

**Skyline Rural Watch Newsline**  
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Date: November 14, 2021

**SKYLINE GRANGE #894**  
<https://skylinegrange84.org/>

**SKYLINE GRANGE ARTISAN HOLIDAY FAIR CANCELLED BUT ARTISAN INFO ONLINE**  
The Fair was cancelled because of safety precautions during the pandemic. Ten artisans have provided contact information that can be accessed at [www.skylinegrange84.org/artisans](http://www.skylinegrange84.org/artisans). Support your local artisans, buy locally.

 **Multnomah County**  
roads: <https://multco.us/roads>; landuse: <https://multco.us/landuse>

**MULTNOMAH COUNTY ROADS**  
**Rock Creek Guardrail Installation**

NW Rock Creek Road will close between NW Skyline Blvd. and NW Elliot Road on Monday and Tuesday, November 15-16 from 8am until as late as 4pm.

Crews will be installing new guardrail on both sides of the road so the second lane can be re-opened. This work should complete the project. For more information go to: <https://www.multco.us/roads/news/nw-rock-creek-road-closure-needed-sunny-guardrail-installation>

**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 DURING PANDEMIC**  
Started on July 20, 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).

**NOTICE OF DECISION: 12485 NW GERMANTOWN RD**  
CASE #: T2-2021-14294  
LOCATION: 12485 NW Germantown Rd  
BASE ZONE: Rural Residential  
OVERLAYS: Significant Environmental Concern – wildlife habitat (SEC-h) and streams (SEC-s), and Geologic Hazards (GH)

**PROPOSAL** The applicant is proposing to construct a new single-family dwelling and detached . The detached structure requires the approval of an Accessory Use Determination. The proposed development remains outside of the SEC-s overlay accessory structure

**DECISION:** Approved with conditions. The decision is final unless appealed by 4 pm on November 15.

**DETAILS:** [T2-2021-14294 Full NOD 11012021.pdf \(multco-web2-psh-files-usw2-s3-us-west-2.amazonaws.com\)](https://www.multco.us/landuse/12485-nw-germantown-road-notice-of-decision)

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING: 13221 NW MCNAMEE RD**  
HEARING: on November 19 at 9 a.m. The virtual meeting link and instructions are at <https://www.multco.us/landuse/13221-nw-mcnamee-road-0>.

CASE #: T3-2021-14603  
LOCATION: 13221 NW McNamee Rd  
BASE ZONE: Commercial Forest Use (CFU -C)  
OVERLAYS: Significant Environmental Concern – wildlife habitat (SEC-h); Geologic Hazards (GH); and Protected Aggregate & Minerals-Impact Area (PAM-IA)

**PROPOSAL** Applicant requests an Administrative Decision by the Planning Director to implement a M49 Dwelling. Variance to the forest practices setbacks, Geologic Hazards permit, SEC for wildlife, Forest Development Standards review, and Exception to the Secondary Fire Safety zone. Approval of the requested permits/reviews would authorize the establishment of a single-family dwelling on the property.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** All interested parties may appear and testify or submit written comment on the proposal at or prior to the hearing. Comments must be directed toward approval criteria applicable to the request. The hearing procedure will follow the Hearing Officer's Rules of Procedure and will be explained at the hearing.

**HEARING PROCESS:** The Hearings Officer may announce a decision at the close of the hearing or on a later date, or the hearing may be continued to a time certain. Notice of the decision will be mailed to the applicant, any persons who submitted written comment, requested a decision in writing, or provided oral testimony at the hearing. A decision by the Hearings Officer may be appealed to the Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA) by the applicant, the County, or other participants at the hearing. Failure to raise an issue before the close of the public record in sufficient detail to afford the County and all parties an opportunity to respond may preclude appeal on that issue to the Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA).

**DETAILS:** Log onto [Notice of Hearing, T3-2021-14603.pdf \(multco-web2-psh-files-usw2-s3-us-west-2.amazonaws.com\)](https://www.multco.us/landuse/13221-nw-mcnamee-road-0)

**West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District**

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**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**When: Tues November 16**  
**Time: 6pm**  
**Where: Zoom**  
(See details below)

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November 9, 2021  
For Immediate Release

The November meeting of the West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District (WMSWCD) Board of Directors will be held via Zoom on Tuesday, November 16, beginning at 6:00 p.m. We welcome the public to all District board meetings, and the meeting agenda allows time for public comment. Any person may attend the meeting and request to make public comment during the public comment period. 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 5:00 p.m. the day of the meeting.

