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SkyChange

We are excited to share about our new round-up program that seeks to assist area non-profits that help those in need throughout our community, and we invite you, our customers and members, to participate!

SkyChange allows customers of SkyLine/SkyBest to round up their monthly bill to the next whole-dollar amount. The money generated from the round-up will, in turn, be distributed to programs assisting those in need throughout our community. Customer bills will reflect a line item showing the monthly round-up donation. Funds collected through SkyChange will be distributed to crisis centers across our SkyLine/SkyBest service area but not to individuals directly. SkyLine's employee-led and

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Call One Call System Before You Dig

If you have an outside project in your plans before summer ends and it requires digging, do yourself a favor and call the One Call System first. Now, you can reach One-Call System by dialing '8-1-1' from any landline phone or any cell phone that is connected to a tower in North Carolina. And, our Shady Valley and Mountain City customers also can contact the Tennessee One-Call Center by dialing 8-1-1 from their homes or businesses. When you contact the One-Call System, you will need to provide the following information:

- County and town
- Location of work – street address
- Nearest cross street
- Area to be marked
- Date and time of excavation or digging
- Type of work
- Your name and number or the contractor's contact info



Know what's below.
Call before you dig.

If you don't call first, you may end up with environmental damage, interruption of service, job or project delays or the potential for accidents and injuries. When you contact One Call first, our personnel will come and mark the utility lines in your work area. You can then dig safely without the fear of damaging telephone lines.

Enjoy the remainder of your gardening and landscaping projects this summer, but remember to be safe and the One Call System before you dig.

Directory Omissions

Ashe Animal Clinic
605 East Main Street, Jefferson 336-246-2341

Ashe High Country Realty
7 S Jefferson Ave., West Jefferson 336-246-6348



Supporting Relay for Life and the American Cancer Society – A SkyLine Tradition

Normally at this time of year, we are donning our t-shirts and shorts or jeans and hitting the track to support Relay for Life, the signature fundraising event of the American Cancer Society. SkyLine has been a longtime supporter of Relay, and our employees join equally dedicated businesses, churches, families and individuals throughout the community to form teams or become sponsors in raising awareness and supporting this effort each year. As early as 1995, Relay for Life events have taken place during late spring and summer months across the region. While events this year have been cancelled due to COVID-19 concerns, our employees got an early start to their annual pledge campaign in 2020 and before news of COVID-19 broke. Those pledges made in February, along with SkyLine's support, raised over \$6,000 in contributions, which will be sent to the ACS in 2020 so its vital work can continue.

We are grateful to our company, employees and directors for their enduring dedication to the fight against cancer and for supporting the ACS in its continuing work to discover new and better ways to treat cancer, lessen its impact through targeted and effective therapies, and improve and extend the quality of life for those touched by cancer. We will continue to walk that walk because every step is one closer to a cure!

We offer a sincere 'thank you' to our members, customers and communities for your support of this important cause over the years, and we look forward to doing our part in helping to fund regional efforts again in 2021. We hope you'll join us.

COVID-19 Restrictions Lead to Modified Plans for Annual Meeting



Due to the prevalence and continued risks associated with the COVID-19 Pandemic, SkyLine is announcing a modified meeting format to follow state-mandated restrictions regarding public gatherings.

The Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday morning, October 6, on the campus of SkyLine's corporate offices on Highway 194 North in West Jefferson. Due to restrictions on public gatherings, attendance at the meeting will be very limited. Further information regarding member registration and other meeting details will be announced in the September newsletter.



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118

TOLL-FREE

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LOCAL
611

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336-372-4444
(10-DIGIT DIALING)

ASHE
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(10-DIGIT DIALING)

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297-4811

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739-4500

LENOIR
929-2872

INTERNET TECH SUPPORT, 24/7

TOLL-FREE

1-866-759-7591

WORTH NOTING:

Nominating Committee
Meeting
2 p.m. Tuesday,
August 4,
SkyLine's Corporate
Offices

STAFF:

Kim Shepherd
Chief Executive Officer

Brian Tester
Chief Operations Officer

Angie Poe
Customer Service Manager

Jamey Jenkins
Retail Sales Manager

Karen P. Powell
Public Relations Administrator
& Editor



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employee-funded Project Teamwork program addresses crisis relief for individuals across our service area.

Some of the established crisis centers across the region include Alleghany Cares, Inc., A.S.H.E., Grandfather Home for Children, the Hunger and Health Coalition and Johnson County Safe Haven. These and others would be eligible to receive support.

If you participate in the SkyChange program by simply rounding up your bill to the next dollar, your total donations per year will not exceed \$11.88. In most cases, donations will be tax deductible. SkyChange is a 501(c)3 organization with established bylaws and a governing committee. Once funds are distributed, our website and newsletter will give periodic updates highlighting how customers' donations helped their community.

Won't you join us in this collective effort to take our 'change' to make a positive difference across our region? Like other benevolent activities, be it through Project Teamwork or other charitable outreach initiatives, we recognize that our collective efforts have a bigger and broader impact and truly make a difference.

