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SRN's 30th Summer Gathering our Most Successful Ever! Thank You!

By Suzanne Perra, SRN President

It's hard to measure the success of a community event. However, after 30 years of Summer Gatherings, we have an idea: big smiles, full tummies, neighbors meeting new neighbors, volunteers working together, and making enough money to support Skyline Ridge Neighbors (SRN) services.

We hope that the summer gathering has a domino effect and that lasting friendships are forged, community involvement with the organizations staffing our community tables continues, and our neighborhood is strong and robust with a system in place to provide and receive community information. This year, the auction grossed approximately \$10,500, which is a record amount. We should net around 9K after expenses. For comparison, 2022 netted \$5400.

Brad Graff and Tracey Larvenz co-chaired the Gathering this year. They oversaw the registration, food, auctions, band selection, volunteers, and the timing and physical layout of the event. The gathering started at 4pm with Children's Activities and the Silent Auction, followed by Live Music by the Dryland Band, potluck dinner and ended with the Oral Auction. The event ended at 9pm. See an album of photos from the srnpdx.org home page and selecting "Photo Gallery" and "Summer Gathering 2023" or <https://www.flickr.com/photos/skylinridge/albums/72177720310151978>.

Thank you to Jim and Peggy Kessinger for allowing us to use **Plumper Pumpkin and Tree Farm** as our venue for the Summer Gathering for many years. Jim and crew worked alongside us to prepare the Plumper Pumpkin venue for our event. Thank you to Casey and Annie Miller of **The Meating Place** for their generous donation of delicious pulled pork again this year.

Silent and Oral Auctions

Our new auction chair and board member, Nicole

Anderson, did a world-class job and worked tirelessly to bring many changes this year, including online donation forms, online auction catalog for all oral and selected silent auction items, handout of auction items and map, and grouping gift certificates by theme (restaurants, local business, pets, etc). Another new board member, John Chen, helped with the Newsline articles about the auction items.

Lisa Graff of Lux Perennials Nursery decorated the auction tables with beautiful perennial plants.

Rich Edwards did a wonderful and entertaining job again this year as our auctioneer. There were 8 fabulous oral auction items from these sponsors: Pacific City Getaway, V&K Construction, Summit Pest Management, Green Box Mechanical, Lux Perennials, Cindy Banks' Champagne Brunch, and Sen Speroff's famous cheese-cake.



Families enjoyed good food and conversation at the 2023 Summer Gathering, July 22. (Photo: M. Merwin)

Dinner and Potluck

A total of 28 volunteers donated a total of 98 hours towards the dinner. The Meating Place was very generous again with the pulled pork, buns and slaw. Plumper Pumpkin Patch and Tree Farm offered up corn and baked potatoes. The Skyline Grange provided equipment and lemonade, cabbage salad, baked beans and sweet onion casserole. Plainview Grocery provided ice - lots! All that plus potluck dishes from our community. Thank you all!

Children's Activities

Laura Watts and Casselle LaTourette have co-chaired the Children's Activities for several years now. Laura said, "It is such a joy and honor to be a part of this community. I love seeing and reconnecting with neighbors and watching their families and kids grow each year." Casselle said, "Laura really out did herself with creating a beautiful maker-space for children to build, make and paint. Neighbor-

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Skyline Ridge Neighbors is a nonprofit organization serving rural northwestern Multnomah County through educational, environmental, and social programs that inform residents on relevant issues and events. SRN endeavors to better our community, encourage volunteer efforts, and openly communicate with residents and outside organizations.

