

Skyline Rural Watch Newsline
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SKYLINE RIDGE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Last regular meeting on October 12, 2008

The Board of Directors of Skyline Ridge Neighbors Inc. held a regular meeting on October 12, 2008 at Brooks Hill Church. Members attending, constituting a quorum, were Karen Garber, Cindy Banks, Natalie Harger, Laurel Erhardt, Rebecca Jenkins, Libby Merwin and Miles Merwin. Laura Foster also attended.

Editor's note: One of our officers could not attend the meeting due to the fact that he is working 10-hour days in Wenatchee on a great big data center and could be stuck there until the end of January. This, however, did not excuse the fact that he did not even call to let people know.

Officer Elections & Committee Assignments

- Karen Garber has announced she will be stepping down as President as of the December Board meeting. She will stay on the Board, she said, and is willing to fill another office.
- It was moved and seconded to appoint Laura Foster to the SRN Board of Directors to fill the term expiring in spring 2010. The motion was approved unanimously.
- It was moved and seconded that starting in January 2009, Miles will be President, Laura will be Vice President and Libby will be Secretary of SRN. The motion was approved unanimously.

Editor's note: Sheeze! A lot can happen in one SRN meeting.

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting will be held on Sunday, November 9 at 6:00 PM at Brooks Hill Church.

Editor's note: The meeting minutes were recorded by Miles Merwin, Secretary and starting in January 2009, Miles will be President.

Content needed for the next issue of the Ridge Runner; Deadline October 27

Be local. The Ridge Runner is mailed to 1500 homes in the Skyline neighborhood. We welcome news and articles on any topic, opinion pieces, government or agency announcements, people news, local history, calendar information, etc.-- anything (fiction excepted) as long as the subject is relevant to the Skyline neighborhood.

Deadline for the next issue is October 27. Send articles to ridgerunner@skylineridgeneighbors.org. Call Laura Foster, the editor, at 503.621.3450 if you don't have access to email.

Place your ad in the next Ridge Runner; Deadline October 27

Sell locally. If you live within the Skyline Ridge Neighbors boundaries, advertise your services or products free in the Ridge Runner, a publication read in 1500 homes. Classified ads up to 30 words are free to neighbors; \$5 for residents outside SRN boundaries.

Want a bigger ad? Business card ads cost \$30 per issue--same price for residents and non-residents. Deadline is October 27, 2008. The Ridge Runner will be mailed in early November. For details, visit www.skylineridgeneighbors.org and click links under "Community Outreach" on the left side of the page, or contact the editor at ridgerunner@skylineridgeneighbors.org or 503.621.3450.

YOGA

Classes now being held at the Church (Mon & Wed at 6:15 p.m. and Tues at 9 a.m.). Email Jay Fields at fields.jay@gmail.com

VOTER REGISTRATION

A neighbor writes in:

"Hi, I'm volunteering my services to register voters in the Skyline area. I have voter registration forms and would be happy to personally take forms to local residences and turn in the forms for folks."

Contact Zoë Presley at zoe@soundofhealing.com

LOST AND FOUND

FOUND: a pair of Oakey sunglasses on upper Rock Creek Road some time ago. Silver frames. Call Sen (503-621-3331) if they are yours.

CRIME

August 11th robbery

I was out for the afternoon and returned to a house with many missing electronics. We have since recovered all but our Kodak Easy Share camera that has our last trip to Europe on the memory card. The robbers, when caught, said that they threw it out the window when they realized it was not an expensive camera. We are still looking for that if anyone has found it I can identify the pictures. There are also pictures of last Christmas. The thieves M.O. was to ring the front door bell and if no one answered, start looking around like they had lost their dog. They went to the back of the house and cut out a screen to gain entry. They then proceeded to carry everything out the front door. We were supposedly the only house hit in this area. It happened August 11th between the hours of 11AM and 3PM. They chose us because our home is not directly on the road (Skyline) and can not really be seen by any neighbors or cars driving by. If anyone has found a camera we would love to have it back, those pictures are worth so much to us.

