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## Bring Your Family for a Day of Fun at SRN Summer Gathering

By Laurel Erhardt and Suzanne Perra

The 28th Annual Skyline Ridge Neighbors' Summer Gathering will be held Saturday July 27th from noon to four. This popular annual gathering of neighbors promises another fun filled afternoon for the whole family. This year is ramping up to be better than ever! Thanks to our hosts the Kessinger family, we will gather again at the beautiful venue of The Plumper Pumpkin Patch and Tree Farm, 11435 NW Old Cornelius Pass Road.

### Kiddos!

This year, our team is continuing our kid and family focused activities. Our guest entertainment will be Bach to Rock who will be providing music activities for the kids (and kids of all ages), demonstrations, and music activities. Check them out at <https://www.b2rmusic.com/about>. And of course we'll have our usual activities of face painting, farm animals to explore and outside play structures. Our Kids Events Coordinator this year will be Laura Watts. Thank you Laura!

### Live Music!

There'll be live music from our local band Gravel. Read Lynn Connover's article in the April Ridge Runner to learn about her history and this great group of local folks.

### It's a Potluck!

This down home neighborhood gathering depends on you to bring a generous portion of your favorite potluck dish for all to share. What's considered generous? – 6 to 9 servings. Table settings and cool beverages will be provided.

### Bingo!

You could be a Bingo square! This year, as a crowd mingler, we'll have a "Find Your Neighbor" Bingo game

throughout the day. There will be Bingo cards with lists of types of people, professions, or unique attributes to find e.g., find the bee keeper, find someone who was born in our neighborhood (Pat Brady?). Do you have some fun thing you could share with us? Respond by email to SRN ([srn@srnpx.org](mailto:srn@srnpx.org)), and you may make it onto a Bingo square!



*Lots of fun activities await young and old alike at the Summer Gathering (Photo: J. Eskew)*

### Baby Quilt Raffle

This quilt was made by our very own Skyline Ridge quilter Tracy Waters. Another neighbor, Florence Shields, an experienced long-arm quilter, stitched the clouds on the quilt. This quilt was made based on the National Grange Quilt Block Contest for 2019, where the requirement is the "Pride of Quil-lisacut" patch (based on the Disappearing Nine Patch). It will be entered in the Sauvie Island Grange baby quilt contest in June. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20. Contact [srn@srnpx.org](mailto:srn@srnpx.org) to purchase tickets. The drawing will take place on July 27th at the Summer Gathering.

### Community Education

SRN wants you to know and understand your neighborhood. We expect our State Reps and County Commissioner will be attending again this year. Our Multnomah County Sheriff's Deputy David McGarry, and TVFR will both attend if their duties do not pull them away. There will be information specific to our neighborhood and the Neighborhood Emergency Team (NET).

It's a Fundraiser! Donations big and small are already coming in. Our neighbors and supporting businesses never disappoint with a unique variety of fun, fancy and practical items to fit all budgets for bid. Neighbors especially have had fun bidding on their neighbor's homemade gift baskets (specialty foods, pickles and jams, honey, soaps) and neighborhood experiences (hosted dinner parties, garden tours, BBQ, boat rides, vacation rentals). Do you

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# "Car-mageddon" is Coming as Corn. Pass Closes for 11 Weeks

By Miles Merwin

The main north-south transportation artery for our neighborhood, Cornelius Pass Road (CPR), will close for construction for eleven weeks, starting early this month. The closure will cause major traffic disruptions when commuters clog side roads to cross over the hill. The congestion and noise will impact residents around our neighborhood, especially those living along detour routes. Perhaps this would be a good time to take your summer vacation, if you can.

CPR will be closed for eleven weeks, from about mid-July to early October, while the contractor, Wildish Standard Paving <https://www.wildish.com/>, constructs safety improvements in the 5 mile stretch between Germantown Rd and Hwy 30. Multnomah Co. (MC) decided that a full closure was better than a partial, one-lane closure which would have extended the work schedule and increased traffic delays. CPR normally handles 13,000 passenger vehicle trips and 1500 trucks per day, all of which will be detoured to side roads or, for large trucks, to major highways.

