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# Skyline Rural Watch Newsline

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Date: **March 21, 2021**

## SKYLINE GRANGE #894

### DEADLINE THIS FRIDAY 3/26: NATIVE PRE-ORDER FORMS

This is Skyline Grange's 16<sup>th</sup> year of plant sales. Due to the pandemic, sales will be by **PRE-ORDER ONLY**, with scheduled, staggered pick-ups times. We will not be able to offer our usual selection of non-native fruit-bearing, ornamental and shade trees and shrubs, nor any in person sales.

DETAILS: We offer over 140 species native to the Pacific Northwest – wildflowers, shrubs and trees. All plants are purchased from licensed nurseries. We have a Temporary Nursery Sale License from Oregon Department of Agriculture.

### TO OBTAIN PRE-ORDER FORM & NATIVE PLANT DESCRIPTIONS:

1. DOWNLOAD both the updated April Native Pre-Order Form and our Descriptions of Native Plants at [www.skylinegrange894.org](http://www.skylinegrange894.org), or
2. Request them by emailing [skylinegrange894@msn.com](mailto:skylinegrange894@msn.com), or
3. Pick up copies at Plainview Grocery Store (Cornelius Pass at Skyline), or
4. Pick up copies at the Grange in container at right of front door (11275 NW Skyline).

PRE-ORDER DEADLINE: April Pre-Orders must be received by Friday, March 26 at 5 p.m. We would recommend doing so earlier since orders are filled on a first come, first served basis.

### WANTED: PLASTIC PLANT TRAYS

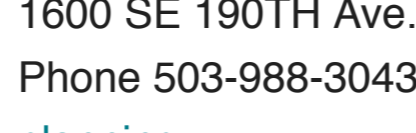
Donate no longer needed, clean plant trays to Skyline Grange for its Native Plant Sales. Donate trays only, no pots. Leave them at the front door of the Grange at 11275 NW Skyline ideally by March 29. Thanks. Questions, email [skylinegrange894@msn.com](mailto:skylinegrange894@msn.com).

## SKYLINE NET

### FREE ASSESSMENT OF THE DEFENSIBILITY OF YOUR PROPERTY IN A WILDFIRE

Portland Fire & Rescue and Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue will assess and provide recommendations to make your Property more defensible against wildfire. Sign up at <https://www.portland.gov/fire/your-safety/wildland-urban-interface-wui-home-assessment>.

Note: Numerous local residents have already received this service and found it very informative, giving them practical recommendations specific to their property. It's free and another fire season is again approaching!  
(Source: Skyline Ridge Neighborhood Emergency Team)



### 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>

### OFFICE CLOSED

Multnomah County's Land Use Planning Office is currently closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Customers are being served by email, phone and by US mail.

### 14 DAY OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT: 16011 NW SHELTERED NOOK RD.

CASE #: T2-2020-13783  
LOCATION: 16011 NW Sheltered Nook Rd.  
BASE ZONE: Rural Residential (RR)  
OVERLAYS: Significant Environmental Concern for wildlife, screams & scenic views (SEC-h, SEC-v & SEC-s) and Geologic Hazards (GH)  
PROPOSAL: Applicant requests approval of SEC-h, SEC-v, and SEC-v permits for a 2-story addition to an existing single-family dwelling. Proposed addition is approximately 1,193 sq ft. The proposed addition will be located to the south of the existing structure between the existing dwelling and the existing driveway. A GH permit exemption is also included in the request.  
COMMENT PERIOD: Written comments regarding this application will be accepted, if received by Thursday, March 25, 2021 at 4 p.m. Comments should be directed toward approval criteria applicable to the request.  
DETAILS: <http://multco.us/file/96219/download>

### 14 DAY OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT: 21500 NW GILKISON RD., Scappoose

CASE #: T2-2020-14024  
LOCATION: 21500 NW Gilkison Rd, Scappoose, OR  
BASE ZONE: Rural Residential (RR)  
OVERLAYS: Significant Environmental Concern for wildlife habitat (SEC-h) and Geologic Hazards (GH)  
PROPOSAL: Applicant requests a Lot of Record Verification for the property identified as 21500 NW Gilkison Rd. There is no development proposed at this time.  
COMMENT PERIOD: Written comments regarding this application will be accepted, if received by Monday, March 29, 2021 at 4 p.m. Comments should be directed toward approval criteria applicable to the request.  
DETAILS: <http://multco.us/file/96277/download>

