

Metro's Open Spaces Acquisition Topic of Joint FPNA & SRN Mtg 3/20

Skyline Ridge Neighbors and Forest Park Neighborhood Association will host a joint meeting at which Metro's Open Spaces Acquisition staff will talk with us "mountain folk" about the plans for acquisition and protection of open spaces, natural areas, stream watersheds, and wildlife connections in the northwest part of Multnomah County. The meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 20, from 7-8:30 p.m. at Brooks Hill Historic Church, 11539 NW Skyline Boulevard, across from Skyline School. The bond measure, passed in November, includes in its principle target areas at least three locations in our neighborhoods: the Upper Rock Creek Headwaters (including the tributary Abbey Creek in the Germantown/Springville area), Forest Park Connections, and the prospective Westside Trail. It is a "willing seller" program and also a principal opportunity for Metro to connect with interested landowners in our neighborhoods, either for outright land purchase or protection by easement. After the presentation, FPNA will hold a brief business meeting.

By Jim Emerson, FPNA Board Member

SRN NEWS:

To Endorse or Not to Endorse: That is the Question

Anyone who read the last *Ridge Runner* or attended the general meeting last October will recall the controversy regarding endorsement by SRN of issues, political and otherwise, that may impact the neighborhood. SRN was asked to endorse a ballot measure in the recent election to increase public funding for the West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District and, separately, to sign a letter of concern from Forest Park Neighborhood Association about wildlife habitat protection. In the end, the Board decided to do neither and no vote was taken at the general meeting.

Nonetheless, those requests brought into sharp focus a basic question for this neighborhood association: Should the Board, acting on behalf of SRN, ever take positions on political or non-political issues? If so, when and how should the Board take stands and when should it first poll the residents of SRN for their opinions?

There are compelling arguments on both sides of this question. Those in favor of advocacy believe that when the neighborhood is faced with important issues that could affect the quality of life in the area, the Board of Directors can and should advocate for outcomes that would be in the best interests of the neighborhood. Since the Board is the elected representative of the residents, it has a responsibility to act on behalf of all SRN residents.

Those who oppose taking sides argue that because our neighborhood is so large and diverse, it would be presumptuous for the Board to advocate a position on an issue that a majority of residents may or may not support. They believe that SRN should instead encourage dialog and education, striving to present both sides of the question through invited speakers at meetings and newsletter articles.

Our status as a nonprofit charitable organization restricts SRN from certain types of advocacy. Federal law prohibits organizations like us from endorsing candidates for elected office or political parties. However, nonprofits are permitted to lobby for or against legislation as long as it not a "substantial" portion of their activities. (You can imagine that the IRS definition of "substantial" is rather complex!)

SRN has faced many issues large and small in the past. In fact the neighborhood association came into being as a reaction to the proposed

development of five-acre parcels on a large tract of land in the center of what is now SRN's territory. Other issues in the past that provoked a lot of controversy and strong opinions, both for and against, include closing the volunteer fire station, conversion of the Cornelius Pass rail line into a Rails-to-Trails path, changing the intersection at Cornelius Pass and Skyline, additions to Forest Park, the West Hills Rural Area Plan, and the proposed Westside Bypass freeway. (Thanks to Karin Hunt, a founding member of SRN, for researching these issues.)

At its November meeting, the Board agreed to develop policy after first consulting with area residents. Guidelines are needed to help the Board determine how to respond to different types of issues, what sort of educational and advocacy actions can be taken, and when and how to try to get a representative sample of opinion from the residents. On the other hand, the Board may decide that neutrality is the best policy.

What's Next: We want your input on this important issue! All SRN residents are invited to write pro and con opinions regarding SRN endorsements for the next issue of the *Ridge Runner*. (See below.) Later this spring the Board plans to distribute a survey to ask residents for their views on whether or not SRN should take positions, what issues facing our neighborhood they think are important, when and how SRN should poll residents, etc. Stay tuned!

By Miles Merwin, SRN Secretary

Seeking Thoughts on Endorsements

Other nonprofits – environmental groups, religious groups, even neighborhood associations – take positions on issues all the time. Should we? Never? Sometimes? On what issues? Why or why not? To help the neighborhood think about these questions SRN plans to cover the pros and cons of endorsements in the next issue of the *Ridge Runner*, and we want to include the views of as many residents as possible. If you're willing to share your thoughts, please jot them down and send them to president@skylineridgeneighbors.org or to Karen Garber, 16238 NW McNamee Rd, Portland, OR 97231. Please be sure to include your name and address. Although we welcome any and all feedback, anonymous submissions will not be printed. Thanks!

Karen Garber, SRN President

Can You Host The Summer Gathering?

After many years of providing a space for the Summer Gathering, the generous folks at Shadysprings Farm are taking this summer off. Karin Hunt and Michael Tillson have been holding SRN fundraisers since 1989 while running a large, busy and successful equine facility. We are currently looking for a replacement venue in the neighborhood to hold the Gathering. The date is flexible right now although we always try to shoot for good weather! If you know of a place that can hold a few hundred people, has space for games, parking, food and an auction, please contact Cindy Banks, SRN Chair of Fundraising, at (503) 629-9700 or email fundraising@skylineridgeneighbors.org.

An Editor's Goodbye

Seventeen years ago Mel Jenkins encouraged me, a new resident to the area, to volunteer for this neighborhood association. That I did, jumping in with both feet. It is time now, if not overdue, that I retire from my active role in producing the *Skyline Ridge Runner* after this issue. Additionally, I have decided to step down as the primary person producing the *Skyline Rural Watch Newslines* reports by the end of Au-

gust 2007. As I turn a reflective 60, I am ready for a new phase of life and would like to devote more time to eliminating holly and ivy from my own property and to have more time to work on SRN's Knotweed Eradication Project. I look forward to the ideas new people will bring to both the *Ridge Runner* and the *Newsline*. Thank you for seventeen wonderful years, especially Karin, Patrick, Donald, and Marilyn.

I'll send you a postcard from Morocco!

Sen Speroff

Wanted: Ridge Runner Editor!

It was with understanding and regret that the Board received Sen Speroff's resignation as editor of SRN's popular *Skyline Ridge Runner* newsletter. Words cannot express the extent of our appreciation for the years of dedicated service Sen has given our neighborhood, not only as the *Ridge Runner's* editor and primary contributor but also as the driving force behind most of the services, projects and events SRN has taken on—from the *Newsline* to noxious weeds, from neighborhood clean-ups to the annual Summer Gathering. We can appreciate her feeling ready to step down from the editor responsibilities, and she has assured us she will be around, as usual, helping out.

So, now it's time to find a new editor who will bring his or her personal flair to the publication. Are you interested in journalism? Would you like to get more involved with your neighborhood and help bring us together as a community? Do you like having fun with good people?

The SRN board has established a few basic requirements for the *Ridge Runner* but is otherwise open to the interests and passions (and busy schedules) of our volunteers. As the new editor you will be blessed with a great team: many contributing writers and a group of caring neighbors with a wide variety of skills and a plethora of suggestions for articles and projects.

If we've piqued your interest – even a little – please contact Karen Garber at (503) 289-7169 or president@skylineridgeneighbors.org to find out more. There are many ways we can fill the editor role, from an individual to a team, and we can probably find the perfect fit for you.

