



SRN General Meetings

Eradicating Knotweed

Thurs, Oct 12 at 7:00 pm*
 at Skyline Grange
 11275 NW Skyline

Land Conservation Planning

Thus, Oct 19 at 7:00 pm*
 at Brooks Hill Historic Church
 11539 NW Skyline Blvd

No business meeting
 Presentations start at 7:00

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SRN Members to Vote on Two Endorsement Requests at Oct 19th Meeting

The next SRN general meeting is significant. SRN doesn't often take a position on issues as an organization, but we've received two requests to do just that:

- The West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District (WMSWCD) has asked SRN to endorse Ballot Measure 26-82, which will provide tax-based funding for WM-SWCD programs.
- Forest Park Neighborhood Association (FPNA), our neighbor to the south, is asking Metro to recognize and protect the natural habitat in the Forest Park neighborhood. FPNA is asking for letters of support from SRN and other neighborhoods in the area.

The SRN Board needs to know what our members think before we can respond to these endorsement requests, so we'll be putting each one to a vote.

Please attend the Oct 19th SRN meeting to learn about the issues, share your views, and VOTE!

scenic, recreational, agricultural, historic, or cultural property. Land trusts work to preserve land and resources that are important to the communities and regions where they operate.

Community-based land trusts are experts at helping interested landowners find ways to protect their land in the face of ever-growing development pressure. They may acquire land outright – through purchase or donation – to maintain working farms, forests, wilderness, or for other conservation reasons. They also protect land by working with landowners who wish to sell or donate conservation easements (permanent deed restrictions that prevent harmful land uses). The land owner may benefit from tax reductions, and the land trust ensures that the terms of the easements are enforced in perpetuity, even when ownership of the land changes. The land trust helps the landowner choose a protection strategy that meets the landowner's conservation and financial needs.

Join us on Oct 19 to hear representatives from two local land trusts, Columbia Land Trust and Three Rivers Land Conservancy, describe their programs.

WMSWCD Ballot Measure 26-82

The West Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District (WMSWCD) is offering you an opportunity to devote a small portion of your annual property taxes to support its conservation planning programs. Find out what SWCDs do, what this ballot measure is about, and how it might benefit SRN residents. Jim Robison, WMSWCD District Administrator, will present. Following the presentation, SRN members will vote on whether to endorse the ballot measure as an organization. (An opinion on page 2.)

FPNA Request for Support

Forest Park Neighborhood Association (FPNA) has been working hard over the years to protect the natural resources and habitat in their neighborhood from urban expansion, and is currently pursuing protection through Metro's New Look program. An FPNA representative will briefly describe this program, the FPNA request, and how they might impact SRN. Afterwards, SRN members will vote on whether SRN should provide a letter of support to Metro on FPNA's behalf. (See companion article on page 2.)

Land Conservation Planning the Focus of Oct 19th SRN Meeting

The upcoming November election, two requests for endorsements, and a growing interest in conservation easements prompted the SRN Board to put together the following agenda for the next SRN educational meeting on Thursday, October 19, 7:00 - 9:00 pm at Brooks Hill Historic Church:

Land Trusts & Conservation Easements

Do you own land that you want to remain free from development – for your lifetime and for future generations? Land trusts are nonprofit conservation organizations that help protect natural,

FPNA Request for Support

Metro is working on a program called the New Look that will guide future decisions about urban growth. According to the Metro web site, the “New Look at Regional Choices is the Metro Council’s collaborative effort to find new, creative ways to absorb the arrival of a million new residents in this region in the next 25 years, while preserving the values of our long-term vision.” To help promote this effort, Metro is mapping significant natural and cultural resources around the Metro region. The Forest Park Neighborhood Association (FPNA) is asking Metro to recognize the habitat in Forest Park Neighborhood on this map, and to also consider including Upper Rock Creek. They will also ask Metro to protect the identified natural and cultural resources. FPNA is asking other neighborhoods in the area to support these requests, including SRN. Much of Upper Rock Creek is in SRN territory, so SRN’s opinion about whether this resource should be protected is important, and SRN residents could also be affected by what happens in the Forest Park neighborhood. For more information about the Metro New Look program, see <http://www.metro-region.org>.

By FPNA Neighborhood Plan Committee

(Editor’s Note: SRN will be voting on the FPNA request at the Oct. 19th general meeting.)

IN MY OPINION:

Why You Should Vote for the WMSWCD Tax Base Ballot Measure

The November election offers you an opportunity to devote a small portion of your annual property taxes to support your local Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD). The West Multnomah SWCD (which serves Multnomah County west of the Willamette River) has provided both urban and rural landowners with the services of a conservation planner and access to federal conservation programs for over 60 years. It is a locally lead organization, with your neighbors serving as the Board of Directors.

What is the WMSWCD?

You may not have heard of the West Multnomah SWCD, or maybe you’ve heard of it but you’re not sure what it does. The primary goals of the SWCD are to prevent soil erosion, increase soil productivity, preserve water quality, and create and preserve habitat that is conducive to the survival of native plants and animals. The SWCD accomplishes this by educating landowners and encouraging them to participate in the creation of a conservation plan. The District Conservation Planner schedules on-site visits with farmers and other landowners, and they work together to identify natural resources, define the landowners’ goals for the land, and develop customized conservation strategies. The planner and the SWCD also provide access to financial assistance (primarily through cost-share programs) to implement the conservation practices prescribed in the plan. This technical assistance, assessment, and planning are provided to landowners free of charge.

While individual conservation plans are the core activity of the SWCD, they also promote environmental awareness through educational programs, information booths, videos, contests, and workshops. In addition, they participate in multi-organizational conservation planning efforts: they partner with many other groups; they coordinate group efforts to address problems on a broad scale; and they help other groups and governmental agencies achieve their goals.

How are SWCDs Funded?

The money available to SWCDs to provide services to landowners and other organizations has always been limited and highly variable. Traditionally they have received financial assistance from the Federal government through the Department of Agriculture’s National Resource Conservation Service. The NRCS has viewed the conservation districts as an essential avenue to reach those engaged in agricultural uses of the land. Therefore, the SWCDs have been an important conduit through which the various programs created by the Federal Farm Bill have reached their intended clients. Federal support, however, has been decreasing over the years.

