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Skyline Rural Watch Newsline

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Ridge Runner Call for Submissions

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. 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.

Deadline for submission for this issue is Dec. 15.

Thanks,
 Miles Merwin
 Editor



Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

December 10, 2020

ODFW seeks applicants for positions on statewide, regional Access and Habitat program boards [\(view online\)](#)

SALEM, Ore. – ODFW is looking for people with an interest in hunting, wildlife conservation and land management to serve on the Access and Habitat Program's statewide board and regional councils.

Volunteers in these positions meet quarterly to consider funding projects that open private land to hunting access or improve wildlife habitat for game animals.

The statewide board and regional councils are each made up of seven volunteers – three landowner representatives, three hunter representatives, and the Chair.

Find application materials at https://www.dfw.state.or.us/lands/AH/get_involved.asp

ODFW is currently accepting applications for the following positions:

Statewide Hunter Representative – Apply by Jan. 31 (see [Statewide board application](#))

Statewide board members are appointed to four-year terms by the Fish and Wildlife Commission. They meet four times each year in various communities throughout the state to review project funding applications, hear public testimony and act as liaisons between the program and the public.

Regional Council positions – Open until filled (see [Regional Council application](#))

Applicants for the regional positions should live or work in that region ([see map](#)). Duties of the position including participation in up to four public meetings each year in various communities in their region to review A&H project proposals and conduct other council business. Contact the [Regional Council Coordinator](#) for more information.

Northwest Region

- One Landowner Representative
- One Hunter Representative

Northeast Region

- One Chair
- One Landowner Representative

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- One Landowner Representative
- One Hunter Representative

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- One Landowner Representatives

The A&H Program is funded by a \$4 surcharge on hunting licenses and the sale of deer and elk raffle entries and auction tags. The program has opened millions of acres of private land to hunting, find A&H properties available to hunt at <http://oregonhuntingmap.com/>.

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GET READY CREATING DEFENSIBLE SPACE TVF&R wants to help you be informed, aware, and prepared for the risks of **wildfire**. We know it can happen here and want to partner with you to keep our loved ones, homes and property safe. Using the three simple steps: READY, SET, GO!, you

<https://www.tvfr.com/395/Wildfire-Risk-Reduction>

Forest Park Neighbors Assoc

Following is an email from Carol Chesarek, President of Forest Park Neighborhood. It was full of good information and resources regarding wildfire prevention that I thought you'd find useful. Keep in mind, that SRN is mostly outside the City of Portland jurisdiction.

Dear Forest Park Neighborhood,

Did you know that most of our neighborhood is in a Wildfire Hazard Area?

At our meeting next Tuesday we will hear from [Kim Kosmas of the Portland Fire Bureau](#) about the city's [wildfire preparedness program](#). The city offers free Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) assessments to help property owners reduce the risk to their home (not sure if these are available for folks outside the city, but it won't hurt to request one) and a Firewise Communities program. Some of our residents are interested in becoming a Firewise Community, so we will discuss that.

December and January are among the best months to work on trees on your property to avoid disturbing nesting birds. Early nesting season begins February 1 (and possibly earlier as the climate changes).

The fire bureau's wildfire web site includes useful documents and an informative video, with information about how to make both your house and landscape more wildfire resistant. The video mentions the national standards for defensible space, but goes on to explain that local regulations (aka city and county code) may require adjustments and permits. The video also mentions the value of the closed canopy for habitat, shade and moisture retention. It doesn't mention that deciduous trees are less flammable or that all trees help reduce stormwater runoff and landslide risk, but perhaps that's too much to hope for. I am very excited and grateful that the city is developing these materials appropriate to our area and making this program available.

<https://www.portland.gov/fire/your-safety/reducing-risk-wildfire> (this one has the best video)

You can sign-up for a free WUI home assessment here: <https://www.portland.gov/fire/your-safety/wildland-urban-interface-wui-home-assessment>. These assessments help you understand the steps you can take to make your home safer, but you are NOT required to implement them.

Information about the Firewise Community program: <https://www.portland.gov/fire/your-safety/firewise-community-program>

We also strongly recommend that you **sign up for Public Alerts** so that you'll automatically get emergency alerts for our area: <https://www.publicalerts.org/> There is also an app you can install on your mobile phone.

There are two attachments to this email. One is the **OSU list of Fire Resistant Plants** that you can use to select new trees and assess the ones currently around your home.

The other attachment is for our city residents – it lists **Exemptions from the city codes that protect trees and shrubs**. This is very helpful for city residents who may need permits or be limited in the pruning and tree removal that's allowed due to the tree code or e-zones. For example, pruning is exempt (not regulated and no permit required) within 10' of your home. If in doubt, check with the city before pruning or tree work.

Bring your questions to our meeting next Tuesday, December 15 at 7PM: [Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting URL: <https://hike.zoom.us/j/97714303418?pwd=U041ZFhNzS3hpaC9DMW1QRmxcqTE4Zz09&from=addon>
 Meeting ID: 977 1430 3418
 Passcode: 138377

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I hope you can join us!

Carol Chesarek
 President, Forest Park Neighborhood

https://mcusercontent.com/b24aa75199ae94b7d2f9131a0/files/b4f94f6d-66eb-4d2b-b271-c758b4bffc0a/OSU_Ext_Service_Fire_Resistant_Plants_Information.pdf

https://mcusercontent.com/b24aa75199ae94b7d2f9131a0/files/9a0e741c-0747-44d0-8116-c82b85b42159/Title_33_Exemptions_Title_11_Trees_Info.pdf

Plan Now, Plant Later

Dreaming of warmer weather, or just more daylight? Turn those dreams into reality with a little help from the new [OregonFlora website](#). Explore more than 200 of Oregon's native plants to find the best fit for your garden and landscape, or learn more about nearly 5,000 plants that grow in the wild statewide.

source: *Clean Water Services December ENews* <https://www.cleanwaterservices.org/>

Calendar

Find the community calendar here: <http://www.smpdx.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.smpdx.org/grange.html>
 Forest Park Conservancy: <http://www.forestparkconservancy.org/>
 Linton Community Center: <http://www.lintoncommunitycenter.org/>
 Linton Neighborhood Association: <http://lintonna.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.com/>
 Lincoln High School: <http://www.pps.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 Erhardt (editor) with help from Miles Merwin, Libby Merwin, and San Speroff.

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, or leaving a message at (503) 621-3501. Urgent, timely items (crimes, lost pets) should be emailed to alert@smpdx.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 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 Rachael Brake, 14109 NW Rock Creek Rd, Portland OR 97231. Contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