Thanks, Andrea Casey

Suspicious guys on McNamee Road

On Sep 23, a neighbor on NW McNamee Road - about a mile up from HWY 30 reported:

“We had a couple of visits today from two guys in a black Toyota pickup. The first time the young driver (about 28 or so) got out and asked me if I'd like any beef or pork. I told them no and walked him back to his truck. That was about 2pm. About a half hour ago, my wife looked out the window and saw him on our front porch looking around and the other man (older, about 40) was around our shed, looking around. He told my wife he was selling produce and when she said he was already here he told her that some people told them to stop back.”

The Police were notified. If anyone sees these guys, see if you can get a license plate number and call the Sheriff.

Editor's Note: People around here should make sure their stuff is locked up. If thieves start to think Skyline area houses are easy marks, it's bad for all of us.

Juvenile crime in Multnomah County

Juvenile crime in Multnomah County dropped considerably in 2007, down 11% over 2006, according to new data in the 2008 "[Juvenile Crime Trends and Recidivism Report](#)" from the Multnomah County Department of Community Justice (DCJ).

(Source Multnomah County)

Police question local family October 15th

On the evening of October 15th, a local family was about to drive to their home on Logie Trail after just finishing their hike on the fire road off Lower McNamee when a Multnomah County sheriff flashed his lights. It was discovered that this was not a group of “*ne'er do wells*” bent on wanton mischief, but indeed a nice family with two dogs. The sheriff did point out that most hikers aren't still on the trail an hour after dark.

Editor's Note: It should be noted that this entrance to the Metro property called Agency Creek, was the scene of a crime last year when three elk carcasses were dumped there in December 2007. The Skyline Rural Watch Newsline would like to applaud Multnomah County sheriffs for helping to keep our neighborhood safe.

AREA ROADS

Paving on US30 near Sauvie Bridge on Friday

Paving work near the new Sauvie Island Bridge will require lane closures on Highway 30 on Friday, October 17, weather permitting. One lane will remain open on the highway in each direction at all times. During peak commute hours, two lanes will remain open in the dominant travel direction.

Traffic may experience brief delays during paving. The area of US 30 to be repaved Friday extends 200 feet north of the bridge. Several more days of paving are scheduled in the same area next week, weather permitting.

Traffic tips for pumpkin season

October is a popular time for people to visit Sauvie Island to purchase pumpkins, visit corn mazes and take in the rural beauty. The extra visitors can also create traffic jams on the island, which has narrow roads and just one bridge to get people on and off the island. Congestion is at its worst on sunny weekends in the middle of October.

Island visitors can avoid traffic jams by visiting on weekdays or by leaving the island by 1:30 pm on sunny weekends, such as the one forecast for this weekend.

Construction of the new Sauvie Island Bridge impacts island traffic in several ways. On the positive side, this October marks the first time in several years that the northbound right turn lane from Highway 30 onto the bridge will be open on weekends. With the reopening of the turn lane, visitors from Portland will have an easier time reaching the island.

To reduce traffic congestion, Multnomah County, the Oregon Department of Transportation and island businesses have taken the following actions:

- The traffic signal at Highway 30 and the bridge has been adjusted to increase time for side street traffic coming from the island on weekends
- Sheriff reserves will direct traffic in the intersection at Highway 30 and the bridge at peak times on weekends
- Signs have been installed on Highway 30 and island roads alerting motorists to congestion periods
- Traffic information has been shared with island residents and businesses

AREA KIDS

Betsy Kolberg, Lincoln girls cross country athlete of the week, Oct. 15, 2008

The senior finished third in a Mt. Hood Conference/PIL six-way meet last Wednesday. She has finished in the top three in all seven of her races this season

(Source: The Oregonian staff, October 14, 2008)

5th annual pie fundraiser for the Lincoln Cheerleaders

THE FABULOUS AND YUMMY PIES ARE BACK!!!

Prepare for the holiday season now by placing an order for pie, or cobbler handmade locally in the Willamette Valley. These desserts go straight from your freezer to the oven and within 90 minutes you'll be enjoying a delicious treat. If you prefer frozen fruit we have that too. AND the prices have not increased from last year.

