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Skyline Ridge Neighbors

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A Neighborhood Association Serving Unincorporated Multnomah County Northwest of Portland.

Emergency Evacuation of Pets & Livestock

In response to questions by attendees at the May SRN meeting, TVF&R and SRN researched information available about care and evacuation of pets and livestock when wildland fires (or any other disaster) threatens. There are two fairly good sources of information: FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) and HSUS (Humane Society of the United States). Log onto <http://www.fema.gov/emi/is101st.htm> (units 7 and 8 especially), www.fema.gov or www.hsus.org or call HSUS at (202)452-1100 or write HSUS, 2100 L. Street, NW, Washington, DC 20037, Attn: Disaster Services Program, for additional information.

Every household should devise a disaster plan which should include arrangements for your pets and livestock. When an emergency, such as an earthquake or a wildland fire, forces you to leave your home temporarily, what will you do with your animals? Most pets will not be able to survive on their own. Many emergency shelters and motels do not accept pets. Most boarding kennels, veterinarians and animal shelters will need medical records, with proof of vaccinations. FEMA and HSUS offer the following tips:

- 1) Do not leave your pet behind. Take your pet with you, along with pet food, water, medications, veterinary records, cat litter, can opener, food dishes, first aid kit and other pet supplies. Make sure identification tags are up to date and fastened to your pet's collar.
- 2) If you have no alternative but to leave your pet behind, confine your pet to a safe area inside. Never leave your pet chained outside! Make sure your pet is wearing identification and information about where you can be located. Place written information about your pet in a visible area to advise others of the pet's presence, location on your property, where you can be reached, and name & number of your vet. Take a photo of your pet along with you.
- 3) Evacuate livestock whenever possible!! Arrangements for livestock evacuation should be part of your disaster plan that you have made in advance. Ideally, evacuation

takes place well in advance, because of its complexities. Safe sites and ability to get to the sites, depend upon the disaster. Search out several options. Plan for food and water needs, vehicles for transportation, availability of experienced handlers, and familiarize your animals to being transported. All animals should wear identification, including your name and phone number.

A Message From SRN

Now that the fire season has begun, I encourage all of you to prepare for this dry summer with precautions. Create a good 30-foot safety zone around your home and make an evacuation plan that is understood by each family member. If you have not received the practical written pamphlets on wildland fires from Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue, call Kristin at (503)647-8577. Also, I encourage you to borrow a video on the subject by calling Susan Ahern at (503)621-3510. At the last SRN meeting, TVF&R gave SRN this video to share with the community. Know your neighbors, who might need assistance if an evacuation is necessary and who might need assistance in creating a safety zone. I encourage all of you to talk to your neighbors about prevention and give neighborly support.

This newsletter is free to you, but it is not free to produce, print and mail. If you value receiving the Skyline Ridge Runner, Skyline Rural Watch Newline, and other SRN activities, please let us know by supporting our annual fundraiser "The 10th Annual Skyline Ridge Runner Summer Gathering and Silent Auction" on August 11. We welcome donations to the silent auction, people volunteering to work a hour or so of time before, during or after the Gathering, and we welcome a monetary gift. See the insert for further information. Bring a friend, a neighbor and a special potluck dish to share. The Fundraising Committee is committed to making this the best and most entertaining Gathering in history, with good music, delicious food, excellent variety of auction items and great neighbors. Hope to see you there.

Karin Hunt, SRN President

Note Date Change!

Saturday, August 11th

**Skyline Ridge Runner
Summer Gathering & Auction
at
Shadysprings Farm
16340 NW Rock Creek Rd.**

3:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Rock Creek Road In “No Man’s Land”

At the May meeting, the attendees requested that the SRN Board address the deteriorating section of NW Rock Creek Road that is within Washington County. Its deterioration results from the fact that this 0.45 mile section of road is not recognized as a public road by Washington County. Though physically within Washington County, it is really in no man’s land, with no one officially responsible for its upkeep and repairs. Until approximately 7-8 years ago, Multnomah County did maintain this road section along with the rest of Rock Creek Road that is within Multnomah County, until the lot lines were resectored and then Multnomah County realized this road section was not its responsibility. With no maintenance, the road declined into a checkerboard of growing potholes and significant bank erosion occurred during the floods of ’96-’97. Thankfully, two years ago, John L. Jersey & Son, Inc., a local neighbor and contractor, took the initiative, filled potholes and did some other repairs as a service to our community. Since then no maintenance has occurred except the recent “routine” spraying of roadside vegetation and road stenciling to warn drivers of the approaching railroad crossing. Today the bank continues to erode, potholes deepen and the center stripe has worn off. The contrast is striking when driving beyond this section and onto maintained NW Old Cornelius Pass Road or further on Rock Creek Road that is maintained by Multnomah County.

