

# Skyline Rural Watch Newsline

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## Ridge Runner Submission Deadline June 15th

### Share Your Stories About Living Through a Pandemic

The Skyline Ridge Runner invites neighbors to share their experiences during these extraordinary times of a global health emergency. For example, how have you been coping with changes in routines with family, work, etc? What long-overdue projects around the house or land are now getting done? How have you kept yourself and your household entertained, informed and connected with family and friends?

Please write a brief story up to one page in length and send it in for publication in the July edition of the Ridge Runner. (Stories may be edited for length as space requires). And as usual, if you have any ads, calendar listings, news items, letters, photos, etc. that you would like to submit for publication, please email them to <http://ridgerunner@srnpdx.org>.

All submissions are due no later than June 15.

Thanks,

Miles

Editor

**GRANGE**

## YOGA AT SKYLINE GRANGE

Skyline Grange is sponsoring yoga classes outside taught by Janci Vandenberg. Classes are weather dependent so each Sunday at 5 p.m., Janci will post on her website [www.yogainalignment.com](http://www.yogainalignment.com), the schedule of class times for the following week. Janci has taught classes in the Portland area for 20 years and is excellent.

Participants need to bring their own yoga mat and any other desired yoga equipment, such as yoga blocks or a strap. Mats will be spaced 10 feet apart and participants will be expected to follow strict covid safety protocols, such as masks worn while on Grange premises unless when on a yoga mat. Cost is a sliding scale suggested donation of \$5-\$8 per class.

Since gatherings are limited at present to 10 people, to best assure a spot, sign up soon after the weekly postings on Sundays at 5 p.m.

The ground is a bit uneven, but outside at the Grange has proven to be a wonderful place to practice yoga. We are serenaded by song birds and local chickens; have trees to inspire our tree poses, feel a gentle breeze or the touch of sunlight to liven the senses, and witness an occasional flyover by an eagle. Come, it is a wonderful gift to the body that has been non-stop gardening or lazing all too much on the porch. Skyline Grange is located at 11275 NW Skyline Blvd.

## SKYLINE RIDGE NET

### TAKE THE 14-Day WATER STORAGE CHALLENGE

We have proven ourselves capable of hoarding toilet paper and baker's yeast during the pandemic, but do you have a supply of drinkable water in case of an emergency. People can live without food for days and toilet paper, but our bodies require water.

- a Figure out the minimum amount of water you should store by
  - b Multiplying # of people in house x 14 gallons = \_\_\_\_\_ gallons
  - c Multiplying gallons of water needed by animals per day x 14 = \_\_\_\_\_ gallons
  - d Adding the number of gallons in a and b to get total gallons needed:  
  
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  - e Decide location(s) to store container, ideally in cool, dark places.
3. Start collecting water.
  4. If you use your own food-grade plastic containers and caps, they will need to be washed and sanitized before using. For details about how to safely store water in your own containers, refer to <https://www.regionalh2o.org/sites/default/files/water-storage-script-web.pdf>.
  5. Start buying bottled water in food-grade containers every time you go to the store.
  6. Reach your goal by June 15 and report it to Skyline Ridge NET at [SkylineRidgeNET@gmail.com](mailto:SkylineRidgeNET@gmail.com). Provide the following info: number of people in household, gallons of stored drinkable water, gallons of stored non-potable water, pets/livestock.

## FARM and FOREST

## GARLIC MUSTARD REPORT

The time to pull or treat garlic mustard this season is now ending as seed pods are popping seeds. Consequently, Skyline Grange will no longer accept any bagged plants until next spring. For years no infestations had been identified north Newberry, but now there is garlic mustard in the 13000 block of Skyline which was treated by WMSWCD.

SRN, Skyline Grange and FPNA would like to thank:

- 1 All of volunteers who brought bagged plants to the Grange. All 820 pounds worth are now residing in the depths of the landfill where they will never see the light of day again. SRN paid for its disposal.
- 2 The many landowners who have given West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District or Portland Bureau of Environmental Services permission to treat garlic mustard on their private properties.
- 3 Volunteers who located and marked locations needing treatment by agencies.
- 4 Landowners who contacted agencies requesting verification or not whether a plant was garlic mustard.

## Wildfires Can Happen Here — Take Steps Now to Reduce Risks

source: TVFR

It's important for property owners to take steps to help protect your home and land from potential wildfires this summer.

