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# Skyline Rural Watch Newsline



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## WANTED: SRN WEBSITE UPDATES VOLUNTEER

Hey Neighbors – A bit of website help please?  
We would like to find someone who would be willing to volunteer to update our SRNPDX.org website as needed. It would just be uploading pictures or updating the calendar and events. This is not a web designer job but more of an assistant job where some technical knowledge / familiarity would be required and updates would be under direction.  
We expect this to be about an hour a week – sometimes more, e.g. Summer Gathering updates or during slow times could be less.  
I could see this as a good volunteer opportunity for a student to help build a future resume.  
So, let us know if you're interested by replying to this email. We'd love to have more hands to lighten the load and connect our community.

## MORE MAIL THEFTS

There have been many recent reports of mail thefts and stolen mail found on the roadside. Thank you to the neighbors who stopped and took the time to report these thefts as this neighbor did:

"..... At the top of Rocky Point Road, I found a large pile of clearly stolen mail and rubber gloves, presumably to avoid leaving prints. I found mail with McNamee and Skyline as well as North Portland addresses. I have reported this to police, and an officer is supposed to meet me out here this afternoon to take custody, but there were vehicle titles, county communications about land use, brokerage statements and other clearly very private information on literally dozens of pieces of mail.... I will suggest that the officer reach out to everyone whose names are on the mail as well."

A few others that I received notice of:  
\* neighbors on Rock Creek Road whose locking mailboxes were broken into.  
\* neighbors in the 17000 Skyline block stolen  
\* dumped stolen mail in the 17000 Skyline block  
\* dumped stolen mail in the 13000 Skyline block

Thank you to all the folks who reported these incidents to the non-emergency number. Non-Emergency Response: 503-823-3333

Personally, I have informed delivery and really like it. I get a daily email from USPS every morning that tells me what is coming to my mailbox. So far, it's been very accurate.  
<https://www.usps.com/manage/informed-delivery.htm>

## ILLEGAL CAMPERS IN FOREST PARK

I received the following information from the October 20<sup>th</sup> Forest Park Neighbors newsletter that I think our neighborhood should be aware of.

"Recently a group of campers was removed from a vacant property with a driveway but no home on Germantown Road. I found out on Tuesday that the group was also stealing mail and taking copper pipe from a nearby home under construction. There was a huge amount of trash that had been brought in and scattered around on the site.

They were caught because a watchful neighbor got a glimpse of a flashlight moving in the dark.

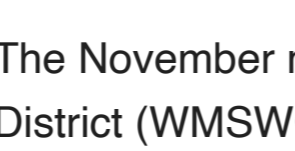
I'm told the campers said they found the property by using Google Earth to look for large properties with long driveways and no home. We have a number of those properties in the neighborhood, and we also have some homes that are pretty obviously empty that someone could squat in. This property had a gate across the driveway -- that wasn't enough to deter them.

The good news is county sheriff deputies were very helpful evicting the campers.

We may see more of this as the city takes more steps to push campers out of the urban area.

In addition to keeping an eye out for flashlights in places they shouldn't be, also keep an eye out for cars parked in unexpected places. Vacant properties should also be posted for No Trespassing -- this can make it easier to remove trespassers."

Knowing who does and doesn't belong in your neighborhood is another good reason to have a contact list for your local neighbors, which you can build through Map Your Neighborhood. Your local NET team members are a good source of information about MYN and how to get started. You can reach them at: [SkylineRidgeNET@gmail.com](mailto:SkylineRidgeNET@gmail.com)  
(Also, knowing your neighbors may also help you to track down an elusive Doo rDash delivery!)



## News Release

November 15, 2024

The November meeting of the West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District (WMSWCD) Board of Directors will meet in person at the Old Spaghetti Factory at 715 S Bancroft St, Portland, and remotely via Zoom on Tuesday, November 19, at 4:30pm. We welcome the public to all District board meetings, and the board meeting agenda allows time for public comment. Any person may attend the meeting and request to make public comment during the public comment period, comments are limited to three minutes maximum per person. A Zoom access code will be required to access the meeting. Interested participants may request the ID by emailing [info@wmswcd.org](mailto:info@wmswcd.org) with the subject line "Request for Conference ID" or by calling 503-238-4775 and leaving a voicemail message at extension 100, no later than 5:00 p.m. the day of the meeting.

This meeting is abbreviated as it will immediately precede the [Annual Meeting](#) which begins at 5pm at the Old Spaghetti Factory location. RSVP is required for attendance to the Annual Meeting. RSVPs are now closed as of November 14, but the public may still attend the board meeting.

