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## Skyline Rural Watch Newsline

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Date: September 15, 2023

### ONE ADULT FOUND DECEASED IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY HOUSE FIRE

News Release from **Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue**  
*Posted on FlashAlert: September 14th, 2023 4:41 PM*

At 12:08 p.m. Thursday, callers to 911 reported seeing thick, black smoke billowing from a home on Plainview Road off Cornelius Pass Road in unincorporated Multnomah County. Fire crews from Portland Fire & Rescue were first to arrive on scene and confirmed to dispatch that a home was fully engulfed in flames. There were no reports or signs of occupants in the home at the time. Portland crews took command of the scene and began fighting the fire from the outside of the single-story home.

Additional resources, including TVF&R apparatus, arrived and helped establish a water supply. Firefighters entered the structure through a daylight basement and worked their way to the first floor where they found one deceased individual along with a dog. Firefighters then conducted a second search of the home to confirm there were no additional occupants inside. The fire was brought under control at 1:21 p.m. Upon discovering the remains, the Multnomah County Medical Examiner's Office was also called to the scene to confirm cause of death. A chaplain was later dispatched to assist family members who began to arrive at the home.

In addition to the loss of life, this fire posed numerous challenges for fire crews due to its rural location. Long, narrow streets and driveways left little room for fire crews to maneuver large apparatus and equipment. Due to the lack of hydrants in the area, water had to be trucked in using water tenders. Cornelius Pass Road was temporarily shut down to facilitate firefighting operations. Firefighters also had to carefully maneuver through the home as the fire compromised its structural stability.

TVF&R investigators responded to the scene and are working to determine the cause and origin of the fire. The home suffered extensive damage and is a total loss. The Multnomah County Sheriff's Office is also investigating the circumstances of the fire.

TVF&R is grateful to the numerous partners who assisted with firefighting, traffic control, investigation, and support services. Thank you to Portland Fire & Rescue Bureau, Hillsboro Fire and Rescue, Multnomah County Sheriff's Office, Multnomah County Medical Examiner's Office, Multnomah County Animal Services, Oregon Department of Transportation, the American Red Cross, Portland Bureau of Emergency Communications, Washington County Consolidated Communications Agency, Portland General Electric, and Northwest Natural Gas.

### FROM A NEIGHBOR ON PLAINVIEW RD

I was at home cleaning my deck when I noticed smoke from my neighbor's house and promptly called 911. As the article states, the house is a total loss. It took 20 minutes for the firefighters to arrive and they had a hard time accessing the property. Since there are no hydrants out here, they had to bring extra trucks just for water.

It has been incredibly dry. Please doublecheck your fire alarms and be very careful about long grass or other kinds of brush near your home. My property might have been collateral damage if their grass was longer or if I was not outside at my home.

Paul

*There is a lot of very good information on Defensible Space on the [TVFR website](#).*

### FOREST PARK CELEBRATES ITS 75<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

WHEN: September 23, 2023

DETAILS Join the celebration of this 75<sup>th</sup> birthday with Portland Parks & Recreation (PP&R) and community partners in Forest Park. As the City of Portland recognizes the 75 years it has stewarded this landscape, it invites its community into the park to honor the generations of Indigenous people who have stewarded the land since time immemorial, to celebrate community connections to this special place, and to help ensure Forest Park is inclusive and welcoming for generations to come. See the schedule of activities on this day at: [Recognizing 75 years since the dedication of Forest Park | Portland.gov](#)

### GO LIGHTS OUT

It's fall migration time again! Billions of birds will be moving under the cover of darkness to reach their wintering grounds. We all can make an impact in keeping them safe on their journeys by reducing unnecessary overnight lighting. Our lights accumulate in the sky and drown out the stars that help birds find their way.

WHEN: September 19 thru October 19, 2023

DETAILS: All you have to do is turn off or dim your lights from dusk until dawn and help spread the word about this importance. It is an easy way to reduce the impact of light pollution on migrating birds, whole ecosystem health and our own human health. To learn more about Go Lights Out, go to [Go Lights Out 2022 Kickoff - Portland Audubon \(audubonportland.org\)](#) (Source: *Warbler*, September/October 2023)

### Ridge Runner Submission Deadline: September 15

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 [ridgerunner@smpdx.org](mailto:ridgerunner@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.