Volunteers Needed

SRN needs volunteers for the following positions and projects:

- SRN President (up for election this spring)
- SRN Treasurer (up for election this spring)
- SRN Community Outreach Chair
- SRN Public Services Chair
- *Ridge Runner* editor
- *Ridge Runner* writers
- SRN Community Resource Directory
- SOLV IT Neighborhood Cleanup 4/28
- Summer Gathering planning
- Phone tree coordinators
- Emergency preparedness projects

If you can help or to find out more please contact Karen Garber at (503) 289-7169 or president@skylineridgeneighbors.org.

Treasurer's Report

Greetings and good wishes to you and yours for the year 2007! The banking activity for the SRN Treasurer since last report has been light, as is customary for this time of year, and so is this Treasurer's report. A few most appreciated donations came in, our October *Skyline Ridge Runner* publishing expenses went out, there were expenses for the ongoing noxious weed eradication, and the engraving bill for the famous Frog Plaque. The bottom line since the last report is an expected negative - \$835.00.

Thank you to our good neighbors Loretta Field and Floyd Nelson, Mark Fujii and Jill Inahara, and Jan & Tom Campbell for their support through their cash donations to SRN.

Cash Flow: 9/18/2006 Through 12/31/2006		
Income		
	Ridge Runner Ads and Donations	115.00
	TOTAL INCOME	115.00
Expenses		
	Hall Rental	25.00
	Noxious weed eradication project	56.00
	Ridge Runner (October Publication)	860.00
	Trophy Engraving	9.00
	TOTAL Expenses	950
	OVERALL TOTAL	-835.00

As usual, I welcome all comments and suggestions. Remember, your fiscally conservative board will use your donations wisely. So, don't hesitate to send \$30 bucks to demonstrate your continued support of the 501(c)(3) Skyline Ridge Neighbors. Donations can be sent to "SRN", c/o Laurel Erhardt, 14416 NW Skyline Blvd, Portland, OR 97231. Laurel Erhardt, SRN Treasurer

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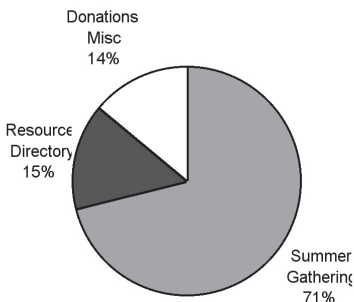
2007 Proposed Budget & Annual Report

The SRN Board has been at work reviewing our 2006 expenses and discussing the 2007 budget. Following are the actual expenses of 2006, what has been put before the Board for approval for the 2007 budget, and discussion of the reason behind the numbers. This budget will also be presented at the February 13th SRN General Meeting for comment and suggestions.

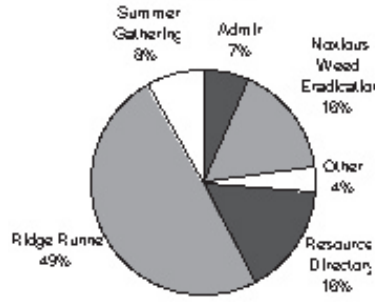
SRN Budget

	Actual 2006	Budget 2007
BEGINNING BALANCE JAN 1	14,338	14,202
INCOME		
Resource Directory Advertising	1,030	1,000
Ridge Runner Advertising	20	20
Auction	4,801	4,500
Donations	916	400
Interest	4	4
TOTAL INCOME	6,771	5,924
EXPENSES		
Administration	337	337
Advocacy Survey	0	250
Newsline	20	20
Noxious Weed Eradication	1,087	200
Phone Tree	0	100
Resource Directory	1,214	1,235
Ridge Runner	3,420	3,440
SOLV Neighborhood Clean-Up	76	100
Summer Gathering	567	1,100
Website	186	186
Weed & Native Plant Tour	0	100
TOTAL EXPENSES	6,907	7,068
NET INCOME/(EXPENSE)	-136	-1,144
ENDING BALANCE DEC 31	14,202	13,058

2006 Income



2006 Expenses



Our SRN neighbors have always been generous with their time and donations but we are always conservative in our budget and do not assume what was given last year can be depended upon. Hence, we are conservative in our projections. There are some expenses we have budgeted for that previously may have had minimal or no expense due to our generous friends. The same holds true for our income through the annual auction and donations.

The quarterly *Skyline Ridge Runner* and the weekly email *Skyline Rural Watch Newsline* are the cornerstone of fulfilling the purpose of SRN. They have always been of the highest priority in our expenses. The *Skyline Ridge Neighbors Community Business & Resource Directory* is very well received by the community, is largely self supporting through ad revenue and something we have budgeted to continue.

The SRN Board has always supported holding a "rainy day fund"

reserve. Should the annual Summer Gathering and Auction fail to materialize, this money would be used to maintain the publications, Newsline and administrative costs until the next Summer Gathering. We have always believed there are many worthy projects that SRN could also support and continuously seek suggestions from our neighbors for appropriate community projects. Participation in the SOLV neighborhood cleanup program, the neighborhood phone tree project, and the eradication of noxious weeds program are all included in this year's budget and are examples of projects that are in keeping with the purpose of SRN.

We encourage you to attend the general meeting on Tuesday, February 13th with your comments or contact me or any board member with your recommendations.

Final budget vote by the board is scheduled for the next regular board meeting after the general meeting, which should be the 2nd Sunday in March.

Laurel Erhardt, SRN Treasurer

LOCAL LIFE: People News

Maggie Higgins, daughter of **Kim and Jerry Higgins**, married Brian Vancil on July 1, 2006 in the picnic area of St Brigitta Church. Maggie attended Skyline School and graduated from Benson High School in 1997.

Michele Mechling, daughter of **Mike and Lila Mechling**, married Ted Rask on June 17, 2006. They met at West Sylvan School. Originally Michele attended Skyline School, and now she has a Doctorate of Physical Therapy from Pacific University.

Live Animal Trap Available

Recently we successfully trapped a feral cat that was wreaking havoc on our neighbors and us. Our cat, Grep, and Artie from next door both ended up with infected bite wounds. He was one nasty cat.

As I folded up the Hav-a-Heart trap, last used several years ago, it occurred to me that I'd be happy to loan that trap to Skyline Neighbors. If you need a humane trap for problematic cats, you can borrow it by calling me at (503) 720-2731 or email david.king@phoebusgroup.com. I figured if we can share an extra dog coffin as we did in the past, then I suppose we could share an idle cat trap.

From David King

Elk in the Fall Garden

Joe was having elk problems in his garden - Like, who isn't? He put up motion detectors that turn "stuff" on to scare away the elk. I was walking home through the field at dusk one night innocently approaching the garden, when all of a sudden, a 500 watt light comes on in my face, and a small vacuum cleaner that was sitting on a rusty 50 gallon barrel turns on bouncing all over the place. It was pretty disruptive to what had been a very pleasant walk. Joe said I was fortunate that the sprinkler system had been temporarily disconnected or I would have been soaked too.

One evening, I heard the vacuum cleaner turn on and looked out the window to see the elk placidly grazing in the garden total unfazed by lights and noise. The bright light reflected their sleek coats over fat bellies. What lucky elk they are. The elk had eaten the corn to the ground. They cleaned it up better than they had in years past. My suspicion is that with all the light they now had, it is easier to find every little morsel.

By Laurel Erhardt

Musician Brings Dreams to Skyline

It happened almost overnight. Cindy Lou Banks found a home for her two greatest passions in the Brooks Hill Historic Church. Banks, who says she has a natural obsession for restoring old buildings, saw the neglected church for sale online. She had her realtor show her the church in the dark—and wrote up an offer that night. She says she had no idea she bought a church with such an amazing view. “I’ve never been a particularly religious person. But when I came up here the next day and stared out the windows, I thought it looked like a postcard from God.”

