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Get Update on County Road Work at SRN General Meeting, Apr. 24

By Laurel Erhart, SRN President

Skyline Ridge Neighbors (SRN) will hold their annual Spring Meeting on Wed., April 24th at 7 pm at the Skyline Grange. There will be a brief business meeting, election of officers and an update on road projects in our neighborhood presented by Mike Pullen from the Multnomah County Office of Communications.

Our guest speaker, Mike Pullen, will share information about projects on county roads in the West Hills. The main project is the closure of NW Cornelius Pass Road to through traffic from July 8 - Oct. 7, 2019. There will be a hard closure at NW 8th Ave. between Hwy. 30 and Skyline, and lots of construction for safety improvements between Hwy. 30 and the Washington County line. NW Newberry and NW Old Cornelius Pass Road will be the detours for cars and pickup trucks. Mike will also answer questions about projects that have closed NW Newberry Rd. and NW Rocky Pt. Rd. for repairs. At the time of the preparing this article, the county hopes both roads will be open this spring.

There will be a brief business meeting preceding Mike's presentation. SRN is the all-volunteer neighborhood asso-

ciation that serves rural northwestern Multnomah County, Oregon. Our neighborhood encompasses approximately 17,000 acres and over 1100 households.

We are a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) public charity. We support a variety of activities to inform, connect and serve our neighborhood. We are very excited this year to have several neighbors express interest in joining the SRN Board. We strongly believe that having a larger board better represents our community. New board members we'll be voting in are: Kathy Lamb, Candice McBeth, Roger Cummings, Karen Cummings, Tracy Waters, Tim Cusick and Shawn Higley. Our returning board members are: Brad Graff, George Sowder, Laurel Erhardt, Suzanne Perra, Rachael Brake, Grant Rolette.



Crews have built a retaining wall to repair the landslide on Newberry Road (Photo: Mike Pullen, Mult. Co.)

Shout-Out to Long-Time Volunteers

We'll be saying goodbye and very a heartfelt thank you so much to Rebecca Jenkins and John Eskew. Rebecca has been helping SRN for many years and we'll still be seeing her at our neighborhood events as usual. Always helping. Always caring. Thank you, Rebecca for your time spent on

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Help! We Need You for the SRN/SOLVE Roadside Cleanup, April 20

By George Sowder, Skyline Blvd.

Hi, neighbors! It's time to get up, get out and clean our roadsides and meet our neighbors and contribute to our neighborhood.

Once again Skyline Ridge Neighbors is partnering with Oregon SOLVE from 9 AM to noon on Saturday, April 20 to sponsor a roadside cleanup. Once again we will meet at the former Brooks Hill Church, 11539 NW Skyline Blvd, across from Skyline School. There we will register, sign up for whatever section of road we wish to examine, and get our supplies.

If we wish, we can save time by registering online

at <http://www.solveoregon.org/get-involved/events/skylineridge-neighborhood-cleanup>. Please be sure to inform us (your official SOLVE delegates) of what roads you are walking. We will pick up the bags left alongside the road.

Over the years of our involvement we have collected tons of garbage, recycled metal, hauled illegally dumped tires to proper disposal, and reported potentially hazardous materials. So If you have any questions, concerns, (god forbid), or just wish to communicate, call me, George Sowder, at 503.621.3552, or if you are feeling young at heart, you may text me at 503.961.3440. ☐

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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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Treasurer's Report

By John Eskew

SRN Income & Expenses 2018

BEGINNING BALANCE 12/31/2017 \$26,714

INCOME

Advertising	995
Donations	1,395
Summer Gathering (net)	3,883
Interest	52

TOTAL INCOME 6,325

EXPENSES

Administration	314
Ridge Runner	3,068
Community Outreach	4,983
Website	362
TOTAL EXPENSES	8,727

NET INCOME/EXPENSE (2,402)

ENDING BALANCE 12/31/18 \$24,311

Thanks for Your Donations!