At the local level the State of Oregon supports SWCDs through its Department of Agriculture, but funding is limited to small annual grants for operations, and restricted grants for specific statewide projects. The support of the counties in which the SWCDs operate is highly variable. Some counties provide some financial support; some don’t. Multnomah County used to provide minimal support (approximately \$5,000 per year) to the West Multnomah SWCD. Due to budget reductions over the past five years, it now provides none.

Why the Ballot Measure?

While demand for services is increasing, financial support from federal, state and local agencies is decreasing. As a result, West Multnomah SWCD is spending down reserves to maintain the minimal programs and services it currently provides. This is not sustainable.

In 2004, facing a similar situation, the East Multnomah SWCD (which serves Multnomah County east of the Willamette River) sought a tax base from its voters. The measure passed, and East Multnomah SWCD can now offer a truly wide spectrum of conservation and education programs. They have also become a “player” in the planning and conservation efforts of Metro, Multnomah County and the City of Portland.

Our SWCD can do the same. Ballot Measure 26-82 establishes a permanent tax rate limited to 7.5 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value. If assessed at the full rate, the cost for a property with an assessed value of \$200,000 would be \$15 per year. The SWCD expects to levy a lower rate (approximately 50% of the total allowable rate) for up to five years until conservation programs are proven effective. Typically, for every \$1 provided to the SWCD an additional \$5 is added to its programs via grants, federal funds, and existing partnerships.

What Could WMSWCD do with Greater Financial Resources?

- Be the prime mover behind an effective program to control noxious, exotic, invasive weeds, including private lands.
- Facilitate with real incentives the protection of wildlife habitat and water quality through programs such as enhanced conservation planning (e.g. pro bono forest management consulting) and the purchase of conservation easements to protect drinking water, natural areas, and farmland.
- Work with land trusts and the Oregon Department of Agriculture to support working farms.
- Foster real preservation and connections between our local agriculture base and our urban population.
- Become much more innovative, creative, influential, and effective. There’s an old saying that goes, “Money talks, nobody walks.” Now is our chance to amount to something. Finally, lest you think that we’re not attentive to you, our customers, do you have any ideas about how we could be more useful or

serve you better? The West Multnomah SWCD is an incentive-based, non-regulatory organization that works with willing landowners. And we should have something to offer all willing landowners! Vote YES on Ballot Measure 26-82! By Karen Garber & George Sowder (George is a board member of WMSWCD.)

Five Reasons to Vote YES on Ballot Measure 26-82

- Restoration of OSU Extension Service presence in west Multnomah County and Sauvie Island
- Expanded conservation education for landowners and school-age children
- Direct support for noxious weed control
- Conservation agreements for land protection
- Expanded salmon habitat restoration and fish passage improvements

SRN Should Inform, Not Endorse

As an individual I do support WMSWCD's Bond Measure 26-82 and FPNA's desire to protect habitat in Forest Park and the upper Rock Creek watershed. But, I have a problem with SRN endorsing any issues. These our my reasons:

- Traditionally SRN has never endorsed any issue. I feel this is a good tradition.
- Traditionally SRN has tried to present all sides of an issue so residents can then form a more educated position of their own. With this information people then can decide for themselves if and how they would be involved in an issue. This has not been done on these two proposed endorsements in this *Ridge Runner*.
- The SRN community is very diverse, so I feel endorsing one side does not truly represent our vibrant neighborhood.
- The Ridge Runner is mailed out to 1400 households. The largest attendance for a general SRN Meeting was 82 since its formation in 1987. Do you as a neighbor think SRN should endorse an issue with such small attendance at meetings? It is my opinion that SRN should continue to fully inform its members and not get into endorsements. By Karin Hunt

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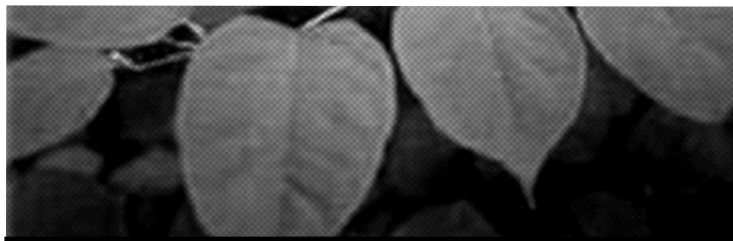
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KNOTWEED:



Eradicating Knotweed SRN Meeting on Oct. 12

On Thursday, October 12, SRN will hold another presentation on the highly invasive plants, Japanese and giant knotweed. We encourage you to attend, as we have a good chance of keeping the growth of knotweed in the Skyline area under control IF people report where there knotweed is growing and landowners are willing to support its eradication. Please invite a neighbor and attend together...and keep your eyes open for this elegant, marvelous, but noxious plant.

The meeting will be held at Skyline Grange, 11275 NW Skyline Boulevard from 7-9 p.m. Kyle Spinks, who presented at SRN's July Knotweed Workshop, will give a lively talk with slides, including what are the most effective techniques in knotweed eradication. He is Natural Resources Technician for Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District and Chairman of the Tualatin River Watershed Council.

This meeting is open to all people, but SRN is particularly interested in having ALL residents of the McCarthy Creek watershed attend. McCarthy Creek is highly infested with knotweed and SRN, with the help of West Multnomah SWCD, hopes to apply for a grant this fall to hire a licensed pesticide applicator to treat the knotweed in the McCarthy Creek watershed. In order to get a grant, SRN will have to identify accurately where stands of knotweed are and provide proof of support from most (ideally 100%) landowners with knotweed to participate in SRN's McCarthy Creek Eradication Project. McCarthy Creek is the creek that flows near Cornelius Pass Road from the hair-pin curve to Hwy 30. Its watershed is bordered roughly by McNamee Road and Skyline Boulevard from McNamee to about Rock Creek Road.

Update on SRN'S Knotweed Project

In July 22 neighbors and landowners attended a knotweed workshop where they learned how to most effectively treat this ten-foot tall plant that grows in large stands. Since then, attendees have borrowed SRN's two knotweed guns and have used approved herbicide and the proper technique to treat twenty-seven stands of knotweed located on sixteen parcels of property. Each individual stem has to be injected, a time-consuming and expensive task.

