



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

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July 2017 News & Updates

Message from the Executive Director:

Bring Someone New to the Table

At Conversations on Race and the recent Coffee House Discussion, we probed the concept of privilege and specifically white privilege by looking at the historical roots of racism, racial identity and some intersecting issues including poverty, economic systems, and other forms of discrimination. We know that people are craving conversations about race and are anxious for action in addressing racial inequities. We hear that people want to engage more with those who are not inclined to be part of these discussions. So we offer you this challenge: bring someone new to the table. Ask a neighbor, a fellow parent from your child's school, a colleague, a relative, or someone in your social media groups to join you at one of our events next fall or spring. Bring more people to the table to learn and to become the allies we need as we engage more deeply and intentionally in our integration and inclusion mission.

XRootsFest

It was a great day in the park at Floods Hill, South Orange, full of music and dance from around the world and from right here at home in SOMa! For video and pictures, [click here](#).



Cobu Drummers

Celebrating Integration: Our Journey Continues October 14th

We are pleased to announce this year's honorees:

Dr. Adunni Anderson

Jim & Carol Buchanan

Save the date to honor these wonderful community members at The Woodland in Maplewood. Dinner, music, auction, dancing

with great people who support integration and inclusion. To become a sponsor of this year's dinner or to place an ad in the journal, [click here for details](#).



Coalition Discusses School Demographics with Administrators

We presented the section of our demographic study that is focused on changes in student demographics in each of the district's schools. This part of the study was updated to include information on district staff diversity and an overview of the ways in which the district has addressed racial integration by school building since the 1980s.



Participants Discuss Privilege at Coffee House Discussion

Fifty people joined in small table discussions at the most recent Coffee House Discussion to delve into the topic of race and privilege. [Read more here...](#)



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...](#)



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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Visit our new [Volunteer tab](#) on the 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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