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# Skyline Rural Watch Newsline

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## SKYLINE GRANGE #894

<https://skylinegrange894.org/>

### GRANGE IS WANTING THE FOLLOWING FOR ITS PLANT SALE

These will be used in setting up Skyline Grange's upcoming April 1 & 2 Tree & Native Plant Sale. Place at the front door of the Grange by Thursday, March 24. The address is 11275 NW Skyline Blvd. Thank you.

- CLEAR PLASTIC PLANT TRAYS

Please no pots. Thanks.

- BEACH TOWELS

They can be well-worn, but clean.



<https://wmswcd.org/>



## Soil School kicks off April 5<sup>th</sup>

### Gardeners, landscape professionals, farmers invited to learn about soil health.

West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District and Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District are pleased to present **Soil School 2022** beginning Tuesday, April 5th. The event is being offered as a series of eight live webinars, held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings throughout the month of April.

Presentations include topics related to soil and soil health. Presenters include soil scientists and other experts in the field of soil health. Sessions will cover methods of soil management that follow ancient practices, currently known as regenerative agriculture. This method of agriculture builds soil organic matter, captures carbon, increases soil biodiversity, and reduces or eliminates dependence on chemical fertilizer, pesticides, and other methods of conventional agriculture.

All sessions are free and participants are required to pre-register online at: <https://tualatinwmswcd.org/event/soil-school-2022/>. This is the 10<sup>th</sup> Soil School co-hosted by the two organizations.

#### Soil School sessions, dates and times:

- April 5th, 6:00pm – Opening Session: It's all about SOIL!, Presented by **James Cassidy**, Oregon State University
- April 7th, 6:00pm – Soil Health 101, Presented by **Katie Chambers**, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
- April 12th, 6:00pm – Kiss the Ground film Q & A – Special Session, Presented by **Don Smith**, Kiss the Ground film
- April 14th, 6:00pm – KEYNOTE: The Soil Food Web, Presented by **Dr. Elaine Ingham**, Soil Food Web
- April 19th, 6:00pm – Soil Microbes, Presented by **Jen Moore**, USDA Agricultural Research Service
- April 21st, 6:00pm – Integrated Pest Management, Presented by **Weston Miller**, Oregon State University Extension Service
- April 26th, 6:00pm – Biochar and Soil Amendments, Presented by **Cuahtemoc Villa**, Sauvie Island Center
- April 28th, 6:00pm – Regenerative Agriculture and Gardening, Presented by **Rhianna Simms**, Cultivate Oregon

West Multnomah's 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. We serve residents of western Multnomah County, Sauvie Island, and a portion of the Bonny Slope neighborhood with conservation planning, weed management, native plants, wildlife habitat restoration, and school and community gardens. Learn more at <https://wmswcd.org/>.

Tualatin Soil & Water Conservation District's mission is to create a sustainable, productive, and healthy environment for the Washington County, Oregon community. They serve residents of the county by providing educational opportunities, advice about natural resource conservation, and financial assistance for conservation projects. Learn more at <https://tualatinwmswcd.org/>.

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*Please note, WMSWCD's office is currently closed to the public due to the coronavirus pandemic. Staff are available remotely and email is the best way to get in touch.*



roads: <https://multco.us/roads>; landuse: <https://multco.us/landuse>

### 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

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).

#### 14-DAY OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT: 6626 NW THOMPSON Rd

CASE #: T2-2021-14904  
LOCATION: 6626 NW Thompson Rd.  
BASE ZONE: Commercial Forest Use-2 (CFU-2)  
OVERLAYS: Significant Environmental Concern for wildlife habitat and streams (SEC-h & SEC-s) & Geologic Hazards (GH)

PROPOSAL The applicant requests a SEC-s and a Type-1 SEC-h permit for a proposed replacement dwelling and a new accessory structure (outbuilding). The proposed outbuilding is for personal storage and personal workspace. A GH permit is not required as no mechanized ground disturbance is proposed within the GH overlay or areas with slopes of 25% or greater.

COMMENT PERIOD: Written comments will be accepted, if received by 4 pm on Wednesday, March 23, 2022. Comments should be directed toward approval criteria applicable to the request.