SRN has a lot of people and agencies to thank for their help in this Knotweed Project:

- The Nature Conservancy lent injection guns to SRN on numerous weekends when more guns were needed. Kyle Strauss of TNC provided literature, practical advice and support.
- Clean Water Services, whose primary concern is quality of water within Washington County, paid for a licensed pesti-

Bond Measure on Ballot

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue will have a \$77.5 million, 20-year bond called Measure 34-133 before the voters in November. In the last ten years, their call volume has increased 60%. TVF&R's Board of Directors has identified specific capital improvements necessary to address increasing 9-1-1 calls, as well as operational and safety concerns in many of its facilities. If approved by the voters, the Bond would raise funds for capital improvement to buy land and build two new stations, to replace or upgrade old stations, to make seismic and safety upgrades to 8 stations, to replace worn fire engines and trucks, and to relocate district headquarters. The cost would be 7 cents for each \$1,000 of assessed value for 2007 & 2008. This means if this bond is passed, owner of a house valued at \$200,000 would pay \$14 over his present \$306 a year for the fire district's permanent tax rate; increasing to no more than 15 cents for each \$1,000 annually when bond runs out. For more information, visit www.tvvfr.com.

Fire Insurance Premiums May Decrease

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue is pleased to report that the Insurance Services Organization (ISO) has recognized Fire Station 63 as an integral part of the total fire protection coverage in the Skyline area. Station 63 is located on Skyline Boulevard, just 0.2 miles east of Cornelius Pass Road. The recognition became effective August 24 and should be reflected in the next publication of ISO's rating maps due out December 1, 2006. ISO is an independent organization that rates public infrastructure (i.e. water supply, fire stations, engines, staffing, and training) and publishes its ratings for member insurance companies to use in setting their customers' premiums.

Earlier this year, residents of Skyline began experiencing dramatic increases in homeowner insurance premiums at renewal time. Residents contacted TVF&R and told us that ISO was no longer recognizing TVF&R's Fire Station 63 in their fire insurance rating for the Skyline area. Apparently, ISO had inaccurate records relating to the available fire equipment and emergency response into the Skyline area. TVF&R had not reduced services in the region, and began looking into the situation.

At a meeting in August with ISO officials, TVF&R executives presented our current deployment strategy, including our continued placement of a water tender at Station 63. In addition, we presented evidence of the staffing plan known as *Resident Volunteers*. This is where student volunteers are permitted to live at the fire station in return for a set number of hours each week where they provide station coverage.

ISO representative Darin Cabalona notified TVF&R that effective August 24 ISO would once again recognize Fire Station 63 as providing fire coverage in the Skyline area. **Skyline residents who experienced significant rate hikes during this time should ask their insurance company representative to contact ISO to request an "inquiry" into interim rating information.** Insurance representatives should call ISO at 1-800-930-1677 and ask for Irene at extension 6257 or anyone in Public Protection. If you have any other questions, feel free to contact TVF&R Deputy Fire Marshal Jerry Renfro at 503-612-7007.

(Note: SRN would like to thank McNamee resident Jon Ruddell for bringing this to the attention of TVF&R & SRN. Jon was persistent in working with TVF&R and making sure this problem was resolved. Thanks, Jon. Also, two residents with homeowners insurance through USAA have reported that their premiums have just been decreased by \$1,600, now that this problem has been cleared up.)

cide applicator to treat knotweed stands in our area located in the Rock Creek watershed. SRN obtained written permission from eight landowners within SRN and two outside of SRN boundaries, allowing CWS to treat their knotweed. SRN thanks CSW for its invaluable help.

- Local landowners who were willing to begin treatment of their knotweed: Sterling and Beula Blades, The Conn Family, Greg East & Lynn Conover, Jason, Jennifer Grunest, Moshe Lenske & Laurie Schreiber, James Lyons & Liz Stark, Bill & Hazel Long, Bernice Mauk, Ken Margolis & Rosalie Brandon, Jim & Kelly Sue Munson, Rudy Niederle, Bill Hughes & Nancy Richmond, Gabe & Vicki Quenneville, and Ken & Betty Sorenson.
- A generous anonymous neighbor who gave \$500 to purchase the approved herbicide.
- Kyle Spinks for presenting a lively workshop, giving wise counsel, volunteering to speak at the October 12 Knotweed Meeting, and helping with grant ideas.
- West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District & Jim Robison for keeping SRN informed of possible grant sources and connecting SRN with local knotweed experts.
- The 21 neighbors who attended the Knotweed Workshop
- The nine neighbors who attended the Knotweed Workshop, then assisted other landowners with their knotweed: Jim Boyer, Pat Brady, Jim Munson, David Reisch, George Sowder, John Salmon, Ras Sauer, Ken Schechter, & Sen Speroff. They devoted many a beautiful day on this project.

If you would like to help with SRN's Knotweed Project this winter and next summer in work parties, or if you would like to make a donation to SRN to help landowners defray their cost of herbicide (expensive), or if you know the location of knotweed, contact Sen Speroff at (503) 621-3331 or sensperoff@hotmail.com.

Attention Licensed Pesticide Applicators

SRN, thanks to Kyle Spinks, has applied to the Oregon Department of Agriculture to have the October 12 SRN Knotweed Meeting accredited to give Oregon licensed pesticide applicators credit for attending the meeting. Please attend.

LOCAL NEWS:

Scappoose Fire District News

SRFD Levy on Ballot

The Scappoose Fire District has placed a 5-year local option levy on the November 7 ballot. The levy renews the current 66-cent 5-year levy at 94-cents beginning July 2007 through June 2012. The funds are needed to retain the current firefighter/paramedics and add one additional firefighter/paramedic per shift. The additional personnel are needed to operate the ambulance. Fire Chief Michael Greisen stated "We need more personnel to ensure a rapid response to your fire and medical emergencies".

