



## The South Orange/Maplewood **Community Coalition** *on Race*

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### Message

Our work over the last few months has included advocating for integration in education, equity in classrooms, anti-bias training, true inclusion of all racial, ethnic, and marginalized groups; honoring local business owners; working with NJ communities on diversity issues; spreading the word about SOMA's commitment to integration. The importance of staying the course has been put into high relief by both our celebrations and by the onslaught of hate-mongering and the tragedies of murders committed out of racism and antisemitism. When we celebrate, we glimpse the possibilities of expansive integration models within and beyond our towns. When we experience tragedies like the massacre at the Tree of Life synagogue or the shooting in the Kentucky Kroger's, we are confirmed in the ongoing need for our mission of building a welcoming, inclusive, and racially integrated community where hate has no home.

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### ABC's show *Here & Now* Interviews Coalition on Race

Chair Robert A. Marchman and Program Director Audrey Rowe shared the Community Coalition on Race's mission, the history and the importance of integration in our communities. It was a timely message about inclusion and they did an amazing job highlighting how we work on our mission. [Watch here...](#)



Marchman & Rowe

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### Celebrating Integration Awards Dinner Highlights

The trustees of the Coalition were excited and proud to honor Julie Pauly of The Able Baker in Maplewood and Yanick Ranieri of Papillon 25 Restaurant and Bar in South Orange with the 2018 Celebrating Integration Awards. Many thanks to the honorees and all our sponsors for making the evening such a success! [Click here for more details](#)

and to see some great pictures...



2018 Celebration at The Woodland

## Board of Education Candidates Forum

The candidates for this year's three open seats on the BOE addressed important questions on school integration, safety, diversity hiring, classroom integration, and more. To see video of the event, please [click here](#) or visit our [Facebook Page](#).



**Election Day is November 6th - Please Vote!**

## Forum on Integration & Equity in Our Schools Highlights Need for SOMA to Model Integration

The Forum presented interesting perspectives on state and local racial integration efforts and what we need to do to move integration forward. To learn more about school integration issues in SOMA and across NJ, [click here...](#)



Gagnier, Willis, Barry-Austin, Boddie, Jasey, and Marchman

## 17th Annual Preschool Open House

**November 12th, 7 pm**

**Montrose Early Childhood Education Center**

Visit with 20 local preschools all in one place and hear a presentation on selecting the best preschool for your child. Thanks to Suki & Heather Realtors for sponsoring this community event for the fourth year. [Details here...](#)



## #GivingTuesday

This Nov 27th is #GivingTuesday. This year your support can help us bring anti-bias training to community groups, to host Conversations on Race, and much more. Your donation made on our Facebook page could be matched by Facebook and PayPal!

**Mark your calendar, [visit our Facebook page](#) on 11.27, and help us reach our \$15K goal!**

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TUESDAY™**

## Coalition Board of Trustees Announce Initiatives for 2019

Throughout 2018, a task force of the trustees worked on streamlining the Coalition's work so that the trustees and volunteers could focus on the most pressing issues confronting successful integration and inclusion. A well-defined plan and focus on the mission is critical to creating long-lasting change.

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[Read about our plans for 2019 here...](#)

### Other Upcoming Events

#### SOMa Integrated Playgroup

Saturday, November 17 10:00 - Noon  
Le Parc Place  
195 Maplewood Ave., Maplewood NJ

#### The Senior Housing Forum

Sunday, November 4 2:00 - 4:00 pm  
The Woodland  
60 Woodland Rd., Maplewood NJ

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