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Skyline Rural Watch Newsline

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NEIGHBORHOOD EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (NET)

The following article is a reprint from Hal Lillywhite in a nearby Nextdoor Neighbor post:

https://nextdoor.com/p/PMnW23Kt-3dw?utm_source=share&extras=OTEINTA0Nw%3D%3D
 We thought it contained succinct, good information. It's worth the read even if you're pretty sure you're already well informed.

Disaster Preparedness

OK, this is probably a good time to talk about how we can prepare for disaster. The Pacific Northwest is beautiful, but we are subject to disasters, several described below. Much as I wish it were otherwise, those disasters can strike at any time.

Should one strike, we will likely be on our own for anywhere from a few days to several weeks. Life and safety will depend on our preparation and our ability to help ourselves, our families, and our neighbors. The fire department, police, and others will be blocked by the damage and other problems. Even if they can move around, they will be swamped and unable to reach more than a small fraction of the people needing help. Medical facilities will be overwhelmed. Any helping hand that reaches you is likely to be found at the end of your arm.

So how do we prepare? There is a lot of information out there, e.g. do a web search for something like "emergency management" for your jurisdiction. Another good web site is

<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/bc/content/shared/english/life-help/Personal-and-Family-Emergency-Preparedness-Planning-Guide.pdf> Yes, that one is church sponsored, but is excellent and civil authorities often recommend it. Its one weakness is that it has to be comprehensive and thus cannot really address dangers specific to different areas.

I also strongly recommend that everyone who can take the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) classes and if possible join a CERT team. Beaverton and Hillsboro both offer that to everyone living within the respective school districts. Portland also offers it but calls it [Neighborhood Emergency Teams \(NET\)](#). The creation of that program was triggered by the 1985 Mexico City earthquake, about magnitude 8. Untrained, volunteer rescuers saved the lives of several hundred people which was great. What was not great was that many of those volunteers lost their lives in the attempt. Los Angeles authorities took note, realized that they would never have enough firefighters, cops, etc. to deal with a major quake and started training citizens. FEMA picked it up and took it national.

CERT training includes:

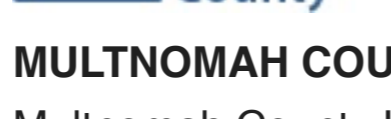
- * How to prepare your home and otherwise how to be ready to mitigate the damage to yourself and your family.
- * How to determine if it is safe to enter a building and how to search it if it is safe.
- * Emergency communications.
- * Emergency medical care for the longer term, when the ambulance is not going to arrive for days. That includes triage for mass casualty incidents.
- * What clothing, equipment, and supplies we should have on hand, and
- * How to work with the Incident Command System which authorities will be using when they arrive, and which we might use while waiting for them.

So what disasters might we face here? As sort of an introduction, we got a taste of it last winter with that terrible storm. Other potential problems include:

- * Earthquakes, already mentioned.
- * An Electromagnetic Pulse (EMP) from either an astronomical event or a high altitude nuclear explosion. This is not widely known but could be worse than a major earthquake. It could wipe out our entire electrical grid, nation-wide or worse. Reconstruction would be uncertain since there would be hardly any area unaffected to provide materials and personnel for that reconstruction.
- * Tsunamis if we are on the coast. Even if we are not there, we might help the victims after it is over.
- * Wildfires. Many of our urban areas have trees and buildings close enough together to allow fire to spread.
- * Flooding.
- * Volcanic eruptions. Though Mt Hood is not going to explode as did St Helens, it could produce lahars, mud flows that would clog rivers, interfere with water supplies, and could even block traffic through the Columbia Gorge. If that happens, there will be a lot of empty shelves in stores.

So let's get prepared. Should disaster strike, the more people who are prepared, the better it will be for everybody.

If you have any questions about the Skyline NET, reach out to: SkylineRidgeNET@gmail.com



MULTNOMAH COUNTY LAND USE NEWS
 Multnomah County Land Use & Transportation Program
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 Phone 503-988-3043. Fax 503-988-3389. <http://web.multco.us/land-use-planning>

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.