The District will be unable to operate the ambulance service without the passage of the proposed levy. SRFD would have to lay off four or five of the current six firefighter/paramedics. This would leave one to two firefighter/paramedics which would not be enough to cover 24-hour shifts seven days a week.

Homeowners with a house assessed at \$150,000 will pay an additional \$42 per year or \$3.50 per month. If you live in the SRFD service area, this levy will be on your ballot.

Music at Brooks Hill Historic Church

In keeping with its goal to make the church a neighborhood gathering space, Brooks Hill Historic Church will be holding its first music concert on October 28 at 7 p.m. Portland songwriters and guests will be performing original music. If you would like more information or would like to be added to the Church's mailing list for music events please contact cindy@brookshill.com or call (503) 629.9700.

Rock Creek Watershed News

Rock Creek Watershed Partners, a coalition of stream groups who look out for the Rock Creek watershed, will hold their annual fundraising silent auction on Thursday, October 12 at the McMenamin's Cornelius Pass Roadhouse, 4045 N.W. Cornelius Pass Rd. Food and beverages will be available during the event, which will run from 5:30-9 p.m. The program will include a variety of folks telling "Watershed Tales" throughout the evening, with acoustical guitar and songs between stories. The tales will cover local history, wildlife, current conditions and future goals. For more information, contact Virginia Bruce, (503) 629-5799, vrb@teamweb.com

The mission of the Rock Creek Watershed Partners is to protect and restore a healthy watershed by turning citizens into active stream stewards. They believe that people want to live in a vibrant and healthy environment and will do the right thing if they know what that is. From restoration projects to homeowner education and neighborhood outreach, RCWP is here to help.

Skyline School News

The School year started off with the traditional Cornfest, an annual celebration for the last 35 years. Much to the surprise of the School, twenty-five more students than anticipated are attending this fall. The School has expanded to include a sixth grade with twenty-five students in that class. Enrollment comes to a total of 245 students, making the average class size about 27 students. Assistant Principal Ben Keefer officially has been promoted to the position of Principal. Congratulations, Ben. Thanks to the efforts of many, especially Matt Chesley and the Hauth Family, the track is getting a major facelift. The goal is to apply the final coating of rubberized track over its current blacktop before the 4th Annual Skyline Parent Soccer Tournament Fundraiser on October 8. Remember, the speed limit is 20 mph in the school zone along Skyline Boulevard from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on school days.

McNamee Neighbors News

The annual McNamee Day picnic was held on September 9. The weather cooperated, the food was excellent and the conversation, as always, was lively. The McNamee Neighbor's meeting was held around the campfire. Our leader and great communicator, David King announced his retirement. On behalf of the McNamee Neighbors I wish to thank him for his years of fearless leadership. With him at the helm, all were well and safe. Nominations were taken and the following people were elected to fill his shoes, and they are hard ones to fill. Chris McCurdy is President (dmccurdy@easystreet.com), Jon Ruddell is Vice President (jruddell@feico.com), and Liz McGrew is Secretary/Treasurer. A discussion was held about fire insurance. All questions and concerns should be directed to the very knowledgeable Jon Ruddell. The meeting was adjourned. Life goes on. Chris McCurdy, President

Land Use Decisions

Multnomah County Land Use Planning Director made the following decisions since June 16, 2006. County Land Use Decisions made since 1996 can be found at <http://www2.co.multnomah.or.us/aspnet/decisions/lupsearch.aspx>.

- At 13045 NW Germantown Rd.: a property line adjustment that will transfer 15,375 sq ft from one tract to another. Case File # T2-06-013.
- At 12989 NW Skyline Blvd: a determination that the farm management plan has continued to be implemented as required. Case File # T2-06-042.
- At 17100 NW Skyline Blvd.: a Significant Environmental Concern (SEC) permit for a second story addition to an existing single family residence. Case File # T2-06-031.
- At 13695 NW Skyline Blvd.: a determination that the farm management plan has continued to be implemented as required. Case File # T2-06-043.
- At 13000 NW Old Germantown Rd.: application to construct a 600 sq ft carport, 620 sq ft pool house, and swimming pool. Case File # T2-06-060.
- At 9003 NW Skyline Blvd.: SEC permit to construct a 5,251 sq ft replacement dwelling & removal of an existing farm building & detached garage. Case File #T2-06-020
- At 13950 NW Skyline Blvd.: a Property Line Adjustment to relocate a common boundary line with an unaddressed property parcel. Case File # T2-06-062.
- At 16950 NW Skyline Blvd.: an Exception to Secondary Fire Safety Zone & Forest Practice Setbacks in order to construct a 1,400 sq ft agricultural building. Case File # T2-06-072.
- At 11660 NW Plainview Rd.: a SEC permit & a Non-Hearing Variance in order to construct a 3,750 sq ft replacement dwelling and also approved is a retroactive request for a 864 sq ft storage building encroaching within the street side yard. Case File # T2-06-070.
- On Cornelius Pass Rd, 2N1W30C, tax lot 2600: for a SEC permit in order to replace a dwelling. Case File #T2-06-011.

Skyline Grange News

New Yoga Instructor

Dawn Devine is the new yoga instructor, taking the place of Mary Tustin who has moved out-of-state. Classes are on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Classes have a Hatha emphasis. Enter the holidays more flexible, stronger, and relaxed. Cost is \$50 for ten sessions or \$7 for a drop-in class. Open to all ages and abilities... and it's close and convenient!

Garage Sale Oct. 27-28

The annual fall garage sale will be held on Friday, October 27 and Saturday, October 28 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. It should have a good variety of items ranging from classy to functional to zany.

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, Halloween costumes, and holiday decorations are particularly desirable sale items. You can drop off items between 6 – 6:20 p.m. on Oct 16, 18, 23 & 25 at 6 p.m. or on Thursday, October 26 between 9-11 a.m., or contact Sen at 503-621-3331 to arrange another time.

Volunteer to help with the sale! Set-up will be on Thursday, October 26 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Volunteers are also needed to help man the Sale during sale hours and help clean up on Saturday, October 28 at 5 p.m. and on Sunday, October 29 at 9 a.m. It is a great way to meet your neighbors and help this community institution. You do not need to be a Grange member to volunteer.

