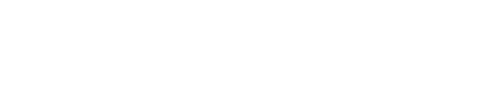


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Skyline Rural Watch Newsline

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Date: March 1, 2024

APRIL RIDGE RUNNER SUBMISSION DEADLINE MARCH 15

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SOLVE! SAVE THE DATE

What: Skyline Ridge Neighbors Neighborhood Roads Clean Up
When: 4/27/2024 9:00 AM to 12 PM

Walkers, bicyclists, residents and touring vehicles all enjoy Skyline Blvd with its fresh air, forest and farmland, and scenic vistas. Skyline Ridge Neighbors (smpdx.org) is dedicated to the betterment of far NW Multnomah County Neighborhood for both residents, friends and neighbors. Join us in this annual roadside litter clean up!

For more details or to preregister go to: [SOLVE](#) Or register on event day at Skyline Grange 11275 NW Skyline Blvd

POTHOLES!!!

We encourage you to reach out to Mult. Co. road repair and inform them of issues in your area. The more voices they hear, the more they'll be able to know of problems in your area and see how many folks are being impacted by the problems that need addressing. Thanks!

From the Mult Co Website:

The SeeClickFix app is an easy way to report issues with photos.
<https://www.multco.us/transportation/road-and-bridge-service-request-app>
Or call: 503-988-5050

For life-threatening emergencies, call 911

Phone is staffed Monday-Friday, 8am-4:30pm. Please leave a voicemail at other times.

If there is a life-threatening emergency, please call 911.

Examples of Hazardous Conditions

- Stop, Yield or Curve Ahead sign down or missing
- Malfunctioning traffic signal
- Tree on roadway obstructing traffic flow
- Debris or material on roadway obstructing traffic flow
- Standing water obstructing traffic flow
- Dead deer or elk obstructing traffic flow
- Pot hole or sink hole imposing significant traffic hazard

Examples of non-hazardous conditions

- Pot holes in road
- Road signs down or missing (Stop, Yield or Curve Ahead signs should be reported as a hazardous condition)
- Eroded shoulders
- Sight obstruction

Source: <https://www.multco.us/roads>

THE REALLY BAD SECTION ON LOWER ROCK CREEK ROAD

There is a stretch of road on lower Rock Creek Road that is a chronic problem that is in Washington County and for technical reasons they are not responsible for repairs. For several years, neighbors have gathered together to fill these potholes with their own muscles and money. If you would like to contribute muscle or money to this repair, checks can be made payable to SRN and noted For Rock Creek Road Repair and mailed to: SRN % Rachael Brake, 14109 NW Rock Creek Rd., Portland, OR 97231.

Those that want to add some muscle to the job, respond to this email and I'll put you in touch with the project coordinators.



Burlington Creek Update

from Metro dated 2/29/2024

Interested parties of the North Tualatin Mountains,

It's been a while since we've provided an update about Metro's park-building work in the North Tualatin Mountains. While the project has recently passed a milestone, that achievement required Metro to make the decision to pause work on the park at Burlington Creek Forest Natural Area for the foreseeable future. Because it's been a while, here's a refresher on the project, followed by an explanation for the pause.

Thanks to voters investing in nature, Metro has been caring for four North Tualatin Mountains properties north of Forest Park, since the year 2000. In 2014, a planning process began to determine the best uses for the properties that would meet Metro's mission to protect habitat and water quality while providing public access to nature. Community members participated throughout the planning process, providing invaluable contributions. In 2016, the Metro Council adopted the North Tualatin Mountains Access Master Plan.

The access plan calls for nature parks at the Burlington Creek Forest and McCarthy Creek natural areas. Ennis Creek and North Abbey Creek natural areas would largely be retained as conservation sites with limited public access. Designs for the Burlington Creek Forest Nature Park were submitted as part of a land use application to Multnomah County in 2017. After additional studies and conversations with the county and project stakeholders, land use approval was granted this winter.

While the permitting process was underway, voters passed a third bond measure in support of Metro's parks and nature work in 2019. Community members expressed strong interest in using the funds to take care of our existing parks, rather than building new infrastructure. We also heard support for advancing racial equity, sustainability and robust community engagement in our work. In evaluating department priorities and maintenance needs, other projects have been allocated the funds from the 2019 bond.

Through all of this, Metro recently made the tough decision to pause work on Burlington Creek Forest Nature Park. We started this project after the first parks and nature local-option levy was passed by voters in 2013. We're grateful to the community members and partner organizations, folks like you, who helped create a master plan for the park that we intend to, one day, realize.