In 1998, the Washington County Board of Commissioners declined to establish this section of Rock Creek Road as a county road, “due to lack of sufficient available funds to operate and maintain it.” This decision was made after this neighborhood association requested Washington County attend to repairs and maintenance. In preparation for the 1998 Commissioner hearing, Greg Miller, Operations Manager in Washington County, wrote the following interdepartmental correspondence:

“Over the past several years, residents living along Rock Creek Road have requested maintenance work to correct various problems. We have responded by correcting safety hazards. Non-safety hazards have generally been left alone, in keeping with our maintenance prioritization policy.

With increased traffic, an aging asphalt surface and the extreme weather conditions of the past two years, the problems have become more serious. In taking a more detailed look at the situation, we have found that there is no legal right-of-way for the County to maintain; it is not an established County road. The road functions as a collector, with a daily volume of 220-250. Traffic includes school busses. Purpose of this letter is to provide a history, describe the needs, and outline the options available to address these needs and the concerns raised by the residents in their April 20, 1998, petition to the Board.

The eastern half of the road was dedicated as part of the Plainview Acres Subdivision in May of 1912. This subdivision was in both Multnomah and Washington Counties, which apparently led to the dedication of the road within Washington County by Multnomah County. It was subsequently vacated in July of 1912. This very preliminary research indicates that there have been no subsequent dedications, either as a public road or as a County road. In the meantime, the road has obviously received maintenance and reconstruction by someone.

Today the road is in extremely poor condition, with numerous potholes and potentially very hazardous failing slopes, prompting the petition by the ‘Citizens for the Preservation of Skyline Ridge’ (the former name of Skyline Ridge Neighbors, Inc.) A 1995 estimate to bring the road up to a fair condition was approximately \$60,000. This did not address the slope

failure, which is a significant problem that could entail substantial work. It is not an immediate safety hazard at this time.

The first step in correction of the problems is verification of the absence of a dedicated right-of-way. Assuming that none exists, legal actions would be required for dedication. This would entail a survey of the existing alignment, which could be costly. Normally, dedication as a County road would require that it be built to standard, but this requirement may be waived. Building to County standard would be cost prohibitive. In keeping with our Transportation Plan and with “County 2000” the cost of the improvements should be borne by the benefiting parties, most likely through a Local Improvement District. As a minimum, the Board may be able to declare an emergency and fix the most serious problems.

This preliminary discussion of the issues and options is tentative, at best. The costs involved in repairing the road could be substantial as could be the resolution of the right-of-way issues. The residents along the road, as well as the users, have a legitimate concern about the condition, however. The issue should be resolved at least cost to all involved.

The Board’s options are as follows:

- A. Declare an emergency and use County Road Funds to resolve the most serious problems (potholes).
- B. Establish the road as a County road, assign and maintain it in accordance with the appropriate functional classification, road maintenance prioritization policy.
- C. Do nothing. Any repairs or upgrades would be at the adjacent property owners’ expense, probably through an LID.

I recommend both options A and B be pursued. This road is used by the traveling public of Washington County, including school busses. It functions as a collector and should be treated as part of the transportation system. The road can be established and a waiver granted for it not meeting current standards. This is the right thing to do.”

Since 1998, several new people are sitting on the Board of Commissioners. It is time to raise this problem again. The Public Service Committee of SRN is collecting information to again petition the Washington County Board of Commissioners to establish this road section as a county road, deserving of repairs and maintenance. If you are concerned about this issue, please attend the next SRN Public Services Committee meeting on Tuesday, July 10 at 7:30p.m. at 14625 NW Rock Creek Road. For more information, call Sen at (503)621-3331 or Don Roach at (503)621-3662.

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LOCAL NEWS:

Hard Times for Linnton Community Center

At its June 11 meeting, the Board of Directors of the Linnton Community Center reluctantly agreed to close the Center for an indefinite period. Factors which contributed to this decision included too few registrations for the summer day-camp program and the inability to recover from fiscal irregularities which were discovered in January. The Board will continue to meet and evaluate the situation with the hope of opening again in the fall. The Board intends to meet the Center's financial obligations for which it has fallen behind. Questions can be directed to the Rev. Al Rieke, board chair, at (503)231-0009.

