



**Skyline Ridge Neighbors
General Meeting**
at Skyline Grange Hall
11275 NW Skyline
Tues., December 16
Business meeting: 7:00 pm
Topic: 7:30 pm
"Winter Maintenance
Of Our Roads &
Electrical Power"

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Readership Survey

Enclosed in this issue is a Readership Survey. Please fill it out and mail it back. You are a recipient of the efforts of Skyline Ridge Neighbors. We seek to know what you value. Is the *Ridge Runner* being read, and is it worth the expense and effort to produce it? Are SRN activities pertinent to you? What are your suggestions? Please take a few minutes to fill out the Survey and let us know. Send it back even if you do not answer all the questions - this will let us know that at least you opened up this *Ridge Runner*.

→ A high return of surveys is important to SRN for future planning. To encourage Survey returns, the Board has attempted to do everything that would ensure a good return. We did buy a Business Reply permit that guarantees SRN will pay the postage if you fold the survey in thirds and mail back as is. **To save SRN postage costs, please consider mailing your Survey back in an envelop with your own 37-cent stamp on it or take it to the drop box at Plainview Grocery.** We are a frugal lot, and the decision process was not without debate. The SRN Board

Winter: Theme of This Issue

Winter is coming. This area has known heavy rains, mud slides, destructive winds, dense fog, tree-breaking ice storms and deep snow. Yet, we almost take it for granted that our roads will be passable, mail will be delivered, and there will be constant electricity for computers, electric blankets and microwaves. But be forewarned, Rod Hill of KATU-2 says, "Portland has not had more than a dusting of snow in the past five years... There's never been a six-year stretch without snow in Portland since 1871."

Probably many of us have become complacent about the potential challenges that winter can bring. Consequently, the SRN Board decided to dedicate this *Ridge Runner* issue and the December 16 General Meeting to "Winter" as a reminder that we eventually will be hit with a Real Winter, if not this year, maybe next. Living where we do, a little winterizing and planning ahead do make sense. We hope you find this issue useful and interesting.

SRN General Meeting: Roads & Electricity in Winter

Let's face it; our area does not receive high priority during a wide-spread electrical outage throughout the Portland Metropolitan area. It is the same situation with our roads; services are restored to the more densely populated areas first. By the time PGE repair crews, road crews, and snow plow drivers get to us, they are pretty exhausted and appreciative of a thanks.

Please come to the December 16 meeting and learn more about roads and electricity in winter. Representatives from Portland General Electric and Multnomah County Road Maintenance will speak. Learn how Multnomah County prepares our roads for winter, why some roads only have a center stripe and no side stripes, which roads are plowed first, who to call if a major pothole or mudslide is developing, who is in charge of maintaining which roads, and why certain roads are not sanded. Learn from PGE how to use a generator safely so PGE workers won't be injured when repairing the line. Learn what to do and what not to do when seeing a downed line, when to report a power outage, and winterizing tips. Though this meeting will emphasize winter aspects PGE service and road maintenance, attendees are encouraged to come with other questions. This should be a practical, informative meeting.

Those who lived here during the high winds and floods of 1995-1996 will remember the great sense of relief when Portland General Electric and Multnomah County Road Maintenance finally reached their stretch of the road. For many, the electricity was off for 5-7 days, which also meant no water from the well to wash or flush. Portable generators circulated the neighborhood allowing multiple families to keep their freezers from defrosting. Many roads were impassable due to mud slides and downed wires. There was concern for neighbors medically dependent upon electricity or who are lacking safe transportation to obtain necessary medications. Camp stoves, extra blankets, chopped wood, and stored water became necessities. Reading around the woodstove, the family snuggling together in one bed to keep warm, and gathering around the transistor radio for news were memorable experiences, even wonderful once the electricity came back on and the roads became passable again. That winter was easier for prepared residents and simply miserable for those not prepared.

'03-04 Winter Forecast

George H. Taylor, State Climatologist, has predicted the weather for this winter in western Oregon. During October through December, he predicts precipitation will be generally average or somewhat above average, with temperatures warmer than average. During January through March, he predicts precipitation to be above average, with temperatures generally near average. Also it would appear that there is a strong possibility of at least one severe weather event this winter. The *Farmer's Almanac* is forecasting near normal weather this winter in western Oregon. We could not find the website of the Woolly Bear for his opinion.

