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# Skyline Rural Watch Newsline

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Date: February 2, 2024

## Request from a Neighbor

Some times when I go out on to our property I can smell toxic smoke, this is most likely from someone burning inappropriate materials in their fireplace. Plywood, plastics and other materials that use petroleum based glues and bonding agents should not be burnt due to the toxic nature of those substances. Could you please post a reminder in the Newsletter to our neighbors.

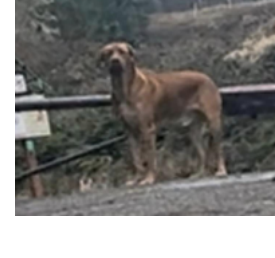
*Just wood in those fireplaces, OK? Thanks neighbors!*

## Stray Dog In McNamee Area

This pup has been hanging around the McNamee Road area for the past few days. Alaska Thayer is working with Wagging Tails Rescue to help the guy.

If you should see him please let Alaska know.

Please do not approach nor leave food out for him because that will hinder their efforts. Thank you so much!



Here's Alaska's Facebook link: <https://www.facebook.com/alaska.thayer?mibextid=ZbWKwJ>

## CENTURYLINK BILLING CREDIT

GREETINGS, NEIGHBORS,  
Many of you with the 621 telephone prefix, serviced by Century Link, experienced inconvenient disruptions in the past months. You are now able to call the Century Link billing department and receive compensation for the time(s) you lacked connectivity.  
The company hopes the repairs are durable; however, if you experience loss of service, kindly let us know - either Alex Rose (phone below) or George Sowder, (george.sowder@gmail.com).  
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13977 NW Skyline Blvd.  
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(213) 507-6616

## GRANGE ACTIVITIES

Skyline Grange is located at 11275 NW Skyline Blvd.



### 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"

WHEN: Wednesday, February 21, 2024

TIME: 7 p.m. for a discussion of the book

DETAILS:

- Burt Lazar and Judy Flynn will lead a discussion of this book by Douglas W. Tallamy. Hopefully you will find the ideas inspiring enough to join us in a lively book discussion that will present a hopeful & positive outlook on accommodating more biodiversity on our landscapes.
- We welcome kids to join into the discussion. There is an empowering Young Reader's Edition that drives home the positive point that kids are truly nature's best hope.
- To those who are interested but maybe not have the time or access to the book, there are a couple of options to get familiar with the topic. One is to look at the author's website at <https://HomeGrownNationalPark.org>. Another option is to view interviews with Tallamy on YouTube about both this book & his latest, *The Nature of Oaks*.

## DONATIONS WANTED: Donate to Grange's March 1-2 Garage Sale

This is the perfect time to clean out your sheds, attics, toys and equipment children have been out grown and house ... and donate to a good community resource.

- Our Spring Garage Sale is Friday-Saturday, March 1-2, 2024.
- All proceeds go to our Capital Improvement Fundraising Campaign to increase accessibility, safety, inclusivity, and functionality of our building.
- Donations for capital improvements are not considered tax-deductible by the IRS. By donating, you do support improvements to a place where local residents can connect, become informed and engaged in activities and in the well-being of our community.
- All donations must be clean & in working condition. See list below of items generally accepted and not accepted.
- QUESTIONS, email [skylinegrange894@msn.com](mailto:skylinegrange894@msn.com).

## DROP-OFF DATES

- Sun., Feb. 11 (10:15-11:15 a.m.) lighter, smaller donations only (no furniture, etc.)
- Fri., Feb. 16 (noon-1 p.m.) lighter, smaller donations only (no furniture, etc.)
- Sun., Feb. 18 (noon-1 p.m.) lighter, smaller donations only (no furniture, etc.)
- Fri., Feb. 23 (10 a.m. – 2 p.m.) both lighter and heavy, bulkier donations accepted
- Sat., Feb. 24 (10 a.m. – 2 p.m.) both lighter and heavy, bulkier donations accepted
- Sun., Feb. 25 (10 a.m. – 2 p.m.) both lighter and heavy, bulkier donations accepted

DONATION DEADLINE: Sunday, February 25, 2024 at 2 p.m.

**ITEMS ACCEPTED:** All donations must be clean & in working condition. In general, we accept donation from all sections of the household, tool shed, barn, furniture, pet/equine equipment, books, DVDs, vinyl records, toys, games, linen, kids' stuff. Clothing must be clean and in perfect condition. Did we say tools, yes tools, please.

**ITEMS REJECTED:** Please

- No televisions
- No computers, printers, or accessories
- No large exercise equipment
- No audiotapes or VHS tapes
- No child car seats, cribs, potties
- No skis or helmets
- No artificial flowers, Christmas trees or plants
- No dirty, broken, or uncomplete items.

## 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](mailto:bradgraff@gmail.com) or Tracey Larvenz [tlarvenz@gmail.com](mailto:tlarvenz@gmail.com).

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

**Events at Skyline Grange 894**  
<https://skylinegrange894.org/calendar/> Email: [skylinegrange894@msn.com](mailto:skylinegrange894@msn.com)

- 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.srnpdx.org/garlic-mustard.html>
- Apr. 5-6:** Tree & Native Plant Sale
- Grange Meetings: 2nd Mondays;** Contact [SkylineGrange894@msn.com](mailto:SkylineGrange894@msn.com) to confirm

**NET Meetings:** Contact [SkylineRidgeNET@gmail.com](mailto: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@srnpdx.org](mailto:newsline@srnpdx.org) and indicate how many times you want your ad to run.  
**Pricing 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 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 paying 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/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 Lauri EINHARDT (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](mailto:newsline@srnpdx.org), or leaving a message at (503) 621-3501. You can subscribe to the Newsline at SRNPDX.org [Click 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](http://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 [tdgruninger@srnpdx.org](mailto:tdgruninger@srnpdx.org). Or call Miles at (503-621-9967) 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 reply 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](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://linntonna.org/>
  - West Multnomah County Soil and Water Conservation District: <http://wmswcd.org/>
  - Skyline School: <http://www.ocs.k12.or.us/schools/skyline/>
  - Skyline School PTA: <https://skylineschoolpta.org/>
  - Lincoln High School: <http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/lincoln/>