People News

Madeleine Jane Schuckmann was born to **Matt and Robin Schuckmann** on July 3, 2006, weighing 8 pounds, 6 ounces at birth. Big brother **Connor** is very proud.

Carson Earl Rader was born to **Kristin and Jeremy Rader** on July 10, weighing 8 pounds, 12 ounces at birth. **Kelly and Gary Kuntz** are his grandparents.

Whitney Roy, daughter of **Michele and Dave Roy**, was married on July 29 to **Jeff Groendal** from Orange County California. They are living in Manhattan Beach, California. Congratulations!

Leon Speroff's latest non-fiction book, *The Deschutes River Railroad War*, should be out in November.

Crime Report

Since 1994, SRN has tracked crimes in the area in order to keep you informed. Since June 16, only two 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 report it to SRN at skylineruralwatchnewsline@hotmail.com. The crimes reported since June 16 were:

- A Scout trailer was stolen between August 3 - 7. The trailer is a gray Wells Cargo, 5'x8', with "Troop 245" written on its back. Its S/N is 1WC200C1824045709. It was taken from Bethany Presbyterian Church, 15501 NW Springville Rd. Many local people are, or were, members of this scout troop. If you have any information that might lead to the return of the trailer, contact Terry Hendren at t.hendren@verizon.net or the Washington County Sheriff's Office.
- Gun shots were heard on Skyline Boulevard in the 16000 block on August 1 during the night. A resident found a bullet hole in the car parked in the driveway and several casings along the road. This is the second night in a week that the resident had been awoken to the sound of gunfire in the near distance. This incidence was reported to Multnomah County Sheriff's Office.

Linnton News

With a crushing blow to Linnton's hope for revitalization, Portland City Council voted 3-2 that the old Linnton Plywood Mill acreage remain zoned industrial. This dashed a decade of activism by citizens who worked relentlessly toward the rezoning of these 35 acres as mixed use for new shops, housing, and businesses. Since

the 1960s, when Highway 30 was widened, eliminating half of the businesses and dissecting the town, citizens have dreamed of revitalizing the core of their beloved community. Their persistence has been inspiring and they refuse to surrender their dream yet.

IN MEMORY:

Sherman Lee Roach

Long time resident Sherman Lee Roach died at the age of seventy-five from Alzheimer's disease on July 6, 2006 in Beaverton Oregon. A military Service was held in honor of Sherman in August at Willamette National Cemetery. He was born in Parsons, Kansas on July 17, 1930. His father Lee Roach died when Sherman was only ten years old. With his mother, step-father, and siblings, they moved to Portland in the early 1940s where there was work in the shipyards. It was here that he met and later in 1952 married the Rock Creek Road girl next door, Yvonne Krueger. Together they had one child, Cindy Roach, whom he did not see until she was almost a year old because he had been stationed in the Army overseas. He and Yvonne were later divorced in 1977. Many remember Sherman as an avid collector, to say the least. He was born during the Great Depression and had a strong need to save everything.

Sherman proudly served his country for twenty-one years in the Army, retiring in 1969 as a Sergeant First Class. The Army educated him and he excelled as a sharpshooter. Over the years he was stationed in Korea, Japan, Viet Nam and all over the United States. Some of the awards he received during his military service included four Bronze Stars and a Gallantry Cross. He served as an Army Recruiter at the pioneer court house. He never lost his enthusiasm for guns.

He is survived by his daughter Cindy, his sister Gloria Roach, brother Don Roach & brother John Sebring. His mother Christine Ellen Roach Sebring, sister Billie Roach, and brother Ronald Robert Roach preceded him in death.

Sherman admired John F. Kennedy, and was a fine example of living and honoring Kennedy's famous quote "Ask not what your country can do for you--ask what you can do for your country." Even late in life he contributed to society by participating for years in Alzheimer's studies at OHSU. Ultimately the last study led to the approval of a new Alzheimer's drug in the United States. Again, he risked his life for his fellow Americans, even when his own life was ending. Appropriately, the family suggests remembrances be made to Aging and Alzheimer's, Department of Neurology, OHSU, 3181 NW Sam Jackson Park Rd, Portland, OR 97239.

Jim Boyd

Jim Boyd lived in the Skyline area for many, many years. He taught numerous local residents how to build a log house, wire for electricity, fix motors, and other practical skills. Though knowledgeable in the practical, Jim had a creative side... chainsaw art, with a special emphasis on the nude female form. He wrote a book "Chainsaw Art" with many photos of his pieces. He passed away on April 13. Jim is survived by his wife Alice & his children Jim Jr., Kent, Michael, and Jean, and many other relatives many of which still live in the Skyline area.

LOCAL STORIES:

Moving Brooks School

Many Skyline residents may not realize that the former residence of Duce and Helen Brooks was the original one-room Brooks School. This wonderful yellow and brown-trimmed house is located on NW Skyline Boulevard just east and uphill of present-day Skyline Elementary School. The Indian motif that was out front represented Duce's full-blooded Cherokee grandmother and the Swiss flag signified Helen's heritage. The former Brooks School house originally stood down the hill to the west from its current location, just in front of the present-day Skyline School. Duce Brooks's grandfather originally had given the land to the community for a school in the late 1800s and a one-room school house had been built. All eight grades were taught in the single classroom and, at one point in time, around 40 students filled the desks.

The current Skyline School was built before its predecessor was moved. The re-location of the Brooks School building was a feat of engineering along with good old know-how and common sense! Duce's father, Mallory George Lewis Brooks (who for some unknown reason was called Jim), bought the old one-room school house for \$200 around 1936 to replace his older home. The Brooks School, as it was then named, set level with the road. The first task was to raise the building to the level of the nearby field to the east, some 25 feet higher. To accomplish this, Duce's father jacked the building up 25 feet by placing 12'x12' railroad beams underneath. These massive wooden "beams" were obtained from the approximately mile-length railroad tunnel that starts below the S curves on Cornelius Pass Road running under Skyline ridge and ending at Rock Creek Road. The wooden supports in the tunnel needed to be replaced periodically, and such a repair was underway at the same time the school was being moved. Jim Brooks obtained 200 or more of the sturdy timbers.