Many thanks to the following neighbors and friends who recently made cash donations to SRN:

~ Tammy Sayre

~ Rick Selby

SRN relies on the financial support of the Skyline community to pursue its nonprofit, educational mission. We operate entirely on the volunteers efforts of neighbors like you. Donations are tax-deductible and always appreciated! Please make checks payable to SRN and send them to John Eskew, SRN Treasurer, 15604 NW Rock Creek Rd., Portland, OR 97231. You can also make a donation by credit card. Please visit the link <http://www.srnpdx.org/donate.html> to securely and easily make a donation using PayPal. Thank you.

SRN SUMMER GATHERING ♦ Saturday, July 27 ♦ Plumper Pumpkin Patch

Should Oregon Cap Greenhouse Gas Emissions?

By Suan Watt, Newberry Rd.

You may have heard about Carbon Cap and Trade and legislation in Oregon that will regulate greenhouse gas emissions by capping the amounts that can be emitted. The bill in our legislature that would make this into law is **House Bill 2020**. For an overview & history of the bill: <https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2019R1/Measures/Overview/HB2020>.

The policy goal is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions within the state of Oregon, on a phased in schedule. Those goals are stated as: By 2035, achieve greenhouse gas levels that are 45 percent below 1990 levels. By 2050, achieve greenhouse gas levels that are 80 percent below 1990 levels. Text of the current version of the bill can be found here: <https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2019R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/HB2020>.

This bill was sponsored by the Joint Committee on Carbon Reduction. A bipartisan committee formed last year to study the issue. Their website has taped testimony of a series of meetings and hearings they held. Testimony can be heard from a wide variety of stakeholders, scientists, industry groups, companies who would be the most affected, policy experts and citizens. <https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2019R1/Committees/JCCR/Overview>

The program would be managed by the state's Carbon Policy Office. https://www.oregon.gov/gov/pages/carbonpolicy_index.aspx.

The bill sets an annual CAP of 25,000 metric tons of carbon per emitter. Only companies whose emissions exceed that cap would be subject to the regulation. They would have to buy "allowances" for every metric ton of carbon they emit up to the cap. If they exceed the cap, they then buy additional allowances in a market where carbon allowances are traded. Oregon's Carbon Policy Office estimates there are 100 companies statewide that currently would be affected by the cap. Revenue from the sale of allowances would be considerable for the state. This money would be used to fund projects that mitigate climate change such as renewable energy projects, energy efficiency & conservation, forest land thinning for better fire management, home weatherization, projects to increase resilience of fish & wildlife ecosystems, etc. It's recommended that specified percentages of the revenue collected will go to low income communities that are the most affected by climate change. In addition, the bill would create a nine-member citizen advisory committee to help oversee the policy goals of the program.

There are many nuances & details to the legislation and its implementation. To streamline that process Oregon would probably join the **Western Climate Initiative, WGGI**, which is a non-profit corporation that provides administrative & technical support for implementation of greenhouse gas emissions trading programs. That's where

the trading and selling of the allowances takes place, market pricing is established, and allowances can be traded between Oregon and the other member states. The State of California and Provinces of Ontario & Quebec, all members of WGGI, are states that have similar cap & trade programs. Oregon would be joining a model that is already well established and working for other states. Another example is the **Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, RGGI**. The RGGI is a coalition of 9 eastern & mid Atlantic states that collectively cap CO2 emissions from their power sectors. They have generated billions in revenue that gets re-invested in their states. Meanwhile they have reduced their greenhouse gas emissions moving them toward meeting their policy goals.

HB2020 exempts the Agriculture & Forestry Industries. The Transportation & Electricity generation sectors are not exempted. It is argued that gasoline prices will rise as a result of the program. That has not happened in California despite claims that it would. Oregon's HB2020 includes some free allowances and offsets that will be given to "energy intensive and trade exposed" businesses (EITEs). This is to prevent what is called "leakage." The risk for leakage is a company simply moving out of state to avoid the cap. However, data has not indicated leakage was a big problem in the other states where carbon cap & trade has been implemented, and offsets will help mitigate this.

Do Your Own Research

Undoubtedly we will be confronted with a heavy campaign of advertising to kill this bill. It is controversial and many people do not agree with 97% of the world's scientists and the facts of climate change. Many people will fear the potential for rising fuel prices or jobs losses. The facts are that California has lowered emissions and had lowered unemployment numbers since passing carbon cap & trade. It is complex and if you want to know more, I recommend you do your own research, read up on it, and don't just read the billboard and television advertising paid for by industries and trade groups that want to scare you.