During a wildfire, time is crucial and resources are limited. What you've done before a fire strikes may determine whether firefighters are able to save your home and other structures on your property.

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue has taken deliberate steps in the past 20 years to ensure a quick and effective response to wildfire, including investing in specialized wildland vehicles and equipment. Firefighters also participate in hands-on training. This is the perfect time to create a 30-foot defensible space or safety zone around your home that may help firefighters safely protect your home from an encroaching fire.

To create this space, homeowners are encouraged to take the following steps:

- De-limb trees at least 10 feet up from the ground and cut back tree limbs hanging over your roof.
- Trim branches that are within 10 feet of a chimney.
- Consider replacing wood shakes or shingles on the roof with non-combustible or fire-resistant materials.
- Remove leaves, brush, and other debris from your gutters, rooftop, and underneath decks and crawlspaces.
- Regularly mow and water lawns and other green belts on your property. Keep your landscaping well pruned and watered.
- Plant low-growing, fire-resistant plants such as groundcover, perennials, and annuals near your home. Plant individual shrubs and hardwood trees at least 10 feet from your home and other structures.
- Store firewood and other combustibles at least 100 feet from your home.

Ensure firefighters can quickly find your home by posting your address at the beginning of a long driveway. Make sure your street is named or numbered and a sign is posted at each street intersection of your driveway or road. If you need a rural address sign, call 503-697-9418.

Access to your property is also crucial. To ensure crews can safely respond, cut back low-hanging tree limbs and clear dense vegetation and debris from the road or driveway. Driveways should be 20 feet wide and have a minimum clearance of 15 feet overhead.

For more information about wildfire safety tips and additional preventative measures, visit [www.tvfr.com](http://www.tvfr.com).

Rural Reserves.

source: FPNA email newsletter

Some good news during these extraordinarily difficult times. I recently learned that the Court of Appeals upheld the revised Metro and county Urban and Rural Reserve designations. The decision was handed down late last year, but was not publicized.

The Appeals Court decision was so emphatic that no party appealed it to the State Supreme Court. So the rural lands around Forest Park in Multnomah County are now protected from urban development for 50 years (as long as the legislature doesn't decide to change the lines or the rules). Back in 2007, our neighborhood was being studied every 5 years as a serious candidate for UGB expansion even though the steep hills and many headwater streams would not allow efficient urban development and walkable neighborhoods. In 2002 Metro tried to add a chunk of land along NW Skyline Blvd to the UGB. That decision was overturned on appeal, but it confirmed the threat. Many local citizens mobilized to persuade Metro and Multnomah County to protect the rural lands around Forest Park because they were regionally significant wildlife habitat, laced with healthy streams, and important to a regional sense of place. We succeeded, but the process only wrapped up with this appeals court decision.

## 2020 Census Jobs

The U.S. Census Bureau is currently hiring for the 2020 Census. The positions are temporary and flexible with varying pay ranges. For Census Takers in Multnomah and Clackamas counties, the pay starts at \$18.00/hour.

By working for the Census Bureau, our community has a special opportunity to help make the 2020 Census an accurate and complete count. There are so many reasons our nation needs to be counted completely and accurately. The count happens every 10 years with the decennial census, which influences how more than \$675 billion from more than 100 federal programs are distributed to states and localities each year. Here's some of what the census numbers effect:



United States  
**Census**  
2020

\$18  
PER HOUR

**APPLY ONLINE!**  
[2020census.gov/jobs](https://2020census.gov/jobs)

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The U.S. Census Bureau is an  
Equal Opportunity Employer

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- Medicaid.
- School lunch programs.
- Community development grants.
- Road and school construction.
- Medical services.
- Business locations.

If you're interested in a job, please visit the Census Bureau job site to apply. You'll also be able to see descriptions and frequently asked questions at [2020census.gov/jobs](https://2020census.gov/jobs).

We're also encouraging everyone to self-respond to the 2020 Census Questionnaire at [2020census.gov](https://2020census.gov), by phone at 844-330-2020, or by mailing in the paper questionnaire they received in the mail.

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

The Newslines 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 Newslines, you may do so by e-mailing the

information to [newsline@srnpx.org](mailto:newsline@srnpx.org), or leaving a message at (503) 621-3501. Urgent, timely items (crimes, lost pets) should be emailed to [alert@srnpx.org](mailto: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](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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