ODOT and MC have budgeted \$5.65M for safety improvements. Their aim is to address hazards on some portions of the road that have seen the most accidents, identified through a long planning process and public input. Work this year will bring the road into closer compliance with state standards. The goal is to reduce the number and severity of crashes, and resulting traffic delays, but the county admits this will not fix all of safety issues on CPR. Jurisdiction of CPR north of Hwy. 26 to Hwy. 30 will transfer to ODOT sometime 2020, and what effect that will have on further improvements is unclear.

Work will concentrate on four sites:

1) 8th Avenue: The tight curve will be realigned and trees removed to improve sight lines. A tributary of McCarthy Cr. crosses the road there and a new culvert will be installed. Because McCarthy Cr. is fish bearing, construction can only occur from mid-July to the end of September. Therefore there will be a hard closure at 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. throughout the eleven weeks.

2) S-curves north of Skyline Blvd: Here the sharp curves will be realigned to make truck passage easier, and the shoulders will be widened. If you live close by, don't be alarmed if you hear dynamite blasting.

3) Curves south of Plainview Rd.: New signage will be added, vegetation removed to improve sight lines, shoulders

widened, and guardrails installed.

4) Kaiser Rd.: Trees will be removed to improve site distances and the shoulder widened.

Some safety features will also be installed elsewhere along the five-mile corridor. This includes upgraded, consistent signage along the entire route; new vehicle pull-outs for police, mail delivery, etc.; approx. 2000 ft of new guardrails; and building up pavement wedges where the shoulders are very narrow above steep drop-offs. Washington Co. had planned to install a new traffic signal at CPR and Germantown, but that project is delayed until next year.



County designated detour routes for cars (MC Trans. Div.)

## Detours

Once construction starts, there will be hard closures at the 8th Ave & Germantown intersections. Commute traffic will be diverted along Old Cornelius Pass to Skyline and down Newberry Rd. to Hwy. 30. Residents on CPR and side roads within the work zone will have to access their homes either from north or south of 8th Ave., or south of Skyline.

The county has advised trucking companies that no large trucks over 40 ft. long, e.g. dump trucks with trailers, semi-trailers or gas tankers, will be allowed to use side roads during construction. They must detour via Hwy 30 to 405 to 26, or vice versa. Truck restriction signs will be posted at Logie, Rocky Point, and Newberry. However, delivery trucks (e.g. packages, propane) and emergency vehicles will still be able to travel side roads and access CPR residences from either side of the 8th Ave closure.

## Public Meeting Notes

The first of three public meetings was held June 5 at Skyline Elementary. Mike Pullen with the MC Transportation Dept. briefed those attending on the project and responded to public comments. Regarding the schedule, he said that the contract with Wildish is atypical in that it includes financial "carrots" if work is completed before the target date and "sticks" if it is not. Mike said there's a possibility that work at the Kaiser Rd. Intersection might be completed and then reopened earlier. The contractor will finish some final tasks after CPR reopens, but Mike said this will not cause any traffic delays.

Public comments focused on several key issues: increased traffic on side roads, speeding, road damage, and emergency response. Commuters from Scappoose and St.

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## Take the 14-day Water Storage Challenge

By Sen Speroff

Skyline Ridge NET Team encourages Skyline residents to be prepared for a disaster in advance, may it be a major earthquake or an inconvenient winter storm causing power outages. We can live without food for days, but our bodies require water. During a disaster, people are often left desperate for clean, safe water.

Because of our basic need for water, Skyline Ridge NET Team challenges local residents to collect and store at least 14 days of water necessary for their household. The goal is to have at least 300 households meet this goal by September 15, 2019. This means storing at least 14 gallons of water for each person in your household and 14 days of water for your pets and livestock. If you are a family of 4 and without pets, you would have in storage at least 56 gallons of water.

