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Skyline Rural Watch Newsline

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Date: January 5, 2024

Centurylink 621 Prefix Phone Issue Update

Thank you for your response to our request for information on the Centurylink land line outages that have been going on throughout December. We heard from many and their stories of up and down outages. The experiences were similar (all in December) and diverse (when they went down, when service came back). It is also frustrating that there are many in our rural area whose only connection option is their landline. We did hear of some possible causes from a discussion a technician had with a neighbor. That was, that the Burlington switch had a bad power surge in early December that damaged equipment. They had to limp by while waiting for replacement equipment. The system is up and running for now but they are still checking on possible further problems. With that in mind, the technician was clear to say that he cannot guarantee we have a permanent fix even now. Thank you again, Good Neighbors, for helping each other out.

Speaking of helping each other out....

SKYLINE RIDGE NEIGHBORHOOD EMERGENCY TEAM (SkylineRidgeNET)

skylineridgenet@gmail.com

January Basic NET Training: 01/13-02/04

This is a free training opportunity from Portland Bureau of Emergency Management. If you are interested in being part of the local NET group, this is your chance. This training is only offered a few times a year so take advantage of the slow winter months if you can. If you have already taken some of the training but not completed the course, you can sign up for what you need: <https://www.portland.gov/bem/neighborhood-emergency-teams/volunteer>

Now's the Time to Firewise

Our local Firewise groups encourage residents to take advantage of the season to work on items to reduce their risk in a wildfire by taking steps to harden their homes against wildfire intrusion and increasing defensible space around their homes. Take time to review potential actions you can take: <https://www.portland.gov/fire/your-safety/documents/your-personal-wildfire-action-guide/download>. Focus on the home first then work on creating defensible space. Remember, it's a marathon, not a sprint!

Here are some timely Winter Safety Tips courtesy of Portland Fire & Rescue: <https://www.portland.gov/fire/your-safety/winter-fire-safety-tips>

Community Wildfire Defense Grant Money Sought

West Multnomah SWCD has submitted an application for the Community Wildfire Defense Grant offered through the US Forest Service, in partnership with Ash Creek Forest Management, Portland Fire & Rescue, Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue, and many local community groups including the Forest Park North & South and Skyline Ridge Firewise Communities, Skyline Ridge Neighborhood Association, Skyline Ridge NET, and the Skyline Grange. The goal for seeking this funding is to support communities across the Tualatin Mountains in their efforts to improve wildfire resiliency and forest health and increase community awareness around emergency preparation and wildfire risk reduction actions. The US Forest Service (the agency running this grant program) expects to notify applicants of their final decision by February or March of 2024. This is a very competitive national grant, but there will be additional rounds of this funding opportunity to apply for in future years if the local community does not receive funding this year.

Thank you for being a part of what makes this neighborhood such a great place to live!



MULTNOMAH COUNTY LAND USE NEWS

Multnomah County Land Use & Transportation Program
1600 SE 190TH Ave., Portland, OR 97233
Phone: 503-988-3043. Fax: 503-988-3389. <http://web.multco.us/land-use-planning>

LAND USE DIVISION OPERATIONS

Multnomah County Land Use Offices are open by appointment only. Appointments are available on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, from 9am to 12pm and 1pm to 4pm. To make an appointment, call 503-988-3043 or visit land.use.planning@multco.us.

LAND USE DECISION: 16300 NW SHELTERED NOOK RD.

CASE #: T2-2023-17100

LOCATION: 16300 NW Sheltered Nook Rd.
BASE ZONE: Rural Residential (RR)
OVERLAYS: Significant Environmental Concern for wildlife habitat and view (SEC-h, & SEC-v) and Geologic Hazards (GH)
PROPOSAL: Request for a Type II Significant Environmental Concern for Scenic Views & Wildlife Habitat permits for an addition to an existing single-family dwelling.
DECISION: Approved with Conditions. This decision is final at the close of the appeal period, unless appealed. The deadline for filing an appeal is January 11, 2024 at 4 p.m.

OPPORTUNITY TO APPEAL: The appeal form is available at www.multco.us/landuse/application-materials-and-forms. Appeal requires a \$250 fee and must state the specific legal grounds on which it is based. This decision is not appealable to the Land Use Board of Appeals until all local appeals are exhausted.

DETAILS: [T2-2023-17100_NOD_12282023_0.pdf \(multco-web7-psw-files-usw2.83-us-west-2.amazonaws.com\)](https://www.mtcogov.com/DocumentCenter/View/12282023_0.pdf?div=files&w=2.83-us-west-2.amazonaws.com)

SKYLINE GRANGE #894

11275 NW Skyline Blvd., Portland, OR 97231

skylinegrange894@msn.com



UPCOMING GRANGE EVENTS

Skyline Grange is located at 11275 NW Skyline Blvd. Events are open to all.

MOSTLY TREE SEEDLINE SALE @ Skyline Grange

This Sale is by Pre-Order only. Sale offers native species or sizes we cannot get or may have difficulty obtaining for our large April 5-6 Tree & Native Plant Sale.