In *The Oregonian*, Stuart Tomlinson reported on the Oregon chapter of the American Meteorological Society's "What Will the Winter Weather Be Like" meeting. All agreed predicting winter weather is difficult. Most forecasters predicted there was a good chance of at least one significant snow, rain or wind event this winter. (Sources: Oregon Climate Service at <http://www.ocs.orst.edu/reports/wint03/wint03.html>; *The Oregon Weather Book: A State Of Extremes* by George H. Taylor and Raymond R. Hatton, 1999; and *The Oregonian*, 10/31/03)

Home Preparation for Winter

Preparatory Steps:

- Drain outside water faucets, including the backflow device
- Bring in or batten down items that can fly in strong winds
- Clean gutters and drains
- Protect water pipes from freezing, including pipes in crawl spaces and attic. Wrap pipes with insulating material, heat tape, or thermostatically controlled heat cables
- In freezing weather, let water trickle from faucets with pipes on outside walls. Open cabinet doors to allow heat to get to uninsulated pipes under sinks and appliances near exterior walls.
- If you're going away, set the thermostat no lower than 55 degrees.
- If your pipes freeze don't take chances. If you turn on your faucets and nothing comes out, leave the faucets turned on and call a plumber. If you detect your water pipes have frozen and burst, turn off the water at the main shut-off valve in the house or meter pit outside; leave the water faucets turned on.
- Never try to thaw a pipe with a torch or other open flame (risk of fire). You may be able to thaw a frozen pipe with a hairdryer. Start by warming the pipe as close to the faucet as possible, working toward the coldest section of pipe.
- Seal off windows and doors.
- Have your chimney cleaned. Chop plenty of wood.

Supplies on Hand:

The American Red Cross is a good source of information. Call them at 503-284-1234 or log onto <www.redcross.org>, under Disaster Services, click onto "Disaster Supplies Kit." They recommend at least a 3-day emergency supply of necessities, such as 1 gallon of water per person, portable radio, flashlights, batteries, extra blankets, manual can opener, ready-to-eat foods, medication and medical supplies.

Heating Equipment Tips

Fall and winter are prime time for heating equipment fires. Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue reminds the community to use caution this season by following the safety tips below. (For the full article, click onto "TVF&R" under Public Services at www.skylineridgeneighbors.org)

Fireplaces and Woodstoves

- Inspect and clean by a professional.
- Before lighting a fire, make sure the flue is unobstructed & damper is open.
- Install a tight-fitting fireplace screen or place a sturdy screen in front of your fireplace.
- Keep combustible items at least 3 ft. away,
- Never burn newspapers, wrapping paper, or greenery.
- Don't use gasoline, lighter fluid, or any other petroleum products to start or rekindle a fire.
- Burn only dry, seasoned wood to prevent the build-up of creosote.
- Never leave a fire unattended.
- Allow ashes to cool completely by waiting 2-3 days before removing or dispose ashes in a metal can & place far away from combustibles including your deck, home, etc.

Furnaces

- Inspect and clean your furnace prior to each year.
- Clean & replace filter regularly.
- Keep combustible items at least 3' away from the pilot light of a gas furnace.

Portable Space Heaters

- Only use Underwriters Laboratories (UL)-approved portable heaters.
- Never use outdoor-use heaters indoors. They may start a fire and cause carbon monoxide poisoning.
- Heater should have a "tip switch" which automatically shuts off the heater if knocked over.
- Keep at least 3' away from combustibles such as bedding, furniture, and/or drapes.
- Keep children and pets away from heaters.
- Never use to dry clothes or shoes by placing them on top.
- Turn off space when going to bed or leaving the house.
- Never use an electric heater near water, such as in a bathroom.
- Don't plug other devices into an outlet used by an electric space heater.
- Don't try to heat an entire house with them.

Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

Symptoms of Carbon Monoxide poisoning may include: slight headache or dizziness, nausea, drowsiness or euphoric feeling, confusion or irritability, and unconsciousness. *Everyone is at risk for carbon monoxide poisoning, however, unborn babies, infants, children, senior citizens, and people with heart or lung problems may be more vulnerable to poisoning.*

Smoke Alarms

Protect yourself by making sure you have **working** smoke alarms on each level of your home and outside every sleeping area. Test them monthly and change the batteries at least once a year, or when your smoke alarm begins to "chirp." For further peace of mind, consider installing a carbon monoxide detector.

