

Skyline Rural Watch Newsline



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January Ridge Runner Now Available Online



Construction to reopen Newberry Road is scheduled to begin in Jan. 2019. This is how it appeared in mid-Dec.

[Download and read the latest issue of the Skyline Ridge Runner here.](#)

The January issue of your Ridge Runner has something for everyone. For those of us who use Newberry and Cornelius Pass Roads, the front page story contains the latest updates about the construction projects - and major disruptions - in store for us this year. "Car-mageddon is Coming!"

For those who appreciate the musical talent in our neighborhood, you can read the colorful history of The Freak Mountain Ramblers, a band of local musicians who toured extensively and recorded numerous albums.

If you enjoy wildlife, read all about trail cameras as a means to capture photos and video of creatures visiting your woodland property.

For those interested in learning more skills for country living, the Grange is planning a series of events on a variety of practical topics, including tree pruning, soils and compost, vegetable gardening and more.

And, for those of you old enough to remember Burma Shave signs along highways, the Grange is sponsoring a contest to come up with our own versions. Signs will be posted along Skyline to remind drivers diverted from Corn. Pass Rd. to slow down a bit.

Multnomah County Land Use News
Multnomah County Land Use & Transportation Program
1600 SE 190TH Ave., Portland, OR 97233
Phone [503-988-3043](tel:503-988-3043). Fax [503-988-3389](tel:503-988-3389). <http://web.multco.us/land-use-planning>

Notice of 14 Day Opportunity to Comment

CASE #: T2-2018-11007

LOCATION: 15195 NW Cornelius Pass Rd. (tentative address)

BASE ZONE: Commercial Use Forest -2 (CFU-2)

OVERLAYS: Significant Environmental Concern for wildlife habitat & streams (SEC-h, SEC-s) and

Slope Hazard

PROPOSAL: A request for an approval for a New Forest Dwelling and associated development on a property within CFU-2 Zone with development activity within Slope Hazard, Significant Environmental Concern for Streams & Wildlife Habitat Overlay Zones.

Written comments on this application will be accepted if received by 4 p.m. on Tues., Jan. 8 at 4 p.m. Comments should be directed to the approval criteria applicable to the request.

DETAILS: Log into <https://multco.us/file/77163/download>.

WHAT: "TOOLS TO EXPLORE YOUR PROPERTY HISTORY"

WHEN: Tuesday, January 22, 2019

WHERE: TVF&R Station #17

31370 NW Commercial St.

North Plains, OR

TIME: 7 pm

DETAILS: Amy Grotta, OSU Extension Service will discuss ways to research the history of your land from early settlers onward. All are welcome, no RSVP needed. This is Washington County Small Woodlands Association's monthly program.

WHAT: BASIC WOODLAND MANAGEMENT COURSE

WHEN: Tu/Th, March 12, 14, 19 & 21st.

Plus a field trip on Sat, Mar 23 or 30 (TBA)

TIME: 6:00 – 8:30 pm

WHERE: Columbia County Extension office

505 N. Columbia River Hwy

St. Helens, OR

DETAILS: This five-session course is ideal for anyone who is just starting out taking care of a woodland property. Topics to be covered include: 1. Getting started: assessing your property and site 2. What's going on in your woods? Understanding tree biology, forest ecology and habitat 3. Taking care of your woods: tree planting, care for an established forest, weed control 4. Getting it done: Timber sale logistics, laws and regulations 5. Field trip to see first hand examples of what you've learned.

COST: Cost: \$40/individual or \$50/couple sharing materials

REGISTER <https://tinyurl.com/basicwoodland2019> or call Sonia at [503-397-3462](tel:503-397-3462).

Deadline: Friday, March 1st.

(Info Source: Tall Timber Topics, OSU Extension Service, Winter 2019)

“HOLLY SHOULDN'T MAKE YOU FEEL TOO JOLLY”

By Amy Grotta, OSU Forestry & Natural Resources Extension

Adapted from TreeTopics blog, <http://blogs.oregonstate.edu/treetopics>, December 14, 2018

Rid your land of English holly

Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la

Tis the season to spot holly

Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la

When all the other leaves are gone

Fa-la-la, la-la-la, la-la-la

Holly's deep green stands out strong

Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la

Ok, there's a good reason I didn't become a songwriter. The point I want to make, though, is that this is a great time of year to scout your woodland for a common and nefarious invasive plant: English holly. It stays green all year long, so now that

herbaceous plants have died back and other shrubs have lost their leaves, it's easier to spot.

