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## Skyline Rural Watch Newsline

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### SUMMER GATHERING BLURBS AND UPDATES

See end of email for all the details on the SRN SG or go to [srn.auction@gmail.com](mailto:srn.auction@gmail.com)

#### Vacation homes requested!

The SRN crew is busy collecting donations for the Live & Silent Auctions at this year's Summer Gathering. We want to showcase items from our wonderful local community! **Do you have a rental home at the Coast / Gorge / Central Oregon that you'd be willing to share for a weekend / for a few days? This would be an amazing addition to our Auction!**



### Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

#### It's calf and fawn season – keep your distance from elk and deer

June 11, 2024

**SALEM, Ore.** – Oregon's deer and elk give birth from May through July. It's natural for mother animals to leave their young alone and hidden for extended periods of time while they go off to feed, so never assume a young animal is orphaned when you see it alone. The mother will return when it's safe to do so—when people, pets or predators aren't around.

Removing an animal from the wild is also a violation of Oregon wildlife laws. (ORS 497.308 – No person shall remove from its natural habitat or acquire and hold in

captivity any live wildlife in violation of the wildlife laws.) When people remove them from the wild, young animals miss the chance to learn where to seek cover, what to eat and how to escape from predators and other dangers. The time young animals spend with their parents and in their natural environment is crucial for the development of survival skills long term.

Fawns and calves are most vulnerable to predation in their first few weeks of life when they can't run with the herd. Their mothers will hide them in brush and go off to forage for food some distance away, sometimes for long periods so as to not call attention to their young. A fawn or calf's spotted coat helps camouflage them as they stay motionless except when nursing. They also have very little odor as another protection against attracting predators.

Fawns are sometimes mistakenly picked up by humans with good intentions, a problem that almost immediately reduces their chances of survival to zero. The doe has put half a year of intense effort into reproducing and will go to great lengths to find her fawn, often searching the area in a grid pattern. Please, leave fawns where they are.

If you encounter deer or elk, especially with young, give them space and enjoy viewing from a distance. If your presence disturbs wildlife, you're too close.

Deer and elk see dogs as a threat to their young and may act aggressively in response to disturbance from a dog. Keep pets leashed and away from wildlife. Female elk with young calves have injured and killed pets in Oregon and Washington. It is their instinct to protect their young.

Elk are large wild animals and can be aggressive without warning. Roosevelt elk are the largest elk subspecies in terms of body size, with bulls generally weighing 700-1,100 pounds. Cow elk will aggressively protect their young in the spring and summer. Bull elk become especially aggressive during the fall rut when they challenge other males and will charge anything that comes too close.



#### West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District

#### West Multnomah SWCD June Board Meeting

The June meeting of the West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District (WMSWCD) Board of Directors will meet remotely via Zoom on Tuesday, June 18, at 6pm. We welcome the public to all District board meetings, and the board meeting agenda allows time for public comment. Any person may attend the meeting and request to make public comment during the public comment period, comments are limited to two minutes maximum per person. A Zoom access code will be required to access the meeting. Interested participants may request the ID by emailing [info@wmswcd.org](mailto:info@wmswcd.org) with the subject line "Request for Conference ID" or by calling 503-238-4775 and leaving a voicemail message at extension 100, no later than 4:30 p.m. the day of the meeting.

During the board meeting, the board will cover regular business including approving previous meeting minutes and highlights from the District Manager. This meeting is the annual budget hearing. The Board of Directors will discuss and consider for adoption the approved budget for 24-25. Directors will also vote on a date for 2024's annual meeting. The agenda for this meeting will be available for inspection on the District's webpage the morning of the meeting. The agenda can be modified by the Board of Directors at any time during the meeting.

The Board of Directors typically meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m., unless specified otherwise. Special accommodations for attending may be arranged with advance notice by calling West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District at (503) 238-4775 and leaving a voicemail message at extension 100 or by emailing [info@wmswcd.org](mailto:info@wmswcd.org) no later than 5:00 p.m. the Friday prior to the meeting. Visit [wmswcd.org](http://wmswcd.org) for more information about the West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District.

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#### MULTNOMAH COUNTY LAND USE NEWS

Multnomah County Land Use & Transportation Program  
 1600 SE 190TH Ave., Portland, OR 97233  
 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](mailto:land.use.planning@multco.us).

#### LOT LINE DECISION: 12403 NW SKYLINE BLVD.

CASE #: T2-2023-17046  
 LOCATION: 12403 NW Skyline Blvd.  
 BASE ZONE: Exclusive Farm Use (EFU)  
 OVERLAYS: Significant Environmental Concern for wildlife (SEC-h)  
 PROPOSAL: Applicant requests for 2 Lot of Record Verification & an equal area exchange through a property line adjustment.  
 DECISION: Approved with Conditions. This decision is final at the close of the appeal period, unless appealed. Deadline for filing an appeal is Monday, June 24, 2024 at 4 p.m.  
 DETAILS: For more information, go to [T2-2023-17046 NOD 06102024.pdf \(multco-web7-psh-files-usw2\\_s3-us-west-2.amazonaws.com\)](https://www.multco.us/land-use-planning/files/12403-nw-skyline-blvd-lot-line-decision)

#### WEED WRENCH FOR PULLING SCOTCH BROOM

In the past week about 100 Scotch brooms were pulled out by local residents who borrowed a Weed Wrench from SRN. There is still a bit of time left to borrow it before the broom go to seed. To borrow a large or medium size tool, contact Sen at 503-621-3331 (15000 block of Skyline) or a small size tool by contacting Laura at 503-407-7175 (McNamee). Weed Wrench is helpful when pulling other woody shrubs, such as holly and tree saplings.