To raise the building Duce recalls that his father, Jim Brooks, had obtained about a dozen screw jacks. There was a small crawl-space under the old building so that the men could get beneath it and strategically place the jacks. There were six men working, including Duce and some of the Luethes. Each man was in charge of two screw jacks. Jim would yell to them when it was time to turn the screws in unison, thereby keeping the building level at all times. A timber would be inserted when the building had been raised the needed twelve inches, and the process would begin again. The timbers were arranged in a crisscross pattern. Duce estimates that it took about a week to lift the building.

Once raised, the building needed to be moved about 700 feet across the field. Duce's father had purchased 8 foot long round cores from Linnton Plywood to provide the rolling platform to move the school across the field to the small hill. Three-quarter inch cables were attached to the building and to a round drum at the designated home site. A team of horses were harnessed to the drum. As the horses plodded around the drum, the building rolled to its destination. As the house progressed across the field atop the round cores, the cores would be removed from behind and brought along to the front "This entire project", says Duce, "took only a day!"

A concrete foundation for the "new house" had been poured with an excavated basement before the school was moved. The old school room rolled onto its new base without a hitch.

The original school room had a 16 foot ceiling which afforded the Brooks family enough height to add an upstairs consisting of four bedrooms. The back of the school house had a curved wall with

panels of windows that allowed for sunlight to enter the room from morning to sunset. (This was before electricity you must remember.) The curved wall was retained although some of the windows were replaced with paneling to allow for the new bedrooms. In all, it took about two years to remodel the Brooks School. Duce, who attended Brooks School and then resided in his old classroom, could be said to have never gotten out of school!

An interesting sidelight to the moving story is that an empty bottle, standing upright on a shelf, had been noted in the closet room in the school. When the old Brooks School was finally at its new location, the bottle was still standing! By Sharon Barthmaier as told by Duce & Helen Brooks

Duce and Helen Brooks lived on Skyline Boulevard for many decades. Sharon Barthmaier has spent hours with the Brooks listening to their stories of early times in the Skyline area. From these interviews she compiled a number of historical articles for the Skyline Ridge Runner first appearing in the past June issue and now in this October issue.

Before Brooks School, there was a log house that served as the one-room school for the many children of the Brooks families on the ridge. It had stood approximately where Duce Brooks's red barn now stands on Skyline Boulevard.

The \$270 Box Elder Bug

(Editor's Note: This story may document the most costly human encounter with a single box elder beetle. Though box elder beetles are deemed "harmless" by entomologists, many local residents dread the onset of winter more because of this insect than rain and darkness. In October, hundreds, if not thousands, of these beetles will seek the warmth inside homes to over-winter until the maple trees leaf out in April.)

On a spring Sunday morning at 3 a.m., I was awakened by my pleading wife. "There's a bug in my ear and I can't get it out!" I checked out the ear and couldn't see a thing so I wanted to get back to sleep, but she wouldn't hear tell of it. "I can feel it crawling around, I'm sure it is one of those damned box elder bugs. We've got to do something."

We called St. Vincent's Hospital and finally connected with a night nurse. After much dialogue, disbelief, and fumbling around on her computer screen she found a 3-step course of action. "In a darkened room shine a bright light into the ear and wait for the critter to crawl out. If that doesn't work put mineral oil or olive oil (extra virgin preferred) in the ear and again wait for him to swim out. Finally flush out with warm water with an ear bulb syringe." Well, none of those remedies worked but the mineral oil did drown the bug so he wasn't moving around any more. We called the nurse back and she recommended going to a clinic or emergency room in the morning.

On Sunday morning we went to the Providence Urgent Care Clinic on NW 185th and saw a nurse and doctor, but neither could see the bug in my wife's ear. However, after much persistence and some mean looking "alligator forceps", the bug was finally found and extracted by the doctor. Sure enough it was our old friend, the box elder bug. I was beginning to believe this was all a ploy for sympathy and attention, so I too was relieved to see there actually was a bug in there.

After the \$30 co-pay and the \$20 antibiotic ear drops, we are now at \$50 for that bug and the insurance bill was yet to arrive. Ultimately the final bill came to \$270. Ah, the joys of living on Skyline!

By Joe Barthmaier

Deer Repelling

We have a dog. It is a really big deal. Since owning a dog I have noticed an 80 percent reduction in our deer nibbled orchard trees. This is significant because I don't have to do anything other than maintain the dog in order to receive this benefit. As I am essentially lazy this works well for me. Don't get me wrong, I spent many a pre-dog hour trying to reduce the damaging effects of deer on the orchard. There were the sprays. Hot chili spray would stop the destructive ways of deer because, the bottle said, deer don't like spicy food. At \$15 a bottle it was guaranteed to work. Ten bottles later, a representative from the company informed me that I must be plagued by a strain of deer with a varied pallet, and had I considered Coyote urine spray? Bobcat urine spray? If not their sense of taste, their sense of fear: deer would smell the odor of predators and flee. At \$26.50 a bottle it was guaranteed to work. Who knew waste products could be so lucrative?



Many of the library books I checked out touted the benefits of soap. Soap has a strong smell. Deer don't like strong smells. It offends their delicate olfactory receptors. A bar of soap hung in an orchard tree would repel deer. All one had to do was bore a hole thru one end of the soap and simply run a length of twine through the hole and attach the soap to the branches of the tree using the twine. It was a great afternoon craft project; the library is full of great ideas. I spent four hours trying to bore a hole through a bar of Irish Spring. It turns out that soap is very dense. I did some more reading. A handy tip in one text suggested using small bars of hotel soap. It would be easier to drill a hole in and they could be picked up for free. After the poor cost benefit ratio of the chili spray I made a mental note to collect hotel soap. I mentioned the idea to my husband and he pointed out that we were not going to stay in a hotel that evening simply to collect small bars of soap. They would not be, he pointed out, "free" if we were paying \$80 for the hotel. The soap, he pointed out, would be \$80. I made a mental note to collect hotel soap the next time we had plans to stay in a hotel. It turns out I didn't have to wait long.