NOTICE OF DECISION: 15025 NW ROCK CREEK RD.
 CASE #: T2-2023-17226
 LOCATION: 15025 NW Rock Creek Rd.
 BASE ZONE: Commercial Forest Use-2 (CFU-2)
 OVERLAYS: Significant Environmental Concern for wildlife habitat (SEC-h) & Geologic Hazards (GH), streams & scenic views
 PROPOSAL: Request for one Lot of Record Verification, an Accessory Use Determination, and a SEC-h permit to construct a replacement dwelling and an accessory structure for use as a workshop/storage structure.
 DECISION: Approved with Conditions. This decision is final at the close of the appeal period, unless appealed. The deadline for filing an appeal is September 30, 2024 at 4 p.m.
 DETAILS: For more information, go to [T2-2023-17226 NOD 09162024.pdf](https://www.multco.us/land-use-planning/files/15025%20NW%20Rock%20Creek%20RD%20NOD%2009162024.pdf) ([multco-web7-psh-files-usw2.s3-us-west-2.amazonaws.com](https://www.multco.us/land-use-planning/files/15025%20NW%20Rock%20Creek%20RD%20NOD%2009162024.pdf)).



SKYLINE GRANGE NEWS

YOGA @ SKYLINE GRANGE SCHEDULE TEMPORARILY MODIFIED
 Instructor Janci has been called to her Mother's side in Australia. Kaitlin Bourne is filling in as her schedule allows until Janci returns in early November. TIME: Wednesdays at 8 a.m. (at least for the next several weeks)
 DETAILS:

- Kaitlin will teach a gentle 45-minute restorative class, followed by a 10-minute relaxing savasana to the sound of crystal singing bowls.
- She is experienced working with all ages and abilities. For more about Kaitlin, go to [Yoga and Sound - Prana in Motion](#). She has 15+ years of teaching experience working with all ages and abilities. For more about Kaitlin, go to [Yoga and Sound - Prana in Motion](#).
- Cost will continue to be \$8 for Grange members & \$10 for non-Grange members.
- All are welcome no matter age, flexibility or yoga experience.

DONATIONS WANTED: Donate to Grange's October 4-5 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 4 & 5, 2024.
- 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.

DROP-OFF DATES

- Thurs., Sept. 26 (11 a.m. – 1 p.m.) both lighter and heavy, bulkier donations accepted
- Fri., Sept., 27 (10:15 a.m. – 2 p.m.) both lighter and heavy, bulkier donations accepted
- Sat., Sept. 28 (10 a.m. – 2 p.m.)
- Sun., Sept., 29 (10 a.m. – 2 p.m.) both lighter and heavy, bulkier donations accepted

DONATION DEADLINE: Sunday, September 29, 2024 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.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

What: 2025 Summer Gathering
 When: Saturday July 19 2025
 Where: Plumper Pumpkin Patch and Tree Farm
 If you'd like to help out, reach out to our gathering co-chairs [Brad Graff](#) or [Tracey Larvenz](#)

Skyline Ridge Neighbors Board Meetings: 2nd Thursdays; Contact srn@smpdx.org for location

Skyline Grange 894 Events
<https://skylinegrange894.org/calendar/> Email: skylinegrange894@msn.com
Yoga - See Calendar for Dates and Times
Grange Meetings: 2nd Mondays; Contact SkylineGrange894@msn.com to confirm

Fall Garage Sale is Friday-Saturday, October 4 & 5, 2024
"Preparing For Next Year's Fire Season"
 When: Wednesday, October 16, 2024 Time:7 – 8:30 p.m.

"Tribal Histories of the Willamette Valley"
 This presentation is funded by West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District.
 When:Wednesday, October 30, 2024 Time:7 - 8:30 p.m.

"Soil: What It Is & How It Works"
 This presentation is funded by West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District.
 When:Wednesday, November 13, 2024 Time:7 – 8:30 p.m.

NET Meetings: Contact 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 and you indicate how many times you want your ad to run.
Pricing 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, 14100 NW Rock Creek Rd., Portland OR 97231. Be sure to indicate which Newsline ad you are paying for.

Skyline Ridge Neighbors, Inc Website

<https://www.srnpxd.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.srnpxd.org/aboutus/aboutus.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, 14100 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 a neighborhood information. The Newsline is produced by Laurel Ehrhard (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 spgallin@smpdx.org or leaving a message at (503) 621-3501. You can subscribe to the Newsline at SRNPDX.org <http://www.srnpxd.org>.

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 [srnpxd.org](https://www.srnpxd.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.
 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 rdg@srnpxd.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.

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: <https://www.srnpxd.org/calendar.html>

Resource Directory
 As a service to neighbors, SRN publishes a listing of local government agencies and businesses in the Skyline <https://www.srnpxd.org>. 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 here 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
 Skyline Grange: <https://skylinegrange894.com/>
 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://www.wmwd.org/>
 Skyline School: <http://www.sps.k12.or.us/school/skyline/>
 Skyline School PTA: <https://www.facebook.com/skylinepta>
 Lincoln High School: <http://www.sps.k12.or.us/school/lincoln/>