You will typically find holly in mixed hardwood or hardwood/conifer stands, especially those that have been disturbed or are on the fringes of populated areas. It gets spread around by birds who consume its red berries, and it thrives in the shade. It has the tendency to form many sucker sprouts around the base of an established plant, resulting in a thicket that is difficult to remove.

English holly is an invasive plant, and one that is worth your time to control if you wish to promote a healthy forest with native biodiversity. Even if you are a bird lover, I would argue that there are winter berry-producing native plants that you might rather have them spread for you: common snowberry is one example.

You can pull up small (pencil-thickness) plants by hand when the ground is soft, but once holly becomes a shrub or tree, a properly-applied, targeted herbicide to the base of the tree or cut stump is necessary for control. Cutting the plant down and not treating the stump with herbicide will only result in many resprouts – not just from the stump, but also from the roots and even at times from branches of the felled tree that come into contact with the ground and re-root.

Recommendations for treating holly with herbicides largely come from the restoration community, since holly is abundant in natural areas and public greenspaces. One common tactic is to use the hack and-squirt (or frilling) method with imazapyr (Arsenal) or triclopyr (Garlon 4). With a small axe, make small hacks every couple of inches around the base of the tree and use a squirt bottle to apply a small amount of chemical into the cuts. Or, for larger trees that you don't want to leave standing, cut the tree down and immediately apply triclopyr with your squirt bottle to the outer tissue of the cut stump.

Another method is to use triclopyr in a basal bark application. Here, you are using a backpack with a low-pressure nozzle to wet the bark all around the base of the stem. In this case it's important to use an oil-based solution for bark penetration. Apply when it's cool out to reduce the chemical volatilizing and affecting nearby desired plants; and clear away leaves and woody debris from the base so as to hit all the way to the root collar.

To read up more about all of these different basal application techniques, refer to this very useful primer from the PNW Weed Management Handbook. As always, read the product label for specifics on concentration rates and timing.

These herbicide treatments can be done at various times during the year – so in winter, you can scout and flag holly infestations to come back to later for treatment. Because holly is everywhere – from holly farms to cultivated specimens in backyards – new holly introductions will likely continue even after you have eradicated it from your woodland. So it's important to stay vigilant. Pull up new plants when they are small and the soil is moist – now is also a great time for that.

While holly is a festive component of our holiday decorations, we don't want it taking over our forests. So, chant some Christmas carols while you go out and collect some wreath making material – and bring along some flagging tape.

Some further reading: English Holly: Garden and Wildlife Favorite or Invasive Foe? (<https://www.pacifichorticulture.org/articles/english-holly/>) Earthcorps (Seattle) English

Holly Treatment Executive Summary

“PACIFIC POISON-OAK & WESERN POISON-IVY: IDENTIFICATION & MANAGEMENT”

OSU Extension has put out a new publication, you can get it at:

<https://catalog.extension.oregonstate.edu/sites/catalog/files/project/pdf/pnw108.pdf>

WHAT: CLACKAMAS TREE SCHOOL

WHAT: Saturday, March 23, 2019

TIME: All day

WHERE: Clackamas Community College

DETAILS: The largest event for small woodland owners in the Pacific Northwest! Over 70 classes to choose from, but you must sign up early. Registration opens on January 28th. Call [503-655-8631](tel:503-655-8631) to request a catalog. (Highly recommended by many local residents who have traveled to Clackamas to attend this very practical, informative day, and the lunch is delicious too.)

WHAT: “PRUNING, TRAINING & MAINTENANCE OF FRUIT TREES” Presentation

WHEN: Wednesday, January 30, 2019

TIME: 7 p.m.

WHERE: Skyline Grange, 11275 NW Skyline Blvd.

DETAILS: As part of Skyline Grange’s 2019 Skyline Living Series, John Saltveit will discuss fruit trees, pruning guidelines, and basic maintenance to ensure healthy fruit trees. Saltveit has been cultivating a food forest for 20 years and teaches classes on fruit growing with the Home Orchard Society for over a decade. It is free and all are welcome.

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:](http://www.srnpdx.org)

[srnpdx.org](http://www.srnpdx.org) - Find It!

EVENTS:

[srnpx.org](http://www.srnpx.org) - Calendar: <http://www.srnpx.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.srnpx.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@srnpx.org, or leaving a message at [\(503\) 621-3501](tel:(503)621-3501). Urgent, timely items (crimes, lost pets) should be emailed to alert@srnpx.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](#). 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.