Far scarier to me are the long-term consequences of doing nothing about climate change. Affected companies will claim higher costs to do business in our state however we are all affected by the polluted air we breathe, costs of climate change disruptions such as drought and fires. They get to pollute now and we pay later. Think big picture, your future may depend on it. This legislation, while maybe not perfect, acknowledges the realities of climate change and within its framework, will set a declining cap on carbon emissions and provide incentives for companies and industries to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions.

To give a visual example; OPB reported that the 25,000 metric ton cap is roughly the equivalent amount of carbon released by burning 136 rail cars of coal. That's for one year!

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She Loves You, Ya, Ya, Ya

By Lynn Conover, Beck Road

One of my earliest music memories was of my Mom and Dad sitting the four of us kids in front of the big wooden console stereo system. They put on the 45 record of the Beatles song, "She loves you, ya, ya, ya". Then Dad would pick a harmony for each of us to sing. Ya, Ya, Ya, Yaaaaa.

We also went camping every summer in the Rambler 550 station wagon. My brother would pound on my Dad's back-rest playing the drums. My sister and I would sing harmony and be the guitar parts and my little brother, well, I don't remember what part he did, maybe another drum. All of us played music.

Mom liked Country music and Dad loved Jazz. He turned me on to Monte Ballous's Dixieland Jazz Band, Carl Smith and the Natural Gas Co, etc. Fast forward fifteen years. I moved up on the Hill when I was 19. I lived in a 1940 Vagabond trailer with my chickens, goats, ducks and dogs. I started working at Rock Creek Tavern and listened to a lot of great bands.

That is where I met Bob Shoemaker and Billy Hultz. The "Reverend" Billy Hultz was an amazing washboard percussionist. He put together a thirteen-piece band called Billy Hultz and the Welfare Ranch Rodeo. He was Mayor Bud Clark's favorite band and played the first Mayor's Ball in 1986 at the Memorial Colosseum. I learned the song, "I can't stand the rain" by Mary Ann Peebles for that show. Taj Mahal also has a version of that song "I really love the rain". Check it out. Billy Hultz moved to Cannon Beach, continued to play music and wrote articles for the Upper Left Edge newspaper.

I played guitar and sang with Bob Shoemaker for years in the Welfare Ranch Rodeo Band. By then it was a five-piece band with rotating guest musicians. We did Baloney Joe benefits every year in NW Portland, played Portland Clubs and private parties.

Then I met Tim Acott, a talented bass player and Billy Kennedy, an amazing guitarist. Billy K was my champion. He writes and plays brilliant quirky songs and taught me a lot about rhythm guitar. Tim and Billy introduced me to many talented musicians. Billy brought a young Jimmy Boyer to one of my shows and forever after we all played music with many people in many configurations.

I met "Little Sue" soon after and we played every Monday night at the White Eagle on North Russell St for almost 8 years. That was a great run! Little Sue moved here from West Virginia and is an outstanding guitarist and song

writer. We continue to play at the Portland Nursery Apple Festival every year and once a month at the Laurelhurst Public House.

Back in the day, Karin Hunt had Billy K, Dave Reisch, Jimmy Boyer and I start the music every year for the first Ridge Runner Gatherings at Shady Springs, Karin's barn.

Dave would set up the sound system in the arena, we'd throw tarps on the sand and Karin would make sure the cooler was "full." Ah, the good old days.

Music has taken me to Clarks-ville, Tenn. where I played music with Max Bullen. I busked on the streets of Amsterdam, the Netherlands with Billy K. My guitar case was filled with money from around the world and each day I'd go to central station to exchange the money into Guilders. The women who did the money exchange would roll their eyes when they saw me coming with a sack full of coins. I went to Thailand with Dexter Bacon where I left a banjo with the Thai kids. I went to Austin, Texas, playing with Billy K. in roadhouses and to Seattle playing Bumbershoot and the Folk Life Festival.