Banks’ obsession for old buildings plays second fiddle to her love of music. Music has been part of her life for four decades. She is an award-winning alternative country musician and songwriter. Banks says her friends think it’s “hysterical” that she now lives in the basement of an old church—a sharp contrast from her hard-partying days on the road as a musician. She feared her family and other churchgoers would think it was sacrilegious that she bought a church. But she says once they visited, they understood.

Built in 1931, the church served the local Skyline community for over 70 years as the Brooks Hill Free Methodist Church. It was the gathering place for the local families who farmed this stunning area on the outskirts of Portland, settled by Swiss and German immigrants. Banks’ dream is to use music to once again make the church a place where the community connects.

She is working on a complete historical renovation of the church. Banks hopes to rip out the carpeting and restore the hardwood floors and wooden pews, get rid of the metal siding, and find the original bell—or one that looks like it. She calls the renovation a 20-year plan and estimates it will cost her more than \$100,000. Banks is funding some of those expenses by renting out the church for weddings. She hosted more than 30 in 2006—and has several already scheduled for this year.

But when Banks bought the church, she says she didn’t realize the extent of the zoning hurdles she faced. The less than half-acre lot the church sits on is zoned for farming. Banks plans to ask the county to rezone it—so she can obtain long term financing. She says if she can’t get the land rezoned and obtain a lower interest loan, she’ll have to sell the church. Anyone who’s dealt with the county over zoning on Skyline Ridge knows that’s an uphill battle.

Why fight? Banks is a dreamer. And she’s hoping the community will help her with her dream. Banks hopes people will write letters of support when she makes her official request for a zoning change. In the meantime, she is making plans for her contribution to the community this coming summer. She hopes to put together a monthly concert series with other local songwriters. “Music is one of the things that brings people together—and that’s what I want to do for this neighborhood. I love this place!”

Written by Lisa Helderop based on an interview with Cindy Banks

(Editor’s Note: If you know someone who would make an interesting profile in a future Ridge Runner issue, contact Lisa at lisahelderop@msn.com.)

Birthday Candles

I called it five days. My husband says it was technically 3 whole days and 2 half days. But if your husband is gone for most of those days because he claims the bad weather that caused you to go without heat, electricity, and water is perfect duck hunting weather, and if a tree should fall at the top of your road during said days, and another tree should fall at the bottom of your road during said days thereby trapping you on your road, and these things occur on your birthday

when your 70-year-old parents have just flown in for a visit from the sunny southwest, then you get to call it what you want. So, I am calling it 5 days with no power.

For chumps that live in town this could sound rather romantic. They might “rough it” for a few days and talk jovially about how they survived the winter of ought-six harkening back to pioneer days with wells that used hand pumps, lanterns fueled with oil and farm animals that kept you warm. But I’m here to tell you there is nothing romantic about 5 days without power when you live out here. It turns out that you need electricity to pump your well water into your house, 5 D-batteries and a 9-volt to run a modern lantern, and did you know that wool freezes? Our sheep were not going to keep anyone warm while running around like popsicles-with-hooves.

While a variety of tasks may be preformed without electricity: reading by flashlight, sleeping, piano, Irish dance; it turns out there are many things that can’t be done without water. Flushing a toilet, washing your hands after flushing a toilet, taking a shower, cleaning a duck, washing your hands after cleaning a duck semi-colon, these are activities that lend themselves to clean, flowing, potable water with a high chlorine content. And telling a kid they can’t flush a toilet is a guarantee for rapid onset purging of the lower bowel; children have no concept of timing.

However, roughing it without power and water taught me many important lessons. Firstly, if you have a retired military officer in your home when the power goes out, *be prepared*. The only thing worse than not having bottled water, flashlights (with *working* batteries), candles (with a way to light the candles), a radio (with *working* batteries), and *working* batteries, is hearing about it from your retired military officer father. In his day, he always had enough supply of water, toilet paper, and warm sheep to get him to the next year of the locust which he could presumably eat. Secondly, if you have children, find a way to flush your toilet. In a pinch one *can* use water from a fishpond to flush the toilet, but that isn’t recommended because the accidental flushing of fish causes great bowel anxiety in children. And lastly if it is your birthday, your 70 year old parents have come for a visit, your kids keep asking if they can do a Google search without electricity, it hasn’t been above 50 degrees inside your house and your husband has gone duck hunting, open a bottle of wine, gather around the fireplace and talk about the olden days before electric well pumps, back up generators, and Google. And don’t blow out the birthday candles, you’ll need them to see. Kim Johnson lives on Logie Trail

LAND USE:

North Bethany Plan Update

800 acres, located generally north of Springville Road between NW 185th Avenue and the Washington County line, was added to the Urban Growth Boundary in 2002. This area is slated for residential development with a mix of parks, open space, schools and neighborhood services supported by a multimodal transportation system. In early January, Washington County held a very well attended Open House giving the public an opportunity to view the current planning, to provide input in the form of a questionnaire, and to ask questions. Because of its close proximity to the SRN area, what happens in North Bethany will affect our area (traffic, etc), thus SRN residents may want to follow the process, which is expected to take over a year. The project will host a series of public involvement events, including one more open house and a workshop to gather input from community members at key milestones. For documents and meeting information, visit <http://www.bethanyplan.org/> website or contact Angela Brown at angela_brown@co.washington.or.us or call (503) 846-3968.

Local Measure 37 Claims

In November 2004, voters of Oregon passed Measure 37, 61% to 39%. Measure 37 requires that if a government in Oregon cannot or will not pay compensation when zoning regulations reduce property values, a waiver must be granted to exempt the owner from some, or all, of the property's zoning restrictions and permit a use that was allowable when it was purchased. Right from the very start Measure 37 had a local advocate. Dorothy English, the then 92-year old McNamee Road resident, became the appealing face in Measure 37's campaign ads. Mrs. English was the first Multnomah County resident in line to file a Measure 37 Claim.

In Multnomah County there was a rush of 61 new claims filed seeking \$243 million in compensation on the eve of December 4, 2006, after which the process for claims became more expensive. Of the 99 claims listed on Multnomah County's website, 27 involve properties within the *Ridge Runner* mailing area (perimeters roughly being Germantown Road, Washington County line, Columbia County line & uphill side of Hwy 30).

Here is a brief summary of those filings in our area. The claims are complicated, so for details and a better understanding of each, visit Multnomah County's website at <http://www2.co.multnomah.or.us/jsp/Public/EntryPoint?>. If a claim request was granted, this means some Multnomah County land use regulations were reversed, but this does not include regulations concerning health and safety codes, requirements for suitability domestic water supply, sufficient area to support waste disposal system, or building codes. If the request has been denied, it did not meet the required criteria for a Measure 37 claim.

When reading this information, use the following legend: CFU = Commercial Forest Use; EFU = Exclusive Farm Use; HD = Hillside Development; SEC = Significant Environmental Concern for wildlife habitat (h), view (v) or (s) stream.

File # T1-04-044

- Location: NW McNamee Road
- Zoning: CFU-2
- Request: Compensation or right to create 8 parcels out of the existing parcels through a series of partitions not to exceed 2 partitions parcels per year.
- Decisions: Request granted with respects to all County land use regulations restricting use of the property with exceptions.

