



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

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Celebrating Integration: Local Businesses Are Community Champions

Celebrating Integration: Local Businesses Are Community Champions will honor Yanick Ranieri of Papillon 25 and Julie Pauly of The Able Baker, Saturday, October 13th, 7 pm, at The Woodland! This is an evening of food, fun, dancing, auction and, best of all, an evening to acknowledge our honorees for their commitment to intentional integration and true inclusion. It's a fun night and a great way to mingle with friends and neighbors who support the cause of integration in our community! [For more details, click here...](#)

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

Chair Robert A. Marchman and Program Director Audrey Rowe just wrapped up a TV segment on ABC's Here and Now in NYC! They shared the Community Coalition on Race's mission, the history and the importance of integration in our communities. Tune in to channel 7 on Sunday, October 21, at 12 pm to watch!



Local Podcast Host Danielle Perrotta Interviews Coalition Executive and Program Directors

The local podcast is called *Sip in SOMA*. Nancy Gagnier and Audrey Rowe spoke at length about the Community Coalition on Race--our history, mission, and current efforts in racial integration and inclusion. [Click here to listen...](#)



Rowe and Gagnier

Forum on Equity and Excellence in Education

The Forum presented interesting perspectives on state and local racial integration efforts and what we need to do to move integration forward. The panelists included Nancy Gagnier who presented a brief demographic profile of SOMA in the context of school integration efforts, followed by Assemblywoman Mila Jasey who talked about the paths of change over 30 years in SOMA, and Elise Boddie who put all this in a national and state context. [Read more...](#)



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

Coffee House Discussion: Race and The Latinx Community

This year, the Community Coalition on Race will be exploring the experiences of our SOMA emerging groups (Hispanic/Latinx, Asian and Mixed Race) in our Coffee House Discussions. The first group for discussion was the Hispanic/Latinx Community. On September 25th, residents and neighboring visitors shared their perspectives on being Latinx in SOMA. [Read more here...](#)



BOE Candidates Forum

The Schools Committee of the Community Coalition on Race will host its 13th Annual BOE Candidates' Forum on Tuesday, October 23rd, 7:30 pm at Marshall Elementary School for the eleven people running for three open positions. Each year, the committee has a unique approach to the candidates: their questions are focused on racially integrated schools, closing the achievement gap, and supporting all students in achieving academic excellence. [More information here...](#)



Superintendent Search for SOMSD

The school district has invited community members to help create the candidate profile for the new superintendent. The next community forum will be Tuesday, October 9th, 7:30 pm at Maplewood Middle School. Residents are also invited to complete a survey. [Click here for details...](#)



SOMa Residents: Apply Today for Our Home Maintenance Loan Program

Summer and fall is the season for home repairs! For residents who can't afford much-needed exterior work on their homes,

the Community Coalition on Race is pleased to share that the Home Maintenance Loan Program is available and open for applicants. [Get the details here...](#)



Other Upcoming Events

SOMa Integrated Playgroup

Sat. October 20, 10 am - noon

Ages 6 months thru 5 yrs.
Le Parc Place, Maplewood

SOMSD 2020: Intentional Integration & Innovation in Our Elementary Schools

Thurs. October 25, 7:30 pm

Seth Boyden Elementary School
Parenting Center is hosting a presentation of the district's plans for reconfiguring the elementary schools. [Click here for more details...](#)

Eric Ward on Identity, Racism, Anti-Semitism & White Nationalism

Thurs. October 25, 7:30 pm

Congregation Oheb Shalom, South Orange
Eric K Ward will discuss identity, intersectionality, racism, anti-Semitism and white nationalism. [More here...](#)

Luna Stage production of *Perira*

October 4 - October 28, 2018

The play explores how we bridge seemingly impossible cultural divides.
<http://www.lunastage.org/calendar.php?id=268>

Diwali Fest NJ

Sun. October 28 at 12 PM - 6:30 PM

South Asian Cultural Celebration
The Woodland, 60 Woodland Rd., Maplewood

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