

# Skyline Rural Watch Newsline



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## COMMUNITY

Tractorman reports:

One of my customers called me a couple of weeks ago and asked for a quick mow of her field because neighbors reported to her that a cougar was hiding in her grass, and they were afraid for their pets. I told her my rate for that would be \$3000 per hour, and she said "fine, since you'll be in no shape to cash the check". Anyway, I mowed the field and didn't see any bones, but people in the foothills between Logie Trail Rd. and Corn Pass should keep an eye on their pets.

Tractorman

Editor comments: Thank you Tractorman for your donation of services to the Skyline Summer Gathering.

Bird Art painting class

Learn how to paint local birds in watercolor and mixed media

For kids ages 6+ and beginner adults

Saturdays 9am-11:30am

Cost: \$35/per person , \$30/ each for siblings or parent/child  
(Includes art supplies and snack)

Location: Skyline Grange, 11275 NW Skyline Blvd. Portland, OR 97231

2019 Schedule

July 20. backyard birds

Aug. 17. robins  
Sept. 14. cedar waxwings  
Oct. 19. chickadees  
Nov. 9. woodpeckers  
Dec. 14. owls

## LAND USE

# Share your thoughts on Metro's parks and nature content

We're asking community members in greater Portland to share their thoughts in an [online survey available through July 19](#). Your opinion will help shape the way Metro communicates in the future and help us provide more relevant content in print, social media posts, emails, and more.

Weigh in by July 19!

[TAKE SURVEY](#)

Metro's survey is part of a periodic review of our parks and nature content to ensure we're providing stories and information that are compelling and useful. The survey is being conducted by DHM Research to ensure that your feedback is secure and anonymous.

When you complete the survey, you can enter your name and contact information to be [entered in a drawing for one of three \\$100 Visa gift cards](#). Your name will not be connected with your answers and will not be shared with Metro.

Thanks for your help,  
Metro Parks and Nature

## **ROADS**

**NW Cornelius Pass Road Safety Improvements - July 11, 2019 Update**

**NW Cornelius Pass Road will close to through traffic in July. The closure date is expected to be late on Sunday night, July 21, before Monday.**

The target date for closing NW Cornelius Pass Road to through traffic for construction is now expected to be late Sunday night, July 21. The date will be confirmed when the contractor receives several parts for the temporary traffic signal that will be installed at Highway 30 and NW Newberry Road. After the parts are received and installed, ODOT will test and approve the signal for operation. We will send you an email when the closure date is confirmed.

Here is a quick update on the project:

- This week the contractor will complete the installation of detour signs. Signs will be covered until the road closure begins. Information on the detour routes for cars and trucks is [here](#).
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- Multnomah County road maintenance crews have trimmed

vegetation along these west hills side roads: NW Brooks Road, NW Kaiser Road and NW Newberry Road. NW McNamee Road is being trimmed this week, and NW Rocky Point Road and NW Skyline Blvd. will be trimmed next. The goal is to improve sightlines for drivers on these side roads which will carry more traffic when Cornelius Pass Road is closed.

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- ODOT has [postponed](#) a closure of the ramp from Highway 30 to I-405 south that was planned for July 19-29. No new date has been announced for the ramp closure.
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For more information, visit: [multco.us/cornpass](http://multco.us/cornpass)

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## TVFR

### Fire Chief Deric Weiss Takes Helm of TVF&R

Since the formation of Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue in 1989, there have only been three fire chiefs. On July 1, Chief Deric Weiss became the fourth.

In a traditional “Transfer of Command Ceremony,” the responsibilities of providing service to 11 cities and four counties — as well as providing guidance to 650 career and volunteer personnel — passed from Chief Mike Duyck to Chief Weiss. Chief Duyck retired at the end of June after more than 30 years in the fire service. Following a rigorous internal selection process, the Board of Directors tapped Weiss, who previously served as assistant chief, to take the helm of the district.

Chief Weiss spent the beginning of 2019 working closely with Chief Duyck to ensure a smooth leadership transition.

“This is an exciting time,” said Chief Weiss. “Having a change in command is a rare occurrence for our department. We’ve benefitted from having leaders who dedicated many years to this organization and the fire service. I have some big shoes to fill,

and I'm honored to have the opportunity to serve."

Weiss volunteered and served as an intern before being hired by TVF&R as a firefighter in 1994. Since then, he served on the Hazardous Materials Team for several years and promoted through the ranks of apparatus operator, lieutenant, captain, battalion chief, division chief, and assistant chief.

He's been involved with several local and statewide fire service initiatives including emergency communications, dispatch, hazardous materials response, government affairs, and interoperability.

Strengthening relationships with community partners and exploring opportunities to work with other organizations to create safer communities are priorities for the new chief.

In preparation for his new role, Chief Weiss evaluated what the District can do differently to enhance the services TVF&R provides, starting with a reorganization of work groups and operations.

"I'm looking forward to the challenges ahead and getting to work," Chief Weiss said. "I plan to have a renewed focus on our people, and I will carry on Chief Duyck's commitment to innovation."

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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.srnpx.org/skyline-grange-894-0>

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

Linnton Community Center: <http://www.linntoncommunitycenter.org/>

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/>

Skyline School PTA: <https://skylineschoolpta.com/>

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

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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.srnpx.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.

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