File # T1-05-013

- Location: TL 600, Section 10A, 2N2W
- Zoning: CFU-1
- Request: Compensation or waiver of rules adopted after 8/1/71 to allow dirt fill & replacement home
- Decision: Court Judgment #0603-02342 rendered judgment in favor of Multnomah County & against plaintiff (landowner)

File # T1-05-014

- Location: TL 100, Section 10, 2N2W
- Zoning: CFU
- Request: Compensation or 70 to 75 two-acre lots with rollback of regulations to 1971
- Decision: Court Judgment #0603-02342 rendered judgment in favor of Multnomah County & against plaintiff (landowner)

File # T1-05-015

- Location: TL 1100, Section 03, 2N2W
- Zoning: CFU-1
- Request: Compensation or ability to construct a home on a 90.85 acre property.

- Decision: Court Judgment #0603-02342 rendered judgment in favor of Multnomah County & against plaintiff (landowner)

File # T1-05-026

- Location: NW Morgan Rd.
- Zoning: Rural Residential
- Request: Waive regulations to allow Auto Repair Use & land division
- Decision: Pending

File # T1-05-034

- Location: NW McNamee Rd.
- Zoning: CFU-2
- Request: Compensation or 9-lot Subdivision or any non-farm/forest use allowed
- Decision: Pending

File #T1-05-042

- Location: TL 2400, Section 24D, 2N2W (Sheltered Nook Rd area)
- Zoning: CFU-2
- Request: Relief from land use regulations that would prohibit having a dwelling on each of 3 parcels that they would like to sell. (This case replaces #T1-05-019)
- Decision: In lieu of compensation, the County shall not apply certain regulations

File # T1-05-057

- Location: NW Moreland Rd
- Zoning: CFU-1
- Request: Compensation or relief from land use regulations since 1971
- Decision: Pending

File # T1-05-061

- Location: TL 700, Section 32A, 2N1W (McNamee Road)
- Zoning: CFU-1
- Request: 38-lot subdivision, PUD, or any other use permitted at the time in the SEC-h&v with a PAM impact
- Decision: Request denied

File # T1-05-063

- Location: NW Germantown Rd
- Zoning: Rural Residential
- Request: Relief from regulations that prevent creation of 5 five-acre lots.
- Decision: Request denied

File # T1-05-064

- Location: TL 1200, Section 25C, 3N2W (off of Gilkison Road)
- Zoning: CFU-1
- Request: Compensation or ability to construct a single family dwelling on property
- Decision: Approved with conditions

File # T1-06-007

- Location: NW Cornelius Pass Rd
- Zoning: CFU-2
- Request: No request specified
- Decision: Pending

File # T1-06-027

- Location: NW Rocky Point Rd
- Zoning: Commercial Forest Use; Significant Environmental Concern overlay for wildlife habitat & view
- Request: Request for relief from regulations to construct a second single family dwelling on a parcel that currently has 1 existing

dwelling

- Decision: Request denied

File # T1-06-091

- Location: NW Germantown Rd.
- Zoning: EFU & SEC-h, HD
- Request: Regulatory relief to partition property into 1-2 acre lots & single family residences.
- Decision: Pending

File # T1-06-097

- Location: TL 400, Section 25, 2N2W
- Zoning: CFU-2 & SEC-h
- Request: Compensation or regulatory relief to allow for development of a single family residence
- Decision: Pending

File # T1-06-098

- Location: NW Germantown Rd
- Zoning: EFU, SEC-h,s
- Request: Waiver of regulations which prohibit residential development of the parcels in the current zoning
- Decision: Pending

File # T-06-112

- Location: TL 1700, Section 20BC, 2N1W
- Zoning: CFU-1, SEC-h,v & HD
- Request: Waiver of regulations of the CFU zone that prevent 1 dwelling on each of 4 existing lots
- Decision: Pending

File # T1-06-114

- Location: TL 800, Section 31, 2N1W
- Zoning: CFU-2, SEC-h,s & HD
- Request: Regulatory relief to allow land division into unspecified number of lots
- Decision: Pending

File # T1-06-115

- Location: TL 1600, Section 31, 2N1W
- Zoning: CFU-2, SEC-h, HD
- Request: Regulatory relief that restricts all commercial, industrial, & residential uses
- Decision: Pending

File # T1-06-118

- Location: NW Cornelius Pass Rd
- Zoning: CFU=2, SEC-h,s & HD
- Request: Regulatory relief from land use regulations that restricts all commercial, industrial, & residential uses allowable in 1969
- Decision: Pending

File # T1-06-119

- Location: TL 500, Section 31, 2N1W
- Zoning: CFU=2, SEC-h,s & HD
- Request: Regulatory relief to allow 4 lot subdivision
- Decision: Pending

File #T1-06-125

- Location: NW St Helens Rd.
- Zoning: CFU-1, SEC-h,v,s, CFU-1 & HD
- Request: Compensation or relief from regulations that prevent dividing property for single family dwellings
- Decision: Pending

File #T1-06-132

- Location: TL 900, Section 26D, 2N2W

- Zoning: CFU-2
- Request: Relief from regulations that limit building a dwelling on each of 2 parcels
- Decision: Pending

File #T1-06-139

- Location: NW Logie Trail Rd
- Zoning: CFU-1, SEC-h,v,s
- Request: Relief from land use regulations that limit dwellings on 3 existing parcels
- Decision: Pending

File #T06-143

- Locations: NW Morgan Rd
- Zoning: CFU-2
- Request: Relief from land use regulations that limit subdivision & construction on approx. 40 acre parcel.
- Decision: Pending

File #T1-06-144

- Location: NW McNamee Rd
- Zoning: CFU-2
- Request: Relief from regulations that increase the parcel size requirement to build a dwelling to greater than 2 acres.
- Decision: Pending Sources: Compiled by Sen Speroff from Multnomah County website, wweek.com, etc)

Accessory Building Permits

On 12/4/06, the Multnomah County Planning Commission approved changes to accessory building language in zones CFU, EFU, Exception and National Scenic area. These changes still need to go before the Multnomah County Commissioners to be approved. It will make it easier to get building permits for buildings listed as an “Allowed Use” while other buildings will have to go under a review process. The Planning Commissions motion included an amendment “to make clear that Agricultural structures are exempt...” It is unclear whether this means that all agricultural structures, or only those on “Farm Exempt Land”, will be an allowed use. New language recommended to the CFU zoning code is as follows:

33.2020 Allowed Uses under (T)(1) include structures or uses listed below when customarily accessory or incidental to any use permitted or approved in this district: Garages, carports, pump houses, garden sheds, workshops, storage sheds, greenhouses, woodsheds, shelter for pets, swimming pools, pool houses, hot tubs, saunas, changing rooms, sport courts, gazebos, pergolas, detached decks, fences, gates, or gate support structures; and similar structures. If the accessory structure is a building, then to be an “allowed use” the footprint of the building in combination with the footprint of all other accessory buildings on the property shall not exceed 2500 square feet.

If the accessory structure has a bathroom or kitchen facilities, then prior to issuance of the building permit the property owner shall record a deed restriction with County Records that states that the owner understands and agrees that the structure cannot be occupied as a dwelling.

33.2025 Review Uses include structures or uses customarily accessory or incidental to any use permitted or approved in this district, which don’t meet the “allowed uses” standard in MCC 33.2020(T)(1).

(By Karin Hunt based on “Multnomah County Staff Report PC06-001 (12/04/06); Multnomah County Land Use Planning Commission minutes of 12/4/06)

Land Use Decisions

Multnomah County Land Use Planning Director made the following decisions from October 11, 2006 to January 11, 2007. County Land Use Decisions made since 1996 can be found at <http://www2.co.multnomah.or.us/aspnet/decisions/lupsearch.aspx>.

