

# Motorists: Should abide by speed reduction signs and pay attention

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The Tualatin project involves adding a south-bound auxiliary lane on I-5 from north of Lower Boones Ferry Road to Interstate 205 and on- and off-ramp lane improvements at Lower Boones Ferry and Nyberg Street and on the ramp to I-205. Work also entails repaving I-5 from state Highway 99 West to I-205 for about 5.5 miles, upgrading signage, lighting and striping; and building retaining walls.

Construction hours are day and night, with nighttime

lane closures on I-5 beginning as early as 8 p.m. and intermittent closures on ramp lanes at night and on some weekends.

Motorists should abide by speed reduction signs and pay attention, especially at night, Brandon said.

“When you see orange, slow down,” he said. “It’s not going to save you any time to go flying through a work zone, and if it’s going to save one person’s life, that mom or dad or son or daughter gets to go home at night because you slowed down a couple miles per hour. You need to do it, please.”



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State transportation worker Justin Brandon of Milwaukie, his wife, Dana Brandon, and their two sons, Jay, 10, and Tate, 12.



Volunteers work at Tidal Rock Park during an Earth Day event.

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# Parks: Most weekends, someone is there, watering, planting, organizing’

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Clatsop County Master Gardeners have spent the past few months establishing a learning and demonstration garden at the park off U.S. Highway 30, a project that involved erecting a deer fence, building beds and organizing trainees.

Now, orange calendula flowers bloom in a bed dedicated to plants to attract pollinators. Leafy greens are just starting to push up through the soil. A Girl Scout troop visited in April to plant native coastal strawberries. Most weekends, someone is there, watering, planting, organizing.

“To have this available to the community, I think is just worth its weight in gold,” said Janet Willoughby, a master gardener trainee. “Once a community learns about it and can come here: One, it’s going to be a beautiful, peaceful place, but to be able to see actively what can be done on your own to support

your family, yourself . . .”

“Especially children,” added Diane McKenzie, also a trainee in the program, “who often don’t have an idea of where things grow. For them to see the garden growing and then be able to be here at harvest time, I think that is one of the miracles.”

# Educator: Rojas-Galvan hopes to bring language exchange to Astoria

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taught at Chemeketa Community College and Willamette University. He began looking for a full-time position within 100 miles of his home

and found Clatsop Community College.

“My bread and butter is teaching,” Rojas-Galvan said.

While 60 percent of his position entails teaching, the other 40 percent is outreach, a

portion of his job Rojas-Galvan said is still developing.

“In some part, it’s to serve the Spanish-speaking portion of the county,” he said. “I do a lot of translating for other departments in the col-

lege, and for the college in general.”

Multnomah County Library offers a language exchange during which participants spend half the time speaking in Spanish, and

half in English, a service Rojas-Galvan hopes to bring to Astoria. As an early college student at Portland Community College, Rojas-Galvan said, it was several instructors who inspired him to be an

educator, a role sees himself providing.

“I am of the mind that I think students in general are attracted by instructors who love what they do,” he said.



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