I currently am in a rock band called Gravel, playing electric guitar with Lou Lazada, Dan Haley, Bob Wadle and Albert Reda. We play at a variety of local venues. Check out our Facebook page.

I have written the songs on two albums while living on the Hill. My first album is called "Up on this Hill" and my second is called "Strange Bird" which I recorded in a cabin on Beck Road.

So the music keeps on playing, and there are many more roadhouses to visit so maybe I will see you at the next show.

Follow Lynn on <https://www.reverbnation.com/lynnconovermusic> and <https://lynnconover.bandcamp.com/>. Thanks to Kathy Lamb who contributed to this story. ☐



Lynn Conover performing on stage. (Photo: Carl Godfrey)



Early Days of Trollandia Revealed

By Laura O. Foster, McNamee Road

One hundred years after a wooden trestle first spanned a canyon and logging road, the trolls began to emerge. First there were a few, then word spread, and many others came to live at the trestle in the forest. Some even died there. Today the thriving troll community has achieved the ultimate in fame: a vibrant social media presence.

This is the story of the McNamee Trolls. Names have been withheld to protect the privacy of those present when the trolls first emerged.

In 1907, United Railways began work on a line west from Portland. Where the tracks climbed the face of the Tualatin Mountains, trestles were built to span forested canyons. The McNamee trestle was built in that era, when McNamee was a corduroy road: logs laid side-by-side to provide a stable roadbed. Today that old logging road is paved and lined with homes. In one of them, a family lived. In the early 2000s, they drove under the trestle nearly every day.

Here's what one of the children remembers:

"Whenever we would go through the train trestle, we would stop the car for a moment to 'greet' the imaginary troll that we thought must live in the structure."

The mom had an idea. She ordered a box of used trolls from eBay, rescuing them from the oblivion of someone's basement. After they arrived, and without telling her children, she drove



Trolls gathering on the McNamee Road trestle (Photo: L. Foster)

in darkest night to the trestle and nailed each troll to it, right through its fat troll belly.

The next day, when she stopped the car under the trestle, her children were thrilled.

"When my mother put up the first few trolls, it was just as an inside joke," the now adult child remembers. "Then, someone put up a goat. Soon after, someone painted trolls on the trestle, and the troll bridge was officially a work of community art."

The former child acknowledges, "Not everyone liked the troll bridge. Some people in the community thought it was graffiti but we always loved it." (Hence the anonymity, plus it's a mild act of vandalism of private property.)

"Trolls would get pried off and new trolls put on the bridge: some from our family and most from others. Now, every time I visit, I make sure to pass the troll bridge to see what the new additions are. I think of it as a good example of the Portland guerilla art scene."

Today the website Atlas Obscura has a page dedicated to the "Portland Troll Bridge." (<https://www.atlasobscura.com/places/portland-troll-bridge>). Other sites feature photos and comments from tourists and locals who come to see it, add trolls, and take selfies. The trestle is owned by Portland and Western Railroad. It did not respond to a request for comment for this article. And p.s.: The author is not the mother in the story! □

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the SRN Board. Your insight and your perspective from being a lifelong resident will always be of deep value.

Our very good neighbors, John and Kate Eskew, are moving to Bend. We will miss them so much. Over the years, they have been integral members of our community. They have been SRN Board members, Skyline Grange members and active volunteers at Skyline School. When it

comes to supporting the community, you could say they are all in! John, Kate and girls - we'll miss your friendly helping hands, the elk meat at the Skyline Auction, but most of all we'll miss you! Best to you all in all your future endeavors, and thank you, thank you, thank you! □

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Now multiply that times the 100 companies estimated to be above that threshold in Oregon alone. You have to ask yourself, what is wrong with regulating and pricing that level of pollution in our commons, the air we all breathe?

If this is something you want to have a say about, I

suggest contacting your representatives, Betsy Johnson (Senate) and Brad Witt (House) and let them know what you think. Or link up with one of the many organizations that are working hard to make climate change a priority for our collective policies & actions. □

Master Gardeners - How to Be One or Get Help From One

By Lisa Graff, Skyline Blvd.

