



## **Skyline Rural Watch Newsline**

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### **Skyline Ridge Runner April Edition**

The deadline for the next Skyline Ridge Runner March 31st. Send comments, articles and opinions for consideration to Editor Laura Foster at [ridgerunner@skylineridgeneighbors.org](mailto:ridgerunner@skylineridgeneighbors.org) or fax to 503-621-3450.

### **Government:**

#### **Multnomah County Land Use Planning News**

Case #: T2-10-002

Where: 19440 NW Cleetwood Ave.

What: Approved with conditions a permit for a new Forest Template Dwelling in the Commercial Forest Use-2 zone with a Significant Environmental Concern overlay for wildlife habitat, streams, & slope hazard.

Details: Unless appealed, this decision is effective on Fri., Apr. 9, 2010 at 4:30 p.m.

Link: <http://www.sunschools.org/Public/EntryPoint?ct=0669725dcac97210VgnVCM1000003bc614acSTFL>

### **Public Hearing on Portland Parks & Recreation's Budget**

*A request from Forest Park Conservancy:*

Thursday, April 1st, 9:00 a.m.

City Council Chambers

City Hall

Advocate for Portland's nationally renowned Forest Park!

City Council has scheduled a public hearing on Portland Parks & Recreation's Budget on April 1st to provide opportunity for public comment. We know from recent news coverage of the illegal mountain bike trail and a recent incident involving Land Rovers 4-wheeling in Forest Park that there are many real and constant threats to Forest Park's health.

Those dangers include the relentless growth of invasive, non-native plants, illegal activities and increasing recreational pressures. Sixty years ago it took bold action by Portland's City Council to protect Forest Park; and, it will take bold action and leadership today to advocate for adequate funding for Forest Park.

Specifically, The Conservancy is asking you to help us carry this message to City Council: There is a threat to Forest Park; a suite of management tools is essential to ensure Forest Park's health. That suite of tools includes:

1. Investing in safety and enforcement programs for Forest Park by funding year-round and seasonal ranger positions.
2. Funding the essential survey and monitoring tools as called for by the 1995 Forest Park Natural Resources Management Plan (FPNRMP) so Forest Park can be managed effectively. Those tools are a baseline recreational survey, an updated vegetative survey and wildlife monitoring.
3. Providing for the long-term restoration of Forest Park.
4. Exploring a long-term stable funding mechanism for Forest Park's restoration and monitoring.

Yes, these times are challenging and there are many unmet needs. But our natural areas cannot advocate for themselves. We must do it and the time is now. The Conservancy needs you and your neighbors to raise your voice and advocate for Forest Park: April 1st, 9:00 a.m., City Council

Chamber.

## **Environment**

### **Cut off Blooms on English Ivy**

If you don't have the time or energy to remove your English ivy roots and all, at least cut off the blooms before they go to seed. In a few short weeks blooms change to berries with seeds. Various birds eat these berries and drop the seeds, often deep in uninfected forest places. Also, these seeds are toxic to many native songbirds and non-native bird species, causing diarrhea which is effective in dispersing the seeds. For more information, log onto [www.noivyleague.org](http://www.noivyleague.org).

## **Farm & Forest**

### **Upcoming Women Owning Woodlands Network (WOWnet) Event:**

Chainsaw Basics and Mushroom Cultivation

Saturday, April 24th

10:00 am - 1:00 pm

St. Helens

We will discuss the basics of safe chainsaw handling and use, including: safety gear, choosing a saw and keeping it well maintained, starting a chainsaw, and basic cutting skills such as bucking and limbing. If you have your own saw and safety gear, please bring them!

Also, the logs we cut during the class will be inoculated with edible mushrooms for cultivation in a woodland setting. If you know about or are interested in learning about growing mushrooms, we'll discuss that too.

Our discussion leaders will be Amanda Hansen and Jeff Vannatta of Rainier, Oregon.

Soup and beverages provided. Please consider bringing a potluck item to share.

RSVP to the Columbia County Extension Office, 503-397-3462. Driving directions will be provided upon RSVP.

