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Skyline Rural Watch Newsline

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FCC Seeking Consumer Input on Rural Internet Access

[Rural Internet Access](#). The FCC is reaching out to consumers to determine where there are access issues to broadband internet. This should inform coming policies to improve broadband access. There's a new site <https://www.fcc.gov/BroadbandData> with a "Consumers" tab here that asks to share broadband experiences: <https://www.fcc.gov/BroadbandData/consumers> I thought there might be interest in sharing our problems - what with all of the past nextdoor discussion about limited / no provider choices and paying for service that provides a fraction of the speed the same money buys a few miles away. Good question from Perry - what is broadband? According to the FCC, the definition of broadband internet is a minimum of 25 Mbps download and 3 Mbps upload speeds. I'm getting 7.6 and 0.88 Mbps right now according to [fast.com](#), so paying broadband prices and not getting it.

source Nextdoor: https://nextdoor.com/news_feed/?post=181747104&is=npe&mar=false&ct=Y9OXVXi_1XuQqgVLJwImSC7XSBVPZhrUcUd7av-_zc-PsgwQCFEFbYJHDK7pgWtQ&ec=iD9EVf8Fqz_GipY9I9G7ig%3D%3D

Help Beautify Our Roadways on SOLVE Clean-up Day

When: Saturday, April 17, 8:00 AM - Noon

Register at the Skyline Grange (11275 NW Skyline Blvd.) between 8-10 AM to get SOLVE bags and a route assignment of your choosing. You can also [pre-register online](#) before getting your bags.

Tires & Hazardous Materials: If you have tires and HazMat (batteries, paint, solvents), you can bring them to the collection site at the intersection of Germantown Rd and Skyline Blvd. between 11 AM - 2 PM.

Join Us Online for SRN's Annual Meeting

When: Thursday, April 22, 7:00 PM
Where: Zoom (link will be posted here & on the Newsline)

SRN Business Meeting: Updates from SRN President Suzanne Perra and Treasurer Rachael Brake, plus a vote to elect new Board members and to approve [proposed amendments to our Bylaws](#).

Northwest Trail Alliance: Paul Hobson, NWTVA VP, will describe their nonprofit work to maintain trails for recreational use, including the 3,000-acre Rocky Point Recreation Area.

Ecology and Classrooms Outdoors: ECO is a nonprofit organization providing nature-based science education to K-12 students. Sarah Woods and others will discuss plans for their new 77-acre Skyline property.

Skyline Grange: Sen Speroff will share the latest events organized by the Skyline Grange and what to expect in the coming months.

Neighborhood Emergency Team: Rachael Brake will provide background updates from our local NET team and their work to help our neighborhood prepare in case of emergency.

Skyline Internet Access: Oregon State Representative Brad Witt has been invited to share legislative proposals to improve internet access for rural residents in Oregon.

Gun Use in Our Area: Deputy David McGarry, our MCSO Westside Community Resource Officer, will answer questions about laws governing the use of firearms in rural areas.

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: April 13

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 ridgerunner@srnpx.org. Or call me (503-621-9867) 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.
Thanks, Miles Merwin Editor

Find the community calendar here: <http://www.srnpx.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: <http://www.srnpx.org/grange.html>
Forest Park Conservancy: <http://www.forestparkconservancy.org/>
Linnton Community Center: <http://www.linntoncommunitycenter.org/>
Linnton Neighborhood Association: <http://linntonna.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.com/>
Lincoln High School: <http://www.pps.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 Erhardt (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@srnpx.org, or leaving a message at (503) 621-3501. Urgent, timely items (crimes, lost pets) should be emailed to alert@srnpx.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.