Recycling Holiday Discards

The holidays generate much no longer wanted "stuff," such as packing foam, old electronics, wrapping paper, boxes, ribbons, batteries and unwanted usable items. Instead of your garbage can, consider the following:

- **Metro Recycling Information Hotline**

A great resource for information on just about any item you want to get rid of. Call 503-234-3000, Mondays- Saturdays, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. or log onto www.metro-region.org, click onto Garbage, Recycling & Waste Prevention, then click onto "find a recycler." Metro will ask what you want to get rid of and where you live, then Metro will refer to the nearest recycling resource for specific items.

- **Freecycle Portland**

Log onto www.freecycle.org to find a home for that special something rather than throwing it away. Post it, whether it's a chair, fax machine, piano or an old door... or maybe you're looking to acquire something yourself! Through a simple e-mail list, any member of the community can post a note about an item they'd like to give away, or an item they are seeking. The only rule is - every item posted must be free! Freecycle is a worldwide innovative project that harnesses the power of e-mail to connect people with things they want to offer with others who would like to have those things. Grassroots at its best!

LOCAL HISTORY:

(We are always looking for stories of life in our area for the Ridge Runner. Do you have a good story? Send it. Would you like someone else to help write your story or to interview someone? Call Laurel Erhardt at 503-621-3501 or Catherine Dalziel at 503-621-0225 for help. We are interested in receiving stories about modern and old times and about kids and old timers.)

New Baby During Winter Storms

Jan and Tom Campbell's second son Rory was born December 7, 1995. Their expectations of leaving St. Vincent's Hospital on December 10th were interrupted by a Pacific Northwest ice storm, making return to their home on Columbia Street, off of Cornelius Pass Road, impossible. They finally managed to get home only to have another winter storm hit a couple of days later. The storm knocked out the electricity city wide, but our rural area seemed to have low priority for repair. Preparing meals on a camp stove, using bottled water for drinking and bathing, heating with a wood stove, and using a kerosene lantern for light left the new parents struggling while coping with their older son, eighteen-month old Cooper and week-old Rory who cried non stop. On December 16, the Campbells celebrated their wedding anniversary in a cold, candle lit Rock Creek Tavern.

Finally after five days, the power was restored, but the '95-96 winter was far from over.

January brought several more storms with power and phone outages, a primer for the flooding that was to draw national attention in February. Thick snowfall followed by extreme warming caused runoff that took down hillsides. Parts of Cornelius Pass Road slid away, causing its closure for several weeks for restoration. Electricity was once again out at the Campbell's home, along with easy access to the store...and the baby continued to cry. It took weeks before routine was restored. After a final freak snowfall in late March, Jan had had it. With a still crying infant, she bought Costco's last generator in stock. The generator was not powerful enough to run their well pump, but was at least capable of providing power to a refrigerator and the television.

Rory continued to cry for another eight months, but bad weather has never required the Campbells to use their generator again. Rory is now a very happy second grader at Skyline School. Cooper, now a fourth grader, never did see what all the fuss was about.

By Catherine Dalziel as told by Jan Campbell

Memories of Other Winters with Snow, Snow, Snow

Almost every kid had some sort of sled or toboggan. Some had controls and some were out of control. But sledding down our hill was especially fun when the neighbor's mule was available to haul us back to the top.

Today some people are concerned about emergency procedures when the electricity goes out; others of us lived many years in the neighborhood without what we called "juice." When I stomped in from outside, shaking the snow from my boots, it was an unforgettable sensation to hear and smell the fire crackling in the stove and to smell that pot of something stewing on the back of the stove. To this day a wood-burning source of heat is important to me when I'm house-hunting.

An over-flowing pantry was the result of the summer's work of canning and preservation. Neighbors shared their bounty of fruit and vegetables from the garden, and smelt from the river. A very special winter treat was "Snow Ice Cream" made of fresh snow, sugar, pure cream, and vanilla... but my mother, Emma Brooks, insisted that the ice cream not be made until it had snowed long enough to "clean the air." With the snow outside and the warmth inside it was just an incredibly cozy feeling.

My earliest snow memory, however, is of my father, Joe Brooks, getting ready to go to work in the snow. He carried the rural mail. Our road (Kaiser) was one of the last to be plowed, so he left his car up on Skyline every night if it were snowing. Each morning he made sure his leather boots were heavily oiled, then he bundled up, put on a heavy woolen cap and a heavy paper sack over his head with two holes cut out for his eyes, and plunged into the drifts to get to his car a mile away. In the car were always extra tires, extra sets of chains, and lots of wire and rope. Actually in 35 years, he only skidded off Skyline once.

