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# Skyline Rural Watch Newsline

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## New Ridge Runner Feature for the New Year

The January issue of the Ridge Runner will be in your mailboxes soon but can also be read online now at the [SRNPDX.org](http://SRNPDX.org) website. With this issue we're introducing a new column, "Neighbors Speak Out." It's a space for Skyline residents to voice their concerns, opinions, ideas, suggestions, etc. We want to hear what's on your mind that you would like to share with the neighborhood. See the story on pg. 3 for more info and guidelines.

Also in this Ridge Runner, a wonderful article in memoriam of Brian Lightcap, neighbor Dorinne Pederson is featured in Residents of the Ridge, information on all the happenings at the Skyline Grange and other articles pertinent to living in our area.

Enjoy!



## 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

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](http://land.use.planning@multco.us).

### NOTICE OF DECISION: 12943 NW SKYLINE BLVD.

CASE #: T2-2024-0030  
 LOCATION: 12943 NW Skyline Blvd.  
 BASE ZONE: Commercial Forest Use (CFU-2)  
 OVERLAYS: Geologic Hazard (GH), Significant Environmental Concern for streams & wildlife habitat (SEC-s & SEC-h).  
 PROPOSAL: Request for a new 400 sq. ft. greenhouse.  
 DECISION: Approved with Conditions. This decision is final at the close of the appeal period, unless appealed. The deadline for filing an appeal is, Jan 10, 2025 at 4 p.m.  
 DETAILS: For more information, go to <https://multco.us/file/t2-2024-0030/download>.

### APPLICATION FOR SEC-v & SEC-h PERMITS on McNAMEE RD.

CASE #: T2-2024-0079  
 LOCATION: No situs address along NW McNamee Rd.  
 BASE ZONE: Rural Residential (RR)  
 OVERLAYS: Significant Environmental Concern for wildlife habitat & view (SEC-h & SEC-v) & Geologic Hazards (GH)  
 PROPOSAL: Request for SEC-v & SEC-h permits for a new single-family dwelling, accessory structures (septic system, propane tank, generator, stormwater drainage control system & retaining wall) and private driveway. The request also includes an exemption request for a GH permit.  
 COMMENT PERIOD: Neighbors are invited to submit written comments for the proposal. Comments should be directed toward the approval criteria. Written comments will be accepted at [LUP-comments@multco.us](mailto:LUP-comments@multco.us) if received by 4 p.m. on Thursday, January 9, 2025.  
 For more information, go to <https://multco.us/file/t2-2024-0079/download>



## Job Opportunity

West Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District is hiring 2 interns for our April-October season. The positions are Field Conservation Intern and GIS & Field Conservation intern. Interns will get mentorship and training from experienced professionals, hands-on field experience, opportunities to learn more about natural resource conservation, and a chance to contribute to projects in diverse environments.

Pay is \$20.38/hr, approximately 20 hours per week. This position is based at our Portland office on 3236 S Kelly Ave. Applicants must be 18+ at the time of the internship. Deadline to apply is 1/13/25 at 5pm PST. Please email [hirng@wmswcd.org](mailto:hirng@wmswcd.org) with questions.

<https://wmswcd.org/2024/12/2025-conservation-internships/>



Skyline Grange #894  
 11275 NW Skyline Blvd., Portland, OR 97231  
 Website: [www.SkylineGrange894.org](http://www.SkylineGrange894.org)  
 General Email: [SkylineGrange894@msn.com](mailto:SkylineGrange894@msn.com)  
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## GRANGE NEWS

We may be in the season of gloomy, rainy days, but this is the time to learn and plan smartly for the spring. We have several upcoming events that will nurture your preparation for warmer days outside.

### TALK: More than Flowers: What Your Garden Needs to Support Pollinators

Date: **Wednesday, January 22, 2025**  
 Time: 7 – 8:30 p.m.  
 Speaker: **Matthew Shepherd, Xerces Society**  
**Details:** **Flowers are an essential** element to our yards and gardens. But they are just a starting point. If you want a landscape that can support bees, butterflies, birds, and other pollinators you need to create a place that can support their entire life cycle, and that means thinking about more than flowers. Shepherd will discuss practical ways in which we can bring diversity into our landscapes and make our gardens havens for pollinators.