To take the 14-Day Challenge

1. Figure out the minimum amount of water you should store by
  - a. Multiplying no. of people in house x 14 gallons = \_\_\_\_ gallons
  - b. Multiplying gallons of water needed by animals per day x 14 = \_\_\_\_ gallons
  - c. Adding the number of gallons in a and b to get total gallons needed: \_\_\_\_
2. Decide location(s) to store container(s), ideally in cool, dark places.
3. Start collecting water.6

- a. 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>.
- b. Start buying bottled water in food-grade containers every time you go to the store.

4. Reach your goal by September 15.
5. When you have reached your goal, report this to Skyline Ridge NET at [skylineridgenet@gmail.com](mailto:skylineridgenet@gmail.com). We will report the result in the next *Ridge Runner*. And thanks for doing your part in assuring our community will be better prepared for an emergency.

For more information about water storage, use of hot water heater's supply, and other water information, go to the Regional Water Providers Consortium website at <https://www.regionalh2o.org/emergency-preparedness>.

### What is NET?

Skyline Ridge NET is an active group of 32 local residents who have been trained by Portland Bureau of Emergency Management and Portland Fire & Rescue to provide emergency disaster assistance within our community. For more information about becoming a NET member, log onto <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/pbem/58587>. ☐

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think you could put together a specialty foods basket that would out sell Sen's cheese cake?

**How you can help:** Come. Participate. This is SRN's only organized fundraising event of the year. We need you to contribute in order to make this event a success. SRN spends approximately \$5000 a year to produce and mail the Ridge Runner, maintain the SRNPDX.org website and support other neighborhood activities that keep us connected and informed of community, school and government events and activities within SRN as well as surrounding communities.

**Donate** - SRN is a nonprofit, charitable organization, so your donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. There will be a silent and oral auction of donated items. Consider putting together a themed gift basket, hand crafted items, host a dinner party or donate a service for auction.

**Do you own a business?** Would you like to donate a gift certificate? All business donors will get a thank you mention in the October Skyline Ridge Runner. Reach out to Suzanne or any Board member listed on page 2, and let us know!

**Volunteer** - Like all other SRN activities, the Gathering is run entirely by volunteers. We can really use your help

before, during and after with a variety of tasks. You can volunteer for just an hour or the whole day - it's up to you. And, it's an excellent community service opportunity for the young adults in your household.

**Questions, Donations, or Available to Volunteer?** Contact Suzanne Perra at [Suzanne@perrafamily.com](mailto:Suzanne@perrafamily.com) or 503.866.9289, or Laurel Erhardt @ [srn@srnpdx.org](mailto:srn@srnpdx.org).

But most of all, come. Come connect with your neighbors and enjoy the afternoon at our annual neighborhood get-together. I look forward to seeing you there! ☐



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## Help Fire Fighters Find Your Home with a Residential Address Sign

By Suzanne Perra

You may have noticed that some of your neighbors have the blue reflective address signs near their driveways and wondered how you could get one. These signs allow visitors to easily find your house in the dark and are also promoted by our Fire Department to allow quick identification of your home in case of an emergency. These signs are great for rural neighborhoods where it may be difficult to see the homes through the trees or read the small print on the mailboxes.

### How to order a residential address sign

The Tualatin Valley Firefighter's Union in partnership with the Fire District has been providing residential address signs to citizens in our response area for the past several years. These signs help first responders locate properties in the event of an emergency.

Our signs are custom made with your address number and come with a supporting post and all necessary installation hardware. We will build and deliver your sign to the nearest fire station. The crews on duty will contact you via telephone and you can pick them up at the station or they can occasionally deliver if time allows. Customer pick up at the station is preferred as crews have unpredictable schedules with emergency response, etc.

The homeowner will be responsible for final construction and actually pounding the support post into the ground, a very simple process. Please be sure to call 811 (see details below) for utility locations if you are unsure of what is under the ground in your sign installation area.



Address signs help first responders find you (Photo: S. Perra)

If you would like a custom-made address sign, please contact Danielle Hebert at the Union Hall by e-mail [danielle.hebert@iaff1660.org](mailto:danielle.hebert@iaff1660.org) or telephone 503.697.9418. Please provide her with your name, address, phone number and e-mail address and she will get back to you. The current cost for one of our address signs is \$25.00 for a single-sided sign or \$35.00 for a double-sided sign. The signs are intended to be set up as a vertical post installation and we can include directional arrows if needed. Please expect 3-4 weeks for your sign to be made and delivered to your nearest TVFR Station.

