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# Skyline Rural Watch Newsline

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Date: June 10, 2022

## SKYLINE GRANGE #894

<https://skylinegrange894.org/>

### TRAVEL TO MYKONOS, GREECE at Skyline Grange

Our first travel movie was well received (as was the caramel popcorn). So, join us for a showing of the second movie in our Travel Movie Series for a trip to Greece. We chose this movie because we all need a little lightheartedness in our lives at this time.

What: Showing of "Shirley Valentine"  
 When: Friday, June 10, 2022  
 Time: Doors open at 6 p.m. Movie begins at 6:30 p.m.

Details: This comedy-romance-drama movie will take you from a drab life in Liverpool to Greece.

Shirley (Pauline Collins) is a middle-aged Liverpool housewife, who finds herself talking to the wall while she prepares her husband's chip'n'egg, wondering what happened to her life. But when her best friend wins an all-expenses-paid vacation to Greece for two, she leaves a note for her husband "Gone to Greece, back in 2 weeks." Off Shirley goes to beautiful Mykonos where people are full of life, including Costas, a local Greek man. She realizes that there is more to life than the dull, mundane existence she leads back home in Liverpool. Rated R (contains some mild nudity & non-explicit sex scene). Filmed in Liverpool and Mykonos, Greece. English. 108 minutes.



### WORK PARTY

When: Saturday, June 11  
 Time: 9 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Details: Saturday is predicted to be wet, consequently tasks done at this work party will need to be modified depending upon the intensity of rain. Drizzle and weeding/working aren't compatible. Still, we hope to be able to at least clear some of the damage from the April snowstorm, prune, power wash cement pads, and some weeding. Obviously, dress for the weather if you work outside. We have added to the indoor task list for those who do not want to chance shrinking in the rain. Lots of tasks to choose from. All are welcome to help. Dress for the weather and bring tools. We will take a well needed lunch break which is guaranteed to satisfy and to provide plenty of bantering and stimulating conversation. Though not required, rsvp to [skylinegrange894@msn.com](mailto:skylinegrange894@msn.com) so we can plan lunch attendance.

### FIREWISE ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Skyline Grange will host a Firewise education/outreach event along with an ice cream social. And if weather permits, croquet, badminton, and cornhole areas will be set up.

When: Saturday, June 11  
 Time: 2 – 3:30 p.m.

Details: Meet fire department personnel.  
 - Learn about having your property assessed by your local fire department to receive recommendations on how to make your home more defensible against wildfires.  
 - Pick up information about evacuation protocols, when to evacuate, and preparing for evacuation.  
 - Pick up literature about pet and large animal preparedness, how to make a family plan, how to reduce your risks.

## 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 next edition, please email them to [rdgrunner@smpdx.org](mailto:rdgrunner@smpdx.org). Or call me (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.

### WEED CONTROL

This is an excellent time to control noxious weeds. The ground is wet, so plants tend to pull much easier now. This is a particularly timely moment to pull garlic mustard, ivy, and Scots broom before they go to seed.

#### • GOT SCOTS BROOM? BORROW A WEED WRENCH NOW

Soon the bright yellow Scot broom will burst their seed pods, spreading seeds onto the ground. Before this happens, borrow a Weed Wrench from SRN to remove these noxious weeds. Once the seed burst out of the seed pods, they can be viable in the soil for decades! Yikes! Little plants can be easily pulled up by hand, but once established – borrow a Weed Wrench. Call Sen (503-621-3331) to borrow a medium or large size (located on Skyline near milepost 15). For the small size, call Laura on McNamee (503-407-7175). It is simple to use.

Other Weed Wrench Uses:

- In general, the Weed Wrench will uproot any woody plant if the jaws fit around the stem.
- It is trickier on multi-stem plants but not impossible.
- It won't work on root suckers where the sapling you see above ground may look like it could be pulled, but it is actually growing from a large root from the mother tree and cannot be pulled. Thus it may be of some help with hawthorn and holly, but you may need to do some digging too.
- It will work on some herbaceous plants if the stem is fibrous and tough enough so the roots pull out before the stem is crushed to the breaking point (burdock and some thistles for example).
- It should not be used to pull steel fence posts and will not work on soft-stemmed plants or plants growing in a clump like pampas grass or bamboo.

#### • ENGLISH IVY

An excellent source of information about how to pull and control ivy is at <https://wmswcd.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/Ivy-WEB.pdf>. Ideally, pull the whole root system up. At a minimum, if you have any flowering ivy, cut and dispose of the flowering part now before birds can distribute the seeds to other locations.

#### • GARLIC MUSTARD

It is almost the end of this spring's garlic mustard pulling opportunity. Soon its seed pods will burst, spreading many seeds. West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District and the City of Portland are again on the job of controlling this formidable enemy of our natural habitat. Again SRN, FPNA, and Skyline Grange encourage local residents to be involve by:

- learning how to identify this plant at [garlic\\_mustard\\_overview\\_srbgmcn.pdf \(smpdx.org\)](#),
- monitoring their properties,
- pulling, bagging & disposing of plants according to protocol [Garlic Mustard - SRN \(smpdx.org\)](#),
- monitoring when walking our roadsides,
- scrubbing your footwear and bicycle wheels off when leaving a garlic mustard area,
- And roadside Walkers – look for garlic mustard plants while you are enjoying your walk

Skyline Grange again hosts a free disposal site for plants that you have pulled and are in a secure heavy-duty plastic bag. This disposal site is available through mid-June. When you bring bags, please enter your data on the provided data sheet at the site giving location pulled, approximate number, and any other helpful information. Skyline Grange is located at 11275 NW Skyline Blvd.