Choose from:

- Apple, Cherry Crunch, Marionberry, and Raspberry/Rhubarb pies for \$13.00 each.
- The specialty pie of the month is the unforgettable Pumpkin Mousse pie for \$14.50 each.
- Cobblers are available in Forest Berry, Marionberry and Peach for \$8.50 each.
- OR make your own dessert with 2 lb. bags of individually quick frozen fruit. Choose from blueberry, raspberry or strawberry for \$8.00 each.
- Can't make up your mind?? Try the MINI-PIE VARIETY PACK. Available in six-packs, these sweetie pies allow you to taste several varieties: 2 marionberry, 1 raspberry/rhubarb, 1 peach, 1 apple and 1 cherry. Or you may order 6 of any one variety. \$24/6 pack case.

ORDERS DUE: NOVEMBER 3rd

Please email your order to Wanda Schwab at schwablogie@earthlink.net. I will confirm your order and send you payment information.

Questions?? Please call 503-621-3898

Orders will be ready for PICK UP ON NOV. 19th AT LHS.

THANK YOU for your support!!

Editor's Note: These pies are really good.

Lincoln High School Drama Department presents:

Fall Show: New Works Festival: Blitz

October 30, November 1, 6, 7, 8 7:30 PM

Editor's note: The word Blitz means Lightning in German

AREA EVENTS

Football: Lincoln (5 - 2 - 0) at Franklin (4 - 2 - 0) October 17th, 2008 7 p.m.

Support Lincoln Cardinals when they play Franklin High School at Franklin. Last week, the Cardinals beat Wilson 56 to 12. Franklin may prove to be a little tougher and the team could use your support.

11/15 SATURDAY SOUP SUPPER AT SKYLINE GRANGE: on Sat., Nov. 15 from 5-8 p.m.

Skyline Grange invites you to a warm home cooked dinner. Last year everyone attending definitely thought it should happen again, so please come. A good way to spend a rainy, foggy autumn Saturday evening with friends & family of the Skyline Community, and a comforting way to recover from the exhausting two years of presidential campaigning. Delicious homemade soups, homemade breads, fresh salads, and homemade desserts. Suggested donation of \$5/adult or \$12/family. Questions or to cook or to help, contact Mary Young at 503-286-7613 or Sen Speroff at 503-621-3331. NOTE: the date is November 15, not the 8th as originally planned.

Editor's Note: The date of Saturday Soup Supper is on Saturday, November 15 NOT November 8 as originally planned. Also, if you are looking for something super to sup, the soup supper is superb.

Clothes Closet Thursday, October 30th at Skyline Elementary

Come join us to help out this wonderful service! The PTA Clothes Closet collects clothing for school children in need throughout the district.

There are 3 ways you can help.

- Go through your kids closets and bring in any clothes to the school that don't fit or they don't wear by October 30th.
- Come Thursday morning to help sort and bag the clothing.
- Come out and work a shift at the Clothes Closet which is located at Marshall High School. The shifts are from 9:30-11:30 or 11:30-1:30.

Linnton holiday market

Dates are: Saturday and Sunday November 1st, and 2nd from 10 AM to 5 PM, And.....

Friday, Saturday & Sunday December 5th, 6th and 7th from 10 AM to 7 PM

10614 NW St Helens Rd. call Nancy Hamer, market manager, for further info or directions (503) 286-7752

The Linnton Community Center Halloween Carnival Oct 31st 6:00 to 10:00pm

Friday Oct 31st Halloween night, 6 to 10 pm in the LCC gym! Come in costume for some good old fashioned zany Halloween fun for the whole family. Great games and prizes. Wondrous raffles and a 50/50 raffle too. Hot and cold food and treats. A dunk tank!! Bring your scarecrow for our scarecrow contest. A very scary "haunted spook yard"

- Out yonder. Fabulous indoor fun on Halloween night! Don't miss it!

Game tickets are just 4 for \$1.00 (to play most of the games) or get a bracelet for the night for the little ones so they can play over and over (at most of the games) just \$3.00! Talk about a great bargain for four hours of wild and wonderful fun!

