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# Skyline Rural Watch Newsline

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Date: April 23, 2024

## SRN Spring Meeting & Pizza Party, Apr. 24

When: Wed April 24 th , 6pm-7:30pm - see details below

### URGENT - TIME SENSITIVE LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR INTERNET ACCESS PROJECT

Dear Neighbors,  
 This is a wonderful chance for us to receive much stronger internet access for all. Kindly use the template below to write your own personal story of internet access "nightmares" you may have encountered; or even if you've heard a neighbor's plight, you can write about it. Personal details are important and our letters of support are key to getting this project off the ground. It will be managed by Century Link, which is a subsidiary of LUMEN, and it bodes well for greatly improved internet access for all. You are welcome to talk about how your children need stronger internet access to accomplish their homework/project assignments; those of you working from home and experience dropped services, emergency deployment, financial and medical assistance, etc.

We will be present at the SRN INFORMATION TABLE at Wednesday's PIZZA PARTY - 6:00 pm tomorrow at the Grange if you have any further questions. We hope to see you there!

**THE KICKER IS: Your letters need to be sent no later than 11:00 am Thursday morning 4/25** - yes, that's the day after tomorrow!!!! But this is all very doable - please don't hesitate to make your voice heard!!!

**PLEASE SEND YOUR LETTERS TO:** [maureen.mclaughlin@lumen.com](mailto:maureen.mclaughlin@lumen.com)

LETTER TEMPLATE:

[Letterhead]

April 23, 2024

Nick Batz - Director  
 Oregon Broadband Office  
 775 Summer St. NE - Suite 200  
 Salem, OR 97301

To Whom It May Concern:

I am providing this letter of support for the Broadband Deployment Program (BDP) grant application Qwest d/b/a Centurylink, (Lumen) is submitting to the Oregon Broadband Office for Burlington. This project will bring fiber-based internet services to over 300 unserved and underserved locations in the Burlington project area.

Many of the residents of Burlington have few, if any options, for internet service. Lumen's network could change this with financial assistance from Oregon's BDP program. Many homes and businesses in this area are considered unserved, with less than the FCC minimum speeds of 25/3 Mbps. Providing gigabit broadband with speeds of 940/940 Mbps will make a meaningful difference to our communities for economic development, better education, and healthcare, improving government services and in keeping our communities vital.

Many locations are considered unserved or only have access to expensive, unreliable satellite or point-to-point services. Many students are unable to complete the required schoolwork from home with these inadequate services.

Lumen has proven that it knows how to build, operate, and successfully manage wireline infrastructure to serve its more rural customers. Local communities and citizens know that they can depend on the services provided by Lumen/Centurylink.

Grant funds received from the program would be well utilized in reaching many underserved and unserved homes and businesses in the Burlington area.

Respectfully,

## SRN Spring Meeting & Pizza Party, Apr. 24

When: Wed April 24 th , 6pm-7:30pm

Where: At the Skyline Grange (11275 NW Skyline Blvd, Portland, OR 97231)

The SRN Pizza Party is almost here. It will be a fun relaxed evening to socialize with neighbors. Children are encouraged to come. This year we will have TWO raffle items: a \$100 gift certificate for The Meating Place and a Fire Extinguisher (2.5lb ABC) donated by United Fire.

- Stop by the Neighborhood Info Tables
- Neighborhood Emergency Team (NET)
  - Skyline Grange
  - Firewise, TVFR and United Fire
  - SRN, Skyline Internet and SOLVE
  - Metro Partners
  - Forest Park Conservancy
  - West Multnomah Soil and Conservation District

Fire Extinguisher Recycling  
 Simon Leathers (United Fire) will be there again this year with some fire extinguishers that you may purchase. He will also collect your old fire extinguishers to recycle at a cost of \$18 each unless a new one is purchased and then it is \$5 per extinguisher.  
 Community Bulletin Board  
 Don't forget to bring whatever news you want to share with neighbors to pin on the community bulletin board. Anything goes!

Please RSVP to Suzanne at [president@smpdx.org](mailto:president@smpdx.org) with the number in your group attending so we can estimate how much pizza to get. If you don't RSVP, feel free to come anyway because we will order some extra pizza.

## April 27, Saturday: SOLVE SRN Roadside Cleanup

**Make sure you have the correct date! This is a change from what went out in the recent Ridge Runner.**

SRN invites you to show some pride in our beautiful neighborhood with a few hours of volunteer time. Register at the Skyline Grange (11275 NW Skyline Blvd.) between 8:30 -10 AM to get SOLVE bags and a route assignment of your choosing. Light refreshments will also be available at the registration table. You can also pre-register on the SOLVE website:

[volunteer.solveoregon.org/opportunity/a0CVL00000Ki25p2AB/skyline-ridge-neighborhood-clean-up](http://volunteer.solveoregon.org/opportunity/a0CVL00000Ki25p2AB/skyline-ridge-neighborhood-clean-up)



## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Skyline Ridge Neighbors Events

#### April 24, Wed: SRN Annual Spring Meeting and Pizza Party

Time: 6 pm to 7:30 pm

Come join us for a Neighborhood Pizza Party. It is Wednesday, April 24th at the Skyline Grange (11275 NW Skyline Blvd, Portland, OR. 97231). After a brief business meeting, there will be representatives from the following organizations available to answer your questions: Metro Partners, Forest Park Conservancy, West Multnomah SWCD, Firewise, TVFR and Fire Marshal, SRN, SOLVE, Skyline Grange & Neighborhood Emergency Team.

#### April 27: SOLVE SRN Roadside Cleanup

Time: 9 till Noon

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

**July 27, 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@smpdx.org](mailto:srn@smpdx.org) for location

### Skyline Grange 894 Events

<https://skylinegrange894.org/calendar/> Email: [skylinegrange894@msn.com](mailto:skylinegrange894@msn.com)

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

<https://www.smpdx.org/garlic-mustard.html>

**May 22:** Beavers: Ecosystem Engineers

**Grange Meetings: 2nd Mondays;** Contact [SkylineGrange894@msn.com](mailto:SkylineGrange894@msn.com) to confirm

**NET Meetings:** Contact [SkylineRidgeNET@gmail.com](mailto:SkylineRidgeNET@gmail.com)

## CLASSIFIED ADS

### 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.

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-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 Erhardt (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@smpdx.org](mailto:newsline@smpdx.org), or leaving a message at (503) 621-3501.

You can subscribe to the Newsline at [SRNPDX.org](http://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](http://smpdx.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 [rdgrunne@smpdx.org](mailto:rdgrunne@smpdx.org). Or call Miles at (503-621-9867) 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 Neighbors, 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 Zooms 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 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/>

Linton Community Center: <http://www.lintoncommunitycenter.org/>

Linton Neighborhood Association: <http://lintonna.org/>

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

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

Skyline School PTA: <https://skylineschoolpta.org/>

Lincoln High School: <http://www.oes.k12.or.us/schools/lincoln/>

