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# Skyline Rural Watch Newsline

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## Washington County Fire Agencies Lift Burn Ban Following Recent Rainfall

Effective at 12:00 p.m. on Oct. 15, 2024, the High-Fire Danger Burn Ban has been officially lifted across Washington County. This includes areas served by Banks Fire District #13, Cornelius Fire Department, Forest Grove Fire Department, Gaston Rural Fire District, Hillsboro Fire & Rescue, and Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue (TVF&R). The ban, originally implemented due to elevated fire risk, has been lifted after recent rainfall and the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) ending the fire season.

Residents in these districts may now resume backyard burning, and businesses can conduct commercial agricultural burning, following the regulations set by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Oregon Department of Forestry, and the Oregon Department of Agriculture. To ensure compliance, please review outdoor burning rules at your fire agency's website or contact the relevant burn information line.

The High-Fire Danger Burn Ban is managed by the Washington County Fire Defense Board, which represents fire agencies throughout the county. Burning restrictions are enforced under Oregon Revised Statute 478.960 and Oregon Fire Code 307.

### Outdoor Burning Complaints:

TVF&R reminds residents that while the burn ban has been lifted, safety remains a priority. TVF&R does not enforce air-quality complaints related to smoke. Fire personnel will respond to burning complaints if:

- The fire is hostile or poses a risk of becoming hostile.
- Smoke is obscuring public roadways.
- Smoke leads to a medical emergency that requires patient transport.

For air-quality concerns related to smoke, residents should report to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).

For updated information on outdoor burning rules in your specific area, residents can visit their local fire department's website or call their respective burn information line.

Here's a good summary with links and phone numbers provided by our neighbor:

### CALL BEFORE YOU BURN DURING THE FALL BACKYARD BURN SEASON!!

Residential "backyard" outdoor burning is limited to approved burn days and hours during the spring (March 1-June 15) and fall (October 1- December 15). This allows for limited outdoor burning of yard debris, leaves and tree trimmings in accordance with DEQ Rules and ODF rules.

- Check the TVF&R Outdoor Burning Map at [Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue Burn Restrictions \(arcgis.com\)](#) to see if your address is allowed residential backyard debris burning.
- Next, if burning is allowed in your area, find out whether it is an approved burn day by calling TVF&R's Burn Message at 503-259-1789. Call before you burn!
- Days and hours approved depend upon air quality and fire risks.
- Unauthorized burning during a burn ban may be subject to enforcement.
- Never leave a fire unattended. Escaped fire is a leading cause of wildfires in Oregon.

## MEET THE DISTRICT 4 CANDIDATES

Where: Skyline Memorial Gardens (see directions below)

When: October 20 at 5:30pm – 7:00pm

Candidates committed to attend so far:

- Lisa Freeman
- Mitch Green
- Sarah Silkie
- Chris Henry

Hello Friends, Neighbors and Firewise Communities surrounding Forest Park,

As you should all by now be aware, we are entering a new governance system that divides the city of Portland into four geographic voting districts. On November 5<sup>th</sup>, voters will select three candidates from each of four districts, expanding the Portland City Council to 12 people.

Voters will use ranked-choice voting to identify their top 6 candidates to fill the 3 positions in each district.

Our Five Firewise communities surrounding Forest Park fall within District 4.

With 30 candidates seeking one of the three City Council positions for District 4, it has been challenging to meet those candidates and understand their positions regarding our unique issues within District 4. With that in mind we have invited candidates to meet our neighbors and offer you a chance to meet them.

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We face many serious issues in our city and need the best people possible to work on those issues, such as wildfire safety, drug addiction, homelessness, the incredibly dangerous CEI hub, and PGE's proposal to clear acres of trees within Forest Park.