### Join us for the 2024 Summer Gathering

[Plumper Pumpkin Patch](#)  
 Saturday, July 27  
 4-8pm

The SRN crew is busy collecting donations for the Live & Silent Auctions at this year's Summer Gathering. We want to showcase items from our wonderful local community! **Do you have a special skill or hobby that you could offer as a donation?** Here are some ideas:

- Home visit from an indoor plant expert
- Complimentary appointment with a home organizer
- Car tune up from a mechanic
- Processed partial animal from local farmer
- Service time from a home handyperson
- A couple hours of landscaping work
- Crafting lessons - knitting, crochet, pottery, any creative outlet

Share your ideas with us at [srn.auction@gmail.com](mailto:srn.auction@gmail.com) and we can craft a custom auction item that works with your schedule. This is a fantastic way to support SRN. We are excited to see what our neighbors have to offer!

Nicole Anderson  
 2024 Auction Chair  
[srn.auction@gmail.com](mailto:srn.auction@gmail.com)

#### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

##### Skyline Ridge Neighbors Events

**July 27, 2024** - 4-8 PM. At the Plumper Pumpkin Patch. If you are interested in helping with the event, please contact Brad Graff, [bradgraff@gmail.com](mailto:bradgraff@gmail.com) or Tracey Larvenz [tlarvenz@gmail.com](mailto:tlarvenz@gmail.com). All the details are at: <https://www.srnpdx.org/summer-gathering-573265.html>

**Skyline Ridge Neighbors Board Meetings:** 2nd Thursdays; Contact [srn@srnpdx.org](mailto:srn@srnpdx.org) for location

##### Skyline Grange 894 Events

<https://skylinegrange894.org/calendar/> Email: [skylinegrange894@msn.com](mailto:skylinegrange894@msn.com)  
 Yoga - [See Calendar for Dates and Times](#)  
 Grange Meetings: 2nd Mondays; Contact [SkylineGrange894@msn.com](mailto:SkylineGrange894@msn.com) to confirm

**NET Meetings:** Contact [SkylineRidgeNET@gmail.com](mailto:SkylineRidgeNET@gmail.com)

#### CLASSIFIED ADS

##### WANTED: RUNNING PARTNER

Do you love to run? Well, Eric, a man with autism, loves to run and needs a new running partner. You don't need autism experience, his current running partner of over 8 years will train you.

##### · JOB DESCRIPTION:

Pick Eric up from the Bethany Village Centre area, drive to the Leif Erikson Trail in Forest Park, run with him, and return him back to home.

Be a running partner for several 10K races/year in the Portland area.

##### · HOURS:

At least 1-3 mornings/week from 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. or 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. spring through the fall with a break November through March.

On a weekend day several times a year, run in a 10K race in the Portland area, such as the Helvetia & Beaverton 10Ks.

##### · REQUIREMENTS:

You love to run, enjoy trail running and competing in 10K races.  
 You can keep up with Eric at an 8.5-minute mile pace for at least 6.5 miles.  
 You have a car and car insurance.

You ideally live within 15 minutes of Bethany Town Centre.

If you can run a half marathon, that is a plus since Eric has an opportunity to try out for the USA team! (<https://www.athleteswithoutlimits.org>)

No autism experience is necessary. His current running partner of 8 over years will train you.

##### · BENEFITS:

Mileage reimbursement.  
 Hourly wage of \$19.50/hour to start.

· CONTACT: [ewspdxrunner@gmail.com](mailto:ewspdxrunner@gmail.com)

##### · NOTE:

Eric attends Yoga at the Grange, so is known to Skyline participants.

##### 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@srnpdx.org](mailto:newsline@srnpdx.org) and indicate how many times you want your ad to run.

##### Prices 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, 14109 NW Rock Creek Rd., Portland 97231. Be sure to indicate which Newsline ad you are paying for.

#### Skyline Ridge Neighbors, Inc Website

<https://www.srnpdx.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.srnpdx.org/about-us.aspx>) 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.

##### 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 Ehardt (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 [newsline@srnpdx.org](mailto:newsline@srnpdx.org), or leaving a message at (503) 621-3501. You can subscribe to the Newsline at SRNPDX.ORG [Get the Newsline](#) tab.

##### 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 [srnpdx.org](https://www.srnpdx.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 [sgpdxrunner@srnpdx.org](mailto:sgpdxrunner@srnpdx.org). Or call Miles at (503-621-8867) 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: <http://www.srnpdx.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 Ridge Neighborhood Emergency Team (NET): [SkylineRidgeNET@gmail.com](mailto:SkylineRidgeNET@gmail.com)  
 Skyline Grange: <https://skylinegrange894.org/>  
 Forest Park Conservancy: <http://www.forestparkconservancy.org/>  
 Linton Community Center: <http://www.lintoncommunitycenter.org/>  
 Linton Neighborhood Association: <http://lntn.org/>  
 West Multnomah County Soil and Water Conservation District: <http://wmswcd.org/>  
 Skyline School: <http://www.ops.k12.or.us/schools/skyline/>  
 Skyline School PTA: <http://www.skylineschoolpta.org/>  
 Lincoln High School: <http://www.ops.k12.or.us/schools/lincoln/>