I've loved gardening for a long time but never had enough time for it until I retired. A couple years ago I discovered the Master Gardener (™) program run by the Oregon State University Extension service. I knew very little about it and what I discovered amazed me. Did you know that for any plant, garden, weed or pest problem you have, you can call, email, or visit the OSU Master Gardeners and get expert, research based advice? I have over an acre of English gardens, filled with roses, hydrangeas, delphiniums, dahlias, NW natives and oh so many more. My garden is one of the things I love best about living on Skyline - the space to grow.

A year ago, I took the Master Gardener course. This involves seven weeks of in person training one day per week, about 20 hours of online coursework, four hours of hands-on workshops and 56 hours of volunteer service your first year and 20 hours volunteer work per year afterwards (plus at least 10 hours of continuing education units). That is what the Master Gardener program is all about - volunteering. It was started in the 1970's at the Washington State University Extension Service. They were focused on helping commercial agriculture and farms but were getting high demand from residential gardeners that wanted help, too. A program was put together to train volunteers who loved gardening and were interested in learning more, taking classes, and using their newfound knowledge to help residential gardeners. Today the Master Gardener program is across the United States and in Oregon alone there are about 3000 active Master Gardeners.

After several months of training and over 100 hours of volunteering so far, I don't know that I really feel I am a "Master" gardener - still so much to learn. However, I learned an incredible amount over a diverse set of topics from truly talented instructors. Those who teach the Master Gardener courses include OSU horticulture professors, industry experts, and gardeners with decades of experience. The course material is very well done and a great resource after the class. Most of all, I learned where and how to find answers to my own and other's garden questions from research-based sources that provide a variety of solutions including those with least impact to the environment and are sustainable gardening practices.

Whether you are interested in becoming a Master Gardener or simply want to make use of this great free resource to help you grow more successfully in your own garden, I hope you give it a try and visit or call an OSU Master Gardener education center. I belong to the Washington County Master Gardener Association and each county has their own group which staffs the phone clinic, booths in farmers markets, a booth at the zoo, and many others. We also teach gardening classes on topics including veggie gardens, perennials for pollinators, pruning, soil

health, NW native plants, diagnosing pest problems and many more at area Education Gardens.

Come meet some Master Gardeners and get a sneak peek at the all new Education Garden going in at PCC Rock Creek Campus. The grand opening is later this spring but get an advance look on April 27 between 8am-2pm at the Washington County Master Gardener Gardenfest Plant Sale. We'll have 1000's of plants expertly selected for the Pacific Northwest for sale. There will be tours of the new Education Garden, garden classes, books and tools for sale, activities for kids, and a Master Gardener booth for questions.

For more information on our plant sale or all things Washington County Master Gardener check out the website at www.washingtoncountymastergardener.org. You can also explore what Multnomah and Clackamas County have to offer, with their classes, plant sales, and volunteer activities at their websites: www.multnomahmastergardeners.org and clackamascountymastergardener.org.

Hope to see each of you at our April 27 Gardenfest Plant Sale, come by and say hello. ☐



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TVF&R Will Ask Voters to Renew Levy for Emergency Services

By Christina Lent, TVF&R

Voters will decide in the May 21 election whether to renew Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue's local option levy to maintain emergency response services and personnel hired since 2000.

Measure 34-286 proposes a renewal of TVF&R's existing levy rate at 45 cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for five more years. The current levy expires in June 2020. Under Oregon law, levies expire in five years or less and require voter approval for renewal.

For property assessed at \$300,000, about the average in TVF&R's service area, the cost of the local option levy would be about \$135 per year or about \$11.25 a month.

If the levy renewal does not pass, funding that pays for at least 92 of 432 TVF&R firefighters and paramedics would be lost.

If the levy passes, levy funds will maintain firefighter, paramedic, and some staff positions that support operations. Levy funding will also be used to purchase land for future fire stations, fire hose, firefighting tools, and medical equipment to ensure effective emergency response.

TVF&R voters first approved a 25-cent per \$1,000 assessed valuation local option levy in 2000 and renewed it in 2004 and 2008. In 2014, voters approved a replacement levy with a rate of 45 cents per \$1,000 assessed valuation. The 2014 replacement levy provides 22 percent of the fire district's funding.