What does this mean for the Before and After School Program at Skyline School in which Linnton Community Center had been providing care? According to Principal Charlene Russell, it is the intent that childcare will again be offered at Skyline School this fall. Daycare vendors are being interviewed by a committee consisting of Skyline parents, the school district and Russell. Principal Russell expects the chosen vendor will mail information about its program over the summer to Skyline parents. Information will also be posted on the Skyline Rural Watch Newswire.

This is a sad and tragic turn of events for this building that has loyally served the area for 75 years. The building was built in 1926 originally as a Methodist-Episcopalian Church. From the beginning, the Church had a strong commitment to social services. Since then the building has housed a Sunday school, branch library, arts center, roller skating rink, movie theater and for the past two decades, as the only social service agency serving the Linnton area. The building continues to be owned by the United Methodist Church, with Pioneer United Methodist Church of St Johns as its "custodian."

Share Your Garden's Bounty

Your garden excess could help provide fresh fruits and vegetables to the tri-county area where it is estimated that 25% of the population does not eat fresh fruits or vegetables on a given day. Since Oregon Food Bank is practically in our backyard, donating is easy. Less perishable fruits and vegetables are best, such as carrots, potatoes, onions, melons, squash, cucumbers, eggplants, beets and the prolific zucchini. Herbs are welcome for spicing up food staples, and so are commercially canned goods. To get there, turn west onto West Union Road at the Cornelius Pass Road intersection. Turn left onto Jacobson Road which is the first left after Sweet Oregon Grill. The Oregon Food Bank warehouse is located at 21465 NW Jacobson Road. Drop-offs are welcome Mondays through Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Also, if you would like to volunteer there as a drop-in or routinely, call (503)439-6510 for more information.

Become a Volunteer Firefighter

Find out how to join by calling the
Volunteer Information Line at
(503) 259-1207
or by checking out the web at
www.tvfr.com

PEOPLE NEWS:

New Baby: Jacob Benjamin was born to **Nora (Riches) & Tim Schreiber** on March 3. Healthy 8 pounds. Congratulations!

Kim, Greg, Sarah & Kevin Marcellus of Logie Trail Road are moving to a location closer to work in June. The Marcellus family has been an integral part of our community for many years. Greg will be missed as long time volunteer with Scappoose Rural Fire District.

Ralph "Scotty" Munson passed away on May 23 of pneumonia, at the age of 82. Scott was raised and lived in the Skyline/Rock Creek Road area for most of his life. He was married to Gladys Joyce Thompson who died in 1989. He is survived by son Ron Munson, daughters, Linda Munson & Patty Norgaard; brothers Raymond K and Clyde; sister Marjorie Mason. His daughter Jerri died in 1969. The family suggests in lieu of flowers, a donation to Skyline School PTA, 11536 NW Skyline Blvd, Portland, OR 97231.

Two of the four valedictorians named at Lincoln High School are former Skyline School students: **Anna Plumb** and **Shauna Puhl**. **Austin Lea** received the Skyline School Alumni Scholarship

David Linden & Leslie Elmore were married on May 28th in the Columbia Gorge. Family attended the long awaited wedding! Mr. & Mrs. Linden both grew up in this area and were high school sweethearts. Congratulations

Letter To The Editor:

I really appreciate all that goes into Ridge Runner, although it has been many years since I lived on the hill.

Especially, thank-you for the obituary of Florence Pauly Brownlee. There is something else of local interest to add to her story. She was one of the first teachers at Skyline when it became a consolidated district. She taught before the new building was finished and was one of the best teachers that anyone could wish for. Her classes were fun, but you also learned the books and a lot that wasn't in the books. She made nutrition an interesting game when nutrition wasn't in most peoples vocabulary. Her singing voice and musical ability drew many to the school programs. In the first picture of Skyline's first soft ball team she is right there along with the coach and bus driver. She probably knew more about the game than anyone. When she took the teaching job in Beaverton her little Chevy became the taxi to Beaverton for another teacher or some student who had missed the bus. She left many good memories for us.

As for Vern Munson and his smelt, I don't think he has his uncle's recipe for smoked smelt. Vern, don't tell me you didn't like those tasty little morsels! Take away the head, tails, and guts and there's not much left.

Thanks for all the local info that you bring to us. The happiest days were those lived on the Hill.

Sincerely, Jean Brooks Nixon

P.S. An after thought: My dad's annual Valentine's day gift to my mother was a fresh mess of smelt from Linnton Meat Market — if he couldn't net any himself. Now that's sentiment.