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Donald Jenkins, 1931-2023

By Sen Speroff

Donald John Jenkins passed away on August 23, 2023, appropriately sharing the date with both a Supermoon & a Blue Moon. Donald was an international expert on Asian art, comfortable with wealthy art patrons, well-traveled, spoke numerous languages, and looked spiffy in a business suit. Yet up on Skyline Ridge we mostly knew Donald as the man who loved his Mel, his daughters, his animals, his neighbors, and life on Skyline Ridge. He was a man who flourished on his humble home/farm property and cherished the entry's bigleaf maple tree that had grown tall and wise (like Donald). He was a man who could be seen wearing long johns and milk boots on his way to tend the chickens and Beloved Belinda (cow). He welcomed and oriented new residents to Skyline Ridge history and the realities of semi-rural living. Donald was a man of principles and ethics and believed in the goodness of human connection and community. He leaves us with holes in our hearts, but better citizens of Skyline Ridge and better people.

There will be a memorial for Donald held at the Portland Art Museum on Tuesday, October 17, 2023, between 2 and 4 p.m. The Skyline community is welcomed.

Life Mileposts

Born in Longview, Washington, on May 3, 1931, he recounted a childhood in which he helped by milking the dairy cow, tending the strawberry fields, and working with his father building houses. As a child, he had a vivid imagination, listened to opera, curated an art show on the steps leading to his bedroom by cutting out pictures of paintings from Life Magazine. He did not ever feel fully at home in Longview and longed for a life filled with art and culture. He had an early love of language, learning Norwegian from his maternal grandmother and aunts. In high school he played tennis and sang with the choir. However, Donald was always considered "different" by family and friends.

He did well academically and received a full ride to the University of Chicago. He said he finally felt at home in Chicago, surrounded by intellectuals. He wanted to be a poet. In college he learned German and Italian. He spent nearly a year in Europe, traveling by bike and train from

England to Italy. Upon his return, he moved to Portland where almost by accident he was hired at the Portland Art Museum and quickly stepped into the role of museum assistant.

He met Mel in Portland at a gathering where he was reading his poetry. They fell in love but separated in 1956 as he had obtained a teaching position in Puerto Rico. Mel was planning to return to her job with the state of Oregon as an audiologist and was headed to the Rogue River.

Donald was hitching across the country on his way to the east coast to catch a ship to Puerto Rico when he quickly realized he wanted to marry Mel. Thankfully he reached her by phone, and she joined him in Chicago. They were married in Illinois near her family and then left for Puerto Rico where they lived for 2 years.

They returned to Portland with the plan to buy a small farm or acreage. Donald wanted to farm and write poetry and they hoped to start a family. In 1958 they found the property on Rock Creek Road, spending the first 2 years working hard to make the house and property livable. He was very proud of having hand dug the spring used as their water source (until they had a well dug in the early 2000's) and having hand built the septic system that he maintained until its replacement in 2022! He added an inside bathroom to the home, built a small milking shed and chicken house and then a barn with his father's help. It became apparent that farming and poetry

were not going to sustain the family, which now included two daughters, Rebecca and Jennifer, so Donald returned to the Portland Art Museum where he worked as a curatorial assistant from 1960-69. During these years he developed his love for Japanese art and culture.

In the mid-1960's, he returned to the University of Chicago to earn a master's degree in Asian art. He worked at the Art Institute of Chicago as an assistant curator of Asian art from 1969-1974. Realizing that the south side of Chicago was not the best place to raise their children, they moved back to Portland and Donald very quickly stepped into numerous roles at the Portland Art Museum, including assistant, curator, chief curator, and director.

From the 1970's onward he traveled extensively to Asia and Europe. His last trip to Europe was in 2019 with daughter Jennifer. He loved travel and had boundless



Donald Jenkins was an avid traveler, pictured here on a train in Europe, accompanied by his daughter Jennifer (Photo J. Glowacki)

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Close Encounters of the Wildlife Kind, Part 1

By Alex Rose

While many of our neighbors have generously recounted numerous, amazing local animal encounters, all of which are unique and encompass varied “flavors,” one outstanding feature is ubiquitous to all. The Skyline community truly respects and admires our four-legged and bird neighbors. They are seen as valuable and cherished presences, despite their showing up as, not just some warm and fuzzy encounters, but sometimes in truly challenging situations.