At this meeting, the Board of Directors will determine the District's single vote on a slate of candidates running statewide for open Oregon Association of Conservation Districts board positions; participate in a diversity, equity and inclusion training on micro-aggressions; hear an update on office location considerations; consider a resolution that grants to the District Manager authorization to reclassify \$50,000 in budgeted funds from the Personnel to the Materials & Services budget category, and discuss Multnomah County land use notices and what the Board of Directors needs in relationship to this topic. Regular business to be covered at the board meeting includes approval of the prior month's board meeting minutes and information on the previous month's financial reports. 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., and due to COVID-19 restrictions, in lieu of meeting in-person, meetings will be held virtually via Zoom until further notice. Meeting documents will be available for inspection on the District's webpage (<https://wmswcd.org/people-places-things/people/board-meetings/>) no later than 5:00 p.m. the day prior to the meeting. 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 day prior to the meeting. Visit [wmswcd.org/](https://wmswcd.org/) for more information about the West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District.

**Internship partnership leads to development of new business continuity plan**

West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District (WMSWCD) is pleased to share the positive results of a recently completed Business Continuity Plan Internship created in partnership with Lewis & Clark College's Sustainability Internship Course offered through its Bates Center for Entrepreneurship and Leadership.

The Business Continuity Intern, Katie Crocker, a senior undergraduate student at Lewis & Clark College, helped WMSWCD research and build out a Business Continuity Plan (BCP) that the District first outlined in October 2019. This internship ran from June 23 to October 6, 2021.

The District is developing this BCP to guide recovery of business operations and services after any major disaster in the area. The BCP aims to help the District's staff and Board of Directors plan appropriately and recover after an event; plan for a potential change in conservation services after a major disaster; and plan for how this local government entity can best help residents in their district following a disaster. The District serves Multnomah County west of the Willamette River, all of Sauvie Island including the Columbia County portion of the Island, and a portion of the Bonny Slope region of the Tualatin Mountains in Washington County.

This plan focuses on preparation for and recovery after a Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake. Any part of the plan can be scaled to a smaller disaster, such as a building fire.

The intern worked with the District's Leadership Team to develop key components of the BCP, including:

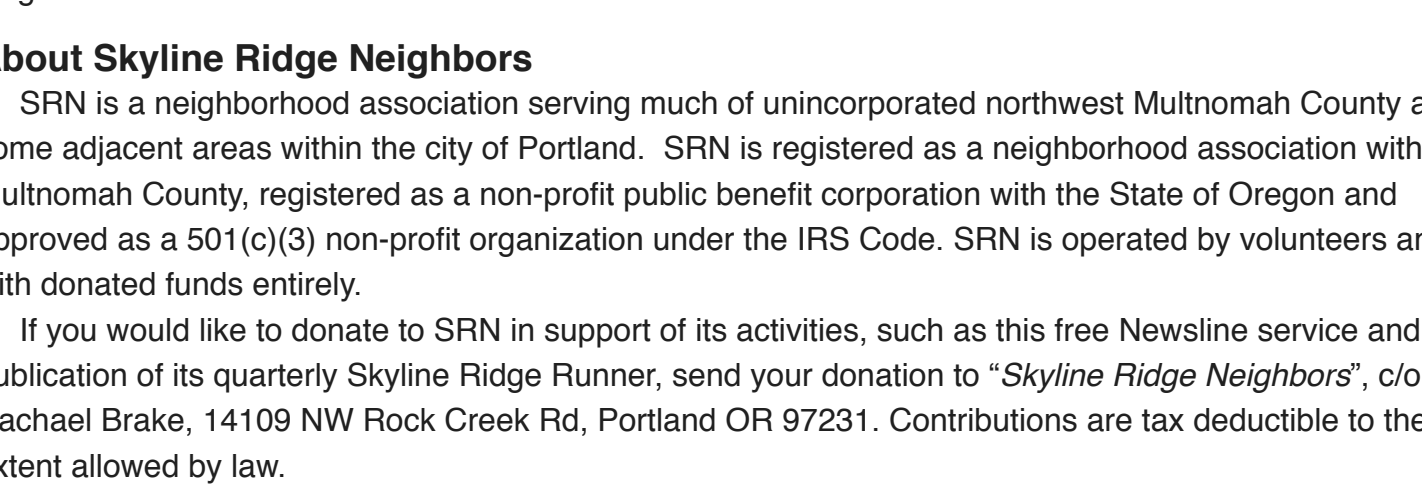
- Identifying job functions essential to business operations
- Prioritizing the order in which job functions would be reinstated after a disaster
- Preparing mitigations for essential procedures such as human resources and personnel; finance, administration, and information technology (IT); conservation work and the District's external community; and crisis communications
- Succession and delegations of authority
- Plan maintenance

Funding for this internship came in part from a generous grant from the Special Districts Association of Oregon's Safety & Security Grant Program (<https://www.sdao.com/safety-security-grant-program/>).

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Our mission is to provide resources, information, and expertise to inspire people to actively improve air and water quality, fish and wildlife habitat, and soil health.

