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Skyline Rural Watch Newsline

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Date: July 4, 2021

NEIGHBORS

* The SRN Newsline had a report in our June 18th newsline of a cougar game cam sighting. Our neighbor at the top of McNamee also captured a cougar on his game camera around June 14th.

* Wandering dogs Leroy and Ro are back home.

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. <http://web.multco.us/land-use-planning>

LAND USE DIVISION OPERATIONS DURING PANDEMIC

For details, go to:
[Land Use Planning office operations during the COVID-19 pandemic | Multnomah County \(multco.us\)](#)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING: 17865 NW St Helens Rd, Portland

CASE #: T3-2020-13788
LOCATION: 17865 NW St Helens Rd, Portland
BASE ZONE: Commercial Forest Use-2 (CFU-2)
OVERLAYS: Geological Hazard (GH) and Significant Environmental Concern for wildlife habitat (SEC-h), streams (SEC-s) & scenic view (SEC-v)
PROPOSAL: Applicant requests approval of a Community Service Conditional Use Permit, SEC-h, -s, &-v, and Design Review for a Cemetery. No support structures or buildings are included in this proposal. A parking lot is proposed in the northwest corner of the property to accommodate visitor-parking needs. Two signs are proposed, with one at the driveway entrance from NW St. Helens Rd, and one at the entrance to the parking lot.
HEARING A public hearing is scheduled before one of the County Hearings Officers on Thursday, July 8 at 9 a.m. or soon thereafter. The hearing will be held virtually. This hearing will be open to the public. Interested parties should contact the Land Use Office to register. You will need to provide your name, phone number and email address either by phone 503-988-3043 or email to land.use.planning@multco.us. No later than noon on July 7.
DETAILS: Visit [Hearing Notice_T3-2020-13788 \(1\).pdf \(multco-web7-psh-files-usw2-s3-us-west-2.amazonaws.com\)](#)



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

TVF&R URGES PEOPLE TO NOT USE FIREWORKS THIS HOLIDAY

News Release from **Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue**
Posted on *FlashAlert: June 29th, 2021 12:56 PM*

Downloadable file: [TVFR Statement on Fireworks Restrictions 2021.pdf](#)

With record-breaking weather and drought conditions, Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue is urging people to not use fireworks this year. Though TVF&R does not have the legal authority to ban fireworks, some cities in the region have already banned fireworks or are considering doing so. Please consider attending a professional show, watching an event on television, or celebrating Independence Day without fireworks.

This is normally the busiest time of year for emergency responders and dispatchers without record temperatures, and the heat has proven difficult for the most vulnerable in our communities. Only call 911 to report emergencies. Preventing fires requires collective effort and goes beyond fireworks. Visit <https://indd.adobe.com/view/9c3bfb6a-277b-463a-843e-fcbce107c788> for tips about proper disposal of briquettes, smoking materials and other activities.

OREGON DEPT OF FORESTRY FIRE PREVENTION

<https://www.dfw.state.or.us/>
<https://www.oregon.gov/odf/Pages/index.aspx>
<https://www.oregon.gov/odf/fire/pages/restrictions.aspx>

It's no secret that we are all in store for a crazy week ahead with the weather. First and foremost, please take care of yourselves and your family. Second, I would like to encourage all of you to don the Smokey Bear hat in your professional and personal lives. Not just during this extreme heat episode, but throughout the summer as well. It's been said far too often since Labor Day 2020, but we are definitely living in unprecedented times. Bottom line...If you see something, say something. Share with friends, neighbors and family the importance of wildfire prevention. Here are a few key messages worth sticking in your back pocket.