Snow days for school? Before consolidation of the smaller school to form Skyline School, the teachers usually stayed or lived nearby and were there for those students who could make it through the snow. If a student could get there, the student knew it would be a pretty good day with snowball fights and building snowmen. Before consolidation, buses and telephones, it was easier to have school than to cancel it.

School was not a style show for the girls in the winter. In cold

weather, many of us wore long legged underwear with garters and long stockings that always bunched up at the knees. Scratchy woolen skirts and layers of sweaters with laced-up ankle-topped shoes completed "the look." The whole idea was to keep warm.

Snow didn't impede the social life. A truly memorable wedding of Donna and John Pfister took place at Skyline Grange Hall during one storm. A person with a 4-wheel drive became the taxi driver and got everyone to the wedding on time safely. Since we were the first of his pick-up list, we arrived in time for the rehearsal too. It was a beautiful occasion.

When there was ice and snow, one particular group of senior citizens always got together for a homemade ice cream party. It was the only time they could go outside and get all the ice they needed for their favorite recipe. The person with the chains on his car picked up the others and the festivities began.

The snow was soft and beautiful and gave off a bright sparkle in the moonlight. But what a mess it was when it melted and turned into muddy slop!

By Jean Brooks Dixon

UTILITIES:

Northwest Natural Gas

Many people in northwest unincorporated Multnomah County would prefer to heat their homes with natural gas, but do not have access to a supply line along their street. To find out if gas is available to your home, call NW Natural at 503-220-2360. They will install up to 100 feet of service line at no charge if the homeowner converts to a natural gas furnace and water heater, providing there is an existing gas main along the road. (The gas line on Skyline Boulevard ends a little west of the Cornelius Pass Road intersection.)

Homeowners interested in getting natural gas, who do not have an existing gas main in their street, should speak to "Main Extension" when calling NW Natural. First, NW Natural would do a feasibility study (how many residents interested, distance, length of driveways, square footage of homes, number and type of appliances to be converted, etc). Then NW Natural would then decide if extending the gas main would be feasible and provide homeowners with an estimate of the cost to do so. (Source: www.nwnatural.com and phone conversation with representative)

DSL Coverage Area Expands

In the past, people in our area could only get dial up service to log onto the Internet. Gradually more and more residents have received the option to purchase DSL (digital subscriber line) service. Most recently, Qwest has installed equipment at the corner of NW Skyline and Beck Road/Logie Trail Road, making DSL service available to residents in that area. DSL is a method of gaining high-speed access to the Internet using one's existing phone line. DSL connections allow a person to talk on the phone and be connected to the Internet at the same time over the same telephone line. At this time, 640K-download speed is the slowest speed available in this area.

If interested in this service, call Qwest to find out if your line qualifies. There is a distance limitation of approximately 15,000 linear feet from the origination equipment. If service is accessible, and you sign up for it, Qwest may come out and test your line to check signal strength. You will need to choose an ISP (internet service provider) from a list of qualified companies. Qwest will provide you with a list of

choices or you can log onto www.qwest.com/residential/products/dsl. Currently Qwest and MSN.net are offering a combined introductory rate of \$34.99 per month, which includes equipment. To find out if DSL is available on your phone line or for more information, call Qwest at 877-490-6342.

By George Sowder & Karin Hunt

COMMUNITY NEWS: Skyline School

• Skyline Field Renovation

The sports field at Skyline School has undergone a huge transformation. This past spring, a well was installed for a sprinkler system. Due to the hard work of Craig Anderson, Skyline parent and owner of Craig Anderson Plumbing, the field now has water! This summer, the land was also roto-tilled and leveled to ensure a safe playing field. Volunteers spent many hours on the field preparing the surface for a special seed mix containing compost, fertilizer and grass seed. The Rexius company came in with their equipment and blew 2 ½ inches of this grass mixture on our field.

The Skyline Athletic Association would like to thank the many volunteers that helped make the field a safe and beautiful place for our community. Come watch Skyline children play Cedar Mill Little League games this spring and Portland Youth Soccer games next fall on Skyline's newly renovated field!