A fairly universal concern, especially to anyone who drives our dark roads on foggy, drizzly evenings, is deer along the road sides. How often do we creep along on Oregon’s typical dreary nights, keeping eyes peeled for roadside eyes in our head lights. Two neighbors recounted their trials as the sad inevitable unfolded for them: each struck a quirky deer that suddenly spooked, propelling them right into their vehicles.

OH DEER!!!

From Laurel Erhardt – “Late one night, years ago, a young buck bounded out of the Doug firs in front of my car giving me no time to stop. Hitting him solidly in the hindquarters, the momentum threw him 20 feet off the road. It was obvious if I left him, he’d suffer terribly.

I called Joe, an experienced hunter; however, although, morally and ethically correct to put this animal out of its misery, Joe would be in violation several of hardcore rules good hunters never break. We decided to apprise the property owners of the situation. On the one hand, we didn’t want to be shooting a deer in their field at night; on the other, would they talk to us or shoot at us? “Hello,” an elderly female voice comes through the speaker. My response gushes out. “Hello, I’m sorry to bother you, but I’ve hit a deer, and he’s in your field, and he’s not dead; and we’d like to take care of him but we just didn’t want to do this without letting you know,” “Oh, our deer, I just love them. I worry about them so. You know those cars go so fast. It’s not like it used to be. They’re not down by the road are they? I worry so much. We feed them apples you know, in our back yard. Two bucks. Oh, I wish they would stay away from the road.”

“I HIT A DEER. He’s in YOUR field!”

GASP. “Now you’ve got me crying. What are we going to do? I don’t know what to do.”

“I’m so sorry. But you don’t have to do anything. We will take care of it all. We just want you to know we’re going to be in your field, and we’ll take care of him.”



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She insists that I call her and let her know how it all comes out. I’m wondering what does she expect me to tell her? We cannot leave the “pet deer” dead by the side of the road for the distraught elderly couple to see; however dumping a deer carcass is not as easy as it seems; so, after several attempts, Joe brought the carcass back home. We came to the conclusion that we know needy people who would be most appreciative to have this venison. So Joe stayed up to the wee hours dressing out the deer.

The next day I remember my promise to call the home owner. It turns out she is so glad I called. She

wanted to know *everything*. “Did your husband shoot it? Were you able to save the meat? Was your car damaged? Are you all OK?” Two of her comments made me chuckle over how concerned I had been for her. Before she had started feeding the deer, she had done her due diligence - they couldn’t be held liable for a car hitting a deer on the road. Most importantly, she was overjoyed; her two little bucks had been in the orchard this morning. Obviously, I had gotten an intruder!

Another dark, rainy night, another deer zigzagging off Skyline onto the road right in front of our property! A neighbor had been driving very slowly and saw a few

deer on the side; they were all moving further off the road, but one she didn’t see was stranded on the other side and leapt across to follow the others surprising the driver completely. Fortunately, the driver had a rifle handy and was able to hasten any suffering on the deer’s part; but her car took a hit – dents here and there and some repair work necessary. Living close by, she was able to hurry home, dress the deer, and save the meat! She said, “I didn’t get much chance to taste it, but my kids and grandkids feasted away!”

From Jeffrey Miller; “We can laugh about it now; but we weren’t laughing when it happened. The Miller garden/property is enormous with thousands of flowering plants. Everything was set and ready for a fancy wedding the next day. The morning of the event arrived; and much to Jeff’s shock and horror, the deer had jumped over the 7-foot elk fence and had managed to eat over 1,000 rose blooms on over 100 rose bushes in ONE NIGHT!!! Ergo, miles of fence that held elk successfully at bay had to be raised another 3 feet to be deer proof. Now the fence is tall enough; however tree branches fall onto it; and even though it’s “patrolled” regularly, by the time the fence damage is found, the deer have often feasted on their favorite, “rose-caviar.” *To be continued...* □

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hood children were able to explore and get to know each other through the textiles and the grounds with glorious freedom." Highlights this year: Painting. Charm bracelets. Candy. The fast slides and play set were big hits. The goats with double horns. Dancing to the uplifting music and hula hoops. Corn on the cob was a favorite.