### PLANT SALE #1: Mostly Tree Seedling Sale (MTSS)

DATES: Pre-Orders accepted now through February 2.  
 Deadline to submit pre-order is Sunday, February 2, 2025 at 9 p.m.  
 DETAILS:

- BY PRE-ORDER ONLY. No in-person sales.
- Get your pre-order in asap, since the seedlings and plants in the MTSS tend to sell out quickly. Orders are filled on a first come, first served basis.
- Sale includes 14 species of native tree seedlings, 8 species of shrubs, and 16 wildflowers species that may be hard to obtain for our large April Tree & Native Plant Sale.
- Buying seedlings is an economical way to purchase trees, especially when desiring larger quantities.
- Planting them in late winter/early spring also better assures water (rain) for a good early start.

PRE-ORDERING: Obtain a Pre-Order Form & Descriptions of Species by:

- Emailing a request to [skylinegrange894@msn.com](mailto:skylinegrange894@msn.com)
- Downloading forms at [www.skylinegrange894.org](http://www.skylinegrange894.org) (available in several days).
- Picking up forms at Plainview Grocery (corner of Skyline & Cornelius Pass Rd)
- Picking up forms at Skyline Grange (in plastic box to the right of main entrance)

### PLANT SALE #2: TREE & NATIVE PLANT SALE (TNPS)

DATES: **Friday-Saturday, April 4-5, 2025**  
 NATIVE PLANT SECTION:

- Over 95 species
- Obtain either by pre-order or purchase on days of Sale

BAREROOT SECTION

- Fruit-bearing, shade, & ornamental trees and ornamental shrubs, though not "native" to our area, all are compatible and will not out-compete our native species.
- Purchases only on sale days and not by pre-order.
- No caneberries, no tree seedlings.
- Quality and quantity.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

**Grad student looking for ADU, yurt, cottage, or large room in a peaceful, clean home with potential room for a mobile sauna.** 42, Female lived in Portland since 2007. Quiet, clean, not a big talker, conscientious, handy, responsible. References available Email [chelseapeil@gmail.com](mailto:chelseapeil@gmail.com) serious inquiries only, please

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**What: 2025 Summer Gathering**  
**When: Saturday July 19 2025**  
**Where: Plumper Pumpkin Patch and Tree Farm**  
 If you'd like to help out, reach out to our gathering chair [Brad Graff](#)

**Skyline Ridge Neighbors Board Meetings: 2nd Thursdays; Contact [srn@smpdx.org](mailto:srn@smpdx.org) for location**

**Skyline Grange 894 Events**  
<https://skylinegrange894.org/calendar/> Email: [skylinegrange894@msn.com](mailto:skylinegrange894@msn.com)  
**Yoga - See Calendar for Dates and Times**

**Grange Meetings: 2nd Mondays; Contact [SkylineGrange894@msn.com](mailto:SkylineGrange894@msn.com) to confirm**

**Skyline Ridge Wildfire Ready Workshop:** Saturday, May 3, 2025, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at Skyline Grange #894. This event will be free, registration required, and include lunch. See our site ([wmswcd.org](http://wmswcd.org)) and newsletter for registration in the spring!

**NET Meetings: Contact [SkylineRidgeNET@gmail.com](mailto:SkylineRidgeNET@gmail.com)**

**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.smpdx.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.smpdx.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 Erhardt (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 at (503) 621-3501. You can subscribe to the Newsline at [SRNPDX.org](http://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.  
 If you have any ads, calendar listings, news items, stories, letters, photos, etc. that you would like to submit for publication, please email them to [ridgerunner@smpdx.org](mailto:ridgerunner@smpdx.org). Please note that the Ridge Runner may not reach mailboxes until the middle of the month of publication (April, July, October, January) Deadlines for all ad submissions are the 15th of March, June, September and December.

- 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/>
  - Linton Community Center: <http://www.lintoncommunitycenter.org/>
  - Linton Neighborhood Association: <http://lintonia.org/>
  - West Multnomah County Soil and Water Conservation District: <http://wmswcd.org/>
  - Skyline School: <http://www.osp.k12.or.us/schools/skyline/>
  - Skyline School PTA: <https://skylineschoolpta.org/>
  - Linton High School: <http://www.osp.k12.or.us/schools/linton/>

