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# Skyline Rural Watch Newsline

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## MULTNOMAH COUNTY LAND USE NEWS

Multnomah County Land Use & Transportation Program  
1600 SE 190TH Ave., Portland, OR 97233  
Phone 503-988-3043. Fax 503-988-3389. <https://www.multco.us/landuse>

## LAND USE DIVISION OPERATIONS

Multnomah County Land Use offices are open by appointment only. Appointments are available on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, from 9am to 12pm and 1pm to 4pm. To make an appointment, call 503-988-3043 or visit [land.use.planning@multco.us](mailto:land.use.planning@multco.us).

## APPLICATION FOR A LOT of VERIFICATION & SEC-h & SEC-v PERMITS

CASE #: T2-2024-0043  
LOCATION: 26735 NW St. Helens Rd.  
BASE ZONE: Commercial Forest Use-(CFU-2)  
OVERLAYS: Significant Environmental Concern for wildlife (SEC-h) & for scenic view (SEC-v)  
PROPOSAL: Applicant requests a Planning Director Decision for a lawfully established habitable dwelling in order to construct a replacement dwelling due to a fire that occurred in August 2023. SEC-h & SEC-v permits are required. Additionally, a Lot of Record Verification is requested for the property.  
COMMENT PERIOD: Neighbors may submit written comments for the proposal. Comments should be directed toward the approval criteria listed. Any neighbor that submits comments will receive the County's complete decision. Written comments will be accepted at [LUP-comments@multco.us](mailto:LUP-comments@multco.us) if received by 4 p.m. on Friday, June 7, 2024.  
DETAILS: For more information, go to [T2-2024-0043 OTC 05242024.pdf](https://www.multco.us/landuse/OTC-05242024.pdf) ([multco-web7-psh-files-usw2.s3-us-west-2.amazonaws.com](https://www.multco.us/landuse/OTC-05242024.pdf))

## TIME RUNNING OUT: PULL SCOTCH BROOM NOW

- Now is the time to pull, control, eradicate as many Scotch Broom shrubs as possible before they go to seed, which is soon. You can borrow a Weed Wrench from SRN to fairly easily pull out these plants by the roots. To borrow a large or medium size tool, contact Sen at 503-621-3331 (15000 block of Skyline) or a small size tool by contacting Laura at 503-407-7175 (McNamee).
- Our landscape is bright with yellow blooming Scotch Broom, beautiful but a huge problem. Scotch broom is on Oregon Dept. of Agriculture's notorious Noxious Weed List. Did you know each plant can produce 20,000 seeds/year and its seeds are viable for 30 years. This highly aggressive shrub outcompetes native and beneficial plants and is highly flammable.
- Photos & Info: [King County Best Management Practices - Scotch Broom \(Scot's Broom, Cytisus scoparius\)](#) and [Scotch broom identification and control: Cytisus scoparius - King County, Washington](#).
- PS: Weed Wrench is helpful when pulling other woody shrubs, such as holly and tree saplings.

## SPRING BACKYARD BURN SEASON ENDS 6/15:

- After June 15, you will have to wait until October 1 to burn.
- Residential "backyard" outdoor burning is limited to approved burn days and hours during the spring (March 1-June 15) and fall (October 1- December 15). This allows for limited outdoor burning of yard debris, leaves and tree trimmings in accordance with DEQ Rules and ODF rules.
- Check the TVF&R Outdoor Burning Map at [Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue Burn Restrictions \(arcgis.com\)](#) to see if your address is allowed residential backyard debris burning.
- If burning is allowed in your area, find out whether it is an approved burn day by calling TVF&R's Burn Message at 503-259-1789. Call before you burn. Days and hours approved depend upon air quality and fire risks.
- Unauthorized burning during a burn ban may be subject to enforcement.
- Never leave a fire unattended. Escaped fire is a leading cause of wildfires in Oregon.



## Join us for the 2024 Summer Gathering

[Plumper Pumpkin Patch](#)  
Saturday, July 27  
4-8pm

The SRN crew is busy collecting donations for the Live & Silent Auctions at this year's Summer Gathering. We want to showcase items from our wonderful local community! **Do you have a special skill or hobby that you could offer as a donation?** Here are some ideas:

- Home visit from an indoor plant expert
- Complimentary appointment with a home organizer
- Car tune up from a mechanic
- Processed partial animal from local farmer
- Service time from a home handyperson
- A couple hours of landscaping work
- Crafting lessons - knitting, crochet, pottery, any creative outlet

Share your ideas with us at [srn.auction@gmail.com](mailto:srn.auction@gmail.com) and we can craft a custom auction item that works with your schedule. This is a fantastic way to support SRN. We are excited to see what our neighbors have to offer!

Nicole Anderson  
2024 Auction Chair  
[srn.auction@gmail.com](mailto:srn.auction@gmail.com)

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Skyline Ridge Neighbors Events

**July 27, 2024 - 4-8 PM.** At the Plumper Pumpkin Patch. 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). All the details are at: <https://www.smpdx.org/summer-gathering-573265.html>

**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>

**Yoga - See Calendar for Dates and Times**

**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/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 Laurel Ehardt (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 [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](https://www.smpdx.org) website. It is published by Skyline Ridge Neighbors (SRN), an all-volunteer non-profit 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 [editor@srn.smpdx.org](mailto:editor@srn.smpdx.org). Or call Rachel at (503) 621-9887 to let her 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.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/>
- Linnton Community Center: <http://www.linntoncommunitycenter.org/>
- Linnton Neighborhood Association: <http://linnton.org/>
- West Multnomah County Soil and Water Conservation District: <http://wmswcd.org/>
- Skyline School: <http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/skyline/>
- Skyline School PTA: <https://skylineschoolpta.org/>
- Lincoln High School: <http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/lincoln/>