DETAILS: Go to [T2-2021-14904.OTC.03092022.pdf](https://www.t2-2021-14904.OTC.03092022.pdf) ([multco-web7-psh-files-usw2-s3-us-west-2.amazonaws.com](https://multco-web7-psh-files-usw2-s3-us-west-2.amazonaws.com))

## NEW ONLINE CRIME REPORTING

The Multnomah County Sheriff's Office launched a new online crime reporting tool this week that allows county residents to file police reports without waiting on the non-emergency phone line or going to the sheriff's office. The online reporting is intended for non-emergency incidents and situations where there's not an immediate threat, the sheriff's office said, such as theft, vandalism, non-injury hit-and-run crashes, shoplifting and check forgery.

Residents can report crimes in unincorporated Multnomah County, including Corbett, Sauvie Island, Dunthorpe and the Columbia River Gorge. The sheriff's office has also contracted with Maywood Park, Fairview, Wood Village and Troutdale so residents in those cities can use the portal. Residents in Portland and Gresham should continue to file police reports with those cities' respective police agencies.

To file a crime report online, visit [mcsos.mycasenumber.us](https://mcsos.mycasenumber.us).

source: <https://www.oregonlive.com/>



## Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

### Giant white sturgeon seized from poachers

March 17, 2022

**ST HELENS, Ore.**—A giant white sturgeon more than seven feet long was among five sturgeon seized and released by OSP F&W Troopers responding to a report of poaching in Scappoose Bay this month. Poachers face felony charges after breaking numerous fishing laws.

Sportsmen fishing along the banks of Scappoose Bay noticed people fishing from a boat had caught a sturgeon but did not release it as required by law. The legal anglers reported what they saw to OSP Fish and Wildlife Troopers, who began monitoring the area. After two days of surveillance, Troopers Scott Bernardi and Justin Morgan, both from the St Helens office, approached the men where they were moored at the dock.

The subjects claimed that they had not caught any fish. However, Troopers could see two lines extending from the dock into the water. When they pulled up the lines, they found four live sturgeon that had been secured under water. While inspecting the boat, they found the 88-inch giant white sturgeon. It takes between 50 and 80 years for sturgeon to reach that length. The biggest sturgeon are usually females because they require more room for increased egg production, according to ODFW Columbia River program manager, Tucker Jones. This fish was most likely a female.

One angler admitted to retaining all the fish and was cited and released for Take/Possession of Oversized White Sturgeon, which is a class C Felony under new charge classifications, according to officials. In addition, Troopers issued citations for misdemeanor crimes including Take/Possession of White Sturgeon, No Resident Angling License and Angling Prohibited Method-Barbed Hooks, No Resident Angling License and No Combined Angling Tag. Troopers seized Two rods with reels, along with a barbed hook as evidence.

The legal fisherman who reported the crime qualify for rewards through the Turn In Poachers (TIP) Reward Program. The program offers cash rewards or hunter preference points to people who report fish and wildlife crimes that result in an arrest or citation.

All five sturgeon were released back into the bay alive, which is a relief to conservationists. White sturgeon, once plentiful in Oregon waterways, are culturally and ecologically significant, and are a Pacific Northwest icon. Referred to as a living-dinosaur among fish, the sturgeon is long-lived and revered as "living fossils" because they have remained nearly unchanged since they first evolved around 200 million years ago.

White sturgeon fisheries in the lower Columbia and Willamette rivers currently generate between 30,000 – 40,000 angler trips annually, which contribute millions in economic benefits. While most sturgeon fisheries are catch-and-release, there are still limited opportunities for retaining sturgeon, but lower populations of the slow-growing fish mean fewer opportunities to take one home. So it is important for everyone that anglers only harvest fish during legal retention seasons and adhere to size and bag limits.

An 80-year-old giant white sturgeon is a valued contributor to the breeding stock. Sturgeon don't reach breeding maturity until they are about 20 years old, and about six feet long. They can live to be 100 years or older. Older female sturgeon can produce ten times the number of eggs as young females and may carry up to 100 pounds of eggs. Sturgeon caviar can sell for as much as \$100 per ounce packaged and sold in black market caviar markets, although poachers receive only a small fraction of that amount in their dark corner deals. Still, poachers continue to ply Oregon rivers, contributing to an ongoing reduction of the fishery.