Please note that if this notice generates an unexpectedly large number of inquiries and orders, Danielle may have trouble getting back to you in a timely manner, or your orders may be delayed, so please send your orders to Danielle, but send your questions to [srn@srnpdx.org](mailto:srn@srnpdx.org) first to see if we can answer them. July and August are busy months for the Tualatin Valley Firefighters Union.

### Free installation provided by SRN Board Members

As a community service and to promote safety in our neighborhood, our SRN Board has offered free installation of the residential address signs. If you would like help picking up and installing your address sign, please send an email

to [srn@srnpdx.org](mailto:srn@srnpdx.org) to request free installation from Skyline Ridge Neighbor Board members. Be sure to call 811 at least a few days before the installation to have underground facilities, such as electrical utilities and telecommunication systems marked. Oregon's 811 "Call Before You Dig" is a free service. ☐

## Online Resources to Help You Protect Against Wildfire

With hot and dry summer weather comes the increased threat of wildfire. There are practical steps you can take to reduce the chance your home would be lost if threatened by wildfire. And some advance planning will help you and your family if you were forced to evacuate. Check out the following online resources that contain a wealth of information to help you prepare.

<http://www.readyforwildfire.org/Prepare-For-Wildfire/>

From Cal Fire, information on preparing an evacuation

plan, emergency supply kit, family communication plan, and steps to follow when you must evacuate.

<https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/By-topic/Wildfire/Preparing-homes-for-wildfire>

Lots of good info about preparing your home and surrounding landscape to make it more resistant to wildfire.

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## Veterans, Pets, and Fourth of July Fireworks Don't Mix

By Christina Lent, TVFR

As we prepare to commemorate our country's independence on July 4, Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue urges residents to have a heightened awareness of how fireworks impact veterans and pets.

Fireworks produce sounds similar to gunshots, which can cause physical and mental distress to those who have experienced combat. Response to traumatic events vary from person to person but everyone should be mindful and respectful of those who may suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder. Keep in mind that loud fireworks affect the brave men and women who fought and continue to fight for our freedoms.

TVF&R Captain Andrew Klein, who served as a chief warrant officer with the Army National Guard, states: "Unexpected and random loud noises can cause combat veterans to become anxious or initiate a fight-or-flight response. A planned community fireworks display is much more tolerable because it is predictable and is a patriotic-themed celebration of our country."

Fireworks also tend to frighten beloved pets, including farm animals. The loud noises can cause them great anxiety and stress, since they are unable to comprehend what is going on. If you insist on using fireworks, be aware of your own pet(s) and your neighbors' and try to limit the quantity and length of time fireworks will be set off. Rather than lighting fireworks in your neighborhood, where veterans and pets may reside, consider attending a professional show in your area.

Summer weather is also upon us, which means an increased risk of fires. TVF&R offers up the following fireworks safety tips to ensure you have a safe holiday.

### If you intend to use fireworks, keep them legal and safe

Oregon law bans fireworks that fly, explode, or travel on the ground more than six feet — this includes bottle rockets, roman candles, firecrackers, and M80s. To be legal, purchase all fireworks at a licensed Oregon fireworks stand. Fireworks purchased by mail order or in the state of Washington or at a Native American reservation may be illegal in our state.

Just because some fireworks are legal, doesn't mean

they're 100 percent safe. This includes sparklers. They can reach temperatures of 1,200 degrees — wood burns at 575 degrees, while glass melts at 900 degrees, according to the National Fire Protection Association. Even legal fireworks are dangerous and can cause injuries and burns.

