

Skyline Rural Watch Newsline



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April 29, 2018

North Tualatin Master Plan Meeting Date Moved

The most recent edition of the Ridge Runner indicated the Metro Parks hearing will be in May.

That hearing has been rescheduled to June 4.

[From: http://multco.us/northtualatin](http://multco.us/northtualatin)

Metro is proposing a nature park project for the West Hills. It includes building a number of multi-use trails. The plan requires a change to the county's Comprehensive Plan, as well as several county land use permits.

All application documents can be found in the Document Library.

The Multnomah County Planning Commission will hold a hearing on the proposal on June 4, 2018. Public comment will be accepted before the hearing, and the hearing itself will be open to the public.

[Read on for more information](#) about the proposal, the hearing, and how you can have your say.

- Notice of Public Hearing
- Public Participation and Hearing Process
- Applicable County Codes
- Approval Criteria
- Contact Us

SRN Board Meeting

When: Tuesday May 1st

Time: 6 pm

Where: Suzanne Perra's (contact srn@srnpdx.org for address)

Primary Topic: SRN Summer Gathering

All neighbors welcome.

Invasive Garlic Mustard Needs Pulling NOW



Yesterday, driving out of the Grange's driveway, I was greeted with a stunning infestation of garlic mustard across the street on Skyline. Several years ago, we pulled a few plants on that bank and since then have found none. But true to their devious nature, a plant or two must have been missed which now have produced a 25'x6' infestation. This patch is particularly disheartening since we have worked hard since 2007 to keep garlic mustard from invading northwest beyond Newberry Road.

Pat and I pulled this patch this morning. When we walked about ½ miles southeast along Skyline pulling about 2 more bags worth. Then we started to walk down Newberry ending at Milepost 2 and discovered infestations especially along the west side of the road. It would behoove Newberry residents and walkers in those areas to keep an eye out for garlic mustard plants, to pull them, put them in a secure plastic bag and deliver them to Skyline Grange collection site for proper disposal. (Don't pull and leave on the ground.). Garlic mustard flowers have 4 white petals. They need to be pulled and disposed of before they go to seed, so NOW is the time.

For more information about garlic mustard, the long-term joint control effort by SRN, FPNA, and the Grange, go to <http://www.srnpx.org/garlic-mustard-overview.html>; <http://www.srnpx.org/garlic-mustard-control.html>; and <http://www.srnpx.org/garlic-mustard-team-effort.html>. The City of

Portland, Clean Water Services and West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District are doing their best with your tax dollars to control this plant, but they need you. It is we local residents that view our properties and our roads daily and up close, and thus can be the ones to first discover that one or two garlic mustard plants that if not pulled by the roots by you will in short time produce a hideous number of plants and thus a big control problem.

You can bring pulled garlic mustard in plastic bags to the Grange April 29 until June 14. Take care not to contaminate the Grange property by making sure they are tightly closed and any holes in the bags are sealed with duct tape. (Source: Sen Speroff)

News Release from Mult. County

Today Multnomah County Transportation launches a new weekly news feature [This Week in Roads](#). The goal is to let our road users know what work is happening on which road in the next week. From pavement repair to tree trimming, along with our major construction projects.

Watch for our weekly updates on Twitter [@MultCoRoads](#) and [online](#).

Here's a sample from today's update:

Week of April 29-May 5, 2018

Construction

Sandy Boulevard Improvements

Single lane closures during work day, on Sandy between 230th & 238th

Flaggers will direct traffic during closures

Read more about this project.

Arata Road Active Transportation Project

One-way traffic eastbound from Wood Village Blvd to NE 238th
One-way traffic westbound from Wood Village Blvd to NE 223rd
Flaggers will direct traffic.

Access will be maintained for residents, businesses and emergency vehicles.

Read more about this project.

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Upcoming Activities in Forest Park Activities

What: Thursday Morning Work Parties

Time: 9 am – noon

Details:

Volunteers must come prepared to get dirty in a pair of long pants and sturdy, closed-toe shoes. Be sure to bring warm layers (synthetic or wool material is best for cold, rainy days), a waterproof layer, and a full personal water bottle. All training, tools and gloves are provided. No previous experience necessary.

Although Forest Park Conservancy has an excellent safety record, all of our volunteers must sign a waiver before participating in stewardship activities.

[Download Volunteer Waiver Form](#)

Since parking and the number of volunteers needed are limited, advanced registration is required. Details of specific work party dates and to register, link onto:

[Thursday Trails Work Party, May 3rd](#)

[Thursday Restoration Work Party, May 10th](#)

[Thursday Trails Work Party, May 17th](#)

What: Join the 2018 All Trails Challenge

The All Trails Challenge is your chance to team up with friends, family, and co-workers or set out on a solo quest on one of three challenges, whichever is best suited to your interests. It's also a great way to raise money to support the health of Forest Park!

You have three options for this year's All Trails Challenge: 1) Hike all 80 miles of Forest Park's trails

2) Hike the 30-mile Wildwood Trail, or, 3) create your own challenge by deciding how many miles you want to hike!

Get started in four easy steps: 1) Register at <https://www.kintera.org/faf/r/default.asp?ievent=1179606&lis=1&kntae1179606=9B9DD26EC410457C95FE0870A49FC98A>. 2)

Decide which challenge you want to do: the All Trails Challenge (80 miles), the Wildwood Challenge (30 miles) or your own personalized challenge. 3) Ask your friends to donate to the Forest Park Conservancy. 4) Begin enjoying Forest Park!