"The overall abundance of white sturgeon is only a fraction of what it was 150 years ago, according to Jones. "Sturgeon are a long-lived, slow-growing, and late-maturing species," Jones said. "Management actions taken today can have repercussions long into the future and rebuilding efforts can be quite prolonged. They already face numerous ecological, environmental, and other human-caused challenges on the road to recovery—poaching, especially of adult over-size sturgeon, is a huge issue."

Stop Poaching campaign coordinator Yvonne Shaw states the importance of the TIP Line. "The TIP Line is a key tool to fight poaching," she said, "People who call the TIP Line to report poaching or suspected poaching, can remain anonymous and they also can get cash rewards or hunter preference points if their tip leads to an arrest or citation."

**The Stop Poaching Campaign educates the public on how to recognize and report poaching. This campaign is a collaboration among hunters, conservationists, land owners and recreationists. Our goal is to increase reporting of wildlife crimes through the TIP Line, increase detection by increasing the number of OSP Fish and Wildlife Troopers and increase prosecution. This campaign helps to protect and enhance Oregon's fish and wildlife and their habitat for the enjoyment of present and future generations. Contact campaign coordinator Yvonne Shaw for more information. [Yvonne.L.Shaw@odfw.oregon.gov](mailto:Yvonne.L.Shaw@odfw.oregon.gov).**

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#### Contact:

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife  
Stop Poaching campaign  
Media: [ospinfo@odfw.oregon.gov](mailto:ospinfo@odfw.oregon.gov)  
To report tips: TIP Line: 800-452-7888 or \*OSP (\*677) from mobile

## SRN SOLVE Earth Day Clean Up

DATE & TIME: Saturday, April 23rd 8:30am-Noon

Details at: [Skyline Ridge Neighbors](https://skyline-ridge-neighbors.org)

Preregister on SOLVE [website](https://www.solve.com) appreciated but not required

## BACKYARD BURN SEASON BEGINS 3/1 - CALL BEFORE YOU BURN

Residential "backyard" outdoor burning is limited to approved burn days and hours during the spring (March 1- June 15) and fall (October 1- December 15). This allows for limited outdoor burning of yard debris, leaves and tree trimmings in accordance with DEO Rules and OFD rules.

- Check the TV&R Outdoor Burning Map at Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue Burn Restrictions ([arogis.com](https://www.tualatinvalleyfire.com)) to see if your address is allowed residential backyard debris burning.
- Next, if burning is allowed in your area, find out whether it is an approved burn day by calling TVF&R's Burn Message at 503-259-1789. Call before you burn!

**And don't forget those weed wrench's are available for loan from SRN.** Borrow a tool to eliminate Scotch broom, holly and other woody shrubs, sapling trees easily. SRN will lend 3 sizes of Weed Wrench. Contact Sen 503.621.3331 for large and medium size (Skyline near mile marker 15). Contact Laura 503.407.7175 for small size (McNamee Rd.).

## Advertisement

### Advertisement 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 [rachaelbrake@holmail.com](https://www.venmo.com/rachaelbrake). Be sure to indicate which Newsline ad you are paying for.

## Skyline Ridge Neighbors, Inc Website

<https://www.srnpdx.org/>

#### 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 reply to this email.

**Skyline Ridge Runner Deadline for the next issue is March 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 [rdj@srnpdx.org](mailto:rdj@srnpdx.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, Miss Mervin Editor

Find the community calendar here: <http://www.srnpdx.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](https://www.srnpdx.org/resources). 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/>  
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.sps.k12.or.us/schools/skyline/>  
Skyline School PTA: <http://www.sps.k12.or.us/schools/skyline/>  
Linton High School: <http://www.sps.k12.or.us/schools/linton/>

#### 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 Merrin, Libby Merrin, and Sen Sberoff. 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) 621-3301. Urgent, timely items (crimes, lost pets) should be emailed to [alert@srnpdx.org](mailto:alert@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 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 has donated funds to charity.

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.

