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# Skyline Rural Watch Newsline

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Date: **January 11, 2021**

## Skyline Ridge Neighbor, Inc Regular Board Meeting:

When: Tuesday, January 12  
 Time: 6:30 pm  
 Where: Zoom

All are welcome to attend. For Zoom login information please reach out to Emily at [ebemilybennett@gmail.com](mailto:ebemilybennett@gmail.com)

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Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

## ODFW invites artists to compete in annual wildlife art contest

January 5, 2021

**SALEM, Ore.,** – Artists in Oregon and throughout the world are invited to compete in one or all three of ODFW's 2022 stamp art competitions.

The winning artist in each contest receives a \$2,000 award and winning artwork is used to produce collector stamps and other promotional items with sale proceeds benefitting Oregon's fish, wildlife and their habitats.

For more information on contest rules and to order art prints, visit: [https://www.dfw.state.or.us/stamp\\_contest/index.asp](https://www.dfw.state.or.us/stamp_contest/index.asp)

Stamp art contests:

### Habitat Conservation Stamp

Art entries must feature an eligible species from the [Oregon Conservation Strategy](#) in its natural habitat. Species include birds, mammals, reptiles, amphibians, fish, invertebrates, plants and algae. See [contest rules and entry form](#) with a list of eligible species.

### Waterfowl Stamp Contest

Art entries must feature the Northern Shoveler in its natural habitat setting. See [contest rules and entry form](#).

### Upland Game Bird Stamp Contest

All entries must feature the Chukar partridge in its natural habitat setting. See [contest rules and entry form](#) for more information.

Entries will be accepted between Aug. 27 and Sept. 24, 2021 by 5 p.m., at ODFW headquarters, 4034 Fairview Industrial Dr., SE, Salem, OR 97302.

Artwork can be mailed or hand delivered. Packaging tips can be found on the final page of the contest rules. We welcome all ages and skill levels to participate.

A panel will judge artwork based on artistic composition, anatomical accuracy of the species and general appeal. All artwork submitted will be showcased at a free art show open to the public.

Collector's stamps, art prints and other promotional materials are produced from first-place artwork. Proceeds from product sales are used for wildlife habitat improvement, research projects and conservation efforts.

Interested artists are encouraged to visit [ODFW's stamp art competition webpage](#) for more information on the contests and to view entries from previous years.

### Imagery available and captions:

- 2021 [Habitat Conservation Stamp, Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep](#) by Buck Spencer
- 2021 [Waterfowl Stamp, cinnamon teal](#) by Guy Crittenden
- 2021 [Upland Game Bird Stamp, spruce grouse](#) by Buck Spencer

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### Contact:

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## Keep feeders clean to avoid sickening birds

December 23, 2020

**SALEM, Ore.**—ODFW and wildlife rehabilitators are seeing an increase in reports of sick birds at feeders.

Calls to ODFW from Oregon bird lovers seeing dead birds in their yard and around their feeder typically increase with colder weather. When the weather turns cold, the energy demands on birds and other wildlife increase dramatically so a high energy seed meal at a bird feeder will bring in birds and congregate them, increasing the chance of disease transmission.

Salmonella, E. coli and other bacteria along with viruses, parasites and fungal diseases can be passed by congregating birds at feeders that don't get cleaned regularly.

Pine siskins, nuthatches, chickadees and other seed-eating backyard birds are some of the most common species affected by these diseases. The birds get infected at the feeders and pass the infection on when they come into contact with feeder surfaces, perches or visit multiple feeders.

"If you enjoy seeing birds and feeding them in winter, please provide a clean and healthy environment for them," said Dr. Colin Gillin, ODFW State Wildlife Veterinarian. "When you feed birds, be sure to start with clean feeders and to disinfect feeders periodically."