A couple of months later we decided to attend a family reunion outside of Durango, Colorado. The good news is that we had to do a lot of driving which implied that there would be hotels. The whole extended family would be driving, which to my mind spelled soap. One morning over continental breakfast in the hotel I asked all of the family if they wouldn't mind saving their little bars of soap for me. I received 10 tiny bars at lunch. Although 10 tiny bars may seem like a lot, I was on a quest for more. I began asking perfect strangers for soap. I spied an older couple at breakfast. I asked about the soap and explained my plight. The gentleman perked up and told me to have a seat, his wife rolled her eyes and returned to the buffet.

The man had owned a commercial orchard in California and was well apprised to the ways of deer. Complicated creatures that were not easy prey to the trickery of humans. He seemed like a nice enough older man, not particularly prone to violence, so I was surprised when he suggested that I purchase a bayonet. It was not just a relic weapon from World War II he informed me, it had great usefulness outside of shooting people and then stabbing them. I would be better off sleeping in the orchard with a bayonet than to waste my time with soap. It was unclear to me whether I should shoot the deer and then stab them or stab them first and then shoot them. I couldn't imagine getting close enough to a deer to actually stab one. I pointed out that it seemed kind of redundant, shooting and stabbing. He jabbed me several times in the solar



plexus with his index finger to illustrate his point.

"A bayonet (jab) is (jab) your (jab) only (jab) friend (jab)."

He had used a bayonet to fight his way out of the Crane Valley in 1965 after taking some shrapnel in the back. It was a lesser known battle but he was sure that America's freedom and/or laurels rested on it. He kept one by his side faithfully to this day. 2 hours later I thanked him for his stories and promised to buy a bayonet.

When we returned home from vacation I busied myself with the hotel soap. Our orchard was cheerful looking with its petite soap ornaments but more importantly, it was protected. The next morning I went to survey my results. After some scattered nighttime showers the orchard looked like a drunken Laundromat. There were gelatinous globs all over the grass which had turned grayish white. The twine that had once held perfect little bars of Lifebuoy soap hung limp and bubbly. The Van cherry tree, my prized pollinator, had only two actual leaves left, it had been nibbled to a nub. That was the last straw. I went to Craig's List and typed in "DOG".

By Kim Johnson

Kim Johnson lives and gardens on Logie Trail Road with her husband who points out the difference between what she is doing and what she

SRN NEWS:

Treasurers Report: Sept 2006

Thank you, thank you, thank you. This report is filled with thanks and, as usual, the financial data. The thanks are to all of our hard working neighbors, who give of their time, money and resources to make the annual Summer Gathering and SRN's community projects a success. Once again, we have many, many neighbors who came out of the woodwork (or woods?), to give a helping hand, eat, visit and play.

The list of who all to thank is extensive. Since this is a treasurer's report, I shall try to cover just those whose contribution to the Gathering impacted their pocket book: Once again, Michael Tillson and Karin Hunt for allowing us to use the Shadysprings Farms facility; Once again, the Speroffs for that tasty Macedonian sausage; Cindy Banks, like many, who has not turned in any expenses and frequently says, "I'll just donate it"; John L. Jersey for the portapot; Libby Merwin's art table supplies; People who ran to the store, picked up essentials, pulled out their wallets and never wanted reimbursement – Miles, Sen, and Cindy; Everyone who donated items; EVERYONE for all the great food!; EVERYONE for all of the bidding.

Now for the financial nuts and bolts of the Summer Gathering: The bottom line is we raised the necessary funds to assure the *Skyline Ridge Runner* and the *SRN Community Business & Resource Directory* coming to your mailboxes for another year. Our gross income on the Gathering was \$4,801.31 with a net of \$4,242.93. Less then 10% administrative cost – not too shabby 'eh?

The Summer Gathering has not been the only thing that we're thanking people for. Based on community request, the SRN Board approved to dedicate \$800 to support the community in the eradication of invasive weeds. The current focus is on the rapidly growing (literally) knotweed problem. There has been a solid response to the classes that were offered, the volunteers that went to work on this project, and requests to use the tools that were purchased to attack invasive weeds. Total expense on this project to date is \$1030. Thanks to a very generous anonymous \$500 donation dedicated to this project, our net expenses are \$530. And thanks to the hard work from neighbors and organizations, there is now a significant difference in the knotweed problem.

SRN Cash Flow Report 6/1/2006 - 9/17/2006

Income

Summer Gathering Auction	\$4,801.31
Ridge Runner Ads & Donations	\$761.00
Total Income	\$5,562.31

Expenses

Natural Resources Committee	\$1030.44
Ridge Runner (June publication)	\$731.86
Summer Gathering	\$448.38
Total Expenses	\$2,320.68

NET TOTAL (for the 3rd quarter) \$3,241.63

As usual, I welcome all comments and suggestions. Be assured 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.

CLASSIFIEDS:

Borrow a Weed Wrench from SRN: Save your body. Remove woody shrubs & smaller trees, such as Scot's broom, English holly, Norway maple, conifers, & Russian olive willow. To borrow a Weed Wrench & directions, call Sen at (503) 621-3331 or email skylineruralwatchnewsline@hotmail.com to schedule.

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Annual Pottery Sale at Pincus Pottery Studio: Sat-Sun, Nov. 18-19, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Handmade high-fired pottery for food service & flower display. 14754 NW Ash St. For more details, call Ken (503) 285-4784.

Yoga at Skyline Grange: with Hatha emphasis. Every Mon & Wed from 6:30-7:30 p.m. All ages & fitness levels. \$50/10 classes or \$7/drop-in. For info, contact Dawn at 971-285-7847 or dawndevine@gmail.com.

Fall Farm Produce & Christmas Trees: at Plumper Pumpkin Patch & Tree Farm, 11435 NW Old Cornelius Pass Rd. Family-owned. Also BIG slides, animals, hayrides. Available for birthday parties. www.plumperpumpkin.com or (503) 645-9561.

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Horseback Riding Volunteers Wanted: in a program for special needs children & adults at Phoenix Farm (on Skyline at Rock Creek

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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 live in the Scappoose Fire District, 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.

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.