Community Tables

We had community tables that provided information about many organizations in the Skyline area. Other non-profit groups consisting of volunteers from our neighborhood include the Skyline Ridge Neighborhood Emergency Team (NET), the FIREWISE program represented by both Portland Fire & Rescue (PF&R) and Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue (TV&R), Oregon State Fire Marshal (OSFM), West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District (WMSWCD) and the Skyline Grange. A few neighbors belong to several of these organizations and sometimes these groups work together on community goals, but they are all very distinct organizations, each with their own purpose and bylaws.

Volunteers representing the Skyline NET Team were Susan Gorgas, Hope Roach, Burt Lazar, Judy Friedman, and Roger & Karen Cummings. In addition to providing Firewise information, TVF&R had firefighters from Station 72 along with firefighting apparatus. OSFM was represented by Jen Warren who is our District Risk Manager. WMSWCD was represented by Laura Taylor and others. TVF&R Firewise representatives were Stephanie McKee Heather Carpenter; Station 72: Michael Gordon & others; PF&R Firewise representatives were Kim Kosmas & Laurent Picard. Thank you to Alex Rose and Rachael Brake for organizing the tables.

Special Thanks


Laurel Erhardt was our warm and welcoming greeter. The Registration and Cashier team led by Rachael Brake handled a lot of traffic checking people in and checking people out, and are to be commended. George Sowder led

the setup and cleanup crew, most of whom also worked the day after the event.

Thanks to all our Wonderful Volunteers

- Over 200 neighbors who attended (based upon Jim Kessinger's detection of 94 cars at 5:27pm and 2 fire trucks)
- Almost 50 neighborhood volunteers who supported the Summer Gathering: Nicole Anderson, Rachael Brake, Dove Castel, Ava Chapman, John Chen, Debi Cudigans, John Driscoll, Valerie Driscoll, Rich Edwards, Laurel Erhardt, Judy Flynn, Judy Friedman, Brad Graff, Lisa Graff, Laurel Harroun, Rebecca Jenkins, Rhonda Kelvin, Jim Kessinger, Peggy Kessinger, Peter Kessinger, Kurt Kimsey, Kathy Lamb, Tracey Larvenz, Ped Lazada, Casselle Latourette, Leslie Linden, Karen McDaniel, Miles Merwin, Kelly Sue Munson, Cheryl Neal, Dorinne Pederson, Suzanne Perra, Hope Ranch, Jenn Reynolds, Grant Rolette, Alex Rose, Ras Sauer, Nora Schreiber, George Sowder, Leon Speroff, Sen Speroff, Moriah Walker, Heidi Waltz, Laura Watts, Tracy Waters, Dani Willingham, Jolene Williams
- Almost 20 friends and neighbors who donated auction items: Nicole Anderson, Cindy Banks, Sharon Barthmaier, Sara Bowersox, Pat Brady, Rachael Brake, Ava Chapman, John Chen, Moira Chen, Richard Gilkeson, Susan Gorgas, Agnes Kwan, Burt Lazar, Candice McBeth, Steffan Meija, Andre & Suzanne Perra, Megan Perra, Grant Rolette, Hope Roach, Alex Rose, George Sowder, Sen Speroff, Susan Still, Claire Stock, Tracy Waters
- 65 businesses and government agencies donated to the auction. They are listed with their contact information in a special section of this Ridge Runner. □





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Lots of Activities Happening at Skyline Grange

By Sen Speroff



Skyline Grange #894 – Since 1940
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Since April we have sought final approval for building permits for our Reduced Scope Project (RSP) leading to improvements in accessibility, structure, and safety. The process has triggered unanticipated requirements, time, appeals, added fees, and added consultation costs. When complete, we look forward to a community celebration and the inauguration of the ADA restroom’s first flush.