- Only adults should light or handle fireworks. Supervise children at all times
- Use fireworks outdoors on a paved surface, away from buildings, vehicles, and vegetation
- Never try to re-light a "dud." Never point or throw fireworks at people, pets, or buildings
- Never alter fireworks or make your own
- Have a hose nearby in case of fire and place "spent" fireworks in a metal bucket with water



TVF&R Fire Marshal Steve Forster and friends with the Oregon Humane Society wish you a safe 4th of July (Photo: TVFR)

### Reporting firework incidents in TVF&R's service area

Individuals needing to report a fire or medical emergency should call 911; individuals wishing to report a nuisance or concern about illegal fireworks should do so via the non-emergency number, 503.629.0111. These situations will be logged, passed on to local law enforcement, and responded to as resources allow.

Law enforcement agencies enforce criminal laws related to the use of illegal fireworks in Oregon. Under Oregon law, officers can seize illegal fireworks and issue criminal citations, including reckless burning, criminal mischief, reckless endangerment, and more with fines up to \$500 per violation. People can also be held civilly liable for damages resulting from improper use of any fireworks — legal or illegal.

For more safety tips, visit [www.tvfr.com](http://www.tvfr.com). □



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## Lucky Timing for a Neighbor to Untangle a Trapped Fawn

By Vickie Coghill, Rock Creek Rd.

Meanwhile back on the farm....and there I was driving down Logie Trail on my way to Scappoose for a dental appointment when I saw a deer on the side of the road. I slowed way down because deer are unpredictable and will zag in front of a vehicle in an instant.

She paid no attention to me and was looking at the fence. So I looked too. Oh my goodness, there was her baby stuck in the fence! It was an itty-bitty, spotted, week-old fawn.

I stopped and pulled over to assess the situation. The baby had its front legs and part of her body through the fence but her back leg was woven through the wire and held fast. She was in a big mess. She was crying for her mama because there was no hope of her getting out of that. I went to her cautiously because I've seen enough mad mama videos and I didn't want that mama deer kicking my head in.

I went to the baby slowly and all the while I was speaking softly and keeping my ears open for hoof stomping or other warning signs of an attack. I told the

mama I'd help her and I asked her to please don't hurt or kill me.

She stood nicely about 20 ft. away as I pulled and untangled her precious adorable soft baby from the wire. It was tricky with the back leg but I got her released in a couple minutes. I don't know how that little thing got so woven in that fencing!

After I got her untangled, I checked her out good for injuries and thankfully there were none. Not a scratch. I packed her several feet past the fence and stood her up. As soon as she was on the ground mama deer came and checked her out with a couple licks. Then off she slowly walked with her baby bouncing behind her.

It was an amazing thing to witness. There was no hurry and no panic. I think she trusted me to help and had no worries. It was such a beautiful thing to be involved in. Talk about being at the right place at the right time! With that crying baby, it would have been a very short time before the coyotes in that ravine heard her and she would have been a goner for sure. I was overjoyed and blessed to be a part of that special rescue! It was a great day! ☐

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<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/fire/article/531507>

Illustrated information about creating defensible space, making your home fire resistant, and creating a "Ready, Set, Go" action plan for evacuation.

[https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE\\_DOCUMENTS/fsbdev3\\_020876.pdf](https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fsbdev3_020876.pdf)

"Living with Fire: A Guide for the Homeowner," produced by PNW Wildfire Coordinating Group. Discusses fire behavior, and creating defensible space with consideration to slope and vegetation types

<https://catalog.extension.oregonstate.edu/pnw590>

"Fire-Resistant Plants for Home Landscapes" OSU Extension publication with a comprehensive list of fire-resistant trees, shrubs, perennials and ground covers for Oregon landscapes.

<https://catalog.extension.oregonstate.edu/em9184>

"Keeping Your Home and Property Safe from Wildfire: A Defensible Space and Fuel Reduction Guide for Homeowners and Landowners." An excellent OSU Extension publication on creating defensible space around homes in Oregon by reducing fuels, how and when to do maintain defensible space, and managing trees, shrubs and weeds of concern.




[http://www.srnpx.org/uploads/5/3/9/0/53904407/wildfire\\_and\\_evacuation.pdf](http://www.srnpx.org/uploads/5/3/9/0/53904407/wildfire_and_evacuation.pdf)

Wildfire and Evacuations. Presentation by Alice Busch, MC Emergency Mgmt. and Dep. David McGarry, MC Sheriff's Office, May 8, 2019

Contains links to wildfire info resources, lessons from the Eagle Creek fire 2017, how wildfire spreads, home im-


provement (e.g. vent screens, roofing), creating defensible space, and fire truck access.