Wanted: Volunteers to Help Produce the Ridge Runner: Writing, proof-reading, story ideas, interviewers, historians, phone calls, bulk mailing, preparations for mailing. Contact Sen at (503) 621-3331 or ridgerunner@skylineridgeneighbors.org.

Looking for a Home for Unwanted Stuff? If you will give it away for free, list it on <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/FreecycleSR/>. This Freecycle Group is specifically for residents of the Skyline & northwest unincorporated Multnomah County areas.

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THE GATHERING:

Summer Gathering '06

What a wonderful and rare neighborhood we live in! The Summer Gathering was a huge success once again. Familiar faces and new neighbors alike came together for a day of food, games, art and music - not to mention a little bit of shopping fun with the auction and fixed price tables. The Slow Rising rocked the arena with their unique blend of rock and blues.

Generous neighbors and our local businesses made the auction a success once again. Many wonderful items were donated ranging from beautiful plants and food baskets to romantic weekend getaways. The auction is our annual major fundraiser to support the activities of the Skyline Ridge Neighbors, including this newsletter, so everyone's donations and time are deeply appreciated. A special thanks goes out to Miles Merwin for the many, many hours of work building the new technology needed to automate the auction.

The kids were thrilled with the horse rides provided by Phoenix Farms and stopped by to create their masterpieces at the art table with Libby Merwin before racing in the sack races. TVF&R once again manned the popular tug-of-war, just one of the games organized by Ras Sauer. The winners of the frog races were: Amanda Archerd's frog in first place and Melissa Munson's frog in second place.

We give our deep thanks Karin Hunt and Michael Tillson for

sharing their beautiful Shadysprings Farm. Their kindness has made our special event possible for many years.

Thanks to everyone that attended and all of the wonderful volunteers. This event would not be possible without the many hours of work from our neighbors: Dexter Bacon, Joe Barthmaier, Sharon Barthmaier, Wendy Bender, Makinzie Bender, Sarah Bowersox, Pat Brady, Vickie Coghill, Katie Davison, Rich Edwards, Karen Garber, Catherine Dalziel, Steve Fradkin, Natalie Harger, Donald Jenkins, Earlene Kinapp, Kelly Kuntz, Agnes Kwan, Miles Merwin, Libby Merwin, Cheryl Neal, Tod Orris, Phoenix Farm Horses (Triscuit, Scotchy, Jack, and Pauly), Phoenix Farm Riders (Nicole, Casey, Julianne, Mattie, Laura, and Sophie), Chris Rhodes, Ras Sauer, Cindy Roach, Cliff Rhoton, Nora Schreiber, George Sowder, and Sen Speroff.

Unique, creative and Skyline-flavored auction items were donated by the following individuals and families: Susan & Patrick Ahern, Joe & Sharon Barthmaier, Sara Bowersox, Pat Brady, Tom & Jan Campbell, Vickie Coghill, Catherine Dalziel, Joe & Laurel Erhardt, Karen Garber & Jon Desmarais, Dave Heasty, Rebecca Jenkins, Jan Linden, Jim Livingston, Libby Merwin, Betsy & Jeff Miller, Cheryl Neal, Brigitte Nortman, George Sowder & Judy Friedman, Leon Speroff, Sally Storm, and Carol Wilkerson. We thank them.

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

Cindy Banks, Chair of SRN's Fundraising Committee

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Please send your comments, poems, stories and opinions to SRN, 15001 NW Skyline Blvd. Portland, OR 97231

CALENDAR:

"**Eradicating Knotweed**" topic of SRN meeting on Thurs., Oct. 12, 7-9 p.m., at Skyline Grange, 11275 NW Skyline Blvd. Kyle Spinks, speaker. All people interested in knotweed eradication are welcome.

"**Land Conservation Planning**" topic on SRN General Meeting on Thurs., Oct. 19 at 7 p.m. at Brooks Hill Historic Church, 11539 NW Skyline Blvd.

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

Skyline Volunteer Firefighters meet Monday evenings at Station 63, 11646 NW Skyline Blvd for regular drills, maintenance, & business meetings. For information about volunteering, call TRV&R Volunteer Captain Jeremy Davis at (503) 259-1207.

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.

Backyard Burn Season: resumes on Oct. 1 & continues through Dec. 15.

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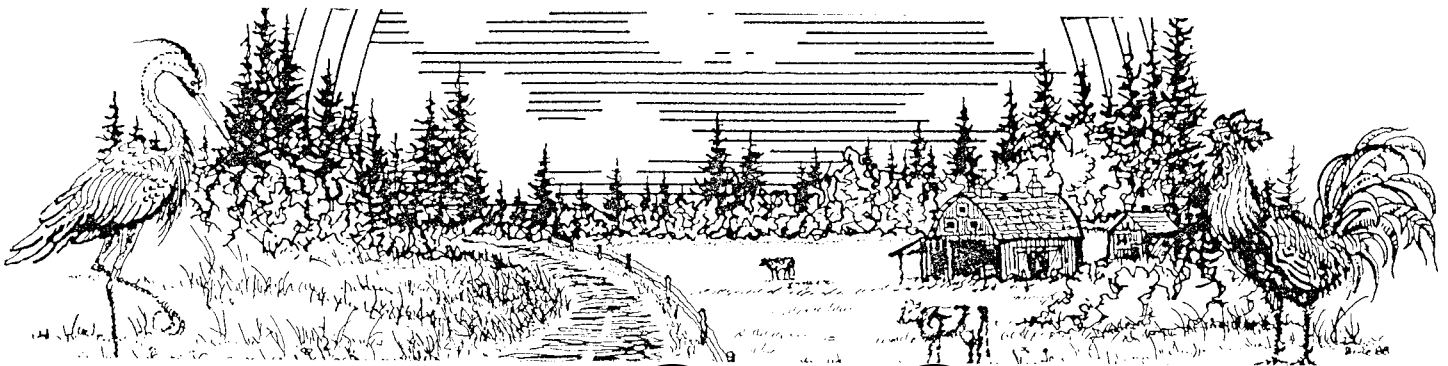
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About Skyline Ridge Neighbors, Inc.

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.

Purposes of SRN are:

- 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, non-profit organizations and other neighborhoods.



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