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Skyline Rural Watch Newsline

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NEIGHBORS

A shout out from Julie Perry to our great community and a couple of folks in particular that make this neighborhood such a great place to live.

Shout out to the Ridge Runner community. Time and time again I have been blessed by the people in your community. And year after year, 48 years and counting, I've been blessed to witness that same love bless others. In this recent snow storm, I witnessed a couple friends, George and Ras, talking about the people in their community who were unable to get basic supplies. These two men risked their own to clear stuck cars and down trees. They cut the wood up and delivered it to those shut in without electricity. They helped friends just out of surgery, they delivered basic supplies like water and food. They fixed neighbors livestock fences that were downed by the collapsing ice laden trees and helped nurse me back to health. Truly I am grateful to be a part of such a strong community. Thank you Ridge Runner community. You all are a great example of a strong community who will do what each is able to help the other. Blessings and hugs around.



A Place to Sit and Listen Amongst Giants

edited: The link to the Forest Park Conservancy article has been corrected: <https://forestparkconservancy.org/a-place-to-sit-and-listen-amongst-giants/>

The January 17 issue of the SRN Newsline had an article - [Help Solve the Mystery of the Old Growth Fence](#), submitted by Dick Gilkeson. Renee Myers the executive director of Forest Park Conservancy was able to provide the back story on the bench. She writes:

"... Although the service road that leads to the Ancient Preserve is owned by Metro, the Ancient Preserve, also known to many as the "Old Growth" is actually owned by the Forest Park Conservancy and was purchased in 1993. Our organization, then known as the "Friends of Forest Park" rallied over 4,000 donors to help purchase the property. Forest Park Conservancy has an easement, in perpetuity, across Metro's Burlington Creek Natural Area property to access our Ancient Preserve. The bench was a memorial given by Dave Linder's wife and the plaque is actually complete. There is no other part of the plaque that still needs to be added. They are words meant to have meaning between the two of them and not necessarily for the rest of the world to understand.

Kyle Truilen and his wife Alyssa built the beautifully handcrafted bench. Kyle and Alyssa are two incredibly kind and generous community members who volunteered their time to make this bench and it is absolutely beautiful! ..."

Forest Park Conservancy has posted a beautifully written article not just about the origin and purpose of the bench, but also the generosity of humanity and some nature therapy.

Check it out - [A Place to Sit and Listen Amongst Giants](#)



FOREST PARK NEIGHBORHOOD

From the February 15th, Forest Park Neighborhood newsletter

FIREWISE Presentation Available Online

If you missed the January presentation about the Firewise Program, it is now available to view online: <https://vimeo.com/505408301/3844ecb1bd>

Almost all of our neighborhood is at risk of Wildfire. Everyone is invited to sign up to have a home assessment by the Portland Fire Bureau, which will explain the most important steps you can take for your home to reduce wildfire risk. Everyone (even those who live in Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue Territory) should sign up here: [Wildland-Urban Interface \(WUI\) Home Assessment | Portland.gov](#). If you tried to sign up before and it didn't work, please try again. If you still have a problem, please let me know.

If you would like to join the committee developing our local Firewise program, please let me know – they'd love to have more help.

I have attached the short document listing Fire Resistant Plants for Western Multnomah County (take a look at the list before ordering native plants from Skyline Grange below).

<https://www.portland.gov/fire/your-safety/reducing-risk-wildfire> - Reducing the Risk of Wildfire
<https://www.publicalerts.org/> - sign up for emergency alerts in your area.

[Fire-resistant Plants for Home Landscapes: Selecting Plants that May Reduce Your Risk from Wildfire, PNW 590 \(Oregon State University Extension Service\)](#) (the shorter, locally specific list is attached to this email)

Do you burn wood? Multnomah County wants your input.

Multnomah County's Office of Sustainability has received a DEQ grant to implement a community campaign about health and [wood smoke](#). The goal of the campaign is to promote clean air and reduce harmful wood smoke in the county. After doing a survey in July, they have developed some messaging and would appreciate feedback.

If you burn wood, this 10 minute survey ([English](#) or [Español](#)) will help inform a County Wood Smoke Campaign. Please fill out by midnight Wednesday, February 24th for a chance to win one of four \$25 Fred Meyer gift cards.

Please reach out to sustainability@multco.us with any questions or concerns. Thank you!