<https://wmswcd.org/programs/fire-safe-your-home/>  
"Fire-Safe Your Home." Information and more links compiled by West Multnomah SWCD. ☐



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# WMSWCD Issues 2018 Water Quality Monitoring Report

By Renee Magyar, West Multnomah SWCD

Since 2009, West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District (WMSWCD) has been monitoring water quality in the rural part of western Multnomah County on perennial streams that flow directly into the Multnomah Channel. Our recently released report focuses on sites where we performed continuous temperature monitoring between May and October, 2018, including Crabapple Creek, Miller Creek, Sheltered Nook, and McCarthy Creek.

This summer 2019 will be the 10-year anniversary of the first sampling on McCarthy Creek, and we're excited to be close to having enough data to see trends. We're watching for increases in stream temperature that affect water quality and organisms that live in or depend on the stream for part of their life cycle. This is particularly true for salmon and other fish species that depend on cold water habitats. Warm water also contributes to the growth of algae. Tracking in-stream temperature trends informs future conservation planning for waterways and helps us



Our Conservation District conducts extensive temperature monitoring on local streams (Photo: WMSWCD)

assess the potential success of efforts to shade and cool streams with streamside tree canopy cover.

The summer of 2018 was another hot and dry one, marking the second such summer in a row. Air temperature was above the average and precipitation was below normal. This combination likely resulted in the higher water temperature we measured in McCarthy and Crabapple Creeks. Find a much more detailed summary of the report on our blog (<https://wmswcd.org/2018-water-quality-monitoring-report/>) where you can also download the full report (<https://wmswcd.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/2018-WMSWCD-Water-Quality-Monitoring-Report.pdf>). For more information on the water quality monitoring program, methods used, and the watersheds in the study area, please visit our Water Quality Monitoring page (<https://wmswcd.org/programs/water-quality-monitoring/>). □

## Garlic Mustard is Target of Local Weed Control Efforts

By Renee Magyar, West Multnomah SWCD

Garlic mustard is at the top of our list again this year for special attention from our conservation staff and contract crews. The key to controlling garlic mustard (*Alliaria petiolata*) is to attack infestations early in spring before the plants have a chance to go to seed. Garlic mustard is a priority for control because it quickly invades shaded woodland habitats and alters soil chemistry. That makes the woods less hospitable to our native plants and dramatically decreases forage for native animals.

So far this season we have already pulled close to 3/4 ton of garlic mustard plants and performed treatments at over 200 sites in our District! We're thrilled to be working with members of the Northwest Youth Corps to get this work done.

You can help stop the spread of many kinds of invasive species. This helpful and entertaining short animated video from PlayCleanGo (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8cg-T87ab4w&feature=youtu.be>) provides a few handy tips for simple actions you can take this spring and summer.

Learn more about the variety of invasive weed control efforts happening across Oregon in the 2018 Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) Invasive Noxious Weed Control Program Annual Report (<https://www.oregon.gov/ODA/shared/Documents/Publications/Weeds/NoxiousWeedProgramAnnualReport.pdf>). West Multnomah is working in partnership with ODA program staff, and Portland State University's Center for Lakes and Reservoirs to treat the aggressive invasive Common Reed Grass (*Phragmites australis*) on the lower Willamette River and in the Multnomah Channel. Common Reed is known to take over wetlands throughout the Pacific Northwest. □





## Summer and Fall Events Planned at Skyline Grange

By Sen Speroff & Tracy Waters

Our Grange is relatively quiet in summers, with a number of wedding rentals, grounds work parties, and this year, several canning workshops. Once the rainy season begins and the Pass reopens, our traditional fall activities will gear up and the Education Committee is planning new presentations and workshops for its Skyline Living Series.