Come and meet people who can answer your questions and explain their positions and approach to addressing critical issues

Attached: Portland District Map and descriptions

Directions: Skyline Memorial Gardens (4101 NW Skyline Blvd): Use Gate 2 entrance off Skyline Road

Skyline Memorial Gardens is on Skyline between Thompson and Springville Roads. Please use GATE 2 – this is the northern gate into Skyline Memorial Gardens, which will take you directly down to the parking lot. The building is next to the parking lot. There are markers at this entrance that say "Gate 2". If you use the other gate there is a long circuitous drive and you are likely to have difficulty the right building.

Sponsors:

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Forest Park (South) Firewise Neighborhood Leaders

Portland District-Descriptions Link:

[https://mcusercontent.com/b24aa75199ae84b7d2f9131a0/files/d231e9c0-c868-5c0c-af6c-7125c2bef6db/Portland\\_District\\_descriptions.pdf](https://mcusercontent.com/b24aa75199ae84b7d2f9131a0/files/d231e9c0-c868-5c0c-af6c-7125c2bef6db/Portland_District_descriptions.pdf)

## Grange News



**Skyline Grange #894**  
11275 NW Skyline Blvd., Portland, OR 97231  
Website: [www.SkylineGrange894.org](http://www.SkylineGrange894.org)  
General Email: [SkylineGrange894@msn.com](mailto:SkylineGrange894@msn.com)  
Rental Email: [SkylineGrange894@gmail.com](mailto:SkylineGrange894@gmail.com)

**Talk: Preparing For Wildfire** *This presentation is part of our Education Committee's Skyline Living Lecture Series. Free. All welcome.*

Date: Wednesday, October 16, 2024

Time: 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Speakers: Kim Kosmas, Senior Public Education Officer, Portland Fire & Rescue

Jen Warren, Fire Risk Reduction Specialist, Oregon State Fire Marshal

Details: Not only has our wildfire season become longer, the fires are burning with greater intensity and destruction. By mid-August 2024, already 1.4 million acres have burned in Oregon, putting this 2024 season on track to dramatically set a new record for acres burned. Learn the best steps to establish defensible space and home hardening methods to best protect your home. Use the coming winter/spring months to prepare. Meet local Firewise community members and sign up for an assessment.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**What: 2025 Summer Gathering**

When: Saturday July 19 2025

Where: Plumper Pumpkin Patch and Tree Farm

If you'd like to help out, reach out to our gathering co-chairs [Brad Graff](#) or [Tracey Larvenz](#)

**Skyline Ridge Neighbors Board Meetings:** 2nd Thursdays; Contact [srn@smpdx.org](mailto:srn@smpdx.org) for location

**Skyline Grange 894 Events**

<https://skylinegrange894.org/calendar/> Email: [skylinegrange894@msn.com](mailto:skylinegrange894@msn.com)

Yoga - [See Calendar for Dates and Times](#)

**Grange Meetings: 2nd Mondays;** Contact [SkylineGrange894@msn.com](mailto:SkylineGrange894@msn.com) to confirm

**"Preparing For Next Year's Fire Season"**

When: Wednesday, October 16, 2024 Time: 7 – 8:30 p.m.

**"Meet You House & Senate Candidates"**

When: Thursday, October 24, 2024 TIME: Evening - exact time will be announced next week

**Community Soup Supper**

When: Saturday, October 26, 2024 5-8 p.m.

**"Tribal Histories of the Willamette Valley"**

This presentation is funded by West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District.

When: Wednesday, October 30, 2024 Time: 7 - 8:30 p.m.

**"Soil: What It Is & How It Works"**

This presentation is funded by West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District.

When: Wednesday, November 13, 2024 Time: 7 – 8:30 p.m.

**Skyline Grange Artisan Holiday Sale:**

Sat.-Sun., November 23-24, 2024 10am – 4pm

**NET Meetings:** Contact [SkylineRidgeNET@gmail.com](mailto:SkylineRidgeNET@gmail.com)

### Advertise in the Newslines

We welcome classified ads from individuals, families, and home-based businesses within the SRN boundaries. Ads are limited to 50 words, and be sure to include your contact information. Send them to [newsline@smpdx.org](mailto:newsline@smpdx.org) and indicate how many times you want your ad to run.