SRN NEWS:

Results of the May SRN Meeting

The following people were elected as officers: Karin Hunt as President; Don Roach as Vice President; Patrick Ahern as Treasurer. The membership recommended George Sowder as Chair of Natural Resources Committee. Chair of Land Use Committee remains vacant.

A motion was unanimously carried to change Bylaw wording to "The activities of Skyline Ridge Neighbors, Inc. shall fall exclusively within the meaning of 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code."

A motion was carried requesting the SRN Board to address poor condition of the small Washington County section of Rock Creek Road. Maintenance of this road section leaves it decorated with growing potholes & a nonexistent fog line.

A motion was carried requesting the SRN Board to address concern about fast traffic on Skyline Blvd. It was suggested that representatives from both Washington & Multnomah County Departments of Transportation be invited to the fall SRN meeting.

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue presented very practical, sobering information about preparing for a dry summer and its risk of wildland fire. Free "how-to-prepare" pamphlets can be obtained at TVF&R. Residents can borrow a video on the subject given to SRN by TVF&R- Call Susan at (503) 621-3510.

Susan Ahern, Secretary

Public Services Report

SRN requests that you report accurate information about any crimes of which you have been a victim as soon as possible after the

event to the Newline (503)621-1203 or Newline@skylineridgeneighbors.org. SRN can no longer rely on Multnomah County Sheriff's Office for weekly notification of local crimes. Due to the significant budget reduction, Multnomah County Sheriff's Office will no longer be able to provide this service. Since 1994, SRN has depended upon the Sheriff's Office and you to help track trends in local crimes. Now we will depend almost solely upon you. Please, if you are a victim of a crime, contact the Newline with the following information: date and time of occurrence, address; was there a forced entry; list of missing items; accurate description of suspect and/or vehicle; law enforcement agency to which the crime was reported; and any other pertinent information. SRN will continue to not publish names of suspects, list the exact address of the crime scene or name of victims unless given direct consent by the victim. But, from now on, SRN truly depends on you for accurate information.

Treasurers Report 4/1/01- 7/1/01

Income	\$733.33
Expenses	\$730.29
Checking	\$1,939.20
Emergency Funds	\$2,664.28
Total Assets	\$4,603.48

Help support your community by making a monetary donation to SRN, Inc., 21000 NW Logie Trail Rd., Portland, OR 97231. Donations are the sole support for production of the *Skyline Ridge Runner* to 1400 households, the Newline, and our new website, www.skylineridgeneighbors.org Patrick Ahern

How To Contact SRN:

SRN Website: <http://www.skylineridgeneighbors.org>

SRN Board Members:

President:	Karin Hunt	(503) 621-3024	president@skylineridgeneighbors.org
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Skyline Ridge Runner:

Please submit comments, stories, and articles for consideration by emailing to ridgerunner@skylineridgeneighbors.org or mailing to 16340 NW Rock Creek Rd, Portland, OR 97231 or by faxing to (503) 621-1134. Please keep SRN informed of any changes in mailing addresses. The *Skyline Ridge Runner* is published three to four times per year.

Skyline Rural Watch Newline:

Please submit information about local crimes, events, and news for consideration, by faxing (503) 621-1272, by emailing to newline@skylineridgeneighbors.org, or by leaving a message at (503) 621-1203. To receive the weekly Newline reports, the longer version by email, listen to the shorter phone versions at (503) 621-1203 or pick one up at Plainview Grocery.

Classifieds:

Skyline Daycare: On Johnson Rd. Daytime part or full time openings available. Safe, fun environment, arts & crafts, healthy foods. Call Shannon Satchell at (503) 621-1441.

Free Horse Manure & Shavings: Partially composted. Will load your truck or trailer. Delivered truckloads available for fee. Call Shadysprings Farm at (503) 621-6932, # 2.

New Beading Class added to Summer Grange Schedule. Join us Thursday, July 12 from 7-10 PM for further adventures in beading! We'll be working with wire and will make a necklace, earrings and bracelet. The cost is \$35. You may also wish to purchase a crimping tool and round-nosed pliers which are essential to this type of jewelry-making (enclose an additional \$20 and I'll order them for you!). Make checks payable to Deandra Ellerbe. For more information or to register call Mary Young at 503-286-7613. Please register by Friday, June 29.

Road & Mountain Bicycle Tune-Up & Repairs: Cleaning, adjustment, lube, suspension fork service, wheel truing, flats fixed, upgrades for all components installed at competitive prices. Call Jesse Tane, high school student from Newberry Rd, at (503)286-6339.