### Barn Quilt Painting Class, Aug. 23

Adorn your house, shed or barn. Skyline Grange's Sewing Circle is sponsoring a Barn Quilt Painting class on Friday, August 23. Sheila Sinclair Snyder will teach and in six hours you will take away a 24" x 24" painted Barn Quilt. Cost is \$100 (\$65 for all needed materials & \$35 for the lesson). Class is limited to 15-20 participants. Pre-registration is required. To register, send name, email, address, phone number and check ("Skyline Grange") to Tracy Waters (head Sewing Circle Seamstress), PO Box 428, Forest Grove, OR 97116-0428. For questions and details, contact Tracy at [bluewaters@spiretech.com](mailto:bluewaters@spiretech.com).

Over the past seven years the Tualatin Valley has been speckled with 60 barn quilts on four different trails (<https://tualatinvalley.org/local-favorites/tours-routes-trails/quilt-barn-trail>). Those quilts are bigger than ours will be, but you'll know how to make them after this class! It's those beauties that have inspired us to sponsor this class.

### Fall Garage Sale, Oct. 4-5

The Sale will be on Friday, October 4 (9am-7pm) and on Saturday, October 5 (9am-5pm). Already the storage area is stuffed with items donated by many generous local residents. This sale will be large, full of quality items and definitely has something for everyone. As we say, "from the practical to the zany." Are you a garage sale enthusiast or looking for an opportunity to support our community? If so, please consider volunteering to help set up or staff the sale, or donating clean, functioning items. Do not leave donations at the front door, but contact us first to arrange a time. Scheduled drop-offs will be announced on SRN's Newslane.

### Basic First Aid & CPR, Oct. 12

Back by popular demand! On Saturday, October 12, a full day course is being offered to Skyline area residents as part of the joint effort between Skyline Grange and Skyline Ridge Neighbors to encourage area residents to be prepared for emergencies. Emergencies can range from a major earthquake, a wildland fire, a stranger needing CPR, or a babysitter needing to give basic first aid. The course will be taught by Cascade Training Center. To encourage your participation, SRN will pay a portion of your tuition and Skyline Grange will provide lunch. The cost to you will be \$40. You must pre-register by October 3. For a registration form, contact [skylinegrange894@msn.com](mailto:skylinegrange894@msn.com) or pick one up at Plainview Grocery.

### Community Soup Supper, Oct. 26

You are invited to our 13<sup>th</sup> annual Community Soup Supper on Saturday, October 26, from 5-8 p.m. (serving from 5-7 p.m.). We do the cooking; you enjoy hearty homemade soups, homemade breads, fresh salads, and homemade desserts, and conversation with neighbors. Suggested donation is \$7/adult or \$18/family. Come! Invite the neighbors! Questions or to help, contact [skylinegrange894@msn.com](mailto:skylinegrange894@msn.com).

### Skyline Grange Artisan Sale, Nov. 16-17

This past spring, the Skyline Artisans group voted to restructure and become a part of Skyline Grange. Through the Grange's newly formed Artisans Committee, composed of many members of the former Skyline Artisans group, the annual Holiday Sale will continue, and other art events will be planned.

The Holiday Sale this year will be held on Saturday-Sunday, November 16-17. Come shop early for the holidays and support local artisans in doing so. Many vendors will offer a variety of wares, providing a good representation of the creativity that exists within our Skyline community. New vendors are welcome; contact the Grange for more information.

### "Burma-Shave" Traffic Signs

By the time you receive this *Ridge Runner*, you probably will be feeling the impact of the Pass being closed and hopefully you will have seen some of the Burma-Shave type signs along our roadways. Local residents submitted over fifty jingle entries. With the reality of Pass closure, some jingles were, well, appropriately macabre. We hope these signs bring a little humor into your day and remind us and commuters that our roads are county roads, not freeways, and we all have to drive with caution, courtesy, and care.

### Sewing Circle

The Skyline Grange Sewing Circle met Saturday the 15th of June. We poured over the couple of boxes of donated fabric people have so generously bestowed upon us & I sent some home with seamstresses. What that means is there will be baby blankets, aprons, a Christmas vest for a size 6 child and many other hand crafted items for auction at the Summer Gathering. Mark your calendars now for the July 27th Summer Gathering so you too can see & purchase these fine, beautifully made items! See the story on pg. 1 for details on the Baby Quilt Fundraiser.