## SKYLINE RIDGE NET NEWS

[SkylineRidgeNET@gmail.com](mailto:SkylineRidgeNET@gmail.com)

We wanted to let you know about a new video game that is educational while being entertaining:

### Cascadia 9.0 – The Video Game!

Students of Peter Drake and Elizabeth Safran (both NETs) at Lewis and Clark College have completed the Cascadia game! Play here: <https://peterdrake.tech.io/cascadia90> This is a great learning tool for us living in earthquake country. It's the first of four games being developed by researchers at Lewis & Clark College in consultation with local disaster management experts and with funding from the National Science Foundation.



<https://wmswcd.org/>

## WMSWCD Board Personnel Committee Meeting Announcement

West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District  
 2701 NW Vaughn St., Ste. 450  
 Portland, OR 97210  
 (503) 238-4775, ext. 100

Contact: [admin@wmswcd.org](mailto:admin@wmswcd.org)

June 10, 2022  
 For Immediate Release

The West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District (WMSWCD) Personnel Committee will meet via Zoom on Wednesday, June 15, 2022 beginning at 2:00 p.m. A Zoom access code will be required to access the meeting. Interested participants may request the ID by emailing [admin@wmswcd.org](mailto:admin@wmswcd.org) with the subject line "Request for Conference ID" or by calling 503-238-4775 and leaving a voicemail message at extension 100, no later than 5:00 p.m. the day before the meeting. The purpose of the Personnel Committee meeting is to discuss the recruitment of a new District Manager. The Board of Directors' Ad hoc Personnel committee meets as necessary, and due to COVID-19 restrictions, in lieu of meeting in-person, meetings will be held virtually via Zoom until further notice.

## WMSWCD Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee June Meeting Announcement

The Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Committee of the West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District (WMSWCD) will be holding a public meeting on Tuesday, June 14, 2022 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. The Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee is a standing Committee to the West Multnomah SWCD Board of Directors. Comprised of both Board and District staff, the Committee advises the Board on implementation of the District's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Initiative. The purpose of the Initiative is to ensure the District is a culturally inclusive organization that welcomes and engages everyone in all facets of our organization, activities, and programs.

Due to health and safety measures in place during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting will take place online on Zoom. Members of the public are welcomed to attend. An access code will be required to access the meeting. Interested participants may request the code by emailing [scott@wmswcd.org](mailto:scott@wmswcd.org) with the subject line "Request for Conference ID" no later than 3:00 p.m. the day prior to the meeting. Meeting documents will be available for inspection on the District's website (<https://wmswcd.org/people-places-things/the-west-multnomah-swcd/diversity-and-equity/>) no later than 5:00 p.m. the day prior to the meeting. Accommodations for people with disabilities can be arranged with advance notice by calling West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District at (503) 238-4775 x100 no later than 3:00 pm the day prior to the meeting.

At this meeting the Committee will discuss: results of the District's Education Niche Finding exercise, including suggestions, questions, and comments received regarding how the District may best address and/or incorporate feedback into our work more broadly beyond just our "education programming;" how to carry forward learnings from the District's recent white supremacy culture training; the District's plan for presenting on DEI at the Oregon Conservation Education and Assistance Network's CONNECT conference on June 10, 2022.

The mission of the West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District is to provide resources, information, and expertise to inspire people to actively improve air and water quality, fish and wildlife habitat, and soil health. The District's service territory is Multnomah County west of the Willamette River, all of Sauvie Island, and the Bonny Slope portion of the Tualatin Mountains in Washington County. More information about WMSWCD's investment in DEI, as well as materials related to this meeting, can be found on the WMSWCD website: <https://wmswcd.org/people-places-things/the-west-multnomah-swcd/diversity-and-equity/>

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## BACKYARD BURN SEASON ENDS 6/15 - CALL BEFORE YOU BURN 503-259-1789

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.

a. Check the TVF&R Outdoor Burning Map at Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue Burn Restrictions ([arcgis.com](http://arcgis.com)) to see if your address is allowed residential backyard debris burning.

b. Next, 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!

### And don't forget those weed wrenches are available for loan from SRN.

Borrow a tool to eliminate Scotch broom, holly and other woody shrubs, sapling trees easily. SRN will lend 3 sizes of Weed Wrench. Contact Sen (503.621.3331) for large and medium size (Skyline near mile marker 15). Contact Laura (503.407.7175) for small size (McNamee Rd.).

### Advertisement

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

Please pay for your ad in advance by either mailing a check payable to SRN to our Treasurer Rachael Brake, 14109 NW Rock Creek Rd., Portland 97231, or via the Verimo phone app to [cmbrake@hotmail.com](mailto:cmbrake@hotmail.com). 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.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 donated 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, Inc Rachael Brake, 14109 NW Rock Creek Rd., Portland OR 97231. Contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

### About the Newsline

The Skyline Rural Watch Newsline is a part of Skyline Ridge Neighbors and has been produced since June 1994 as a means to communicate neighborhood information. The Newsline is produced by Laurel Ernst (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 next Newsline, you may do so by e-mailing the information to [terrell@smpdx.org](mailto:terrell@smpdx.org), or leaving a message at (503) 621-3501. You can subscribe to the Newsline at [SRNPD.ORG](mailto:SRNPD.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://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.

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### 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 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://linntonnsa.org/>  
 West Multnomah County Soil and Water Conservation District: <http://wmswcd.org/>  
 Skyline School: <http://www.sps.k12.or.us/schools/skyline/>  
 Skyline School IPA: <http://www.sps.k12.or.us/schools/skyline/>  
 Lincoln High School: <http://www.sps.k12.or.us/schools/lincoln/>