TVF&R used the levy funds approved by voters in 2014 to:

- Retain 42 levy-funded firefighters and hired additional firefighters, paramedics, and personnel who support TVF&R's operations.
- Purchase two fire engines, one tiller truck, two medic/rescue units, one response car, one rescue boat, five fire investigator vehicles, and command vehicles.
- Construct one new fire station with a second station in progress.
- Acquire land for five fire stations.
- Help fund the seismic upgrade and remodel of three existing fire stations to ensure crews could respond following an earthquake.
- Acquire equipment such as fire hose, breathing apparatus, and medical kits.

Thanks to community support, TVF&R has been able to make investments that help ensure its ability to provide fast and effective emergency response with new station construction, four-person crews, alternative response vehicles, improved equipment, and community risk-reduction efforts.

While the district has made strides to reduce response times and improve outcomes, increasing call volume,

traffic congestion, and development remain challenging.

If the levy is not renewed at the existing rate before it expires in June 2020, reductions in staffing and operations will be required.

If approved, the levy renewal would appear on the November 2020 property tax statement at the same rate of 45 cents per \$1,000 AV and be identical to what currently appears on individual tax bills.

For more information or to schedule a presentation, call Public Affairs Chief Cassandra Ulven at 503.649.8577.

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Help Control the Spread of Garlic Mustard, a Noxious Weed

By Renee Magyar, WMSWCD

Spring is just around the corner, and that means it's time to start thinking about the weeds that might be popping up in your yard this year. While some kinds of weeds might be an unsightly nuisance, there are others that need special and urgent attention as they pose a huge risk to ecosystem health.

Garlic mustard is one of those highly invasive weed species. It is an aggressive herb that displaces other plants by monopolizing light, moisture, nutrients, soil, and space. It also releases chemicals into the soil that are toxic to other plants and are particularly harmful to soil fungus which is vital to native plants. This noxious weed impacts sensitive natural areas as well as suburban landscapes, and all known populations in our district are targeted for removal.

Garlic mustard has few known locations in the Pacific Northwest and urgent action is needed to prevent it from gaining a foothold. Without immediate attention, this noxious weed will become a very serious threat to our native ecosystems.

West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District is working with landowners to identify and manage infestations. We are asking for assistance from lo-

cal landowners and residents – important stewards of the land – to help us locate and manage this invasive plant by allowing us to come to your property to remove or kill all known infestations.

We offer FREE landowner assistance to manage this invasive plant before it becomes established and too difficult to contain. It is critical that infestations be treated each year before seedset to prevent it from flourishing and spreading. Seed pods will form quickly so your timely attention is appreciated!

If you have Garlic mustard on your property, we can treat it for you at no cost to you. Contact Michelle Delepine, Invasive Species Program Coordinator, with questions or to grant access your property: michelle@wm-swcd.org

or 503.238.4775, ext.115. West Multnomah staff greatly appreciate the opportunity to work with you!

Learn more about treating Garlic mustard in this fact sheet in English

<https://wm-swcd.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/Garlic-mustard-Final-web.pdf> and en Español.

<https://wm-swcd.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/Ajo-Mostaza.pdf>. □



An infestation of garlic mustard discovered on Skyline Blvd. (Photo: WMSWCD)

Join Soil School 2019, Apr. 13!

Gardeners, landscape professionals, and small scale farmers! Join West Multnomah SWCD for Soil School 2019. on Saturday, April 13, 2019 — 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Portland Community College, Rock Creek Event Center, 17705 NW Springville Rd, Portland, OR 97229

Soil School is a day-long workshop that includes multiple sessions on a wide variety of topics – all having to do with soil. This year's focus is on climate change and its effects on soil ecosystems. Students will have the option again this year to participate in hands-on learning in the Washington County Master Gardener Education Garden. Soil School is tailored toward gardeners, landscape profes-

sionals, and farmers in the community, and is designed to educate and provide networking opportunities for attendees. Soil School is presented by West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District and Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District.

Licensed landscape construction professionals will receive, upon request, a certificate for 6 Continuing Education Hours (CEH), approved by the Oregon Landscape Contractors Board. Certificates will be distributed at the close of the workshop.