- At 26461 NW St Helens Rd: Approved with conditions is a request for a Hillside Development Permit to construct a single family dwelling & driveway. Case File # T2-06-067.
- At 20300 NW Mann St: Approved with conditions is the request to add a 27x22 foot partial second story addition to an existing single family dwelling and to build a 1000 sq ft single story detached garage. Case File #T2-06-071.
- At 19335 NW Logie Trail Rd: Approved with conditions is the request for a Significant Environmental Concern Permit to construct a 15 x 24 foot addition onto an existing single family residence. Case File # T2-06-100.
- At 14125 NW Germantown Rd: Approved with conditions is the request for a Significant Environmental Concern Permit in order to install a tennis court, retaining walls and an access gate. Case File # T2-06-090.
- At Property on NW St Helens Rd: Approved with conditions was a request to construct a new single family residence and driveway in the CFU-5 zoning district with Significant Environmental Concern for wildlife habitat and scenic views and Hillside Development overlays. The property is located in tax lot 1200 of Section 25AC of Township 3 North, Range 2 West. Case File # T2-06-104.
- At 15725 NW Sheltered Nook Rd: Approved with conditions is the request for a Property Line Adjustment between 2 properties adjusting a 0.5 acre area. Case File # T2-06-098.
- At 13006 & 12831 NW Rock Creek Rd: Approved with conditions was the request for a Property Line Adjustment to resolve an improper lot line adjustment and to bring the properties into compliance with the CFU zoning code. Case File # T2-05-063.

LOCAL NEWS:



Skyline School Auction 3/3

The annual Skyline Elementary School auction is scheduled for Saturday, March 3, 2007. This year's theme is "Our Children Are Treasures." The entire Skyline community, friends, and families are invited to attend and bring guests. There is no admittance fee. The auction is the school's major fundraiser of the year for both the Skyline PTA and Foundation. If you have items or services that you would like to donate, please contact Stacey Wilson at (503) 240-7745 or wingweaver425@comcast.net. Please plan on joining us for a fun evening and help support Skyline School. The auction will begin at 5:30 p.m. and is being held in the school gymnasium. If you have any questions, please contact Jana Calverley at (503) 645-1994 or jdcaverley@aol.com.

Sauvie Island Raptor Tour

The 2007 Sauvie Island Raptor Tour, sponsored by Metro, Audubon Society of Portland, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and Hawk Watch International, will happen on Saturday, February 3 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Experienced naturalists and hawk experts will host activities at four locations around the island. Frequently sighted raptors include bald eagles, red-tailed hawks, American kestrels, and Northern harriers. You might also spot a rough-legged hawk, Cooper's hawk, merlin or peregrine falcon. You may see non-raptors such as snow geese, sandhill cranes, and great blue herons. The fee is \$5 per vehicle which includes the cost of a one-day Sauvie Island Wildlife Area parking permit, event guide, birding map, checklist and picture handouts to help you identify birds of prey. First, stop at Kruger's Farm Market by going over the Sauvie Island Bridge and driving straight for 1.5 miles. Bring binoculars and field guides if you have them. Dress for the weather as this event takes place rain or shine. This tour is suitable for birders of all skill levels.



Local residents who have attended in the past highly recommend this opportunity to see and learn about our birds of prey. (Source: Metro)

Help Prepare WMSWCD's Budget

With the passage of Measure 26-82 the West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District will, for the first time ever, assess a property tax levy for the Fiscal Year 2007-2008. To prepare the next fiscal year budget, the District will be appointing a Budget Committee. The Budget Committee will consist of the seven elected Board members plus seven public members. These fourteen appointees will meet during the months of March and April to prepare the Budget.

To apply to become a public member of the Budget Committee, visit the District website at www.westmultconserv.org or call 503-238-4775x101. Public Budget Committee members must be voters within the District, but cannot be officers, agents or employees of the district. Applications are due by February 20. The Board will appoint members of the Budget Committee at their February 20th meeting, to be held at the Forest Park Community Center, 360 NW Greenleaf Rd. The business meeting will begin at 6:15 p.m., followed by the District Annual Meeting at 7 p.m., which is being held in conjunction with the Forest Park Neighborhood Association meeting.

MIKE Program Event 3/21

Why do certain races and ethnic groups have higher incidences of kidney disease and kidney failure? Why is kidney disease an epidemic in the United States? MIKE Program invites you to attend its annual event in recognition of National Kidney Month on March 21 to find out these answers. Save the date and learn more about staying healthy. Details will be announced at www.mikeprogram.org and on SRN's Newslines.

Cheryl Neal, a long-time Skyline resident founded MIKE Program (Multicultural Integrated Kidney Education Program) in memory of her husband, Michael N. Hartnett, MD, a respected Oregon kidney doctor. With programming centered in the Portland Metro area, this community-based, non-profit organization prevents kidney disease through mentorship and empowerment of youth most at risk of developing obesity, diabetes and high blood pressure, which are some of the precursors of preventable chronic kidney failure. For more information, visit www.mikeprogram.org or call Jennifer at (503) 296-7705.

Great News for Forest Park!

The recent passage of Metro's 26-80 bond measure is great news for the Portland region, and for Forest Park. Among the natural areas already acquired is a 58-acre property across Newberry Road from the current terminus of Forest Park's Wildwood Trail. This property helps preserve the wildlife corridor into Forest Park and offers potential for extending the Wildwood Trail in the future. Friends of Forest Park endorsed the measure and supported it with a \$15,500 campaign donation from a memorial fund earmarked for land acquisition activities. This is an investment that will pay back for generations to come. (Source: Friends of Forest Park's e-newsletter)

Crime Report

Since 1994, SRN has tracked crimes in the area in order to keep you informed. Since the October *Ridge Runner*, only a few crimes have been reported to SRN. Hopefully this is great news, but probably instead it is a case of severe under-reporting. If you are a victim of a crime, please report it to the police, then notify SRN at skylineruralwatchnewsline@hotmail.com or call (503) 621-3331. The crimes reported since October 11 are:

- 2 Abandoned & Torched Vehicles (NW Pauly Rd. & NW Logie Trail Rd.)
 - 1 Theft (Skyline Grange on Skyline)
 - 1 Burglary (copper wiring from FAA Station on Skyline)
- (Source: Crimes reported to Skyline Rural Watch Newsline)

Skyline Grange News

The Grange hall continues to be a gathering place for yoga classes, birthday parties, wedding receptions, and neighborhood meetings. It is available as a rental for events. For more information about Skyline Grange, its activities, and rental, contact Pat Barnard at pbarnard2@aol.com or (503) 286-2857.

Next Grange Meeting 2/12

The next Grange meeting will be held on Monday, February 12 at 7 p.m. at Skyline Grange, 11275 NW Skyline Boulevard. If you have ideas for a Grange summer or fall event, come to this meeting with your thoughts. The spring garage sale and plant sale will be discussed.

Spring Garage Sale 4/13-14

The Grange is collecting donation items. Donations are tax deductible. Items should be clean and in working order. Please, no electronics, unless approved in advance! Use this opportunity to simplify your life by cleaning out that cluttered basement, shed, and child's room. Furniture, costume jewelry, kitchen items, costumes, books, and tools are particularly desirable sale items. To drop off items at the Grange or to volunteer to help, contact Sen at (503) 621-3331.