The next stage of our project will be to raise money for maintenance of the field and a track renovation. If you would like to make a donation to this worthy project please send a check to: Skyline Athletic Association, 14204 NW Dunbar Lane, Portland, OR 97231. For further information, call Chuck Sheldon, SAA President, at 503-286-2927.

• Skyline School Foundation Winter Art Sale

Come to this year's Sale on Saturday, December 6 at McMenamin's Cornelius Pass Roadhouse, 4045 NW Cornelius Pass Road. Admission is free, and 50% of the proceeds from the sale of art, food purchases, and McMenamin's gift certificates will be donated to benefit the Skyline School Foundation/Portland Public School Foundation.

Unique art for the home and garden will be available from local artists including: Ivan McLean who designs and produces metal work ranging from large sculptures to conference tables, wine racks and garden gates; Craig Walker who creates whimsical items for the garden and patio including furniture and architectural accents; Steve and Marta Farris who create copper birdbaths, one of a kind garden sheep and unique plant stakes; Prudence Volkerts and Theresa who create exquisite jewelry; Ken Pincus, a ceramic artist, and; Bouchette and Wickart who create highfire stoneware bowls and fused glass plates. A booth will be set up where kids can make a special bead necklace or earrings (for a fee) with adult artists there to guide them.

For more information, contact Becca Gattey at 503-240-0707.

Grange News

Available for Rental

The Skyline Grange Hall is a community resource maintained by the members of the Grange. The Grange is non-profit and encourages the use of the hall to facilitate community activities. The hall is also available for private parties and commercial uses at slightly higher rates. Check us out at: <http://www.skylinegrange.org>.

LOCAL NEWS:

Forest Park

• Forest Park Mapped!

Friends of Forest Park, committed to protecting Forest Park, has developed "The Hiking & Running Guide to Forest Park," a set of 10 individual maps that feature various loop hikes and runs throughout the Park. Distances on each loop vary from 3 to 9 miles, with plenty of options for ample outdoor variety. Each map includes detailed directions to help park users find their way to the trailhead, and interesting points of each loop are highlighted. Mileage, elevation profiles, and more data than you can shake a stick at, are all included. Designed with the moist Portland climate in mind, the PolyArt maps are water and wear resistant, ready to throw in a pack or shove in a pocket when exploring the park. At \$14.95 and packaged in an attractive corrugated box, the sets make the ideal holiday or special occasion gift. The maps will be available for sale in December, 2003, in time for purchase as holiday gifts. The map set will be available at participating retail outlets in December or can now be pre-ordered at the Friends of Forest Park at 503-223-5449, or by emailing to info@friendsofforestpark.org.

• Update on Area 94's Appeal

In December, 2002, Metro Council voted to expand the region's Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) to include, among other areas, "Area 94," which is land adjacent to Forest Park. Friends of Forest Park appealed this decision to Land Conservation & Development Commission (LCDC). At its June meeting, LCDC voted formally to accept Metro's UGB expansion decision, including Area 94.

Area 94's inclusion into the UGB paves the way for urban development of approximately 500 acres of wooded lands that currently provide an important buffer for Forest Park. Forest Park's size often leads to the misperception that the Park is well protected, but its long and narrow configuration leaves the forest vulnerable to many threats. According to studies undertaken by biologists, only a small fraction of Forest Park can be characterized as true "interior" forest. Most of Forest Park is classified as "edge" forest, and forest dwelling species must therefore compete with marauding species adapted to urban environments and with non-native species introduced from developed areas.

After consulting with its attorney, the Friends of Forest Park board voted at its August board meeting to continue the effort to keep Area 94 out of the UGB. The next step is an appeal to the State Court of Appeals*. In the words of attorney Chris Cook, "such appeals have a lot of hurry up and wait about them." According to her, there is currently a delay while the Oregon Department of Justice (LCDC's

attorneys) puts together LCDC's record of the decision. The brief from Friends of Forest Park will be due 49 days after LCDC's record of the decision is filed, served, and then, if necessary, corrected.

Friends of Forest Park has been leading efforts to reverse the Metro decision on Area 94. A Legal Action Fund has been established and to date more than \$14,000 has been raised. Legal costs are expected to go as high as \$19,000. To donate or for more information, call the Friends of Forest Park office at 503-223-5449.