- Know before you go. Check to see what public fire restrictions are in place before leaving home. Campfires, off-road driving, fire tool and water requirements, etc.
- Regardless of campfire restrictions, only have campfires in approved campgrounds.
- Forget the campfire if the wind is blowing. Use a portable cooking stove with propane bottles.
- Make sure the campfire is dead out before heading to bed or leaving the area.
- Make sure vehicles are in good operating condition (exhaust systems, catalytic converters, coolant, brakes, dragging tow chains).
- If you must mow dry grass, and it is allowed in your area, do it early in the morning.
- Same goes for any other spark emitting activity. Best to think before you act. Can this activity spark and ignite a fire?
- Outdoor debris burning season is over. Cover the pile(s) and wait for the end of fire season and fall rains.
- Target shooting should only take place in clear areas, free of rocks and hard surfaces that could cause sparks from ricochet. Some state and federal forests have designated areas.

Forest Operations

- Fire season is in effect on all ODF protected lands.
- Make sure everyone on the operation knows their assignment in the event of a fire.
- Report fire first and then take action if able to safely.
- Make sure all power-driven machinery is in good operating condition.
- Spark arresters are cleaned out and mounted properly according to the spark arrester guide.
- Water supply and delivery system is immediately available and ready. Start pump every day.
- Fire tools and extinguishers are immediately available.
- Remove excess debris from engine compartments.
- Clear around blocks and prevent line rub on cable operations.
- Fire watch service in place and actively observing all areas of activity during breaks and at the end of the day.
- Be aware of fire risk time restrictions/IFPL (<https://gisapps.odf.oregon.gov/firerestrictions/IFPL.html>)

Thanks everyone. Be safe.

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WEEDS!!! TANSY RAGWORT *Jacobaea vulgaris*

From walking and driving our roads, it appears we have an increased amount of Tansy Ragwort blooming this year. Tansy ragwort is an **invasive, toxic biennial weed** from Europe most often found in pastures and along roads and trails. Although animals tend to avoid it, they may eat enough of it to become ill and even die. Cattle and horses are most vulnerable to poisoning but deer, pigs and goats are also at risk.



Information about how to identify this plant can be found at [tansy-ragwort-flowers-SShaw.ashx \(788x1024\) \(kingcounty.gov\)](#). Mature plants grow 2-4 feet tall; their leaves are dark green on top, whitish-green below, with deeply cut, blunt-toothed lobes and a ragged, ruffled look. In June-October, clusters of daisy-like flowers with 13 yellow ray petals and yellow-orange centers appear at stem ends. Reproduces via abundant seeds that persist in soil more than 10 years. Tansy ragwort is often confused with an even more widespread weed called **common tansy (*Tanacetum vulgare*)**, also a European species and somewhat toxic, but not generally consumed by livestock because of its strong odor and very bitter taste. The two "tansies" are most readily distinguished by their flowers. Tansy ragwort has outer ray petals on its blooms and common tansy just has button-like blooms with no outer petals.

Information about best practices in controlling this plant can be found at [King County Best Management Practices - Tansy Ragwort \(Senecio jacobaea\)](#). And [Tansy Ragwort | OSU Extension Service \(oregonstate.edu\)](#). Pull the plants after they bolt but before they flower, usually May to June. Because this is a toxic plant, gloves and protective clothing should be worn. Plants in flower can form viable seeds even after they are pulled, so carefully bag and dispose of all flowering plants. If the plants are seeding, it is very difficult to bag the seed heads without dispersing the seeds, so bag flowering plants well before seeds mature.

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 ebemilybennett@gmail.com
Next scheduled meeting is: 7/13/2021

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 rdbrunner@smpdx.org. Or call me (503-621-8887) 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://skylinegrange884.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://wmsawcd.org/>
Skyline School: <http://www.nms.k12.or.us/schools/skyline/>
Skyline School PTA: <https://skylineschoolpta.com/>
Lincoln High School: <http://www.epp.k12.or.us/schools/lincoln/>

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) with help from Miles Merwin, Libby Merwin, and Sen Speroff.

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, 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 Newsline, request that information & SRN will e-mail it to you if available.

You can [subscribe to the Newsline](#) at the Skyline Ridge Neighbors website, SRNPDX.org. Tell your neighbors about this free Newsline 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 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.



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