To sign up for SkyChange today, visit www.skybest.com/skychange or call your local SkyLine/SkyBest Customer Center at 118 or 1-800-759-2226.



Support Our Local Businesses!

Now more than ever, our local business community needs our support due to the impact of COVID-19.

While there has been a gradual re-opening of some businesses, let's continue to do our part to shop locally whenever possible and support our local economy. And leading the charge to keep us updated with the latest information on the heartbeat of our local business community are our active and dedicated Chambers of Commerce. Visit these valuable links for the latest information available.

Alleghany Chamber of Commerce –
www.alleghanycountychamber.com

Ashe County Chamber of Commerce –
www.ashechamber.com

Avery County Chamber of Commerce –
www.averycounty.com

Banner Elk Chamber of Commerce –
www.bannerelk.org

Beech Mountain Chamber of Commerce –
www.beechmtchamber.com

Blowing Rock Chamber of Commerce –
www.blowingrockncchamber.com
www.blowingrock.com/shop-at-home

Boone Area Chamber of Commerce –
www.boonechamber.com

Caldwell Chamber of Commerce –
www.caldwellchambernc.com

Johnson County Chamber of Commerce –
www.johnsoncountytchamber.org

And just as importantly, we continue to appreciate all those businesses who are on the front lines of providing essential services and to our health care/senior care providers who are caring for our sick and most vulnerable during a challenging time. Thank you!

SkyLine By-Laws Summarized for Director Elections at Annual Meeting

Due to the prevalence and continued risks associated with the COVID-19 Pandemic, SkyLine's 64th Annual Meeting will be conducted on Tuesday, October 6, at SkyLine's corporate office campus. The three-year terms of the following directors will expire as of this meeting: Sharon Kasel (Ashe); Bill Burselon (Avery); and Thomas J. McNeil (Watauga).

A summary of SkyLine Membership Corporation's By-Laws pertaining to director qualifications and nominations is provided below (Article IV, Section 4).

Section 4.3 – Qualifications to be Nominated, to Become, or Remain a Director

Any member shall be eligible to be nominated, elected and remain a director of the Cooperative who:

1. Is a natural person and a full-time legal resident, residing in the geographical area for which the person desires to serve as a Director.
2. Is NOT an employee, present or former, of the Cooperative and is not in any way employed by or have a direct pecuniary interest in a competing enterprise or a business engaged in selling communication services or communication supplies or constructing or maintaining communication facilities,
3. Is NOT a "close relative" to an incumbent director or a present or former employee of the Cooperative. As used here "close relative" shall include a spouse, parent, child, brother, sister, including biological, adopted, foster, step or other legal relation and the spouse of the foregoing, or a domestic partner. However, no incumbent director shall lose eligibility to remain a director or to be re-elected as a director if he becomes a close relative of another incumbent director or of a Cooperative employee because of a marriage to which he was not a party; neither shall an employee lose eligibility to continue in the employment of the Cooperative if he or she becomes a close relative of a director because of marriage to which he or she was not a party.
4. Is at least 21 years of age.
5. Has not been convicted of a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude or a felony pursuant to state or federal laws.
6. Has been a member for not less than one year.

Section 4.4 Nominations

- It shall be the duty of the Board to appoint, in the month of June each year beginning June 2021, a committee on nominations consisting of not less than five (5) nor more than eleven (11) members who shall be selected from different geographic areas so as to ensure equitable representation.
- The committee shall meet on or before August 15 of each year, deliberate, prepare and post at the principal office of the corporation a list of nominations for board members which shall include as many nominees for each board position as the committee deems desirable.
- Any one hundred (100) or more active members, acting together may make a nomination for a director by petition and the secretary shall post such nominations at the same place where the list of nominations made by the committee is posted.
- The secretary of the cooperative shall be responsible for mailing with the Notice of the Meeting, or separately, at least twenty (20) days before the date of the meeting, a statement of the number of board members to be elected, the names and addresses of the candidates nominated by the committee on nominations and those nominated by petition.
- Ballots shall list the candidates by geographic areas, in alphabetical order by last name, and shall also designate the candidates nominated by the committee and those nominated by petition.

The Nominating Committee will meet at 2 p.m. Tuesday, August 4, at SkyLine's Corporate Offices.

*For the 2020 Annual Meeting, the Nominating Committee was appointed in July.

Recipe of the Month

Gloria's Creamy Slaw

Ingredients:

- 8 cups of grated green cabbage (food processor works best)
- 1 cup of mayonnaise
- 1 cup of sour cream
- 1/3 cup sugar or sugar substitute like Splenda
- 1 to 2 teaspoons apple cider vinegar
- 1 1/2 teaspoons of celery seed
- 1 Tablespoon dried chives
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon lemon pepper

Instructions:

Shred cabbage. Blend together all other ingredients, stirring well. Mix sauce with cabbage. Can be made ahead.

Option: For pineapple slaw, add 20 ounces of well drained and pressed down crushed pineapple.

Submitted by Gloria Graham of Alleghany Co.



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