**Neither the City of Portland nor 1000 Friends of Oregon petitioned the Court of Appeals for review of LCDC's decision. The Bethany area Metro decisions are still being challenged at the Court of Appeals by individual petitioners, including farmers whose operations are threatened by encroaching, residential development. Additional challenges to LCDC's decision will focus on the West Linn and Stafford areas.*

Submitted by Gail Synder

Portland Police News

Derrick Foxworth was sworn-in as Portland Police Chief in October. He has been with the Portland Police Bureau for over 21 years. As a patrol officer, sergeant, lieutenant, captain and assistant chief, Chief Foxworth has worked closely with community members, Police Bureau employees, neighborhood groups, the faith community and local organizations to reduce neighborhood crime, improve neighborhood livability and enhance communication between the community and police.

Commander Scott Anderson is the new Commander at the North Precinct which serves the SRN area located within Portland city limits. Commander Bret Smith, who formerly commanded the North Precinct, has been transferred to the NE Precinct. Lieutenant Keith Morse continues to be assigned to the afternoon and night relief shifts and Lieutenant Irv McGeachy on the day relief shift.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

- I want to express my appreciation for the service you do the community with your publication. Neighbors connect with neighbors through the *Ridge Runner*. I have been most appreciative of the opportunity to develop relationships with likeminded people who live close to me. Whether it be folks interested in bluebirds or the prevention of kidney disease, my neighbors are wonderful people who share their interests and concerns. The *Ridge Runner* provides a wonderfully enlightening and captivating forum for us to make that connection. Thanks again for all the effort that you put into this publication. It is really a jewel. Cheryl Neal 6/4/03

- It's mid-August and I just read the July *Ridge Runner*. I wanted to let you know that Jack and I value the publication and to respond to your inquiry about its place in building a sense of community... I believe that efforts like this are critical to community in today's society. I think people connect with each other, just by reading about what's happening, even if they can't or choose not to show up at events....

Jan McGowan

- To save money for SRN have you considered mailing the *Ridge Runner* only to those who request it? I myself prefer the email (*i.e., the Newline reports*) and don't find additional value in the paper version. You can take us off the paper mailing. Thanks, Linda Williams (*Editors Note: Most Ridge Runners are delivered by carrier route and not to individual addresses. This bulk mailing method significantly reduces the cost of mailing.*)

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Summer Gathering 2003 Successful

Wow what a day! We realize that the Gathering has become a true neighborhood tradition. Former neighbors, who have moved away, still return to attend the Gathering. The kids who attended the earliest Gatherings now are grown up and are beginning to bring their kids to the Gathering. The SRN Board and Fundraising Committee each year question whether the Gathering is worth the tremendous effort. But watching old friends reconnect, meeting new neighbors, and the general good feeling of this year's Gathering convinced us to repeat this event again next summer.

Many children came. Kids rode Spot, Lucy, Triscuit and other horses from Phoenix Farm. Photos of kids were taken on ponies painted by Karin and Coral Kuhlman to look like a zebra and an Indian pony. Raz Sauer, old-fashioned games coordinator, was amazed by the number of kids participating this year. Cooper Campbell's frog won the Large Frog category and Coral Kuhlman (her frog, that is) topped the Small Frog category in the Shadysprings Down Frog Race. Youthful muscles dominated the Tug-of-War.

The Gathering could not be possible without many committed volunteers. The auction coordinated by Kathe Fradkin, Sharon Barthmaier, Sarah Bowersox, Jan Campbell brought in a record amount in proceeds. Linnton Community Center, Skyline Grange and Plumper Pumpkin graciously let us borrow tables, chairs and benches that Steve Fradkin and Joe Barthmaier spent hours transporting. Registrants were warmly greeted by Carol & Roger Wilkerson, Nora Schreiber, and Elena Speroff. Donald Jenkins again conducted a rousing oral auction. Miles and Libby Merwin cashiered. The fixed price items section was manned by Sarah Bowersox and assisted by Cassity Aello. The Stilltenders

played lively music. The potluck was plentiful and delicious and coordinated by Laurel, Joe and Tony Erhardt. Tod Orris grilled hot dogs and sausages and the Pat Brady family made and served homemade ice cream. Cheryl Neal washed all the dishes. Catherine Dalziel coordinated the Informational Displays. KC Davison coordinated the kids' art table. Susan Ahern designed colorful ribbons for the games. Informational displays and literature were provided by Friends of Forest Park, The No Ivy League, Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue, Multnomah County Sheriff's Department, Skyline Church, and Skyline Grange. Personnel from TVF&R were present for safety and to provide the water spray for the popular Tug-of-War. Sevda Speroff, Tovah and Moriah Goldfarh helped with the games. Patrick and Susan Ahern updated all of the road signs with Steve Fradkin's artwork, and installed and removed them with hardly an argument as to the best placement locations! Tractorman donated the requisite field mowing.

