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community service
‘City
of
Roses’

Celebrating
**BLACK
HISTORY
MONTH**



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Community artist Claudia Carter, a volunteer assistant treasurer for the Vancouver NAACP, has curated historical documents, artwork and speakers for an exhibit in celebration of the civil rights group and Black History Month, called ‘NAACP Generations: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow’ in collaboration with the Clark County Historical Society.

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The oft-overlooked histories of black communities in Vancouver and the Pacific Northwest, as well as the re-telling of racial justice victories made possible because of the advocacy of the Vancouver Branch of the NAACP, are celebrated during February as Black History Month is observed with special speakers, historical documents, artwork and exhibitions.

From working with the Vancouver Housing Authority to ensuring black people were not segregated in wartime housing, to addressing large scale unemployment of African Americans post-World War II and beyond, the local branch of the National Association of Colored Persons has been a dedicated custodian of civil rights since its formation as a local chapter over

NAACP Generations
Custodians of civil rights protections celebrate



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A historical photo shows a 1949 meeting in Vancouver, Wash. of NAACP branch representatives of the Washington State Conference.

70 years ago, and shows no sign of slowing down.

“The mission of the NAACP is to eliminate race-based discrimination and fight for the equality of all persons. We are constantly working, and as you can imagine, we are very busy,” said current Vancouver NAACP President Bridgette Fanhulleh.

Fanhulleh, past president Earl Ford, and assistant president Jasmine Rucker Tolbert, will lead the discussion when “NAACP Generations: Vancouver NAACP Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow,” is held Thursday, Feb. 7 at the Clark County Historical Museum.

The event is collaboration from Clark County Historical Museum Executive Director Bradley Richardson and Claudia Carter,

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