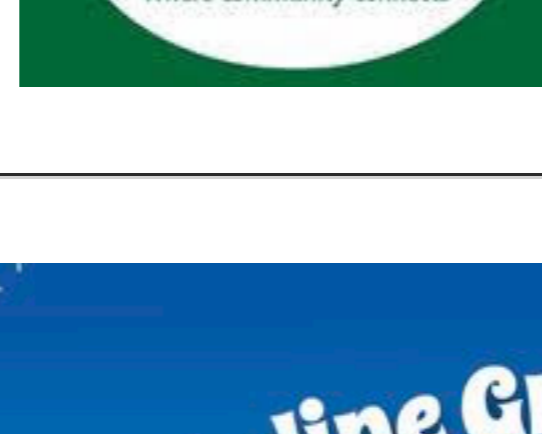
During the Board Meeting, the board will approve meeting minutes, review Treasurers' reports, and approve the Budget Calendar. The District Manager will share highlights and there will be time for announcements and reminders.

The agenda for this meeting will be available for inspection on the [District's webpage](#) the morning of the meeting. The agenda can be modified by the Board of Directors at any time during the meeting.

The Board of Directors typically meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. unless specified otherwise. Special accommodations for attending may be arranged with advance notice by calling West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District at (503) 238-4775 and leaving a voicemail message at extension 100 or by emailing [info@wmswcd.org](mailto:info@wmswcd.org) no later than 5:00 p.m. the Friday prior to the meeting. Visit [wmswcd.org](http://wmswcd.org) for more information about the West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District.

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## Grange News



**Skyline Grange #894**  
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**ANNUAL GRANGE ARTISAN HOLIDAY ARTS SALE 11/23-24**  
Do your holiday shopping early while supporting your local talented artisans.  
DATES: Sat.-Sun., November 23-24, 2024  
HOURS: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
DETAILS:

- Features 19 local artisans selling their handcrafted goods of all kinds including pottery, jewelry, handmade soaps, paper art, woodworking craft pieces, journals, glass artwork.
- Café Grange will be open for light breakfast & lunch.

## WREATH-MAKING WORKSHOP 12/1

*The holidays are fast approaching, so join us for a fun and festive afternoon workshop as you craft your own beautiful holiday wreath. No experience necessary! Seasoned experts will guide you through the process.*

DATE: Sun., Dec. 1, 2024  
TIME: 1 – 3 p.m.  
DETAILS:

- Supplies and cones are provided, but you are encouraged to forage your garden for special additions (hydrangeas, nandina, skimmia, boxwood, etc.)
- \$30 for non-member & \$25 for Grange members.
- Registration required. Contact [skylinegrange894@msn.com](mailto:skylinegrange894@msn.com) to request a registration form. To reserve a spot, both registration & payment must be received by Mon., Nov. 30, 2024.
- All proceeds go to the Grange's Capital Improvement Fund.

## 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 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

**"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

**Wreath-Making Workshop at the Grange**  
Date: Sun., Dec. 1, 2024; Hours: 1 – 3 p.m.  
[Details and registration Word Doc.](#) Contact [skylinegrange894@msn.com](mailto:skylinegrange894@msn.com)

**NET Meetings:** Contact [SkylineRidgeNET@gmail.com](mailto: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@smpdx.org](mailto:newsline@smpdx.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.  
Commercial Businesses: \$10/issue  
Please pay for your ad in advance by making 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 paying for.

## Skyline Ridge Neighbors, Inc Website

**Skyline Ridge Neighbors**  
The Skyline Ridge Neighbors association serving much of unincorporated northwest Multnomah County and some adjacent areas within the city of Portland. (<https://www.smpdx.org/about-us/>) 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 Emerald (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 [cpalms@srnpdx.org](mailto:cpalms@srnpdx.org) or leaving a message at (503) 621-3501. You can subscribe to the Newsline at [SRNPDX.org](http://SRNPDX.org) [www.srn.org](http://www.srn.org).

**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 [smpdx.org](http://smpdx.org). 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 [tdp@srnpdx.org](mailto:tdp@srnpdx.org). Or call Mike at (503-621-0887) 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 8:30 pm by Zoom. All are welcome to attend. For Zoom login information please reply to this email.  
Find the community calendar here: <http://www.smpdx.org/calendar.html>

**Resource Directory**  
As a service to neighbors, SRN publishes a listing of local government agencies and businesses in the Skyline Ridge [Resource Directory](#). Follow the links in this listing 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: <http://www.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.wos.k12.or.us/schools/skyline/>  
Skyline School PTA: <http://skylineschoolpta.org/>  
Linnton High School: <http://www.wos.k12.or.us/schools/linnton/>