We deep appreciate Karin Hunt and Michael Tillson for letting us again use Shadysprings Farm with its beautiful facilities and pastoral setting. Dexter Bacon created another unique scarecrow and Betsy & Jeff Miller donated their Gearhardt beach house for the oral auction. The Aherns, Bowersox Family, Jan Campbell Family, Erhardt Family, Mary Gambill, Patrick & Mary Hengen, Mel Jenkins, Don Jones, Gary & Kelly Kuntz, LaVoie Family, Linn Family, Jim Livingston, Miles & Libby Merwin, Cheryl Neal, and Sally Storm generously donated auction items.

SRN continues to try and improve each Gathering. If you have suggestions, criticisms or would like to volunteer to help, please contact fundraising@skylineridgeneighbors.org.

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<p>St Johns Veterinary Clinic 503-289-4996 4818 N Lombard St in St Johns pets, animals & birds</p>	<p>Sunrise Bagel 503-629-5519 1991 NW 185th Ave Hillsboro, OR 97124 30 kinds of bagels made on premise</p>	<p>Tractorman Patrick Ahern 503-621-3510 21000 NW Logie Trail Rd Portland, OR 97231 Field mowing – bucket work</p>
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<p>Yoga Strength at the Grange Mary Tustin-Levy, Instructor 503-621-9670 yoga postures & exercise for strength, flexibility & endurance</p>	<p>Randy Young 503-621-3760 A McNamee Road Woodcrafter "Fine Things in Wood" Pieces at Real Mother Goose iryound@easvstreet.com</p>	<p>Thank You</p>

SRN NEWS:

Treasurer's Report: 3rd Quarter 2003

How'd we do THAT? After all of my whining and begging and predictions of doom, we're going to end the year in the black, and with a generous reserve for future operations.

There are many people to thank for making this happen. We've already had \$1609 in donations this year, in one modest check after another (and a couple more than modest, in fact, fully clothed!), and there's still another month to go. It's encouraging to see the expansion of households willing to support SRN. Contributing during this latest period were: Carol Chesarek, Jack and Jan McGowan, Ray Fraga and Cece Hall, Libby Merwin, George Sowder and Judy Friedman, and Patrick and Mary Hengen. Earlier contributions came from Mike and Marilyn Oliver, Fred and Corinne Van Raden, Cheryl Neal, John and Caryn Leach, Brad and Brenda Bertram, Kenneth Prier, Pauline and Bob Houghton, Steve and Jan Linden, David and Leslie Linden, Jean Nixon, Jacques and Bev Vonfeld, Nolan and Joan Tanner, Robert Vanderwerf, Pat Brady, Scott Teitsworth and Deborah Buchanan, Pete and BJ Richards. See what I mean? Thanks, again, to all of you.

The Summer Gathering was a great success, especially at fundraising, much to our surprise. The winnowing of items for sale to feature higher value objects made the workload much easier. A key factor in the \$4600 auction total was a couple of transactions between neighbors, with the proceeds being donated to the auction results. These very generous donations helped move us into the black for the

year, and expanded our rainy day fund considerably.

The board has decided to invest a little of this money into a Readership Survey to determine the value of our services to the neighborhood. Although we know the *Ridge Runner* is sent to more than 1400 addresses, we wonder how many people actually read and enjoy it. Additionally, we're still scratching our heads as to why so few people attend the general meetings. Please help us move this association in the directions you desire. **Send in the survey! Mail it in an envelop with a stamp to save SRN money!** I guess my wife is right, I am a little on the *frugal* side. (my words, not hers!).

Well I'm rambling on a little, so here are the facts and figures:

Income year to date: \$ 6369

Expenses: \$ 3234

Projected expenses: \$ 1300 (for this *Ridge Runner* & Survey

Projected surplus: \$ 1835

Balance in checking account prior to this newsletter: \$5284

Balance in rainy day fund: \$5065

Respectfully submitted, Patrick Ahern

www.SkylineRidgeNeighbors.org

Agnes Kwan, our webmaster, continues to keep our website up-to-date. Every week when a Newsline report comes out, she diligently takes time out of her busy life to put new information on the website. Visit it. If you have suggestions or information you would like considered on the web, contact Agnes at webmaster@skylineridgeighbors.org. We are interested in links to other websites that are pertinent to our neighborhood.