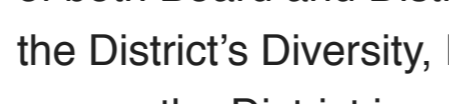
Avoid problems at bird feeders by:

- Take down feeders and stop feeding for several weeks to a month if there are bird deaths at your feeder.
- Providing fresh seed purchased recently.
- Using feeders made from non-porous material like plastic, ceramic, and metal. These are less likely than wood to harbor bacteria and other diseases.
- Cleaning feeders, water containers and bird baths monthly by rinsing with soapy water and then dunking the feeder in a solution of one third cup of chlorine bleach per one gallon of water.
- Cleaning up old seed hulls and waste below the feeders by raking, shoveling, or sweeping material and discarding in the trash.
- Spreading your feeding over several areas or feeders as not to congregate birds in one place.
- Cleaning feeders more often (weekly) if you have large numbers of birds at your feeders.
- Visiting with your neighbors who also feed birds and sharing this information.
- Contacting ODFW (866-968-2600/ email [Wildlife.Health@state.or.us](mailto:Wildlife.Health@state.or.us)) or your local [Wildlife Rehabilitator](#) if you see sick birds.

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January 6, 2021

For Immediate Release

The Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Committee of the West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District (WMSWCD) will be holding a public meeting on Tuesday, January 12, 2021 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. The Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee is a standing Committee to the West Multnomah SWCD Board of Directors. Comprised of both Board and District staff, the Committee advises the Board on implementation of the District's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Initiative. The purpose of the Initiative is to ensure the District is a culturally inclusive organization that welcomes and engages everyone in all facets of our organization, activities, and programs.

Due to health and safety measures in place during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting will take place online on Zoom. Members of the public are welcomed to attend. An access code will be required to access the meeting. Interested participants may request the code by emailing [scott@wmswcd.org](mailto:scott@wmswcd.org) with the subject line "Request for Conference ID" no later than 3:00 p.m. the day prior to the meeting. Meeting documents will be available for inspection on the District's webpage (<https://wmswcd.org/people-places-things/the-west-multnomah-swcd/diversity-and-equity/>) no later than 5:00 p.m. the day prior to the meeting. Accommodations for people with disabilities can be arranged with advance notice by calling West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District at (503) 238-4775 no later than 3:00 pm the day prior to the meeting.

This meeting will include discussions on the committee's Chair position, including the candidate selection process; a review of the 2020-2021 Committee annual work plan and discussion of the upcoming fiscal year 2021-2022 work plan; review of Leadership Team feedback on including DEI work in employee annual work plans, and desired outcomes and accountability for this work; and a review of DEI related strategic directions, goals and tactics proposed in the Draft Long-Range Business Plan update. The Long-Range Business Plan is a strategic planning document that guides the scope of the District's conservation work and the necessary financial sustainability and organizational health to implement this work for the next 5 years (2021-2025).

The mission of the West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District is to conserve and protect soil and water resources for people, wildlife, and the environment. The District's service territory is Multnomah County west of the Willamette River, all of Sauvie Island, and the Bonny Slope portion of the Tualatin Mountains in Washington County. More information about WMSWCD's investment in DEI, as well as materials related to this meeting, can be found on the WMSWCD website: <https://wmswcd.org/people-places-things/the-west-multnomah-swcd/diversity-and-equity/>

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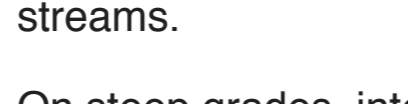
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*To conserve and protect soil and water resources for people, wildlife and the environment.*