Annual Tree & Native Plant Sale 5/4-5

Come to Skyline Grange's Annual Tree & Native Plant Sale on Friday-Saturday, May 4-5 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. The Sale will include a wonderful variety of quality native plants for shade, sunny and wetland environments. Also, there will be a variety of perennials and bareroot fruit-bearing trees, shrubs and berry bushes. If you are interested in obtaining specific native plants or trees or wish to volunteer to help with this Sale, contact Pat Barnard at pbarnard2@aol.com or (503) 286-2857.

Near Fire Tragedy on McNamee

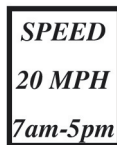
A McNamee Road home survived a chimney fire during the recent windstorms. A fire exploded. Susan called 911, which launched a response from both TVF&R and Portland Fire Bureau. Fallen trees made it impossible for TRV&R to get down McNamee Road from Skyline and also for Portland Fire to approach from Highway 30. Marcia, a neighbor, stood with Susan until the fire ran out of fuel. Two PFB firemen set off on foot from the lower road blockage, but became confused by some odd street numbering sequences, and headed to a wrong house two miles downhill. Chris, another neighbor, found them totally exhausted back on McNamee and drove them to the correct house as they lay in her Suburban panting for breath. In the meantime, Susan called 911 back indicating the fire appeared to be out. When they arrived at the correct house, the firemen were kind, analytic and helpful to Susan. This is one family that says, "It's good to have local heroes, and these guys qualify, to be sure."

This Near Tragedy is a Reminder:

- As wood burns, the combustion process produces a black sticky layer of creosote that builds up in chimneys and flue pipes. Creosote is highly combustible. To reduce the amount of creosote build-up, and for general safety, burn only clean, well-seasoned wood that has been split and dried properly. Dry wood lights faster, burns better and produces less smoke than "green" wood, a major culprit in creosote buildup
- Avoid the temptation to chop up that old coffee table and toss it into your wood stove. Burning garbage, plastic, particleboard, plywood, salted driftwood or any other painted or treated wood releases a toxic cloud of chemicals and can build up creosote.
- Routinely have your chimney cleaned! How often you clean the chimney depends on the amount you use your stove, the type of wood you burn, and the way you operate it. You can hire a certified chimney sweep or borrow chimney brushes from Scappoose Fire District (see *Ridge Runner* classifieds). If you decide to clean your chimney yourself or for more information about stovepipe and chimney care, visit the University of Missouri Extension's website at <http://www.cdc.gov/nasd/docs/d000001-d000100/d000047/d000047.pdf> for guidance.)
- If clearing debris from your road, remember fire trucks need more room than a typical vehicle.
- To help fire and rescue services find you, have your street number well marked at the entrance of your driveway. If the numbering sequence on your road is irregular, make sure this is stated when calling 911.

IN MY OPINION:

We Need to Heed School Speed Zone



Living right across the street from Skyline School has given me a lot of chances to observe the traffic on Skyline Boulevard. First of all, I was very surprised on just how much traffic there is on this part of Skyline. But the thing that has surprised me the most is how fast people drive in front of the school; it's really shocking. I realize that I mostly see the cars on the weekends but there are lots of kids playing over there on good weather days. I'm not sure how many people realize that there are kids still using the school grounds even on non-school days. Maybe most people don't think it's a problem because it's fenced, but I've had lots of kids come over

and retrieve balls from the parking lot of the church or over by my mailbox on Brooks. Kids do cross that street, even on evenings and weekends. Also, even though I don't really advocate people leaving their dogs to roam around unfenced, there are at least three dogs that I know that are on both Brooks and Skyline on a fairly regular basis. And to be honest, my dog has been known to sneak past me while I'm unloading the car or moving something from the backyard. So, I just wanted to say that even though the school zone speed limits may be only for school hours, we should all be careful on Skyline (even me) and keep our eyes open for kids and dogs.

By Cindy Banks

(Editor's Note: Do you have an opinion on a subject? We welcome your letters and thoughts. Send them to ridgerunner@skylineridgeneighbors.org to be considered for publication. They must include your name and address.)

TRANSPORTATION:

Sauvie Island Bridge Update

Construction of the new Sauvie Island Bridge is proceeding on schedule. Some current construction is taking place in the water, as the contractor takes advantage of an in-water work period that ends January 31. Traffic patterns on Highway 30 will continue to be modified during construction. The northbound outside traffic lane of Highway 30 has been closed periodically between Larson Road and the bridge on weekdays, as the contractor works on the mainland abutment. Weekday closures of the northbound outside lane between Larson Road and the bridge will continue through February. The contractor is required to reopen the lane by 3 p.m. The right northbound turn lane of Highway 30 to the bridge will remain closed until the new bridge is in service in 2008. When weather improves, the contractor will paint new lane stripes and add raised reflectors to indicate traffic lanes on Highway 30 near the bridge. Temporary reflectors were added earlier this winter.

Source: Michael Pullen, Multnomah County Public Affairs Office

Regional Transportation Plan

Among its many roles, the Metro Council is elected to set the region's transportation policy. In doing so, it is Council's top priority to invest your limited public dollars where they can produce the best return through an efficient, reliable and safe transportation system for this region's businesses and residents. Metro does this through the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), a report that is updated every four years with prioritized programs and projects. The RTP also allows the region to compete for state and federal funding to invest in transportation projects and maintenance.

Soon into 2007, Metro will identify how much the public is willing to invest, then strategically prioritize and balance capital projects with ongoing operations and maintenance needs. Because money is limited, the Council hopes to pursue transportation investments that take advantage of existing - or encourage new - urbanized areas with efficient housing and commercial development, and provide people with more choices for how to get around. This discourages sprawl that requires vastly more expensive transportation needs.

The Metro Council will develop the RTP along with the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT), a 17-member committee of elected officials and representatives of agencies involved in transportation. The final RTP will be adopted jointly by

JPACT and the Metro Council in early 2008, and then must be approved by the federal government. For more information on the RTP, visit www.metro-region.org/rtp.

(Source: Councilor Rex Burkholder's Jan. 07 Newsletter)

CLASSIFIEDS:

Place a classified in the spring issue of the Ridge Runner by emailing to ridgerunner@skylineridgeneighbors.org. If you live within SRN boundaries, it's free if under 30 words. A classified costs \$5 if you live outside of SRN. See SRN website for details.

Haircuts, Perms & Coloring by Skyline Resident: at Lloyd Center Salon. Savings coupons available to Skyline residents. Occasional need for people to volunteer as technique training models (free service). Call Lauralyn at (503) 621-8169 or email lauralynr@yahoo.com.

Free Mushroom-Sawdust Compost: Large pick-up load available weekly. Comes in small blocks. Let season for a year. Free & you might get some shiitake mushrooms growing. Call Mary at (503) 522-7579 or bbgmgambill@msn.com.

Yoga at Skyline Grange: Every Thursday from 6:30-7:30 p.m. All ages & fitness levels. \$75/10 classes or \$10/drop-in. For info, contact Jay at 503-621-9817 or jay@wingrockjourneys.com. Instructor's website: www.wingrockjourneys.com.

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"Pacific Escape" Vacation Rental at Rockaway Beach: 2 bedrooms, sleeps 6 (plus 2 on sofa). Close to beach & town. Call Beller-Bowersox family at (503) 621-9574. Special SRN Rate! Visit <http://www.oregon101.com/pacificescape.html>.

Graphic Arts: Advertising illustrations, logo design, pen & ink, cartoons, ads, flyers, promotional illustrations, color illustrations. Free consultation. Michael at Autumn Enterprises (503) 614-2878; fax (503) 617-7612.

