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Skyline Rural Watch Newsline

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Date: **October 25, 2024**

COMMUNITY SOUP SUPPER- THIS SATURDAY - See Grange News below for more details

GREETINGS, NEIGHBORS,

I am preparing an article called *PLANETARY CHALLENGES* on global warming for the *SKYLINE RIDGE RUNNER* and am MOST interested in hearing about your experiences and receiving your personal feedback. Below are questions that you can answer easily in a return email, text or phone call. You are most welcome to either fill in your responses directly on the questions; or even easier, simply NUMBER your responses with the number corresponding to the questions.

Kindly bear in mind, there are NO INCORRECT ANSWERS to these questions; also, if there are some you don't wish to answer, no problem. We are VERY interested in hearing what issues, experiences, fears, joys, worries, challenges -- anything at all you wish to impart regarding climate change/crisis/warming, etc. You are welcome to use email or call or text my phone below. PLEASE ANSWER BY NEXT FRIDAY!

Your responses will remain anonymous, and your information will remain confidential, unidentified, and unshared.

Thank you for your kind consideration of our request and taking a few minutes to share your thoughts and feelings.

Warm regards and all good things...

Alex

QUESTIONS:

- 1) What have you noticed that's changed due to the current climate crisis? (This can be in your yard, your neighborhood, the county, the country, or the world.)
- 2) How do you feel the climate crisis has affected you, your family, or society in general?
- 3) What do you view as solutions to the current climate crisis and global warming?
- 4) What do you feel are the most dangerous effects of climate change in your neighborhood, this country, and the world?
- 5) What are you doing personally to alleviate the climate crisis?
- 6) Are you interested in hearing about solutions you can implement on a personal level?
- 7) Do you feel the dangers happening now and in the future are possible to reverse; or is it too late, and humankind is doomed?

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MAIL APPARENTLY STOLEN FROM MAILBOXES

On Saturday, October 19, 2024, a walker found two batches of mail scattered along Skyline Blvd. in the 16000 & 13000 blocks. The mail was from 5 addresses located in the 19000 block of NW Phillips Rd, in the 9000 & 10000 blocks of Old Cornelius Pass Rd, and one from the 16000 block of Skyline Blvd. The wet, mostly open mail included in part 2 election ballots, a Voter's Pamphlet, utility bills, and an empty package that had contained medication. Also, the walker noted numerous mailboxes with their doors open. She returned the mail to the addressees and encouraged them to file a report of stolen mail to the police and to be suspicious if they had not received any mail they were expecting. Unfortunately in this day and age, you should consider a solid, locked mailbox, retrieve your mail soon after delivery, and be suspicious if you have not received something important, such as checks, bills, ballots, tax information, utility bills, or anything that could provide information that could lead to identification theft.

BEARS

We live amongst all kinds of wildlife including bears. Sightings are not uncommon throughout our neighborhood. Following is a press release from ODFW that is a good reminder that we must be diligent at managing our property so our bears don't become nuisance bears. As the say - A fed bear is a dead bear.



The fall bear eat-a-thon is back – secure trash to keep bears and people safe

October 24, 2024

SALEM, Ore. – As fall sets in, bears are beginning their annual fall eat-a-thon, known as hyperphagia, as they prepare for winter.

This intense feeding period begins in late summer when berries and fruits ripen and peaks when fruits like pears, apples, and plums become available. During this time, bears spend up to 20 hours a day foraging for food.

ODFW is urging Oregon residents, vacation rental managers, and visitors to secure attractants and prevent bears from accessing trash, bird seed, pet food, livestock and poultry feed and other tempting food sources – including dirty diapers (yes, this is true). If these types of food are easily accessible, bears won't turn down an easy meal. Bears that become used to "people food" can pose a serious safety risk to people.

Oregon is bear country and coastal residents and visitors need to be especially vigilant as bears are common along the Oregon coast.

However, the responsibility also falls on vacation rental managers and guests to contribute to responsible coexistence with bears. ODFW strongly encourages property managers to provide bear-resistant trash cans and educate guests about BearWise tips to minimize the risk of bear encounters or issues.

"One of the primary attractants for bears is unsecured trash," said Skyler Gerrity, ODFW Assistant Wildlife Biologist. "Bears have an exceptional sense of smell and can detect food from miles away. Leaving trash cans unsecured or accessible can lead to bears rummaging through garbage, creating a dangerous situation for both parties involved."

Bears not only remember where they have found food before, but female bears pass this knowledge down to their young. Feeding bears, whether intentional or accidental, can have long-lasting negative effects on multiple generations of bears.

The good news is that most conflict between humans and bears is preventable. Bears don't want to be around humans, but the prospect of an easy meal is often too good to resist. Removing things that attract them to the area is the most important thing you can do to protect people and ensure bears stay healthy and wild.

- **Never feed or approach bears.** Feeding bears, whether you mean to or not, will cause them to associate humans with food. It is also against the law in Oregon (ORS 496.730).
- **Secure food, garbage and recycling.** Ensure trash, compost bins and dumpsters are secure by using locking or screw-on lids, metal bars over dumpsters, or fully enclosed trash storage. Take trash out immediately before pick-up, not the night before pickup.
- **Remove bird feeders.** Birds have plenty of naturally available food sources.
- **Feed pets inside and store food indoors.** Pet food attracts bears and other wildlife, putting your pets and wildlife at risk.
- **Clean and store grills after each use.**
- **Alert neighbors to unusual bear activity** (continued sightings during daylight hours, lack of wariness around humans or pets, etc.). Share these tips with your neighbors!