### 14 DAY OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT: ADJACENT TO NW ST HELENS RD

CASE #: T2-2021-14325  
LOCATION: Tract 1: Adjacent to NW St St Helen's Rd  
Map T# 2N1W17-700, -800, -100, -200 (Property ID # R324969, R325132, 324970, R325131, R325133)  
BASE ZONE: Multiple Use Agriculture -20 (MUA-20)  
OVERLAYS: Willamette River Greenway (WRG), Flood Hazard (FH), Protected Aggregate & Minerals – Impact Area (PAM-IA)  
PROPOSAL: Lot of Record Verification to determine if the combined tax lots identified as "Tract 1" form a single Lot of Record and the combined tax lots identified as "Tract 2" form a single Lot of Record. A Lot of Record is a unit of land that satisfied all applicable zoning and land division laws at the time of its creation/reconfiguration. WRG and FH permits are not required as this review does not consider any development request.  
COMMENT PERIOD: Written comments regarding this application will be accepted, if received by April 1, 2021 at 4 p.m. Comments should be directed toward approval criteria applicable to the request.  
DETAILS: [download \(multco.us\)](http://multco.us/download)

### 14 DAY OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT: ADJACENT TO NW ST HELENS RD

CASE #: T2-2021-14255 & T2-2021-14226  
LOCATION: Tract 1: Adjacent to NW St St Helen's Rd  
Map T# 2N1W18D-200, 400, 300, 600, 500 (Property ID# R325039, R506054, R325096, R325091, R503257)  
Tract 2: Adjacent to NW St. Helens Rd.  
Map # 2N1W18D – 200, -100, -300 (Property ID # R325040, \$506053, R506055)  
BASE ZONE: Multiple Use Agriculture -20 (MUA-20)  
OVERLAYS: Willamette River Greenway (WRG), Flood Hazard (FH), Protected Aggregate & Minerals – Impact Area (PAM-IA)  
PROPOSAL: Lot of Record Verification to determine if the combined tax lots identified as "Tract 1" form a single Lot of Record and the combined tax lots identified as "Tract 2" form a single Lot of Record. A Lot of Record is a unit of land that satisfied all applicable zoning and land division laws at the time of its creation/reconfiguration. WRG and FH permits are not required as this review does not consider any development request.  
COMMENT PERIOD: Written comments regarding this application will be accepted, if received by April 1, 2021 at 4 p.m. Comments should be directed toward approval criteria applicable to the request.  
DETAILS: [download \(multco.us\)](http://multco.us/download)

### NOTICE OF DECISION: Rock Creek Road

PERMIT: Administrative Decision by the Planning Director for Post Emergency Response to Emergency/Disaster

CASE #: T2-2020-12984  
LOCATION: 16225, 16305, & 16244 NW Rock Creek Rd.  
APPLICANT: Multnomah County Transportation Division  
BASE ZONE: Rural Residential (RR)  
OVERLAYS: Significant Environmental Concern for wildlife habitat and streams (SEC-h; SEC-s)  
PROPOSAL: Applicant requests an Administrative Decision by Planning Director for a Post Emergency Response to an Emergency/Disaster Event. The response is to replace a culvert beneath NW Rock Creek Rad and repair the road that was damaged during the storm event on January 5, 2020.  
DECISION: Approved with Conditions. This decision is final at the close of the appeal period, unless appealed. The deadline for filing an appeal is a Mon., Mar. 22, 2021 at 4 p.m.  
DETAILS: Log onto [download \(multco.us\)](http://multco.us/download).  
Note: This work has been already completed.



## ODFW's iNaturalist project offers unique opportunities for community science in Oregon

March 18, 2021

**SALEM, Ore.** – ODFW recently launched the [Oregon Wildlife Conservation project](#) on the app iNaturalist to request the public's help in documenting the presence and distribution of wildlife species across the state.

"ODFW is the agency responsible for protecting and enhancing Oregon's wildlife populations," said Andrea Hanson, ODFW Conservation Strategy Coordinator. "It's not possible for ODFW to survey all wildlife species to monitor their distributions and population trends to identify priority species conservation and management needs. We need the public's help to monitor their presence and distributions across the state," added Hanson.

Biologists can use the data to enhance on-going wildlife research efforts, prioritize conservation actions and implement habitat restoration projects. While ODFW is interested in all wildlife observations, scientists are particularly interested in observations of the [wildlife Strategy Species \(species of greatest conservation need\) identified in the Oregon Conservation Strategy, which includes 17 amphibians, 58 birds, 29 mammals and five reptiles](#).