8th Annual Cornell Estates Christmas Bazaar Saturday, November 22nd 10am - 3pm

Benefitting the Hillsboro Toy & Joy Program

Handcrafted gifts from over 30 vendors! Large selection of

- Holiday Décor, Home
- Sewn Items, Jewelry,
- Floral & much more!

1005 NE 17th Ave | Hillsboro | 503-640-2884

Naturescaping Basic Workshop Saturday, December 6, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Attend a FREE Naturescaping for Clean Rivers workshop to learn how to naturescape your yard. Learn about native plants, natural landscapes and water-friendly gardening practices. Ultimately you'll use less water, fewer chemicals and attract beneficial wildlife to your yard.

Jackson Bottom Wetlands, Hillsboro

Call (503) 797-1842 or email naturescaping@yahoo.com to register by December 2.

Editor's Note: And no whining about how cold it is in December in Portland. Be glad you are stuck in freezing Wenatchee.

AREA INFORMATION

Multnomah County Citizen Involvement Handbook

The updated Citizen Involvement Handbook can be found at [Citizen Involvement Handbook \(2008\).pdf](#).

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This brochure talks all about the Multnomah County Government and the Citizen Involvement Committee. It also has names and contact information of all of the Multnomah County commissioners along with their photos.

Editor's note: The Skyline Rural Watch Newsline does not encourage people to print out the above mentioned brochure and then to draw silly mustaches and eyebrows on the photos of the Multnomah County commissioners. However, we are thankful for the First Amendment of the United States constitution which guarantees the right to do just that and to publish smart aleck comments in community newsletters.

WEST MULTNOMAH SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

WMSWCD annual board and staff retreat Saturday, October 25th from 9 AM – 4 PM

West Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District's (WMSWCD) annual board and staff retreat will take place on Saturday, October 25th from 9 AM – 4 PM in Suite 450 of the Montgomery Park building. The group will plan review the District's strategic plan, board and staff relations, and board commitment. Members of the public are always welcome.

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WMSWCD's monthly board meeting Tuesday, October 28th from 6: 00 – 8:00 PM

On Tuesday, October 28th from 6: 00 – 8:00 PM WMSWCD's monthly board meeting will take place in Suite 450 of the Montgomery Park building. The board will discuss its current, and potential, projects in Sturgeon Lake. Members of the public are always welcome.

One hour before the board meeting, 5:00 – 6:00 PM the WMSWCD will convene a meeting of the Multnomah County Local Work Group. The members will discuss the resource priorities for the new Farm Bill Programs. The public is invited to listen and, if time allows, offer advice to the District Conservationist.

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SKYLINE ELEMENTARY GREEN TEAM

Green Team Tip 5 – Get On Your Bike

Greenhouse emissions from transportation – America's second largest contribution to global warming – are rising faster than in any other sector as we increasingly rely on cars to get to work, collect the groceries, drop the kids off at school, pick up take-out food, and return the videos. Half of all car trips are less than 3 miles – a distance research has shown can be covered just as quickly on a bike once traffic and parking are taken into account. Cycling is eco-efficient and fun. Rather than driving to the gym, cycle to work one day a week. A 12-mile trip once a week saves about half a ton of greenhouse gas emissions over a year.

- Lower carbon emissions
- Less pollution
- Save money
- More exercise

Editor's Note: For those of us with old and/or tender sit-upons, I recommend a gel seat cover. They add about 10 pounds to the weight of the bike but they are really worth it. Also, watch for cars just because you are on a bike doesn't mean the drivers in our area have gotten one bit smarter.

NATIVE PLANTS

Dogwood Tree

The Red Osier Dogwood (*Cornus sericea*) is a species of dogwood native throughout northern and western North America from Alaska east to Newfoundland, south to Durango and Nuevo León in the west, and Illinois and Virginia in

the east. In the wild, it commonly grows in areas of damp soil, such as wetlands. The branches and twigs are dark red, although wild plants may lack this coloration in shaded areas.

(Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Red_Osier_Dogwood)

Editor's Note: Just because dogwoods grow all over the continent does not mean you need to feel any less superior than you would by cultivating more exclusively Oregon plants. Dogwoods bloom beautifully every spring and allow you to say to your neighbor, in a slightly condescending tone, "Yes your Magnolia tree is pretty, but I prefer to cultivate native plants such as the Dogwood tree."