These simple yet effective steps will go a long way to avoid conflict and keep bears and people safe. Contact your [local district ODFW office](#) if you need assistance with a bear-human conflict or observe unusual or aggressive behavior from a bear. Report human safety concerns to Oregon State Police.

Learn more: <https://myodfw.com/articles/help-keep-bears-wild>

Grange News



Skyline Grange #894
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 Rental Email: SkylineGrange894@gmail.com

Two community events are still to come in October. All take place at Skyline Grange, 11275 NW Skyline Blvd. Here are the details

COMMUNITY SOUP SUPPER- THIS SATURDAY

- As Leslie Newman once said, "Every autumn, when the wind turns cold and darkness comes early, I am suddenly happy. It's time to start making soup again." This is our 16th Community Soup Supper and one of our favorite Grange events. Soon soups will be simmering, the scent of fresh baked breads filling the air, and the Grange hall transformed into a welcoming, cozy place to share a hearty meal with new and old neighbors.
 DATE: Saturday, October 26, 2024
 HOURS: 5-8 p.m. (serving 5-7 p.m.)
 DETAILS: Homemade soups, baked breads, desserts and salad. Only the best ingredients. We cook; you enjoy. Something for every tastebud. Suggested donation of \$10 for ages 14 and older, \$5 for ages 5-13, & free under 5 years
 BENEFIT: All proceeds will be donated to our local Skyline Ridge Neighborhood Emergency Team.
 NOTE: Restrooms are accessible only by stairs.

Talk: TRIBAL HISTORIES OF THE WILLAMETTE VALLEY

- This presentation, funded by West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District, is part of our Education Committee's Skyline Living Lecture Series. Free. All welcome.
 Date: Wednesday, October 30, 2024
 Time: 7 - 8:30 p.m.
 Speaker: David G. Lewis PhD, member of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde & Assistant Professor of Anthropology & Indigenous Studies at OSU
 Details: Dr. Lewis returns to expand upon the history he provided to our Grange last year. The Willamette Valley is rich with tribal history, largely unrecorded, incomplete, poorly researched or partially untold. Lewis combines years of researching historical documents, collecting oral stories, and highlighting Native perspectives about the history of the Willamette Valley as they experienced it. He addresses more current research on aquatic & environmental systems in the valley & how and why they have been altered over the past 150 years.

CLASSIFIED ADS

Snow Tires for Sale Pirelli, Rimless 245/46/19. Barely used. Pictures available. \$100. Please text Linda, 503.704.1241.

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 Graf](#) or [Tracey Larvenz](#)

Skyline Ridge Neighbors Board Meetings: 2nd Thursdays; Contact sm@srnpdx.org for location

Skyline Grange 894 Events
<https://skylinegrange894.org/calendar/> Email: skylinegrange894@msn.com
[Yoga - See Calendar for Dates and Times](#)
Grange Meetings: 2nd Mondays; Contact SkylineGrange894@msn.com to confirm

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

Advertise in the Newsline
 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@srnpdx.org and indicate how many times you want your ad to run.

Prices for Newsline ads are as follows:
 Families & Individuals: First issue is free, then \$5 for each additional repeat of the same ad.
 Home-based businesses: \$7.00 per Newsline 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 97231. Be sure to indicate which Newsline ad you are checking for.

Skyline Ridge Neighbors, Inc Website

<https://www.srnpdx.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.srnpdx.org/about-srn>) 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 Newsline 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 Newsline
 Skyline Rural Watch Newsline is a part of Skyline Ridge Neighbors (SRN) and has been produced since June 1994 as a means to communicate neighborhood information. The Newsline is produced by Laurel Erhardt (editor).
 The Newsline 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 Newsline, you may do so by e-mailing the information to newsline@srnpdx.org, or leaving a message at (503) 621-3501.
 You can subscribe to the Newsline at SRNPDX.org [Get the Newsline](#) 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 srnpdx.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 admissions@srnpdx.org. Or call Mikes at (503) 621-3507 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 of 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 refer to this email.
 Find the community calendar here: <http://www.srnpdx.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 this section to view its contents and learn how to add a business or agency listing. Listing of organizations and businesses herein does not imply any endorsement of SRN nor does it imply a lack of endorsement for similar organizations or businesses not included.

- Community Links**
 Skyline Ridge Neighborhood Emergency Team (NET): SkylineRidgeNET@gmail.com
 Skyline Grange: <https://skylinegrange894.org/>
 Forest Park Conservancy: <http://www.forestparkconservancy.org/>
 Linton Community Center: <http://www.lintoncommunitycenter.org/>
 Linton Neighborhood Association: <http://lintonne.org/>
 West Multnomah County Soil and Water Conservation District: <http://www.wmcsd.org/>
 Skyline School: <https://www.ocs.k12.or.us/schools/skyline/>
 Skyline School PTA: <https://www.ocs.k12.or.us/schools/skyline/>
 Lincoln High School: <http://www.ocs.k12.or.us/schools/lchool/>