**Prices for Newslines ads are as follows:**

Families & individuals: First issue is free, then \$5 for each additional repeat of the same ad.

Home-based businesses: \$7.50 per Newslines issue

Commercial businesses: \$10/issue

Please pay for your ad in advance by mailing a check payable to Skyline Ridge Neighbors, Inc. to our Treasurer, Rachael Brake, 14109 NW Rock Creek Rd., Portland OR 97231. Be sure to indicate which Newslines ad you are paying for.

### Skyline Ridge Neighbors, Inc Website

<https://www.srnpxd.org/>

#### About Skyline Ridge Neighbors

SRN is a neighborhood association serving much of unincorporated northwest Multnomah County and some adjacent areas within the city of Portland. (<https://www.srnpxd.org/boundary-map.html>) SRN is registered as a neighborhood association within Multnomah County, registered as a non-profit public benefit corporation with the State of Oregon and approved as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization under the IRS Code. SRN is operated by volunteers and with donated funds entirely.

If you would like to donate to SRN in support of its activities, such as this free Newslines service and the publication of its quarterly Skyline Ridge Runner, send your donation to "Skyline Ridge Neighbors", c/o Rachael Brake, 14109 NW Rock Creek Rd., Portland OR 97231. Contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

#### About the Newslines

Skyline Rural Watch Newslines is a part of Skyline Ridge Neighbors (SRN) and has been produced since June 1994 as a means to communicate neighborhood information. The Newslines is produced by Laurel Erhard (editor). The Newslines depends on you as a source of accurate information about local crimes, upcoming events, and other news pertinent to the area. If you have information you would like considered for the Newslines, you may do so by e-mailing the information to [newsline@smpdx.org](mailto:newsline@smpdx.org), or leaving a message at (503) 621-3501. You can subscribe to the Newslines at [SRNPDX.org](mailto:SRNPDX.org) [Get the Newslines](#) tab.

#### About the Ridge Runner

The Skyline Ridge Runner is a free quarterly publication mailed to approximately 1400 households in rural northwestern Multnomah County, Oregon. A color version is also distributed via email subscription and is posted on website [srnpxd.org](http://srnpxd.org) website. It is published by Skyline Ridge Neighbors (SRN), an all-volunteer nonprofit neighborhood association, as a public service to provide news and information to residents. If you have any ads, calendar listings, news items, stories, letters, photos, etc. that you would like to submit for publication, please email them to [ridgerunner@smpdx.org](mailto:ridgerunner@smpdx.org). Or call Miles at (503-621-9887) to let him know you're going to send something for the Ridge Runner. Please note that the Ridge Runner may not reach mailboxes until the middle of the month for publication (April, July, October, January) Deadlines for all ad submissions are the 15th of March, June, September and December.

#### Calendar

**Skyline Ridge Neighbor, Inc Regular Board Meeting:** The SRN board meetings are routinely held the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm by Zoom. All are welcome to attend. For Zoom login information please reply to this email.

Find the community calendar here: <http://www.srnpxd.org/calendar.html>

#### Resource Directory

As a service to neighbors, SRN publishes a listing of local government agencies and businesses in the [Skyline Resource Directory](#). Follow the links in the section to view its contents and learn how to add a business or agency listing. Listing of organizations and businesses herein does not imply any endorsement of SRN nor does it imply a lack of endorsement for similar organizations or businesses not included.

#### Community Links

Skyline Ridge Neighborhood Emergency Team (NET): [SkylineRidgeNET@gmail.com](mailto:SkylineRidgeNET@gmail.com)

Skyline Grange: <https://skylinegrange894.org/>

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

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

Linnton Neighborhood Association: <http://linntonba.org/>

West Multnomah County Soil and Water Conservation District: <http://wmswcd.org/>

Skyline School: <http://www.osk.k12.or.us/schools/skyline/>

Skyline School PTA: <https://skyline.schoolpta.org/>

Lincoln High School: <http://www.osk.k12.or.us/schools/lincoln/>