Once RSP is finally complete, we have decided our next building project will be a seismic analysis. This analysis will help determine priorities in planning seismic upgrades for the hall. Future building permits will require seismic upgrades. In a time of heightened social animosity, loneliness, and disconnection, having a safe, welcoming place where community meets is essential. We are committed to this.

How to Support Your Grange

If you believe in the worth of having a local gathering place that is non-partisan, non-sectarian, and welcoming to all, consider supporting Skyline Grange. It is our mission “to provide a welcoming gathering place where Skyline Ridge residents can connect locally to become informed and engaged in activities that promote community resilience, well-being, and good land stewardship.” Our Mission is at the heart of our activities.

Join: Grange is a non-profit, totally volunteer-driven organization. We are a diverse group of people who believe that we are fortunate to live in the Skyline area and want to support neighborhood well-being. We take seriously the fact that our building is a community asset as a gathering place. Our impact, activities, and accomplishments depend upon our members and community volunteers. Pick up a membership application at a Grange event or request by email; skylinegrange894@msn.com.

Volunteer: Being a Grange member is not required to volunteer to help with projects and events at our Grange. Help set-up a garage sale, flip pancakes, join a weedwhack-

ing work party, teach a class, suggest topics/speakers for our Skyline Living Series, sell your crafts at the Artisan Fair. Volunteering is often plain fun and a good way to interact and meet your neighbors. Contact us for volunteer opportunities; skylinegrange894@msn.com.

Donate: To make a monetary donation, send a check to “Skyline Grange”, c/o 14109 NW Rock Creek Rd, Portland 97231; or you can use Venmo through this link <https://tinyurl.com/Venmo-profile>, or you can use a credit card by making arrangements with Treasurer Rachael at 503.621.3423. Note: Skyline Grange is a non-profit organization classified as 501(c)10 by the IRS. Based on legal advice from non-profit attorneys, there is not a feasible, legal way to channel donations as tax-deductible for our capital improvement. If you are motivated to make a difference in your community, consider donating.



The Holiday Art Sale by the Skyline Grange Artisans returns to the Grange on Nov. 18-19 (Photo: M. Merwin)

Upcoming Activities

Autumn at the Grange always means a whirlwind of activities. Mark your calendar.

Yoga @ the Grange: Classes are temporarily cancelled due to the instructor being unavoidably away. Classes will resume in mid/late-October. For updates & schedule, visit www.yogainalignment.com.

Skyline Living Series of Talks: Our Education Committee organizes topics relevant to our semi-rural living. Fall-winter talks are in the planning. There will be a presentation of local black bears in the spring. Topics & dates to be posted on SRN’s Newline.

Fall Garage Sale: This is scheduled for Friday-Saturday, October 6-7. Donations from 35+ local households with a uniquely Skyline flavor with a mix of practical to zany, plus equipment useful for semi-rural living. All proceeds will go to our Capital Improvement Fund.

Community Soup Supper: This popular community event happens this year on Saturday, October 21, serving from 5-7 p.m. We cook; you enjoy. It’s a satisfying meal for the finicky to hearty eater, meat eaters and vegetarians. All proceeds will be donated to Skyline Ridge Neighborhood Emergency Team.

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energy and curiosity to see, do, and experience.

Donald was most proud of his show (The Floating World Revisited) at the Portland Art Museum in 1993, with a subsequent book written with Lynn Jacobson Katsumoto. He received the Order of the Rising Sun from the Japanese government in 1994 for his outstanding contributions toward cultural understanding between the countries. He was very proud of his involvement in creating city funding for the arts and working with other arts and cultural entities to invigorate and sustain cultural institutions in Portland, including his involvement and support for the development of the Chinese Classical Garden.

