

# 'Kindergarten Cop' school renovation is complete

A major modernization project at John Jacob Astor School in Astoria has been completed.

The school's exterior served as backdrop for the 1990 film, 'Kindergarten Cop,' which starred Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Skanska, the construction manager and general contractor, began the project in May. It includes a new multi-use building, cafeteria, classrooms and administration area. Skanska is also construction manager for Warrenton's new middle school.

"The expansion and modernization of Astor Elementary is now complete with our particular focus on preserving the history of the school," said Craig Hoppes, Astoria School District superintendent.

"We worked hard ... to ensure we were preserving the beauty of the architecture,"

added Chad Schlottmann, senior project manager. The iconic giraffe- and animal-themed painted mural done for "Kindergarten Cop" has found a new home at the Clatsop County Historical Society.

Astor is one of three projects Skanska is completing with funds through the facility bond passed by voters within the Astoria School District in 2018. The school, originally built in 1925, serves more than 400 students in kindergarten and grades one and two.

### CEDR AWARDS

Clatsop Economic Development Resources is seeking nominations for its annual awards celebrating business success.

Deadline for nominations is April 30; nomination forms can be found on the agency's



Astor School's new gym/multi-use building.

website, [clatsopcc.edu/community-resources/cedr/](http://clatsopcc.edu/community-resources/cedr/).

The top awards include the "Individual Business Leader" award for a person who has demonstrated extraordinary leadership during the past year; "Business Leaders" for companies that have shown achievement in customer service, economic impact, innovation, job creation/retention and service; and "Spirit of Business Community Supporter" award, which recog-

nizes an organization of any type that has gone above and beyond to support the economic vitality of the region.

The awards event will be broadcast via Zoom at 5:30 p.m. May 20.

### OREGON SAVES

Contributions to Oregon Saves, which helps private-sector workers save for retirement, reached the \$100 million mark on April 2.

Oregon Saves was

launched in 2017, the first state-based retirement savings program in the country.

The program's popularity shows that having a convenient, accessible way to save for retirement helps people choose to build better futures for themselves and their families, State Treasurer Tobias Read said.

Participation continues to exceed projections, with seven in 10 workers electing to remain in the program as op-

posed to opting out, and with workers saving an average of \$135 a month – a higher rate than initially anticipated.

### RIVER CRUISES

American Cruise Lines is again booking cruises on the Columbia and Snake rivers.

The company has six ships in the Pacific Northwest, including two paddlewheelers. Four of the ships make Astoria a cruise stop.

The company hopes to offer the first cruise in May on the Columbia River and will include some new route options.

More information is at [americancruiselines.com](http://americancruiselines.com).

### CLATSOP POWER EQUIP

The owners of Clatsop Power Equipment in Miles Crossing have retired.

Fred and Ann Mestrich sold the 35-year-old company on April 1 to Clark County Lawn and Tractor of Vancouver, Wash. Clatsop Power's new business name is Clatsop County Lawn and Tractor. Most of the employees have stayed on.

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happy about this one," Public Works Director Collin Stelzig told city commissioners Tuesday night.

The city previously received a Safe Route grant for lighting and other safety improvements to the intersection of Ninth and Main, which currently are in the design stage.

Next, the city will submit a federal grant request for \$1 million to build sidewalks from 11th Street to the high school, he told city commissioners Tuesday night.

U.S. Rep. Suzanne Bonamici encouraged him to apply after a lengthy discussion, he said. "It seemed like we would be more (likely) for funding. It looks really prom-

ising, especially when she heard we already had a chunk of funding from the state."

Making improvements to Main Avenue has been difficult in the past, since it's part of the state highway system

and under ODOT's jurisdiction. And the state's priorities can be very different from the city's.

"The hope is we can continue with these grants to get us there," Stelzig said.

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FOR THE COUNTY OF CLATSOP  
In the Matter of the Estate of CHARLES R. STARR, M.D., Deceased  
Case No.: 21PBO2788

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All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative, or the attorney for the personal representative, Benjamin F. Lawrence, at the above address.

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Benjamin F. Lawrence  
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