WHEN: Pre-Order Form available from January 1-31, 2024

DEADLINE: Orders must be received by January 31, 2024 at 5 p.m.

PICK-UP: Fri., Mar. 8 from 3-6 p.m. or Sat., Mar. 9 from 1-3 p.m.

DETAILS:

- Contact skylinegrange894@msn.com for our 2024 Pre-Order Form
- We encourage you to order early, well before the January 31 final deadline to best assure you will receive your full order.
- Buying seedlings is an economical way to purchase trees, especially when desiring larger qualities.
- Planting them in late winter/early spring also better assures water (rain) for a good early start.

"Forest Park: Our Green Neighbor" Presentation 1/31

WHEN: Wednesday, January 31, 2024

TIME: 7 p.m.

WHERE: Skyline Grange, 11275 NW Skyline Blvd.

DETAILS:

- Forest Park Conservancy will present information about the origin, history, permitted activities, ecological importance, management, threats, future management plans, and wonders of this nearby 5200-acre park with 80 miles of trails.
- Free to all. This is the 1st presentation in the 2024 Skyline Living Series of presentations organized by Skyline Grange Education Committee.

Community Brunch: Pancakes, Etc.

WHEN: Sunday, February 18, 2024 serving 9:30-11:30 a.m.

WHERE: Skyline Grange, 11275 NW Skyline Blvd.

DETAILS:

- We cook; you enjoy.
- Pancakes, quiches, breakfast meats & breads, fresh fruit
- A winter tradition at Skyline Grange with the community sharing a satisfying brunch together.
- Suggested donation of \$10 for ages 14 & older; \$5 for ages 5-13; free for under age 5.

Skyline Ridge Reads: "Nature's Best Hope: A New Approach to Conservation That Starts In Your Yard"

Get a copy, read it, and come for the discussion. There is also a young reader version of this book.

WHEN: Wednesday, February 21, 2024

TIME: 7 p.m.

WHERE: Skyline Grange, 11275 NW Skyline Blvd.

DETAILS:

- Burt Lazar and Judy Flynn will lead a discussion of this book by Douglas W. Tallamy.
- Tallamy lays out a grassroots approach to conservation where homeowners turn their yards into conservation corridors that provide wildlife habitat. This approach relies on initiatives of private individuals and not government. Its practical wealth of information can easily be incorporated into each of our own yards and properties.
- Free.
- Free to all. This is the 2nd presentation in the 2024 Skyline Living Series of presentations organized by Skyline Grange Education Committee.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

August 3 2024 - Annual SRN Neighborhood Summer Gathering at the Plumper Pumpkin.

Again, there will be plenty of activities, food, and a fun time getting together with your neighbors (not to mention lots of donated items for purchase at our auction). If you are interested in helping with the event, please contact Brad Graff, bradgraff@gmail.com or Tracey Larvenz tlarvenz@gmail.com.

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

Events at Skyline Grange 894

<https://skylinegrange894.org/calendar/> Email: skylinegrange894@msn.com

Jan. Mostly Tree Seedling Sale. Pre-order only. Contact skylinegrange894@msn.com for pre-order form

Jan. 31, 7pm: Forest Park: Our Green Neighbor

Feb. 18, 9:30 - 11:30: Pancakes, etc. Brunch

Feb. 21, 7 pm: Skyline Ridge Reads: Nature's Best Hope: A New Approach to Conservation That Starts in Your Yard.

Mar. 1-2: Spring Garage Sale

Mar. 20, 7pm: Pollinators

Mar. 22 - June 15: Garlic Mustard Drop-off site. Info: <https://www.srmpdx.org/garlic-mustard.html>

Apr. 5-6: Tree & Native Plant Sale

Grange Meetings: 2nd Mondays, Contact SkylineGrange894@msn.com to confirm

NET Meetings: Contact SkylineRidgeNET@gmail.com

ADVERTISEMENTS

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@srmpdx.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: \$7.50 per Newsline issue.

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

<https://www.srmpdx.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.srmpdx.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 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 Erhard (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@srmpdx.org, or leaving a message at (503) 621-3501.

You can subscribe to the Newsline at SRNPDX.org or the.Newsline@srmpdx.org.

About the Ridge Runner

The Skyline Ridge Runner is a free quarterly publication mailed to approximately 1400 households in rural northwest Multnomah County, Oregon. A color version is also distributed via email subscription and is posted on website <https://www.srmpdx.org/> website. It is published by Skyline Ridge Neighbors (SRN), an all-volunteer non-profit neighborhood association, as a public service to provide news and information to residents.

If you would like to submit for publication, please email them to editor@srmpdx.org. Or call them at (503) 621-9887 to let them 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 reply to this email.

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

Resource Directory

As a service to neighbors, SRN publishes a listing of local government agencies and businesses in the [Skyline Ridge Neighbors](https://www.srmpdx.org/) 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/>

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

Linnton Neighborhood Association: <http://www.linntonca.org/>

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

Skyline School: <http://www.srmpdx.org/schools/skyline>

Skyline School PTA: <http://www.pssa.k12.or.us/schools/pta/>

Linnton High School: <http://www.pssa.k12.or.us/schools/linnton/>