Send Us Photos of Your Animals and Pets

Our neighborhood is home to a whole menagerie of creatures great and small, both livestock and pets. Horses, goats, llamas, alpacas, sheep, birds, dogs, cats, reptiles and goldfish - we love to see them all. SRN would like to feature them in a photo gallery on our website home page, like last year's gallery of spring wildflowers. We've already received some wonderful pictures. You can see them here: <https://www.srnpdx.org/>

We would love more! Please send your best photos of your animals. Please identify the image file (.jpg or .png) with the animal's name. Images should be at least 500 x 500 pixels. Email to web_editor@srnpdx.org.

SKYLINE GRANGE #894

Native Plant Sales 2021
Double your fun! Two plant sales in 2021 at Skyline Grange
March Native Plant Sale Pre-Order Deadline: Pre-orders must be received by 5 p.m. on Friday, February 26.
Go [here](#) for all the details of both sales

SKYLINE SCHOOL



2021 Connect to Kindergarten

February 16, 2021
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If your child or a child you know will be five before September 1st, this message is for you! Today, PPS is kicking off a Reimagined Connect to Kindergarten campaign. Our goal is for every Kindergarten 2021 family to feel connected to their school community and confident about starting school in the fall. To learn more about our Connect to Kindergarten resources, supports and events, please watch our [Welcome to Kindergarten video](#). And, on behalf of the Early Learners Department, welcome to PPS!

To submit Kindergarten questions and join our PPS Kindergarten mailing list, please complete this short survey: [Kindergarten Interest Survey](#)

Use our [PPS School Finder Tool](#) to locate your neighborhood school. Register online for PPS Kindergarten [at this link](#).

OSU EXTENSION SERVICES

STORM DAMAGE

Posted on February 16, 2021

By Brad Withrow-Robinson, OSU Forestry and Natural Resources Extension – Benton, Linn and Polk Counties

First the fires, now the ice!

The Willamette Valley and foothills suffered another blow last weekend. The unusual and wide spread winter ice storm took down trees, took out power and disrupted life all across the region. Impacts include many urban and residential areas, as well as forested areas.

People are still surveying the damage and beginning clean up. As you consider what to do, please remember the warnings of the dangers involved, and use caution to protect yourself and others. Just in my neighborhood alone, I have seen several unadvised and frightening uses of chainsaws!

Broken and tangled branches create many hazards, including saw kick-back and movement of wood. Limbs may be bent and under extreme tension, loaded like giant springs that can snap back powerfully when cut. Many broken branches remain hanging in trees and can be shaken free by wind or when cutting other branches. Please use extreme caution when clearing limbs, and respect your own limits of skill and experience and follow Ann Landers advice to "seek professional help".

Here are some resources:

Safely responding to storm-related tree damage

<https://www.treesaregood.org/portals/0/docs/treecare/StormBrochure.pdf>

First Aid for Storm-Damaged Trees (University of Missouri Extension)

<https://extension.missouri.edu/publications/g6867>

Caring for Storm Damaged Trees (Colorado State Forest Service)

https://static.colostate.edu/client-files/csts/pdfs/FINAL_Storm_Damage_Quick_Guide.pdf

Safe and Effective Use of Chain Saws for Woodland Owners <https://catalog.extension.oregonstate.edu/ec1124>

The post [Storm Damage](#) appeared first on [Tree Topics](#).

Calendar

Skyline Ridge Neighbor, Inc Regular Board Meeting:
The SRN board meetings are routinely held the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm by Zoom. All are welcome to attend. For Zoom login information please reach out to Emily at emilybennett@gmail.com.
Next scheduled meeting is: 3/9/2021

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 Grange: <http://www.srnpdx.org/grange.html>
Forest Park Conservancy: <http://www.forestparkconservancy.org/>
Linn Community Center: <http://www.linncommunitycenter.org/>
Linn Community Association: <http://lincma.org/>
West Multnomah County Soil and Water Conservation District: <http://wmswd.org/>
Skyline School: <http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/skyline/>
Skyline School PTA: <https://skylineschoolpta.com/>
Lincoln High School: <http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/lincoln/>

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 Ehardt (editor) with help from Miles Merwin, Libby Merwin, and Seth Sporeth.

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. Urgent, timely items (crimes, lost pets) should be emailed to alert@srnpdx.org. If you would like more detailed information about any item on the Newsline, request that information & SRN will e-mail it to you if available.

You can [subscribe to the Newsline](#) at the Skyline Ridge Neighbors website, SRNPDX.org. Tell your neighbors about this free Newsline service.

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. 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.