Brooks Hill Historic Church Open for Weddings, Music & Events: Beautifully remodeled. Ask about rental discounts for Skyline neighbors. 11539 NW Skyline Blvd. For info, call Cindy at (503) 629-9700 or visit us on the web at www.brookshill.com.

Chimney Brushes for Loan: from Scappoose Rural Fire District, 52751 Columbia River Hwy. Assorted brushes & poles. If you receive the Ridge Runner you are eligible, so stop by or call (503) 543-5026.

Rent the Skyline Grange: Planning an Event? The Grange may be the perfect place for it. Contact Pat Barnard at (503) 286-2857 or email pbarnard2@aol.com.

Borrow a Weed Wrench from SRN: Save your body. Remove woody shrubs & smaller trees, such as Scot's broom, English holly,

Norway maple, & conifers. To borrow a Weed Wrench with directions, call Sen at (503) 621-3331 or email skylineruralwatchnewsline@hotmail.com to schedule.

Receive Weekly Local News: Request SRN's Skyline Rural Watch Newsline reports by emailing skylineruralwatchnewsline@hotmail.com. Paper editions can be picked up at Plainview Grocery, 10800 NW Cornelius Pass Rd.

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RESOURCES:

Get Help & Trees ... For Free!

Think the holidays are over? Well think again, because we have a GIFT for you, your streamside land, and the watershed! West Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District and its partner agencies will "gift" you with free native trees and shrubs, and "wrap" the gift with free planting, free site preparation and free maintenance.

Can it get any better than that? Yes, it does. **We will also pay you for each acre** of riparian area you plant in trees (approximately \$175 per acre annually, for non-cropland) and enroll in a 15-year conservation contract, and pay you a signing bonus of \$100 per acre. You can also get an additional bonus (of at least \$425/acre) if we sign up enough neighbors to plant two miles of stream, and even have costs of a conservation easement covered! And if all of these incentives are not enough to send you running to sign up now, you may qualify for certain tax benefits as well.

Let us not forget that your riparian restoration project will contribute to improved water quality of your local stream, stream temperature in the Tualatin River (which is often too high for salmon), and wildlife habitat. It will help you control erosion and comply with environmental laws. It also provides aesthetic and other improvements to your property, and will reduce your time battling invasive weeds and maintaining your land--because all the project work is done for you!

Sounds too good to be true? Well, the two landowners recently enrolled in the Enhanced Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (ECREP) in the Upper Rock Creek and Abbey Creek watersheds don't think so. They agree it is good, but it is also true! Both Abbey Creek Stables on NW Germantown Road and Rachael Brake and Grant Rolette of Rock Creek Road have initiated riparian restoration projects with the aid of this program and the District. Activities at the two sites include removing invasive weeds and planting a total of 10 acres in native trees and shrubs. Much of the Himalaya blackberry, garlic mustard, thistle, and other weeds of concern have already been treated and we are preparing to plant almost 20,000 trees and shrubs of more than 30 different species! We are even adding a bit of wetland restoration and native grass seeding, as the metaphorical bow on the gift.

Shelley Rayhawk of Abbey Creek Stables says of her project, "I've learned so much neat stuff. I really appreciate how considerate and competent the staff has been." Her horse boarders are very excited, and the mantra around the barn now is "7,500 stems in February!" "It would have taken us forever (well, 5 or 10 years anyway) to save up the money to do this ourselves," she concludes. Shelley is happy to show people the project and answer questions. She can be reached at (503) 289-0744.

Rachael and Grant Rolette have really appreciated the enthusiasm and expertise of the personnel helping them. "We also like the fact that our investment is not necessarily monetary, that our efforts towards maintaining the riparian zone count towards the overall project." Rachael adds that "the overall level of effort by WMSWCD has been great. We are really getting excited about seeing things planted and making these changes to our property."

So what are the requirements of the program? For West Multnomah County residents, all you need is rural, streamside land on the

west slope of the Tualatin hills that is in need of ecological improvement and is not forestland. You will need to have land available to create a riparian “buffer” at least 35 feet wide along the stream. If you think you might qualify, the Conservation District will do an initial site visit to help determine if your land qualifies and to discuss your objectives and details of the program.

Want to know if the program is the right fit for you? Don’t have a stream, but want help with resource management on your land? Call us, email us, or check out our website for more information on how we can help you meet your land management objectives. We offer technical assistance and conservation planning on rural lands to address most natural resource concerns. Call the West Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District at (503) 238-4775 x 101 or x108. You may also email jim.robison@or.nacdnet.net or kammy.kern-korot@or.nacdnet.net or check out our website at www.westmultconserv.org.

The Scoop on Plastic Recycling

The Problem with Plastics

At the curbside, only plastics that have a neck, such as bottles and milk jugs, can be recycled. A “recycling number” stamped on plastics doesn’t guarantee they are recyclable, it only indicates the type of resin used in the product. Unstable markets and limited demand from manufacturers make it difficult to recycle more plastic from residences.

Packaging comprises an estimated 20 - 30% of waste in Oregon. Master Recyclers suggests reusing plastic items and selecting products with minimal packaging whenever possible. Buy in bulk, bring your own reusable shopping bag to the store, and do not hesitate to contact manufacturers about your packaging preferences.

Free Plastic Recycling Feb 3

Recycle those hard-to-recycle plastics on Saturday, February 3, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. at PCC Rock Creek Campus, 17705 NW Springville Rd. Master Recyclers will collect plastic material that cannot be recycled curbside, including buckets, food tubs, plastic bags, lawn furniture, nursery pots and trays. Master Recyclers does not accept items that can be recycled curbside. Other items excluded from the plastic roundup are Styrofoam, PVC pipe, food-contaminated plastic, and small toys. Agri-Plas, a recycler located in Brooks, Oregon, will process the collected plastic for recycling into new products. Past Master Recyclers plastic roundup events successfully diverted eleven tons of plastic from the landfill.

Plastic should be rinsed and separated into the following categories:

- Plastic bags
- Plant pots and trays
- Miscellaneous plastics with numbers on them (please have them rinsed & sorted by number ahead of time)
- Miscellaneous plastics without numbers, such as caps, lids, CDs, CD cases, straws, lawn/patio furniture, kids’ toys (think Big Wheels!), pet igloos, laundry baskets, and kiddie pools. Bring it and Master Recyclers will try to take it.
- Reusable plastic items.

Master Recyclers cannot accept:

- Styrofoam Block or peanuts (peanuts can be reused at mailing companies)
- Milk Jugs
- Plastic with metal inside (no car seats/highchairs)
- VHS cassette tapes

- PVC pipe
- Small toys

Over the past twelve years, more than 700 people have participated in the Master Recycler program. Its purpose is to motivate consumers to reduce waste and increase recycling at home and work through outreach and education. Program sponsors are Metro, the City of Portland Office of Sustainable Development, Washington and Clackamas counties, with support from Recycling Advocates and the Department of Environmental Quality. For more information visit <http://www.masterrecycler.org/> <http://www.masterrecycler.org/plastic-recycling.php> or send an email to plastic.recyclers@gmail.com.

Other Plastic Recycling Options

Here is a list of some closer places that will take some types of clean plastic that cannot be recycled at the curbside.