FARM AND FOREST

Invasive Weeds in Forestland

OSU Forestry Extension has just released a new series of web-based publications on invasive weeds in forestland. The intent is to help people identify weed species, and learn about their growth characteristics and control alternatives. Ten different weeds or weed genera are in the series, including some familiar enemies like knotweed, garlic mustard and blackberry. To view and print them at home, go to <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/catalog>. Type the words "weeds forestland" in the search box and it will bring up links to the individual publications.

Ivy Slope at Skyline Elementary

Don and Sandra Kruger have graciously volunteered their crew to help remove ivy in front of the school. The date for an ivy removal party with a potluck lunch will be set in early November. Money from Chinook Books sales will be used to buy native plants and compost. Skyline families will also be asked to donate native plants. We hope to begin planting in early January or February with input on layout from Neona Rice, Jil Biesemeyer, and Kim Johnson.

Share The Bounty:

Have more tomatoes and zucchini than you know what to do with? Cursing all the plums and figs filling up your backyard? The Linnton Community Center welcomes produce from your garden or orchard for snacks and to supplement the food boxes. Excess can be shared on their community table. Herbs welcomed too. Questions, contact Pat Wagner, LCC Director pat@linnton.com

Online Vote to decide Trail restoration Grant: deadline October 31, 2008

American Hiking Society and Nature Valley have teamed up to grant a total of \$50,000 to organizations across the country working on trail projects that enhance the hiking experience, all part of American Hiking Society's annual National Trails Fund grant. Twenty finalists have already been selected for the Save the Trails grant program.

Cast your vote now to save a trail! Consumers will be allowed to vote on the top 20 applications from October 1-October 31, 2008.

Cast your vote at www.wheresyours.com.

Editor's Note: It's very easy to vote online for your favorite trail. I won't tell you which trail I voted for, but I will tell you the Wildwood Trail in Portland, Oregon's 5000 acre Forest Park is 30.2 miles long and is a recognized National Scenic Trail.

POLITICAL ADS

Vote for Forest Park and the Wildwood Trail. Polls close October 31st.

The time has come to VOTE! No, we are not talking about the presidential election (though we hope you will be casting a vote there as well). We are talking about an opportunity for you to help us do some important trail work without leaving the comfort of your home!

The Forest Park Conservancy has been selected as one of twenty finalists in the American Hiking Society's Save the Trails grant program.

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Now it is up to you to help ensure that the Wildwood Trail remains in good condition for the next generation of hikers. Winning projects will be chosen by online public vote. We need your help!

Please take a moment to learn more about the Forest Park Conservancy's project and cast your vote. Voting will close at the end of October. Here are just a few reasons why your vote is so important to us at the Conservancy:

- The Wildwood Trail comprises 30.2 miles of Forest Park's 70+ miles of trails.
- The Forest Park Conservancy funds a full-time seasonal trail crew to keep the trails clear and in good working condition.

- Funds from the Save the Trails grant will be directed toward our September 2009 Day of Stewardship, which many of you recently experienced firsthand.

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Editor's Note: The Skyline Rural Watch Newslines do not take sides on issues. The above information was provided by the Forest Park Conservancy and is reprinted here in its entirety because it was a lot easier to cut and paste than to edit the darn thing.

ABOUT THE NEWSLINE:

- Skyline Rural Watch Newslines has been produced by Skyline Ridge Neighbors (SRN) since June 1994.
- 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 skylineruralwatchnewslines@hotmail.com or newslines@skylineridgeneighbors.org, or by leaving a message at (503) 621-3326.
- If you would like more detailed information about any item on the Newslines, request that information & SRN will e-mail it to you if available.
- Tell your neighbors about this free Newslines 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 Newslines service and the publication of its quarterly Skyline Ridge Runner, send your donation to "**Skyline Ridge Neighbors**", c/o Laurel Erhardt, 14416 NW Skyline Blvd., Portland, OR 97231. Contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.