Registration is \$35 per person. For more information and to register, visit Tinyurl.com/Soil-School. □

Fundraiser to Benefit Arts Programs at Skyline Elementary

By Christine Sugura

Skyline School Alumni and extended family are an important part of our community. We appreciate your legacy artwork in the hallways, gym and cafeteria. We also appreciate your ongoing work in our gardens. Each spring the school participates in a "Move for the Arts" fundraiser to support our visual arts program. Though out the school year all K-8 students engage in drawing, painting, print-making, ceramics and sculpture activities. Thanks to the PTA's support and our community businesses we have

been able to fully fund our amazing art program. We are reaching out to you to help Skyline reach our funding goal to support this important activity. Please consider making a tax-deductible contribution to the Skyline PTA - Move for the Arts 2019 fund. Our PTA is a 501(c)3 tax deductible organization. To donate please go to the PTA webpage at <https://skylineschoolpta.com/> or mail your check to Skyline PTA – MFA Donation at 11536 NW Skyline Blvd, Portland 97231. Thank you for making Skyline what it is today. □

News from Skyline Ridge Neighborhood Emergency Team

By Sen Speroff & Rachael Brake

For those of you that do not already know, our neighborhood has its own NET (Neighborhood Emergency Team). NET teams are made up of individuals who have received special training from Portland Bureau of Emergency Management and Portland Fire & Rescue, to provide emergency disaster assistance within their own neighborhoods. NET members are trained to save lives and property until professional responders can arrive. These volunteers are specially trained to help others without putting themselves in harm's way. A number of our local residents have taken this training and have formed the Skyline Ridge NET Team.

Since Skyline Ridge NET is not located in an urban setting, our team has had to modify its emergency strategic planning to meet the challenges our unique rural/semi-rural area would present if a disaster occurs. We had to take into account long distances between neighbors, potentially limited access on and off the Ridge, potentially limited accessibility to emergency help, wildland fire risk, hazardous cargo on Cornelius Pass, etc. In other words, we have to plan on self-sufficiency in case of a disaster.

There are now over 30 trained NETs living in outer northwest Portland and parts of northwest unincorporated Multnomah County. Although not all those folks

are active on the Skyline Ridge NET team, we are growing. Both more trained individuals and untrained volunteers are needed to properly serve our neighborhood. We meet on the first Monday of every other month at Skyline Grange at 7 p.m. with the next meeting scheduled for April 1. Meetings are open to all. For more information about NET and becoming a trained NET member, visit <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/pbem/31667>. For more information about the Skyline Ridge NET team, come to our next meeting or talk to one of your neighbors that is already a team member! □

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Grange Continues Skyline Living Lecture Series

By Sen Speroff

Even though our Community Brunch, Garage Sale, Mini Tree Seedling Sale, Tree and Native Plant Sale, and four presentations in our Skyline Living Series are completed, Skyline Grange remains extremely busy. Be sure to mark your calendars for these informative presentations and workshops as part of our Skyline Living Series. All events will be at Skyline Grange, 11275 NW Skyline Blvd

Leaving Land Legacy

This free presentation is scheduled for Wed., April 17 from 7-9 pm. Come learn about forest/farm deferrals, conservation easements, and grants that might be available to local landowners. Also learn about assistance available to develop a forest or farm management plan for your property. We are working with Forest Park Conservancy & West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District in developing this presentation.

Advance Preparation for the Upcoming Fire Season

This presentation is scheduled for Wed., May 8, 7-9 pm. The recent California fires should be a wake-up call for us. The new normal is longer fire seasons, fast-moving, aggressive fires, and more acreage and property devoured. Come to this presentation to learn what you can do to best prepare your property, how to develop an evacuation plan, and what to do if you need to immediately evacuate.

Basic Home Canning Series

We are fortunate to have Betsy Walton present these two workshops. She is an OSU Master Food Preserver, a local pickle maker and local resident. Do you feel intimidated? Well, it is easy. Come learn about safety, equipment, and safe techniques. There may be a small fee required. Pre-registration is required due to a limited number of participants that can be accommodated. Pre-register by emailing skylinegrange894@msn.com.

#1: Berry Jams – Wednesday, June 12, 6-9 pm.