Memories

From Sen Speroff: Soon after we moved here in 1989, Donald and Mel invited us to "dinner." Dinner was a potluck of twenty neighbors wishing us welcome. Next thing I knew, I had volunteered to be on SRN's board and to help with the Ridge Runner. Next thing Leon knew was that he had better get a tractor asap to mow our field to reduce wildfire risks. For our two daughters Halloween meant homemade caramel popcorn balls from the Jenkins. Being a stickler for correct King's English, Donald taught me that "drowned" was not pronounced "drown-dead" and "often" had a silent "t." For many years Karin and I would rely on him to proofread the Ridge Runner knowing the grammar would be perfect. Mostly, I thank Donald (and Mel) for being so inclusive and being a major component in the cement that connects our community together.

From Burt Lazar: I first met Donald along with Mel as my patients. I immediately recognized his intellect, humor,

and shared reverence for our rural neighborhood. As Mel's health deteriorated, I admired his undivided devotion to her care. After he became a widower, he joined our monthly movie group. This became a much-anticipated social event that expanded and deepened our circle of friendship. Donald would often delight us with his sometimes racy film selections and homemade potluck contributions. As a member of our monthly men's gathering, he impressed us with his engagement in current events even into his later years (He was a Bernie Bro and expressed deep concern about climate change.) As his condition advanced, he struggled with his difficulty communicating; social engagement was always important to him. Despite his decline, our interactions were meaningful, his gratitude for our visits heartfelt. We shared a quiet appreciation for life and nature together. I will remember his intellectual curiosity, youthful outlook, gentle compassion, and high moral standards. Donald had much to teach us by example over his many years among us.

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course is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, October 28. Cascade Training will teach basic first aid, CPR for infants to adults, and AED use. Cost per individual will be around \$85, but SRN will subsidize up to \$45 of the cost for those residents living within its boundaries. Email us for registration info; skylinegrange894@msn.com

Skyline Grange Artisan Holiday Sale: Do your holiday shopping early on November 18-19 while supporting our talented local artisans. As in past years, we plan to have about 20 artisan booths with a variety of locally handmade items available for purchase, including jewelry, accessories, pottery, glass, journals, home décor, paintings, woodworks, essential oils, fiber arts, yard art, handmade preserves, dog toys, quilts, and more. Café Grange will be open for beverages, light breakfast & a lunch menu. And there will be a raffle to win numerous handmade items donated by the Artisans and gifts from local businesses.

Mostly Tree Seedling Sale: This sale is by pre-order only with pick-up usually late February/ early March.

Pre-Order forms are usually available about January 1. Order as soon as possible; some species sell out early.

Contact Information

You can learn more about the Grange and contact us regarding rentals and general questions as follows: www.SkylineGrange894.org; SkylineGrange894@msn.com; www.Facebook.com/SkylineGrange-894-169559023662398/; Physical Address: 11275 NW Skyline Blvd, Portland, OR 97231; Mailing Address: 14109 NW Rock Creek Rd., Portland, OR 97231. □



Autumn-Winter are Months for Fire Risk Reduction

By Sen Speroff

Once the rains start, we should see a reduction in wildfire risk. We'll have the fall and winter months to take fire reduction steps to protect our properties. If you don't know where to start, first get an assessment and recommendations from your local fire department at <https://www.portland.gov/fire/your-safety/wildland-urban-interface-wui-home-assessment>.

Stay Informed About Fires

One way to monitor wildfires is to get the "Watch Duty" application installed on your phone. Watch Duty disseminates public safety information in real-time from verified sources. It is a non-governmental service powered by 60 firefighter, dispatcher, and first responder volunteers. It will give you real-time wildfire alerts to notify you about the status and conditions of fires on the ground as they change. It monitors wildfires and prescribed burns so you know whether smoke in the distance is a fire you need to worry about. It uses satellite imagery and other official sources so you can easily track and monitor the progress of a fire. It provides clear and concise evacuation notices as well as shelters for people and animals all in one place. Download it at the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Also, sign up for Public Alerts for official notifications of potential evacuations at <https://www.publicalerts.org>.