Lavender Festival U-Pick lavender, crafts and more. Proceeds benefit the Roosevelt H.S. Girls' Scholarship. July 14, 11AM to 4PM. Lilla Farm, 17006 NW Pauly Rd. at McNamee. (503) 645-7412.

Patrick Ahern

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Auction Item Donation

**Mail by July 16 to Summer Gathering 2001
C/O Marilyn Oliver, 14625 NW Skyline Blvd. Portland, 97231**

Donor Name, Address & Phone:

Donation & Description:

Value: _____ Suggested Minimum Bid: _____

Item is New Used, but in good, working, clean condition Gift Certificate

I Will

- mail or deliver item to 12119 NW Skyline between 7/28 & 8/9
- deliver item to 16340 NW Rock Creek Rd. on 8/10 between 9 - 11 a.m.
- need someone to pick up the item
- include business card

Call Marilyn Oliver at (503) 621-9634 for further information.

Please send your comments, poems, stories and opinions to SRN, 16340 NW Rock Creek Rd. Portland, OR 97231

CALENDAR:

10th annual Ridge Runner Summer Gathering & Silent Auction: Saturday, August 11, 3-8 p.m. at 16340 NW Rock Creek Rd. For info, contact Kathe or Steve at (503)614-9064.

Skyline Station 63 Volunteer Firefighters: Meet every Monday 7:00/7:30 pm at 11646 NW Skyline Blvd. For info, call Doug Meyers or Captain Sellers at (503)649-8577.

Skyline Grange, 1st Wednesday each month. 7:30 pm. For info, call Peggy Lindquist at (503)621-9776.

Rock Creek Road in No Man s Land, Main topic at SRN s Public Services Committee meeting, Tuesday, July 10 at 7:30 p.m., 14625 NW Rock Creek Road. For info, contact Don at (503)621-3662 or Sen at (503)621-3331.

Spring Backyard Burning Season: ended June 15. The fall season begins October.

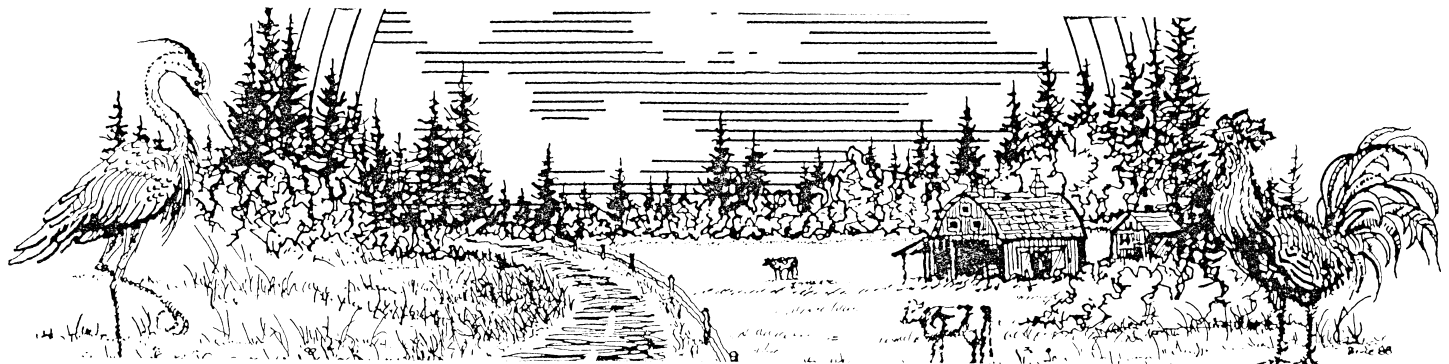
Lavendar Festival: July 14, 11 - 4 p,m, Lillia Farm, 17006 NW Pauly Rd. For information call (503) 645-7412.

About Skyline Ridge Neighbors, Inc.

SRN is a neighborhood association serving much of northwest unincorporated Multnomah County. 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 for federal tax exempt status under 501(c)(4) of the IRS Code. SRN distributes the *Skyline Ridge Runner* & the Newline Report to residents of the SRN area and adjacent areas and to interested parties.

Purposes of SRN are :

- to enhance the livability of the area by establishing & maintaining an open line of communication and acting as a liaison between the neighborhood, government agencies and other neighborhoods,
- to provide an open process by which all members of the community may involve themselves in the affairs of the area and
- to be organized exclusively for educational, scientific, and charitable purposes.



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