### 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 79 years.

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### ► **Grange News** (continued from p. 9)

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.

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### ► **"Car-mageddon"** (continued from p. 3)

Helens heading to Hillsboro will try using Rocky Point and Logie Trail, both narrow and winding, to reach Skyline and then Old Corn. Pass. Mike Pullen acknowledged the poor condition of Logie Trail, but said it could not be strictly closed to non-residents. Germantown, Kaiser and Brooks roads will likely see more traffic, and that is the only route for truck deliveries to Plainview Grocery.

"What about temporary reduced speed limits on the detour routes?" one person asked. Mike said that state law allows speed reduction only on roads under construction and not on side roads where traffic is detoured. He did say that the county has submitted a request to ODOT to initiate a study of Skyline Blvd. northwest of milepost 13 that could result in posted speed limits less than the current 55 mph. A comment was made that the net result of the safety improvements could be increased speed on CPR and thus more crashes, not fewer.

The designated detour routes and the side roads will incur more wear from higher than normal traffic. Mike said that unfortunately the county does not have funds to repair any damage this year, but will consider doing so in future. He also said that no new paving will be done on CPR outside the four work zones.

Since the scheduled construction coincides with fire season, there is concern about access by fire fighters and other emergency personnel. Although TVFR Station 72 on Skyline east of CPR is all volunteer, Mike said that TVFR is aware of the situation and may be able to assign more volunteers there.

MC Sheriff's Deputy David McGarry, our West Side Community Resource Officer, also responded to questions during the meeting. While he is the only deputy assigned to west county, he said that he will reach out to the Portland Police and Washington Co. Sheriff departments to try to get more officers available to respond to the likelihood of increased traffic incidents during the CPR closure. He said that more truck inspectors will be present in the first few weeks of construction to enforce truck detours. He will warn and potentially cite the owners of any large trucks

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Website: <http://www.srnpdx.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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found to traveling side roads where they are not permitted.

### **What You Can Do**

Although we have no control over the traffic impacts of the CPR closure, there are a few things residents can do:

- Report large trucks using side roads. Get the license plate number and company name, and then contact Deputy McGarry ([david.mcgarry@mcsos.org](mailto:david.mcgarry@mcsos.org)) or leave a message at 503.793.8923 or call the MCSO non-emergency number 503.823.3333
- Write to TVFR (<https://www.tvfr.com/FormCenter/Contact-Us-2/Contact-Us-33> or 11945 SW 70th Avenue, Tigard, OR 97223, Phone: 503.649.8577) asking them to increase volunteer staffing at Station 72 during CPR construction
- Cut dry grass along your road frontage to reduce fire hazard
- Trim trees and shrubs at the end of your driveway to increase sight lines
- Offer to host a "Burma Shave" sign (see Grange news this issue for more info)
- Subscribe to project updates via email at [www.multco.us/cornpass](http://www.multco.us/cornpass). □



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**Help wanted local mushroom farm.** Can be physically demanding. Transition between multiple jobs is important, mushroom picking and packing is primary need. At this time occasional help needed, but currently expanding. Retirees welcome. Starting \$12.00 per hour.

**Phoenix Farm Riding School.** English horse riding lessons for the whole family. All ages and ability levels welcome! Day-off-school camps. Summer camps. Parties and special events. Located on the corner of Skyline Blvd. & Rock Creek Rd. Call/text 541.914.4254, email [13phoenixfarm13@gmail.com](mailto:13phoenixfarm13@gmail.com).

**Indonesian Martial Arts Training.** Poekoelan is a "soft" art, with emphasis on personal self-defense in real life situations. Terrific exercise for the entire family regardless of current fitness level. All ages are welcome. Tuesdays & Thursdays at Skyline Grange, 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm. Suggested donation \$5/person/lesson. For more info, contact Bantoe Christina Traunweiser, 503.307.1913.

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