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# Skyline Rural Watch Newsline

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*It's that time of year again to make sure we are as ready as possible for snowy and icy roads. Following is a news release from Multnomah County that explains how it is determined which roads are plowed first. **Keep in mind, Cornelius Pass (Hwy 127) is maintained by the state so it is not addressed in this Multnomah County news release.***

## Multnomah County Transportation issues plan for snow and ice removal

As we head into winter, Multnomah County Transportation is releasing its snow and ice removal plan, which is available online at [multco.us/roads/snow-and-ice-plan](https://multco.us/roads/snow-and-ice-plan).

The plan identifies which county roads are the highest priority for road maintenance response in a snow or ice event:

- **Priority 1 Routes:** These are the most heavily used arterial routes, where schools, hospitals, fire stations and important emergency services are located. These roads receive the first and highest level of service in a snow or ice event. Examples of Priority 1 roads are N.W. Skyline Blvd. in west county and S.E. Oxbow Drive in east county.
- **Priority 2 Routes:** These are secondary roads, often residential side roads, which are plowed and sanded when resources become available, after Priority 1 roads are deemed safe for travel. In severe storm conditions, this may not occur for two or three days. Examples of Priority 2 roads are N.W. Reeder Road in west county and N.E. Mershon Road in east county.

In addition to Priority 1 and 2 routes, Multnomah County has several miles of gravel roads in unincorporated east county that are not plowed because doing so would damage the road bed.

The snow and ice plan web page includes a [map](#) that shows the Priority 1 and 2 roads. Multnomah County maintains the highest elevation roads in the county, including Larch Mountain Road in the Corbett area and sections of N.W. Skyline Blvd. in the rural west hills.

The plan targets areas that experience high snow drifts due to wind or unique geography.

Important updates:

- In rural west county, several road sections are now Priority 1 roads:
  - N.W. Newberry Road from Highway 30 to the Portland city limit
  - The Sauvie Island Bridge and N.W. Gillihan Road from the bridge to the TriMet park and ride near the bridge
- In rural east county, several road sections are now Priority 1 roads:
  - Stark Street from the Stark Street Bridge to near 257th Drive
  - Haines Road between Larch Mountain Road and Brower Road near Corbett

ODOT now has jurisdiction of N.W. Cornelius Pass Road, after the road was transferred from Multnomah and Washington counties to ODOT in March 2021.

For more information, visit our Snow and Ice Plan [page](#). Multnomah County maintains 269 miles of roads in unincorporated areas and four east county cities as well as six Willamette River bridges.

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## NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

### Skyline Ridge Runner Deadline for the next issue is 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 next edition, please email them to [ridgerunner@smpdx.org](mailto:ridgerunner@smpdx.org). Or call me (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

## SKYLINE SCHOOL GIVING TREE

'Tis the season for Skyline's Giving Tree! Through this annual program, families in need in our school community receive gifts via generous donations from you. Similar to last year, gift selections will be completed online through a Sign Up Genius link.

There are currently 9 children who we can make their holiday that much sweeter for! Deadline for gift giving is Wednesday, December 14th. Questions? Contact Deb Babkes at 503-837-9772 or Megan McDonald at 503-329-1915.

Thank you Skyline!  
 All the details can be found here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094ba5a923a4ff2-skyline>

## Season of Giving

Here's a list of some nonprofit organizations whose activities directly affect the Skyline neighborhood, or which have personal connections with Skyline residents. In this season of giving, please help support our local charities that work hard on our behalf. Your donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. If you know of any other local groups worthy of support, please contact us so we can add them to this list.

### Skyline Grange Capital Improvement Fund

The Skyline Grange functions as a community meeting place for our neighborhood that hosts many educational and neighborhood-oriented activities. Donations will help match grant funds to make some needed improvements to the building. These donations are not tax deductible but will really make a difference to help make the Grange hall a better place for our community to gather. For more information, contact [skylinegrange894@msn.com](mailto:skylinegrange894@msn.com).

### Skyline Ridge Neighbors

SRN is a nonprofit organization operated by many hours of volunteer time dedicated to serving our local neighborhood. The Ridge Runner newsletter, Newsline email, website and forum are some ways we connect with residents, and we also sponsor educational programs, neighborhood clean-ups and efforts to control noxious weeds, among other activities. Please send donations to SRN Treasurer, Rachael Brake, 14109 NW Rock Creek Rd., Portland 97231.

### Forest Park Conservancy

The Forest Park Conservancy protects and fosters the ecological health of Forest Park, maintains and enhances the park's extensive trails network, and inspires community appreciation and stewardship of this iconic, urban wilderness as a gift for future generations. Contact: 503.223.5449, [info@forestparkconservancy.org](mailto:info@forestparkconservancy.org), [www.forestparkconservancy.org](http://www.forestparkconservancy.org).

### MIKE Program

The Multicultural Integrated Kidney Education Program (MIKE) Program is a youth-focused, health science education program that develops knowledge and social-emotional skills in underserved youth, cultivates personal and community engagement for health promotion, expands the number of diverse and culturally-competent health professionals, and prepares youth to be health advocates for themselves and future generations. Contact: [info@mikeprogram.org](mailto:info@mikeprogram.org), [www.mikeprogram.org](http://www.mikeprogram.org), or 503-296-7705.

### SOLVE

SOLVE is a state-wide non-profit organization that takes action every day to keep Oregon clean and green. We mobilize over 35,000 volunteers and organize over 1,000 cleanup and restoration projects throughout the state. They generously support the annual roadside clean-up in our neighborhood, organized by SRN. Contact: 503-844-9571, [info@solveoregon.org](mailto:info@solveoregon.org), <http://solveoregon.org>.

### Mercy Corps

Local volunteers help support the global mission of Portland-based Mercy Corps. Over 5,000 team members work in 40 countries "to alleviate suffering, poverty and oppression by helping people build secure, productive and just communities." Contact: 503-896-5000, [www.mercycorps.org](http://www.mercycorps.org)



<https://www.tvfr.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@smpdx.org](mailto:newsline@smpdx.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.srnpxd.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.srnpxd.org/boundary-map.html>) 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@smpdx.org](mailto:newsline@smpdx.org), or leaving a Message tab. 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 [smpdx.org](http://smpdx.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.

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### 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.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 Ridge Neighborhood Emergency Team (NET): [SkylineRidgeNET@gmail.com](mailto:SkylineRidgeNET@gmail.com)
- Skyline Grange: <https://skylinegrange894.org/>
- Forest Park Conservancy: <http://www.forestparkconservancy.org/>
- Linnton Community Center: <http://www.linntoncommunitycenter.org/>
- Linnton Neighborhood Association: <http://linntonna.org/>
- West Multnomah County Soil and Water Conservation District: <http://wmswcd.org/>
- Skyline School: <http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/skyline/>
- Skyline School PTA: <https://skylineschoolpta.org/>
- Lincoln High School: <http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/lincoln/>

