

Events: Vanport

40 Years of Service

The Wake of Vanport

On May 30, 1948, the Columbia River surged over its banks and erased what had been one of the biggest towns in Oregon – Vanport.

In an historic incident many people describe as Oregon’s Katrina, thousands of Portlanders were displaced by the flood, and the many African American families who lost their homes there eventually were pushed by redlining and racist housing policies into one small slice of the city, the Albina neighborhood.

Today many elders remember their experiences as children evacuating their homes. *The Skanner* Vanport project has for the past few years collected these oral

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histories on video and presented to them documentary-style in standing-room-only events featuring survivors and historians.

The next presentation at *The Skanner’s* Vanport project will be in February and October of 2016. Watch this space for details.



Hundreds have attended screenings of The Skanner’s Vanport Project



The Vanport Project features videotaped oral histories of the survivors



Sunshine Dixon and Coretta Smith

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Congratulates the Skanner on the
40th Anniversary.
Thank you, Bernie and Bobbie,
for your community leadership.

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