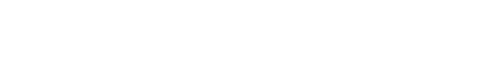


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Date: **May 20, 2021**

NW TRAIL ALLIANCE (NWTa) ROCKY POINT SOLVE CLEAN UP

[Rocky Point Clean Up with NWTa Northwest Trail Alliance](#)

Join us while we do our part to clean up our beloved Rocky Point Trails. Sunday, May 23rd, we will be picking up the garbage that was inherited when we signed the Rocky Point lease. Our objective will be to remove trash along Rocky Point Road.

When: Sunday, May 23rd at 11am

Where: Rocky Point Central Trailhead (45.696324, -122.888672) We will be meeting at the kiosk at the main trail head on the south side. Have yourself and gear ready to go by 11am. We recommend showing up early to ensure we respect each other's time.

Who: YOU! Our NWTa community is invited to join us in giving back to our trails and our planet. This is a family friendly event. We encourage families to join in. It's important to show our youth the importance of caring for the environment.

What: (to bring) Bright clothes! We will be cleaning up the parking area, roadside and near machinery. Make sure you are HIGHLY VISIBLE. We are picking up garbage, keep safe by wearing gloves and sturdy shoes. Due to Covid restrictions, NWTa cannot provide food and drinks. Bring plenty of snacks and water. Garbage bags will be provided!

Why: It is important to NWTa to be good stewards of our environment and the places where we recreate. Keeping these places clean and natural reflects the values of our organization and the values of our members.

How: We will be able to have this clean-up day because we all will be taking incredible precautions to keep each other safe. NWTa's Covid-19 protocol is to keep 6' of distance between each other and to wear a mask when you are within 20 ft of each other. That looks like a lot of mask-wearing. Not fun, but Covid is even less fun. Let's do our part in keeping each other safe. You are important to us!

Questions? Contact nancys@nw-trail.org

about NWTa:
 source: <https://nw-trail.org>

NWTa MISSION
Our mission is to advocate for new trails, to protect, improve, and build sustainable mountain bike trails, and to create recreation opportunities for mountain biking.

Who We Are
We are an organized and motivated group of volunteers with over 30 years advocating for access to trails, building trails, and maintaining trails. We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization located in Portland OR, serving roughly a 60 mile radius extending from the Oregon coast, into parts of Southern Washington's Gifford Pinchot National Forest and Mount St Helens National Monument, and to the Western foothills of Mount Hood National Forest. We work with approximately 10 federal, state, county, and municipal land management agencies, as well as private land managers.



<https://www.dfw.state.or.us/>

Invasive Cuban treefrogs found in plants shipped to Oregon (image available)

May 18, 2021

SALEM, Ore. – Two non-native and potentially invasive Cuban treefrogs (*Osteopilus septentrionalis*) were found Monday to be hitchhiking on nursery plants sold at one location in Oregon and another purchased online.

ODFW advises that all nursery plant retailers and customers inspect all products and contact wildlife officials if any frogs or other species are found hitchhiking on or inside of a product.

Please do not release any found animals into the wild and check with ODFW for specific identification of the species. If you find insects or snails, please report them to the Oregon Invasive Species hotline by calling 1-866-INVADER or visiting <https://oregoninvasiveshotline.org>.

At this time, wildlife officials are not sure if a Cuban treefrog could survive the entire year in Oregon but it could possibly survive the late spring to early fall timeframe in many parts of the state.

"It's critical to prevent non-native species from entering Oregon rather than try to deal with them once they've become established," said Rick Boatner, ODFW Invasive Species Supervisor. "This particular species of treefrog is a threat to native frogs and other amphibians in places where they have become established such as Florida because they can quickly reproduce and out-compete native frog species for food or space," added Boatner.

Cuban treefrogs prey on other frogs, tadpoles, small lizards and snakes. "They also secrete a mucus that may irritate your eyes and nose and cause allergy-like symptoms and possibly trigger an asthma attack," warned Boatner.

Similar to another invasive species incident that occurred last month involving [zebra mussels](#) found in Marimo Balls (Moss Balls) in aquariums, non-native tree frogs entered Oregon through a supply chain.

An image of a Cuban treefrog found in Oregon on May 17, 2021 is available here: https://www.dfw.state.or.us/news/images/2021/05/2021_CubanTreeFrog_found_in_Oregon.jpg

For more information about Oregon's native frog and toad species, visit the Oregon Conservation Strategy website; [Cascades Frog](#), [Columbia Spotted Frog](#), [Foothill Yellow-legged Frog](#), [Northern Red-legged Frog](#), [Oregon Spotted Frog](#), [the Rocky Mountain Tailed Frog](#) and the [Western Toad](#).