### SKYLINE GRANGE #894

<https://skylinegrange894.org/>

### OREGON STATE GRANGE 150-YEAR OLD

On September 27, 1873, over 40 delegates representing 33 Oregon Granges & 4 Granges in the Washington Territory met at the Masonic Hall in Salem to organize the Oregon State Grange. Skyline Grange was established 67 years later in 1940, first meeting at Skyline School, then bought its present property in 1947, built a hall & started meeting there in 1950.

### STATEWIDE SYSTEM IMPROVES EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FOR CHILDREN & YOUNG ADULTS

It's vital that emergency medical providers know the details of a child's health background when making split-second decisions. That's why Oregon created the HERO Kids Registry. It is voluntary, statewide, no-cost, secure system that lets families and young adults share critical health details that medical providers can quickly and easily access.

- The register can include information about current medications, allergies and physical/behavioral health conditions.
- Emergency contact information can also be included which can help reunite families during a disaster.
- For further information & to register, go to [HERO Kids Registry | OHSU/HERO Kids Registry](#).

(Source: Candice McBeth, Skyline Grange Family Health Committee Chair)

### DONATIONS WANTED: Donate to Grange's Garage Sale

This is the perfect time to clean out your sheds, attics, toys and equipment children have been out grown and house ... and donate to a good community resource.

- Our Fall Garage Sale is Friday-Saturday, October 6-7, 2023.
- All proceeds go to our Capital Improvement Fundraising Campaign to increase accessibility, safety, inclusivity, and functionality of our building.
- Donations for capital improvements are not considered tax-deductible by the IRS. By donating, you do support improvements to a place where local residents can connect, become informed and engaged in activities and in the well-being of our community.
- All donations must be clean & in working condition. See list below of items generally accepted and not accepted.
- QUESTIONS, email [skylinegrange894@msn.com](mailto:skylinegrange894@msn.com).

### UPDATED DROP-OFF DATES FOR BOTH LIGHTER & BULKIER ITEMS

- Mon., Sept. 25 (10:15-11:15 a.m.)
- Wed/, Sept. 27 (10:15-11:15 a.m.)
- Fri., Sept. 29 (10 a.m. – 2 p.m.)
- Sat., Sept. 30 (10 a.m. – 2 p.m.)
- Sun., Oct. 1 (10 a.m. – 2 p.m.)

**DONATION DEADLINE:** Sunday, October 1, 2023 at 2 p.m.

**ITEMS ACCEPTED:** All donations must be clean & in working condition. In general, we accept donation from all sections of the household, tool shed, barn, furniture, pet/equine equipment, books, DVDs, vinyl records, toys, games, linen, kids' stuff. Clothing must be clean and in perfect condition. Did we say tools, yes tools, please.

### ITEMS REJECTED: Please

- No televisions
- No computers, printers, or accessories
- No large exercise equipment
- No audiotapes or VHS tapes
- No child car seats, cribs, potties
- No skis or helmets
- No artificial flowers, Christmas trees or plants
- No dirty, broken, or uncomplete items.

### Seeking Home on Acreage

Hello! I enthusiastically want to live/settle here in the Tualatin Mountains. I have a large collection of fruit/nut trees, berries, and vines ready to plant. Willing to rent-to-own from someone wishing to transfer stewardship. I'm an avid botanist; farm-raised; very responsible; credit score +800; sincerely want to join this community. Thank you. -Caleb  
 Phone: 503-812-3913  
 Email: [Enjoy\\_Existence@yahoo.com](mailto:Enjoy_Existence@yahoo.com)

### Advertise in the Newslines

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 Newslines 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 Newslines 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 Newslines 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 Newslines 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 Newslines

Skyline Rural Watch Newslines is a part of Skyline Ridge Neighbors (SRN) and has been produced since June 1994 as a means to communicate neighborhood information. The Newslines is produced by Laurel Erhardt (editor). The Newslines 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 Newslines, 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 Newslines at [SRNPDX.org](http://SRNPDX.org) Get the [Newslines](#) 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.

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### 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://linntona.org/>

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

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

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

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