*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](#).*

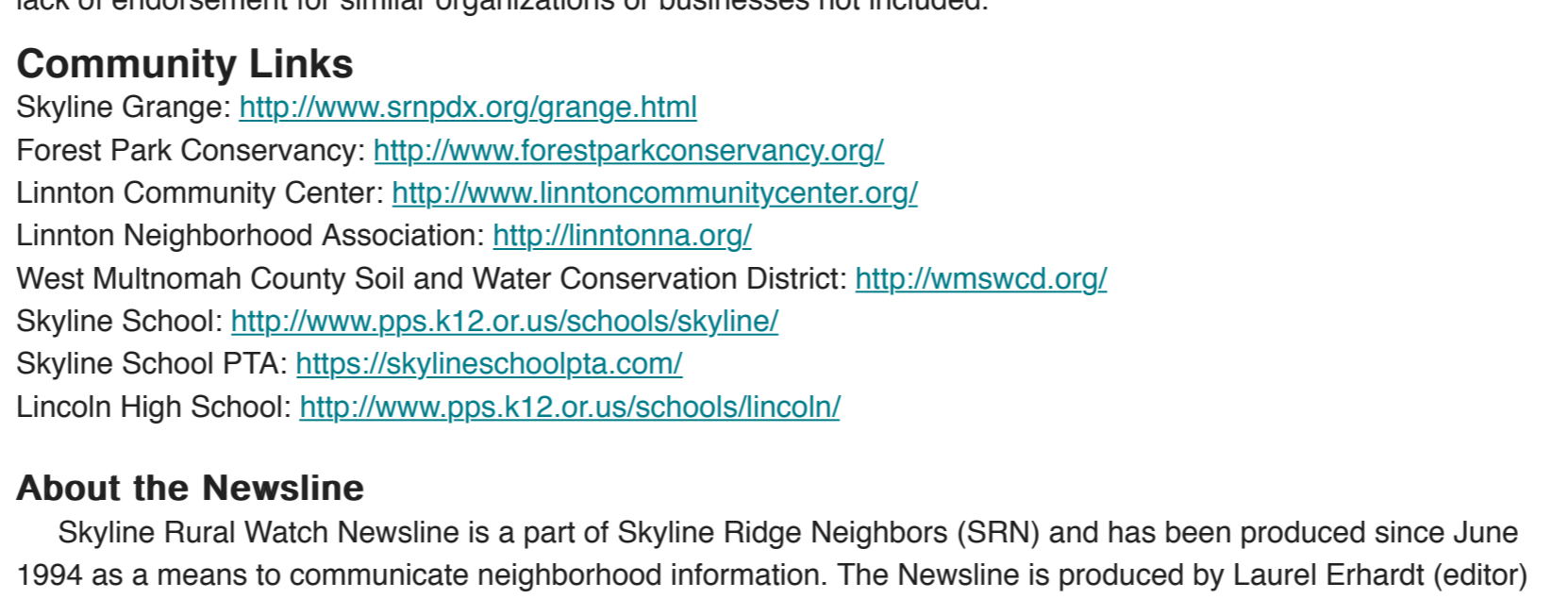
*Thought I'd post this again as I already know of three people that have recently ruined their day and their car by sliding into the ditch due to slick roads. Two on McNamee and one on Skyline near the 14 mile post. Please be careful out there for all the neighbors and wildlife in our hood.  
 Be safe!*



## Roads: Snow And Ice Plan

Our major routes are routinely patrolled and treated for snow and ice as necessary. In a snow emergency, road crews work around the clock in twelve hour shifts, keeping our nearly three hundred miles of roads open to the best of our ability.  
[Interactive Snow Route Map](#)([link is external](#)) | [How to report a road hazard](#)

If you don't see your road on the snow route map, it is most likely maintained by your city. Please note that we maintain no roads in the city of Portland.  
[Portland](#)([link is external](#))



## Priorities

All of our roads are designated Priority 1 or Priority 2.

### Priority 1

Priority 1 roads are the arterial system roads. These are the most highly traveled roads, where schools, fire stations, hospitals and other emergency services are located. These roads receive the first and highest level of service during a snow or ice event. They may be plowed, sanded, and treated with an anti-icing chemical.

### Priority 2

Priority 2 roads are secondary roads. They will be plowed and sanded when resources become available, and when Priority 1 roads are deemed safe for travel. In severe storm conditions, this may not occur for two or three days.

## Road Treatments

In addition to plowing a road, we may sand or de-ice it.

We apply [magnesium chloride](#)([link is external](#)) as an anti-icing chemical. Mag chloride is an environmentally friendly product that helps us to maintain healthier roads and streams.

On steep grades, intersections and corners, we may use a spreader sander mounted on a pickup or a dump truck to spread sanding rock, helping to improve traction.

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**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 Group: <http://www.srnpdx.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.wps.k12.or.us/schools/skyline/>  
 Skyline School PTA: <https://www.wps.k12.or.us/schools/pta/>  
 Lincoln High School: <http://www.wps.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 1984 as a means to communicate neighborhood information. The Newsline is produced by Laurel Ehardt (editor) with help from Miles Merwin, Libby Merwin, and Sen 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@srnpdx.org](mailto:newsline@srnpdx.org), or leaving a message at (503) 621-3501. Urgent, timely items (crimes, lost pets) should be emailed to [alerts@srnpdx.org](mailto:alerts@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 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 with 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 Fischeal Brake, 14109 NW Rock Creek Rd, Portland OR 97231. Contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