Fight now, major investments are being made in Blue Lake and Oxbow regional parks, along with several other important projects.

As part of this decision, Metro recently returned a grant from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department that had been awarded for the Burlington Creek Nature Park.

Metro still intends to build a nature park in the North Tualatin Mountains. When the project has funding, all of the planning that's already been done will allow us to design and build the park that much quicker. Again, that good work was possible thanks to people like you who weighed in on the plans and designs for the park. We have a great relationship with the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department. When Metro is ready to build a nature park in North Tualatin Mountains, we are confident that parks with off road cycling will remain a priority for them.

Parks and Nature

Metro, 600 NE Grand Ave., Portland, OR 97232

GRANGE ACTIVITIES

Skyline Grange is located at 11275 NW Skyline Blvd.

skylinegrange894@msn.com.



GARAGE SALE @ SKYLINE GRANGE

DONATIONS FROM 30+ HOUSEHOLDS

DATE: Fri., Mar. 1, 2024 9am - 7pm

Sat., Mar. 2, 2024 9 am - 5 pm

NOTE:

- Easily Handicap Accessible: Main hall which houses most garage sale items
- Accessible only by Stairs: Restrooms, Tools, Home Maintenance, Sports, Pets, & Holiday Sections

DETAILS:

- This sale has a uniquely Skyline favor with a mix of practical to zany, plus equipment useful for semi-rural living.
- Items for every part of the house, including, kitchen wares, linens, furniture, home décor
- Items for home repairs, power & manual tools, gardening, landscaping, pets
- Books, DVDs, CDs, vinyls, holiday, clothing, emergency preparedness, sports & kids' sections.
- Our garage sales have a very faithful following because they are full of great finds, surprises, delicious fresh-from-the oven baked goods, and a welcoming atmosphere.
- It will be obvious we have worked hard to put on another great sale.

TREE & NATIVE PLANT SALE @ Skyline Grange

DATES: Friday-Saturday, April 5-6, 2024

TIME: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

The Sale has 2 Sections:

THE NATIVE PLANT SECTION

- Over 100 species available by on sale days or by pre-order.
- We encourage pre-ordering to best assure you to receive those special species you desire. Orders are filled on a first come, first served basis.
- DEADLINE TO PRE-ORDER NATIVE PLANTS IS SAT., MAR. 23 BY 5 PM.. You can get a "Native Pre-Order Form" & "Native Plant Descriptions" by: Downloading from www.skylinegrange894.org (available very soon) Or requesting at skylinegrange894@msn.com (available now) Or Picking copy up at Plainview Grocery Or picking copy up in Skyline Grange's plastic box on right of front entry

THE BARE ROOT SECTION

- This Includes shrubs and fruit-bearing, shade, and ornamental trees. Most of these bare root trees and shrubs are not true PNW "natives", but they have been selected for their compatibility to thrive in our area but will not out-compete plants in our local native habitat.
- These are not available by pre-order as we will not know the specific varieties we can obtain until just days before the sale.
- No caneberry bushes this year.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

April 27: SOLVE SRN Roadside Cleanup

Time: 9 till Noon

For details or to preregister go to: [SOLVE](#) Or register on event day at Skyline Grange 11275 NW Skyline Blvd

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 Graft, bradgraft@gmail.com or Tracey Larvenz tlarvenz@gmail.com.

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

Events at Skyline Grange 894

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

Mar. 1-2: Spring Garage Sale

Mar. 20, 7pm: Pollinators

Mar. 22 - June 15: Garlic Mustard Drop-off site. Info:

<https://www.smpdx.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

6-yr old Walnut Trees For Sale

I have English Walnut Trees that I am selling bare-root (digging up on request). They are Franquette Cultivar on Vlach Ro rootstock. Franquette is fantastic for our questionable Spring weather because they do not leaf-out until May. These trees were part of a commercial shipment meant for Ukraine in 2022. I've been growing them in a nursery row the last two years. I have about 20 to sell.

\$60-each

Phone: 503-812-3913

Email: Enjoy_Existence@yahoo.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 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 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.smpdx.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.smpdx.org/about/srn-main.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 Ehardt, 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@smpdx.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 smpdx.org website. It is published by Skyline Ridge Neighbors (SRN), an all-volunteer nonprofit neighborhood association, as a service to provide news and information to residents.

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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 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/>

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

Skyline School: <http://www.wcs.k12.or.us/schools/skyline/>

Skyline School PTA: <https://www.wcs.k12.or.us/schools/pta/>

Lincoln High School: <https://www.wcs.k12.or.us/schools/lincoln/>