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<https://www.tvfr.com/>

WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS

Are you prepared for wildfire season? Join TVF&R's online presentation of "Ready, Set, GO!" to learn about creating and maintaining defensible space around your home, forming emergency plans, and preparing emergency kits.

TVF&R's Fire & Life Safety presenters will cover the simple steps you can take now to best prepare your home and family for wildfire season.

Visit www.tvfr.com/395 to sign up for one of our scheduled presentations via Zoom and gain access to additional wildfire safety and planning information. The website link will also include a sign-up to our pre-recorded, on-demand classes for those who cannot attend one of the live presentations.

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Wildfires Can Happen Here — Take Steps Now to Reduce Risks

It's important for property owners to take steps to help protect your home and land from potential wildfires this summer.

During a wildfire, time is crucial and resources are limited. What you've done before a fire strikes may determine whether firefighters are able to save your home and other structures on your property.

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue has taken deliberate steps in the past 20 years to ensure a quick and effective response to wildfire, including investing in specialized wildland vehicles and equipment. Firefighters also participate in hands-on training.

This is the perfect time to create a 30-foot defensible space or safety zone around your home that may help firefighters safely protect your home from an encroaching fire.

To create this space, homeowners are encouraged to take the following steps:

- De-limb trees at least 10 feet up from the ground and cut back tree limbs hanging over your roof.
- Trim branches that are within 10 feet of a chimney.
- Consider replacing wood shakes or shingles on the roof with non-combustible or fire-resistant materials.
- Remove leaves, brush, and other debris from your gutters, rooftop, and underneath decks and crawlspaces.
- Regularly mow and water lawns and other green belts on your property. Keep your landscaping well pruned and watered.
- Plant low-growing, fire-resistant plants such as groundcover, perennials, and annuals near your home. Plant individual shrubs and hardwood trees at least 10 feet from your home and other structures.
- Store firewood and other combustibles at least 100 feet from your home.

Ensure firefighters can quickly find your home by posting your address at the beginning of a long driveway. Make sure your street is named or numbered and a sign is posted at each street intersection of your driveway or road. If you need a rural address sign, call 503-697-9418.

Access to your property is also crucial. To ensure crews can safely respond, cut back low-hanging tree limbs and clear dense vegetation and debris from the road or driveway. Driveways should be 20 feet wide and have a minimum clearance of 15 feet overhead.

For more information about wildfire safety tips and additional preventative measures, visit www.tvfr.com/395 for "Ready, Set, Go!" wildfire resources.

NEIGHBORHOOD

MAIL THEFTS

I've been hearing more reports of mail thefts recently, so I repost this article from September 2020 with some very good information from mail carrier Marla.

Tips From Sauvie Island Mail Carrier Marla source: [Sauvie Island Newslink for September 2020](#)

Over the past several weeks there has been an abundance of mail theft. It has occurred all over the west hills, including portions of the island, specifically Charton Rd, as I have heard from residents there.

On Friday the 28th of August I saw a suspicious vehicle on Harborton Rd. I wasn't able to capture a photo but did get a license number and passed all of that information along to the local postal inspector. Speaking with the local residents there made me aware mail boxes were left open the next day, and one whole locking mail box that was securely attached to a metal post was completely taken. Speaking with both of my coworkers they report mail theft also, including another whole locking box taken from on Newberry Rd.

I have several suggestions that may help curb mail being taken.

Pick up as soon as possible, with that being said, the suspicious vehicle I had seen on Harborton, thought I had left the area, he was literally right behind me.

I'm usually on the island from 9:30am and off by 2pm. If it doesn't show up between, those times try again, maybe by 4pm, picking up the mail as quickly as possible, I still see at least 30% and more of mail in boxes the next day, or longer.

The website for [Informed Delivery](#) is FREE and will give you a photo of every letter that will come to your address and also let you know if a package is coming. Sign up your address and an email will come to you every morning with the photos of your letters.

Report theft on the [USPS.com](https://www.usps.com) web site, scroll to the bottom of the page and click on postal inspector, scroll all the way down where it says report a crime, this is a FEDERAL offense.