- Styrofoam Packaging Block Foam
 - Far West Fibers
 - 6440 SE Alexander St (off TV Hwy west of Cornelius Pass Rd) or 10750 SW Denney Rd (just off Hwy 217)
 - 503-643-9944
 - Small disposal fee
 - Take to office, not to self-service recycling area
- Packing peanuts
 - UPS Stores & Mailboxes, Etc.
- Plastic Plant pots
 - Far West Fibers
- Plastic bags & film
 - Far West Fibers
 - Many Fred Meyers

Where to Find a Recycler for Just About Anything

What do you do with that half empty can of paint, old sneakers, motor oil, fluorescent lamps, or appliances? They do not have to reside eternally in the landfill. There are recyclers that take a wide variety of items. Before you put items out in the garbage can, find out if there is a recycler that will take your item, how far the recycler is from your location, descriptions of accepted materials, helpful maps and details. Visit Metro’s website at www.metro-region.org, and search “Find a Recycler”. This interactive website is easy to use and very informative. You can also call Metro Recycling Information Hotline at (503) 234-3000 between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The Hotline features a friendly staff with fast, helpful answers to your recycling, disposal and waste prevention questions.

Limit Chance of ID Theft

Be Smart

In our modern world identity theft has become commonplace, but its consequences are much more complex to the victim than having a television stolen and less risky to the thief than robbing a 7 Eleven store. Yes, we still have the sweet talkers and sweetheart scams and the purse snatchers, but new methods of theft and obtaining personal information have evolved as our world changes. Heed the following suggestions:

- Be wary of unsolicited mail and email offers. “Phishing” scams

reach Internet users through email.

- Guard your Social Security number; it is the “brass ring” of identity theft. Never give it out even if the request appears to be from a company with which you do business. Do not carry your number in your wallet.
- Use only bank ATMs and keep no more than \$1000 in the account that is linked to your ATM card. Rigged ATMs are a common source of ID theft.
- Monitor your bills and financial reports. If any of your monthly bills do not arrive on time, contact the provider immediately.
- Never tell anyone if you live alone.
- Don’t leave bank statements, checkbooks and bills lying around.
- Bring in the mail promptly.
- Shred or tear up all charge receipts, credit applications sent to you in the mail, insurance forms, bank statements, expired credit cards, and any other documentation with your personal information. Buy a shredder!

Check Your Credit Reports

Checking your credit reports is the best way to find out if your identity has been stolen. Federal law entitles you to one free credit report annually from each of the three credit bureaus, so you could get one every four months. When contacting these companies, tell them you do not want to receive solicitations; this will keep you off some telemarketer lists. If your credit card or other identification is stolen, ask the companies to place a “fraud alert” on your account.

To obtain a credit report, you may do so online at www.annualcreditreport.com, by calling 1-877-322-8228, or by sending a form which you download from www.annualcreditreport.com to one of the following companies: Equifax Credit Information Services, Inc., PO Box 740241, Atlanta, GA 30374 or Experian, PO Box 2104, Allen, TX 75013-2104, or Transunion, PO Box 2000, Chester, PA 19022.

If you request your report by mail or by phone, it will take 2-3

weeks to receive the results. You will need to verify who you are by providing certain information such as credit card numbers, past home addresses, and past employers, so have this information available. Remember there are scammers and shysters out there, so use this website and these companies for your safety.

(Source: TIAA-CREF, June 2006)

How To Contact Your Legislators

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Skyline Ridge Runner:

Please submit comments, stories, classifieds, ads and articles for consideration by emailing to ridgerunner@skylineridgeneighbors.org, or mailing to 15001 NW Skyline Blvd., Portland, OR 97231, or by faxing to 503-621-1272. 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:

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CALENDAR:

SRN's Winter Meeting: "New Look Regional Choices" Tues., Feb. 13, 2007 from 7-9 p.m. at Skyline Grange, 11275 NW Skyline Blvd.

Metro's Open Spaces Acquisition Presentation: Tues., Mar. 20, 7-8:30 p.m. at Brooks Hill Historic Church, 11539 NW Skyline Blvd. A joint meeting of FPNA & SRN.

Directory Deadline for Submission into '07-'08 SRN's Community Resources & Business Directory: Sun., Apr. 1.

Skyline Grange Garage Sale: Fri.-Sat., Apr 13-14, 9 a.m.- 5 p.m.

SOLV-IT Neighborhood Clean-Up: on Sat., Apr. 28, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Skyline Grange's Annual Tree & Native Plant Sale: Fri.-Sat., May 4-5, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

SRN Board Meeting: 2nd Sunday of each month at 6 p.m. Contact Karen Garber at (503) 289-7169 or president@skylineridgeneighbors.org for location, agenda, or to place an item on the agenda.

TVF&R Skyline Volunteer Firefighters meet Monday evenings at Station 368, 11646 NW Skyline Blvd. for regular drills, equipment maintenance, & business meetings. For information about volunteering, contact Captain Jeremy Davis at jeremy.davis@tvfr.com or call the Volunteer Information Line (503) 259-1207. For other information, contact the North Division offices at (503) 356-4700 Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

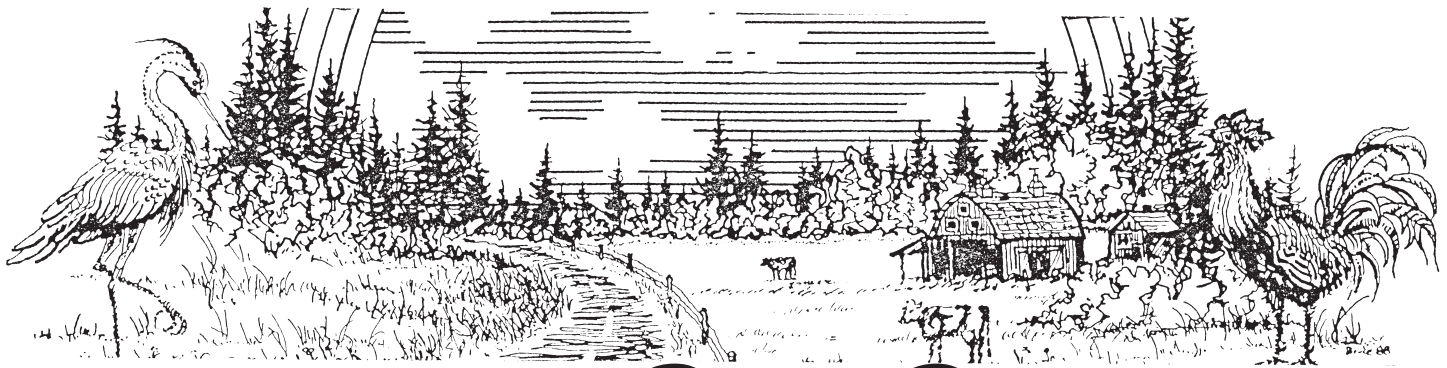
Scappoose Rural Fire District: Board of Directors monthly meeting 2nd Thurs. of the month at 7 p.m. at SRFD, 52751 Columbia River Hwy. All welcome.

About Skyline Ridge Neighbors, Inc.

SRN is a neighborhood association serving much of northwest unincorporated Multnomah County and some adjacent areas within the city of Portland. 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)(3) non-profit organization under the IRS Code. SRN is operated by volunteers and with donated funds entirely.

SRN Strives:

- 1) To protect and enhance the well-being of the neighborhood by educating all those who live, work and visit there on subjects relevant to life in the rural-urban interface, and by encouraging voluntary efforts to better the community;
- 2) To foster goodwill and understanding within our diverse community by maintaining open communications whereby all those interested in the neighborhood may be informed of, and may involve themselves in the affairs of the neighborhood; and
- 3) To assist local government and other nonprofit organizations by acting as a liaison between the neighborhood and governmental agencies, nonprofit organizations and other neighborhoods.



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