"What's exciting about this tool is its accessibility to users of all skill levels. You don't need to be an expert to contribute data," said Emily VanWyk, ODFW Strategy Species Coordinator. "By submitting observations to the Oregon Wildlife Conservation project, you connect directly with biologists and conservationists who can help identify your observation and who may be able to use that data to promote ongoing conservation efforts in the state," added VanWyk.

ODFW conservation biologists encourage everyone to contribute data to the project. Many activities that Oregonians already pursue can be coupled with a day of using the iNaturalist app such as bird watching, wildlife viewing, nature photography, as well as hunting, fishing and hiking.

"Exploring wildlife species in your own backyard is also a great way to use the tools on iNaturalist to figure out what you've found," said Jade Keehn, ODFW Conservation Biologist.

[The Oregon Wildlife Conservation project](#), created in 2020, is already helping biologists better understand Oregon wildlife species.

"Through iNaturalist observations, ODFW was able to document 19 new foothill yellow-legged frog observation locations," added Keehn. This data will be part of a new study to more accurately document the core range of foothill yellow-legged frogs, which are a Strategy Species currently under review for listing under the federal Endangered Species Act.

Observations gleaned from iNaturalist user-submitted data may contribute to the current understanding of foothill yellow-legged frog occupancy and will allow ODFW biologists to focus efforts in areas of the historic range where no data exist to describe their current presence.

iNaturalist data is also being used to help support ongoing conservation projects, like the [Oregon Connectivity Assessment and Mapping Project](#). OCAMP aims to link landscapes for wildlife by identifying habitat connectivity throughout the state for 54 of Oregon's native wildlife species. Northern red-legged frog is one of these species, and there are more than 500 observations of northern red-legged frog in Oregon logged in iNaturalist. More than a hundred of these observations have already been shared directly with ODFW's iNaturalist project.

[To learn more on how to share your observations throughout the Oregon Wildlife Conservation project, visit the MyODFW.com for detailed instructions.](#)

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### Send Us Photos of Your Animals and Pets

Our neighborhood is home to a whole menagerie of creatures great and small, both livestock and pets. Horses, goats, llamas, alpacas, sheep, birds, dogs, cats, reptiles and goldfish - we love to see them all. SRN would like to feature them in a photo gallery on our website home page, like last year's gallery of spring wildflowers. We've already received some wonderful pictures. You can see them here: <https://www.srnpxd.org/>

We would love more! Please send your best photos of your animals. Please identify the image file (.jpg or .png) with the animal's name. Images should be at least 500 x 500 pixels. Email to [web\\_editor@srnpdx.org](mailto:web_editor@srnpdx.org).

Skyline [Ridge Runner](#) Submission Deadline for the next issue is June 15

If you have any ads, calendar listings, news items, stories, letters, photos, etc. that you would like to submit for publication in the July edition, please email them to [ridgerunner@srnpdx.org](mailto:ridgerunner@srnpdx.org). Or call me (503-621-9867) to let me 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.

Thanks,  
Miles Merwin  
Editor

### Calendar

#### Skyline Ridge Neighbor, Inc Regular Board Meeting:

The SRN board meetings are routinely held the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm by Zoom. All are welcome to attend. For Zoom login information please reach out to Emily at [emberlybenhett@gmail.com](mailto:emberlybenhett@gmail.com)

Find the community calendar here: <http://www.srnpxd.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 Grange: <http://www.srnpxd.org/grange.html>  
Forest Park Conservancy: <http://www.forestparkconservancy.org/>  
Linnton Community Center: <http://www.linntoncommunitycenter.org/>  
Linnton Neighborhood Association: <http://linntonra.org/>  
West Multnomah County Soil and Water Conservation District: <http://wmswcd.org/>

Skyline School: <http://www.sps.k12.or.us/school/skyline/>  
Skyline School PTA: <https://www.facebook.com/skylinepta/>  
Lincoln High School: <http://www.sps.k12.or.us/school/lincoln/>

### 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 Ehnart (editor) with help from Miles Merwin, Libby Merwin, and Sen Sponoff.

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) 621-9501. Urgent, timely items (crimes, lost pets) should be emailed to [alert@srnpdx.org](mailto:alert@srnpdx.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.

You can also [subscribe to the Newsline](#) at the Skyline Ridge Neighbors website, SRNPDX.org. Tell your neighbors about this free Newsline 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 Newsline service and the publication of its quarterly Skyline Ridge Runner, send your donation to "Skyline Ridge Neighbors", c/o Rachel Inoue, 14109 NW Rock Creek Rd, Portland, OR 97231. Contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