How To Contact SRN:

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Skyline Ridge Runner:

Please submit comments, stories, classifieds, ads and articles for consideration by emailing to ridgerunner@skylineridgeighbors.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 Newsline:

Please submit information about local crimes, events, and news for consideration, by faxing 503-621-1272, by emailing to newsline@skylineridgeighbors.org. To receive the longer, weekly Email version of the Newsline, contact skylineruralwatchnewsline@hotmail.com or pick one up at Plainview Grocery. To hear the shorter phone version, call 503-621-1203.

CLASSIFIEDS:

Housecleaning Services: Get help for the Holidays or all year-round. Independent, local & dependable. Excellent references. \$20/hr. Call 503-817-7251.

Breedlove Acoustic Guitars: For sale just in time for the Holidays! All brand new, best prices. Call 503-314-7526 or email lynn@lynfrancesanderson.com.

U-Cut Christmas Trees: Grand, Douglas & Nobel Firs. At 10742 NW Quarry Rd (off Skyline between Cornelius Pass & McNamee). Week-ends only, Nov. 29 to Dec. 21, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Reasonably priced. For info, call 503-286-2327.

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

Wanted Good, Used Bicycles: for Holiday Bicycle Drive for low income kids. All bike sizes, must be in good condition. Will be refurbished by Community Cycling Center. Call Steve Fradkin at 503-614-9064 to donate.

Portland Gurukula's Cosmic Education Program continues the introspective class on Sankara's Upsurging Waves of Beauty, Sundays at 8 p.m. on Skyline, near Skyline Grange. Call Scott or Deb, 503-286-3271 for details.

Jensen & Marineau Pottery Sale: Open Studio Fri-Sat of Thanksgiving weekend, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. at 22017 Beck Road. Large selection of lamps, tile, bowls, plates, vases. Everyone welcome.

'96 Chrysler Sebring JX Convertible: V6, AT, PS, PB, AC, 6-CD changer, power seat, keyless entry with alarm, CC, tilt, cloth. Looks & runs great. \$4995. Call 503-621-3352.

Seasoned Firewood: Dry, split & cut. Mostly hardwood. \$50/cord. You haul from Germantown Rd. Call 503-240-0707.

Large Pony or Small Horse Wanted: For 8 year old boy. Must be healthy, sound, safe & inexpensive. For Pony Club, 4-H, trails, some jumping. Experienced, loving home. Contact Jan Campbell 503-621-3324 or tjcamfam@earthlink.net.

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.

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.

Toro Wheel Horse Lawn Tractor 13-38 HXL: 13 hp, 38" wide, w/large bag. Not used since May tune-up. Excellent condition. Asking \$750. Call Sen at 503-621-3331.

Help Wanted For Light Clerical Work: Hours very flexible! If you want to work six or sixty hours, please call 503 260-3684.



Is This Your Child?

Were you were at the Summer Gathering 2003 and had a child with you? Chances are we have a photo of your child on the the "Zebra" and the "Indian Pony". We don't know who is who! To receive your child's photos, call Karin at 503 621-6932 or come to the next SRN General Meeting on December 16th to pick them up.



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CALENDAR:

Skyline Ridge Neighbors General Meeting: Tues, Dec 16, 7-9 p.m. Topic: "Road Maintenance & Electricity in Winter." Held at Skyline Grange, 11275 NW Skyline Blvd.

Skyline School Foundation Winter Art Sale: Sat, Dec. 6, 11 a.m.- 6 p.m. at McMenamins' Cornelius Pass Roadhouse, 4045 NW Cornelius Pass Road.

Skyline Grange meets 3rd Mon. of each month, 7:30 p.m. at 11275 NW Skyline Blvd. For information, call Pat Barnard at 503-286-2857.

Skyline Volunteer Firefighters meet every Monday at 7 p.m. at Station 63, 11646 NW Skyline Blvd. Regular drills & business meetings. For information about volunteering, call Captain Kevin Ferguson at 503-649-8577.

Yoga Strength Classes at Skyline Grange: Every Wed & Fri at 6:30 p.m. For information, call Mary at 503-621-9670.

Backyard Burning Season ends December 15.

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,



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