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CCHM Speaker Series

A Tale of Two Vancouvers: A Story of Housing and Race in Clark County

Vancouver, Wash. – CCHM's Speaker Series continues on Facebook Live at 7 p.m. Thursday, October 1, with "A Tale of Two Vancouvers: A Story of Housing and Race in Clark County." Join social impact specialist April Buzby as she explores the history of housing in Clark County from a racial equity and place making perspective.

During this month's event, April explores how historical choices around housing development shaped our economic and social structures today. Find out how decisions made during early statehood hindered the growth of the Asian and Pacific Island communities that helped build Clark County. Learn what challenges the Black community faced in creating a place to call home both pre- and post-WWII. And see how those choices impact our community to this day.

"Housing is such an integral part of who a community is," Buzby says. "It's the foundation in which we build our culture, social fabric, and economic vitality. The decisions we make in housing placement, and the barriers we build to housing access, carry very real long-term impacts to our community's resiliency and health."

Buzby is owner-operator of Lymantria Consulting, a social impact strategy firm, and the Programs and Marketing Manager for Clark County Historical Museum. She holds a BA in Geography from Keene State College and a Master of Community and Regional Planning from the University of Oregon. April is a recognized leader and speaker in tackling social justice and public policy issues that impact low-income and marginalized communities. She is lead author on the white paper "Crime Has No Home Here: Affordable Housing and Crime in Rural America" and the upcoming book "It's Not You, it's Your Policies: Why Policies, Not People, Are Failing Your Organization."

The CCHM 2020 Speaker Series is sponsored by the Clark County Historic Preservation Commission and Wager Audio. In our effort to support social distancing, this event will be streamed free on Facebook.

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