



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

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## August 2017 News & Updates

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### Opening Message:

**The Community Coalition on Race' statement on the recent vote of no confidence in Police Chief Cimino and on its ongoing advocacy for fair and unbiased treatment of people of color by the police**

We are pleased that the Maplewood Township Committee took a vote of no confidence in Police Chief Cimino and placed him along with Sergeant Cummis on administrative leave in light of the excessive force used by the police against youth and the tactics to push them into Irvington after the July 5, 2016 fireworks. While this is the most visibly egregious dereliction of duty witnessed recently, there have been concerns over time about racial profiling and biased treatment by the police.

The Community Coalition on Race has a history of advocating for fair and unbiased treatment of people of color by the police and in crime reporting. The Coalition's approach is collaborative; we work to effectively persuade government leaders or others who have the power to change their ways of thinking and doing things. [Read the full statement here](#)

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### **POSTPONED: Community Forum on the July 5, 2016 Police Incident**

The Community Forum originally scheduled for Monday, August 7th will be rescheduled for a future date. In the meantime, our work on social justice and reforming police practices does not stop. We look forward to engaging with our community so that long lasting change is made, and that everyone who lives, works, and plays in Maplewood and South Orange is able to do so freely and without harm or harassment.



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### Announcing This Year's Honorees...

We are pleased to announce that **Dr. Adunni Anderson** and **Jim & Carol Buchanan** will be honored at **Celebrating Integration: Our Journey Continues** on October 14th at The Woodland for their outstanding achievements in supporting intentional integration in our towns.



We will be celebrating in style at the Woodland in Maplewood as we recognize these honorees and the work of the Coalition over the last year. There will be great food, live music, and a fun auction. Plus, put on your dancing shoes and learn how to swing dance!

To become a sponsor of this year's dinner or to place an ad in the journal, [click here for details](#).

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## Coffee House Discussion Scheduled Tuesday, September 12th

Join us for the next Coffee House Discussion at The Woodland, 7:30 pm. Check [twotowns.org](http://twotowns.org) for more details later.



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## SOMa Residents: Apply Today for Our Home Maintenance Loan Program

Summer 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...](#)



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## Donation Appeal

We need your support! Your contribution today will help ensure that our towns remain communities of choice for people of all races where honest conversations about race help to build relationships across racial and cultural divides. [Here's how you can help...](#)



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## Volunteer!

Visit our new [Volunteer tab](#) on the [twotowns.org](http://twotowns.org) website. There you will see volunteer openings for specific projects and find out about the committees and projects that can use the support of our residents.



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## Upcoming Events

Schools Committee **BOE Candidates Forum**

Tuesday, October 24th, 7 pm

**SOMa Integrated Playgroup**

Saturday, September 23, 10 - noon  
Le Parc Place, Maplewood NJ

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