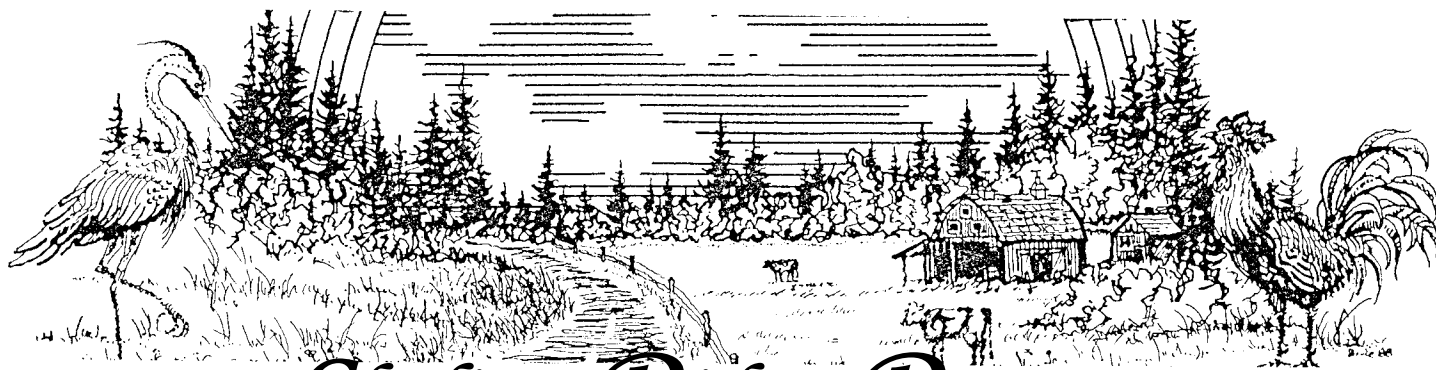
**Skyline School Kindergarten Round-up:** Jan. 19. Registration for new fall 2005 students.

## 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. SRN is operated by volunteers and with donated funds entirely.

### 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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