Please note, WMSWCD's office is currently closed to the public due to the coronavirus pandemic. Staff are available remotely via phone or email for questions or concerns, and are available in-person for priority field work. Additionally, there may be a delay for incoming postal mail reaching staff. For updates on our services and office reopening status, please visit [our website](http://our.website).



<https://www.tvfand-r.com/>  
**TVF&R Offers Holiday Safety Tips**  
It's the holiday season and traditions abound. One tradition many families have is bringing a cut tree into their home and decorating it with twinkling lights and ornaments. Each year, these trees account for hundreds of fires across the nation. But keeping your tree healthy and green will help keep your holiday safe!

- Place the tree at least 3 feet from any heat source such as space heaters, fireplaces, heat vents, etc.
- Trees placed in a room where fireplaces and woodstoves are used will dry out much quicker and should be placed as far as possible from them.
- Make sure the tree doesn't block an exit.
- Use only decorative lights that have a label of a recognized testing laboratory and make sure the bulbs, strings, and connections are not damaged or broken.
- Never use lit candles to decorate a tree.
- Check for dryness by running your hand down a branch; if the needles fall off, the tree is too dry and should be taken down and disposed of properly.
- Never burn a tree in your fireplace. The combination of dry branches, pitch, and tree oils can ignite within seconds, sending sparks and flames into the room.
- Most communities in TVF&R's service area have a recycling program where a dry tree can be disposed of properly.
- If your choice is an artificial tree, look for the label "Fire Resistant." This does not guarantee the tree won't catch fire, but it indicates that the tree will resist burning and should extinguish quickly.
- When it comes to brightening your home with twinkling lights, TVF&R offers the following tips:
  - Only use UL-approved, low-heat lights.
  - Always use outdoor lights outside and indoor lights inside.
  - Never use light sets with broken sockets, frayed and/or cracked wires, or missing sockets. Any one of these problems may cause an electrical shock or a fire.
  - Prior to using a light set, place it on a non-flammable surface and plug it in for 10 to 15 minutes to check for smoking or melting.
  - Lights should only be used on fresh or fire-retardant plastic trees. Never use electric lights on a metal tree as the tree can become charged with electricity from faulty lights and a person touching the tree could be electrocuted.
  - Fasten outdoor lights securely to exterior walls, trees, or other firm supports to protect them from wind damage. Do not use nails or tacks to hold light strings in place. Instead, use plastic light string holders or run your light strings through hooks.
  - Only use outdoor-rated extension cords with outside lighting displays.
  - Turn off all lights when you go to bed or leave the house. Lights can short out and start a fire.

For more fire and life safety tips, visit [www.tvfand-r.com](http://www.tvfand-r.com).

**Advertisement**  
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  
Please pay for your ad in advance by either mailing a check payable to SRN to our Treasurer Rachael Brake, 14109 NW Rock Creek Rd., Portland 97231, or via the Venmo phone app to [crbake@hotmail.com](mailto:crbake@hotmail.com). Be sure to indicate which Newsline ad you are paying for.

**Skyline Ridge Neighbors, Inc Website**  
<https://www.srnpx.org/>  
**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 [emily@srnpx.org](mailto:emily@srnpx.org)  
**Skyline Ridge Runner Deadline for the next issue is Wed Dec 15.** If you have any ads, calendar listings, news items, stories, letters, photos, etc. that you would like to submit for publication in the January edition, please email them to [copyedit@srnpx.org](mailto:copyedit@srnpx.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

Find the community calendar here: <http://www.srnpx.org/calendar.html>

**Resource Directory**  
As a service to neighbors, SRN publishes a listing of local government agencies and businesses in the [Southeast Oregon Directory](#). Follow the links in this section to view the 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://www.skylinegrange.org/>  
Forest Park Conservancy <http://www.forestparkconservancy.org/>  
Lentini Community Center <http://www.lentinicommunitycenter.org/>  
Lentini Neighborhood Association <http://www.lentini.org/>  
West Multnomah County Soil and Water Conservation District <http://wmswcd.org/>  
Skyline School <http://www.srnpx.org/schools/education>  
Skyline School PTA <https://www.facebook.com/skschoolpta/>  
Lincoln High School <http://www.pccs.k12.or.us/schools/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 Ehrhart (editor) with help from Miles Merwin, Libby Merwin, and Sen Spofford.  
The Newsline depends on you as a source of accurate information about local events, 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 [copyedit@srnpx.org](mailto:copyedit@srnpx.org) or leaving a message at (503) 621-3501. Urgent, timely news (crimes, lost pets) should be emailed to [just@srnpdx.org](mailto:just@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 [subscribe to the Newsline](#) at the Skyline Ridge Neighbors, SRNFDX.org. Tell your neighbors about the 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 Ehrhart, 14109 NW Rock Creek Rd., Portland OR 97231. Contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