Lastly, a locking box, though it seems that extreme measures are being taken by taking the whole box, it will at least slow them down. Also, if you can find a locking box that allows retrieving your mail from the back, it seems the thieves would prefer not to get out of the vehicle to break the lock and if that locking door is in the front they pull right up and pop the lock out.

One last input from us carriers, if you go by the way of a lock box, or even for parcels that won't fit in your box, it would make it easier for the carriers to get some type of plastic tote we can put your parcels in—this especially pertains for those of you that have gates. A container that has the capacity to lock is a nice feature as I can secure it.

I hope this is helpful information, don't hesitate to call me if you have any questions 360-607-1321

Marla

To see the complete Sauvie Island September Newslinks with information regarding community, wildlife and businesses on Sauvie Islands go to: <https://mailchi.mp/d885f85b24d1/newslinks-september-2020?e=06ada9d10c>

Report mail theft to: <https://www.usps.gov/report>

Skyline Ridge Neighbors, Inc Website

<https://www.smpdx.org/>

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 emily@srnmeet@gmail.com
 Next scheduled meeting is: 5/11/2021

Skyline Ridge Runner Deadline for the next issue is June 15. If you have any ads, calendar listings, news items, stories, letters, photos, etc. that you would like to submit for publication in the July edition, please email them to rdgerunner@smpdx.org. Or call me (503-621-9867) to let me 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. Thanks, Miles Merwin Editor

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 Grange: <https://skylinegrange984.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.cps.k12.or.us/schools/skyline/>
 Skyline School PTA: <https://skylineschoolpta.com/>
 Lincoln High School: <http://www.cps.k12.or.us/schools/lincoln/>

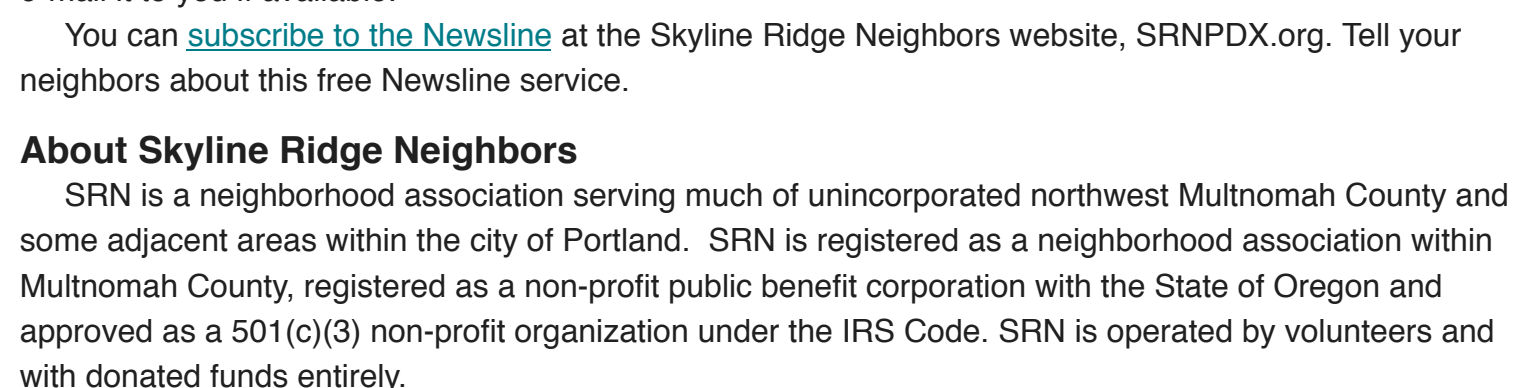
About the Newslite
 Skyline Rural Watch Newslite is a part of Skyline Ridge Neighbors (SRN) and has been produced since June 1994 as a means to communicate neighborhood information. The Newslite is produced by Laurel Ehardt (editor) with help from Miles Merwin, Libby Merwin, and Sen Speriol.

The Newslite 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 Newslite, you may do so by e-mailing the information to newslite@smpdx.org, or leaving a message at (503) 621-3501. Urgent, timely items (crimes, lost pets) should be emailed to alert@smpdx.org. If you would like more detailed information about any item on the Newslite, request that information & SRN will e-mail it to you if available.

You can [subscribe to the Newslite](#) at the Skyline Ridge Neighbors website, SRNPDX.org. Tell your neighbors about this free Newslite 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 incorporated 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 Newslite service and the publication of its quarterly Skyline Ridge Runner, send your donation to "Skyline Ridge Neighbors," c/o Rachael Brake, 14109 NW Flock Creek Rd, Portland OR 97231. Contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.



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