There is a \$25 fee to register for the All Trails Challenge. All challengers will receive a free Forest Park map, invitations to special events, and the knowledge that your registration fee helps us restore Forest Park!

What: Wildflower Walk

When: Saturday, May 26, 2018

Time: 10am – noon

Where: Springville Trailhead off of NW Skyline Blvd. (carpooling encouraged)

Details: Leader will be Kendra Peterson-Morgan, Portland Parks & Rec's West Natural Area Supervisor and an ecologist. Wear sturdy shoes and dress for the weather.

Register at <https://www.forestparkconservancy.org/BookingRetrieve.aspx?ID=267900>.

[Oregon Small Farm News](#)

"..... Using Coyotes to Protect Livestock. Wait. What?....."

From: Oregon Small Farm News <oregon_small_farm_news@lists.oregonstate.edu>

Date: Fri, Apr 13, 2018 at 8:46 PM

Subject: [Oregon_small_farm_news] Spring 2018 Oregon Small Farm News is Now AVAILABLE Online

To: "Oregon_small_farm_news@lists.oregonstate.edu"

<Oregon_small_farm_news@lists.oregonstate.edu>

Greetings,

The newest edition of the Oregon Small Farm News is now available online at <http://smallfarms.oregonstate.edu/newsletter>

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Featuring

- Using Coyotes to Protect Livestock. Wait. What?
- Japanese Agricultural Innovation Stories
- Take Action RIGHT NOW to Manage Tansy Ragwort
- CSA Marketing: Three Tips for Increasing Membership
- Results of 2017 WSU-Mount Vernon Grain Pea Trial
- Food Roots in Tillamook Opens Local Food Storefront

Happy Spring!

Chrissy Lucas, Outreach Program Coordinator

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Marmorated Stink Bugs Still Hanging Around Inside Houses

The native Box Alder Beetles who overwintered in many warm local homes, have returned to the outdoors and leaving trees. But many irritated local residents still report that overwintering Brown Marmorated Stink Bugs (BMSB) have not left yet. These natives to Asia showed up in Oregon in 2004. Unlike our native Box Alder Beetles, BMSBs are destructive. They feed on more than 100 different plants, particularly vegetables, pears, apples and hazelnuts, but also ornamentals.

A natural enemy has arrived to help control the BMSB. The samurai wasp (*Trissolcus japonicus*) is a tiny insect that hunts for the egg masses of BMSBs and lays an egg inside each egg in the mass. The parasitic wasp develops inside the egg, effectively killing the stink bug, and then chews its way out. Read more about BMSB and Samurai Wasp at http://www.oregonlive.com/hg/index.ssf/2017/06/natural_enemy_samurai_wasp_bat.html.

FROM [SKYLINE RIDGE NEIGHBORS WEBSITE - SRNPDX.ORG](http://www.srnpdx.org)

SKYLINE VOICES:

<http://www.srnpdx.org/>: Local author's essays, opinions, ponderings and musings. We welcome anyone in the neighborhood to submit a blog post. Submit to: web_edit@srnpdx.org

CLASSIFIED AD and SRN FORUM:

[srnpdx.org](http://www.srnpdx.org) - Find It: <http://srn.freeforums.net/http://srn.freeforums.net/>

EVENTS:

[srnpdx.org](http://www.srnpdx.org) - Calendar: <http://www.srnpdx.org/calendar1.html>

[Resource Directory:](#)

As a service to neighbors, SRN publishes a listing of local government agencies and businesses in the Skyline Resource Directory. Follow the links in this section to view its contents and learn how to add a business or agency listing.

Listing of organizations and businesses herein does not imply any endorsement of SRN nor does it imply a lack of endorsement for similar organizations or businesses not included.

COMMUNITY LINKS:

Skyline Grange: <http://www.srnpdx.org/skyline-grange-894-0>

Forest Park Conservancy: <http://www.forestparkconservancy.org/>

Linnton Community Center: <http://www.linnton.com/lcc.asp>

Linnton Neighborhood Association: <http://linntonna.org/>

West Multnomah County Soil and Water Conservation District:
<http://wmswcd.org/>

Skyline School: <http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/skyline/>

Lincoln High School: <http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/lincoln/>

About the Newsline: Skyline Rural Watch Newsline is a part of Skyline Ridge Neighbors (SRN) and has been produced since June 1994 as a means to communicate neighborhood information. The Newsline is produced by Laurel Erhardt (editor) with help from Miles Merwin, Libby Merwin, and Sen Speroff

The Newsline depends on you as a source of accurate information about local crimes, upcoming events, and other news pertinent to the area. If you have information you would like considered for the Newsline, you may do so by e-mailing the information to newsline@srnpdx.org, or leaving a message at (503) 621-3501. Urgent, timely items (crimes, lost pets) should be emailed to alert@srnpdx.org.

If you would like more detailed information about any item on the Newsline, request that information & SRN will e-mail it to you if available.

You can subscribe to the Newsline at the [Skyline Ridge Neighbors Website, SRNPDX.org](http://www.srnpdx.org). Tell your neighbors about this

free Newsline service.

About Skyline Ridge Neighbors: SRN is a neighborhood association serving much of unincorporated northwest 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.

If you would like to donate to SRN in support of its activities, such as this free Newsline service and the publication of its quarterly Skyline Ridge Runner, send your donation to “Skyline Ridge Neighbors”, c/o John Eskew, 15604 NW Rock Creek Rd, Portland OR 97231 or donate with credit card thru PayPal - <http://www.srnpx.org/> Contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