#2: Pickling Vegetables – Wednesday, August 7, 6-9 pm.

Basic First Aid & CPR – in the Fall

Back by popular demand, Skyline Grange will sponsor another full day of basic first aid and CPR. Details to come. There will be a fee and a registration requirement.

Burma-Shave Type Traffic Safety Signs

Out of concern for our already crowded Skyline area traffic, the concern has turned to worry as we approach Cornelius Pass closure over a 4-month span. We asked you to submit a series of rhyming lines to convey a slow-down, drive safely, don't litter, don't drink, or don't throw cigarette butts out the window while driving. We received over 50 poems. We are in the process of selecting and shortening lines to fit on a sign. Also, we are figuring out the best affordable materials and technique to make the signs. We still need landowners to offer their roadside frontage that is beyond the public right-of-way, usually that is 30 feet from center of the road and in a safe stretch of roadside. Send an email to Skyline Grange if you have such a stretch of road.

Join Skyline Grange

Despite paved roads, cell phones and the Internet, it still is easy to feel disconnected these days. Our Grange provides a meeting place and a variety of events bringing people together. It has been serving the Skyline community for 78 years.

Do you wish to be more engaged in and connected to your Skyline community? Consider joining the Grange. We are non-partisan, non-sectarian, non-profit, and a totally volunteer-driven organization. We are a diverse group of people with the common belief that we are fortunate to live in the Skyline area and want to support its 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.

Learn more about Skyline Grange by attending an upcoming event or attend a monthly meeting usually on the second Monday of each month at 7:30 pm.

How to Contact Skyline Grange

Address: 11275 NW Skyline Boulevard

Main Email: skylinegrange894@msn.com (for all communications except rental)

Rental Email: skylinegrange894@gmail.com (for rental inquiries and communication only)

Website: <http://www.srnpx.org/grange.html>

Note: SRN generously has given our Grange a page on their website. When visiting us, make sure you are on our page. The menu bar at the top is SRN's. Grange's menu bar is located on our main page with our menu bar beneath the photo of the building. □

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Community Calendar

Friday-Saturday, Apr. 5-6: Tree & Native Plant Sale, Skyline Grange. The Grange will hold its 14th annual plant sale offering a wide variety of native plants and fruiting and ornamental trees. There will also be a display and a video demonstrating how to plant bareroot trees successfully.

Saturday, Apr. 13, 8 AM to 4 PM: Soil School 2019 at Portland Community College, Rock Creek Event Center, 17705 NW Springville Rd. Soil School is a day-long workshop that includes multiple sessions on a wide variety of topics – all having to do with soil. This year's focus is on climate change and its effects on soil ecosystems. Registration is \$35 per person. For more information and to register, visit Tinyurl.com/Soil-School.

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Saturday, Apr. 20, 9 AM – Noon: SOLVE Roadside Cleanup. Please join your neighbors in the effort to pick up trash along our county roads. To volunteer, please register with SOLVE in advance. See article on pg. 1 for details.

Wednesday, Apr. 24 7-9 PM: SRN spring meeting at the Skyline Grange. After a brief business meeting to elect SRN Board members, Mike Pullen from Multnomah Co. will update us on all the road construction projects planned

this spring and summer in our neighborhood.

Saturday Apr.27, 8 AM - 2 PM: Gardenfest Plant Sale, PCC Rock Creek Campus, 17705 NW Springville Road. Join Washington County Master Gardeners™ for a fun-filled day shopping from a selection of 1000s of plants expertly selected for the PNW, generating inspiring ideas from our new Education Garden, asking questions of our experts, or taking classes.

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Saturday, May 11, 10 AM – 3 PM: Incredible Edibles Plant Sale, 1624 NE Hancock Street, Portland. Embrace homegrown goodness at the eight-annual Multnomah County Master Gardeners' Incredible Edibles Plant Sale.

Wednesday, June 12, 6- 9 PM: Basic Home Canning: Berry Jams. OSU Master Food Preserver Betsy Walton will focus this session on homemade jams. Come learn about safety, equipment, and safe techniques. There may be a small fee and pre-registration is required.

Save the Date! Saturday, July 27: SRN Summer Gathering, Plumper Pumpkin Patch.