Amy Grotta

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## **ADS**

### **Tree Planting Help Needed from the King Family**

(Our property) was clear-cut a year ago. My kids' father was terminally ill, so we cut the trees to pay off bills. However, the logger stole a large portion of the timber, and we've been in court with this ever since. This story has gone to the media, and will be aired soon.

Meanwhile, we are replanting. The trees, ordered from The Arbor Day Foundation, were to have arrived May 1, 2009 just before a public school field trip to our property. The kids would have each planted a tree. However, due to a clerical error at TADF, the trees arrived TODAY!

We are putting together a volunteer planting party this weekend on Saturday from 10:00 am until 5:00 pm, and on Sunday from 1:00 pm until 5:00 pm. Anyone interested in showing up to plant a tree will be well fed and duly recognized!

The address is 15811 NW McNamee Road, Portland 97231.

"Many thanks" from the King Family.

- Stephanie Johnson King  
(503) 621-9239

## Community Calendar

### **SKYLINE GRANGE ANNUAL TREE & NATIVE PLANT SALE - Apr. 16-17**

\* When: Friday - Saturday, April 16- 17, 9a.m. - 5p.m.

\* Where: Skyline Grange, 11275 NW Skyline Blvd. (1.6 miles east of Cornelius Pass Rd or 0.1 miles west of Newberry Rd.)

\* What:

- o Quality Native Plants: From Bosky-Dell Natives in West Linn
- o Quality Bareroot Shade & Flowering Trees & Shrubs: From local generous nursery
- o Quality Bareroot Fruit Trees: From local generous nursery

\* Questions or to Volunteer to Help:

o Native Plants: Sen Speroff (503-621-3331)

o Bareroots: Catherine Dalziel (503-621-0225), Mary Young (503-286-7613)

o [grangeplant\\_2010@msn.com](mailto:grangeplant_2010@msn.com)

\* Oregon Food Bank benefits too: Please bring nonperishable goods to help support the Oregon Food Bank

### **Pre-Order Skyline Grange's Native Plants**

Deadline: April 11

How: Fill out the Pre-Order Form and return it by April 11. Pay and pick up your Pre-Order at Skyline Grange's Tree & Native Plant Sale on April 16-17.

Plant Descriptions: Not sure about which plants suits your site? Refer to our [Pre-Order Plant Description](#). It's easy.

\* Questions: Contact Sen at 503-621-3331 or at [grangeplants\\_2010@msn.com](mailto:grangeplants_2010@msn.com)

### **USED BOOK SALE @ SKYLINE SCHOOL - Apr. 19 - 22**

\* What: Make a donation of used book (for all ages), or just plan to stop by and shop.

### **WELL WATER TESTS AND CLASS OFFERED - May 1**

\* When: Saturday, May 1, 10a.m. - noon.

\* Where: Reedville Elementary School, 2695 SW 209th Ave, Aloha, OR 97006. (Turn onto 209th from TV Highway)

\* No charge for class attendance or materials, but pre-registration is requested. Walk-ins will be welcome. For more information and to pre-register, call OSU Extension Service, 503-821-1150.

\* Contact: Jeanne Brandt, OSU Extension Faculty

Washington County Phone: 503-821-1117 <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/washington>

### **FOREST PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING - May 18**

\* When: Tuesday, May 18, 7:00 p.m.

\* Where: Willis Building, 360 NW Greenleaf (west off Skyline Blvd. at the crest of the hill between Burnside and Cornell Roads. It looks like a driveway... It is a driveway - to the Willis Bldg. if you go straight.)

## 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, Rich Edwards, Libby Merwin, Sharon Barthmaier, Jennifer Jenkins, Sara Bowersox 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@skylineridgeneighbors.org](mailto:newsline@skylineridgeneighbors.org), or leaving a message at (503) 621-3501. Urgent, timely items (crimes, lost pets) should be emailed to [alert@skylineridgeneighbors.org](mailto:alert@skylineridgeneighbors.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.
- Tell your neighbors about this free Newsline service.
- This Newsline is used solely for the purpose of communicating to neighbors. Every effort is made to protect the privacy of your email address.

## 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 Laurel Erhardt, 14416 NW Skyline Blvd., Portland, OR 9723 Contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