NET Beneficiary of Soup Supper

We thank Skyline Grange for its plan to donate the proceeds of its annual Community Soup Supper to us. 100% of this money will be used to support our local team. Please attend Soup Supper on Saturday, October 21, serving from 5-7 p.m. If you cannot attend but wish to donate, you can make a monetary donation by sending a check to "Skyline Ridge NET", c/o 14109 NW Rock Creek Rd, Portland 97231; or you can use Venmo through this link <https://tinyurl.com/Venmo-profile>, or you can use a credit card by making arrangements with Team Leader Rachael at 503.621.3423.

Become a NET team member!

Did you know that most of the people rescued in a disaster are rescued by their neighbors, NOT by professional first responders? The Portland NET program will train you on the basic skills you need to be a neighborhood hero after a disaster, and to do it safely. Your instructors are Portland Fire & Rescue firefighters and emergency response professionals. You will learn search and rescue, basic medical response to treat injuries, radio communications, disaster psychology, and much more.

NET volunteers are prepared to be self-sufficient for two weeks during any emergency, able to provide emergency assistance to their family and immediate neighbors,

and able to work within an emergency response team to save lives and property in their neighborhood, able to guide untrained volunteers who want to help others in the aftermath of a disaster. Graduating from Basic NET Training also gives you access to advanced training opportunities, such as certifying for Wilderness First Aid, emergency animal sheltering, amateur radio communications, and more! For information, log onto <https://www.portland.gov/pbem/neighborhood-emergency-teams>.

Affiliated Team Membership

If you're not interested or just don't have time to do the full NET training, we welcome you to join us as "Affiliated" team volunteers (ATVs). We would appreciate your aid, expertise, and skills in a disaster. You are welcome to attend our monthly meetings usually on the first Tuesday of the month at the Grange at 7 p.m.

One position that doesn't require any physical work would be that of an Amateur Radio Operator for Skyline Ridge NET. AROs are vital in an emergency, especially with the limitations of two-way radios in our steep, vegetated terrain. For further details log into <https://www.portland.gov/pbem/neighborhood-emergency-teams/crtradio>, or contact Rachael Brake.

Contact Us

NETS are here to support the community. Questions? Email Skyline Ridge NET at SkylineRidgeNET@gmail.com or contact Rachael Brake, Team Leader, at 503.621.3423.

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After School at LCC!

Skyline School Bus Stop at LCC

Sauvie Island School LCC Van

Van pickup available to Sauvie Island School children! Healthy snacks, socialization, sports, arts, chess club, Improv. & ever-changing activities. CPR & First Aid certified.

Give your child a safe, positive educational environment that encourages respectful socializing. Homework mentor available to your child during the after-school program.

Linnton Community Center 503.286.4990
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Community Calendar

Oct. 6-7: Fall Garage Sale at Skyline Grange. Donations from 35+ local households with a uniquely Skyline flavor with a mix of practical to zany, plus equipment useful for semi-rural living. All proceeds will go to our Capital Improvement Fund.

Oct. 10, 7 pm: Skyline Grange monthly meeting. All are welcome to attend, regardless of Grange membership. For more info, email SkylineGrange894@msn.com.

Oct. 12, 6:30 pm: SRN Board meeting. All are welcome to attend in person or online via Zoom. Contact Brad Graff (bradgraff@gmail.com) to get the link.

Oct. 17, 2-4 pm: Memorial for Donald Jenkins at the Portland Art Museum. The Skyline community is welcomed.

Oct. 21: Community Soup Supper at Skyline Grange. Serving from 5-7 p.m. We cook; you enjoy. It's a satisfying meal for the finicky to hearty eater, meat eaters and vegetarians. All proceeds will be donated to Skyline Ridge Neighborhood Emergency Team.

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