



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

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### February 2017 News & Updates

#### Message from the Executive Director:

##### True Inclusion Needed Now More than Ever

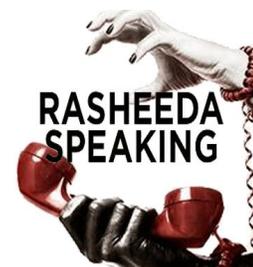
Our residents' commitment to being truly inclusive and to protecting civil liberties has been on display repeatedly over the last few weeks. Thousands of women (along with quite a few men) left SOMa for the January 21st March on Washington to express their concern about issues like racial equality, freedom of religion, LGBTQ rights, voting rights, economic opportunity, and more. Before the march and long before the recent Executive Order on Immigration, town leadership started discussing what it would mean to be 'sanctuary cities.' [Read more....](#)

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#### interACT Theatre Productions Presents Rasheeda Speaking

Ticket sales benefit the Coalition on Race!  
February 10-12, 2017, Baird Center, South Orange

This tense workplace thriller examines the realities of so-called "post-racial" when two co-workers—one black, the other white—are driven apart by the machinations of their boss. A chilling power struggle ensues that spins wildly out of control. [Click here](#) for details and to get your tickets



#### Civic Engagement Institute Begins February 11th - Sign Up Today!

Attend this workshop series to learn more about what it means to be a volunteer, how to assess your own skills and interests, what opportunities exist in our community, how organizations and governments are structured, and more. Sessions are free and open to all residents. [More info here...](#)



Class of 2016

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## MLK Observance & Volunteer Fair Reminds Residents to Stand Together & Speak Out

It was a day of solidarity in SOMA, with more than 600 people attending the 16th MLK Observance, hundreds attending the Volunteer Fair, and nearly 600 homes lit with luminaries. [Read more...](#)



## MLK Day Luminary Project Lights up SOMa

The towns were lit with luminaries to commemorate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday-it was a beautiful sight! Many, many thanks to volunteer Patricia Canning for overseeing this project and to all the volunteers and businesses who made it possible. [Read more...](#)



## We're Hiring! Part-time Office Administrator

We are looking for an Office Administrator (6-8 hours per week, onsite) who shares our passion for building a truly inclusive community. Successful candidates will be QuickBooks and Excel knowledgeable, proficient in the entire MS Office suite, highly organized and flexible, and have strong administrative skills. Familiarity with any CRM or donor database (like GiftWorks or Salesforce) is a plus. [Job details here....](#)



## Talking to Children about Race & Identity

The Schools Committee is hosting three workshops to help parents, teachers, and anyone working with children, gain an understanding of the stages of racial knowledge, how to talk with children about race, and a session on the challenges faced by multiracial children and children whose families are of a different racial background. [Get dates and details here...](#)



## Upcoming Events

**Post-Election Parenting Panel Discussion:** February 4th, 3 pm. Maplewood Library. For details, [click here](#).

**SOMa Integrated Playgroup:** Feb. 25. To join, visit the [SOMa Integrated Playgroup](#)

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