



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

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### September 2017 News & Updates

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#### Moving Beyond Mistrust to Make Equality & Inclusion a Reality

In the aftermath of Charlottesville and local race problems, Board Chair Robert A. Marchman offers his thoughts on the work of the Coalition and SOMa's history of white flight, the elusiveness of equality and inclusion for many persons of color, and the collaborative work we see ahead.

"In its formative days, there were three primary areas of focus for the Coalition: the schools, real estate, and promoting candid conversations on race. It was agreed that we would work with haste to have regular, candid dialogue on race-related issues, diversify our neighborhoods to stem declining real estate values, and to attack the inequities faced by children of color in the school district." [Read the full statement here.](#)

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

**Our annual dinner, dance, and auction is Saturday, October 14th!**

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 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](#). Call our office at 973-761-6116 to reserve your place at the dinner today!

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Dr. Adunni Anderson



Jim & Carol Buchanan

# Coffee House Discussion: RACISM - It's in Our Backyard, Too

Join us for a timely discussion on Charlottesville, local policing, and local school inequities with a focus on solutions on September 12th, 7:30 pm, at The Woodland in Maplewood.



## SOMa Police Action Demands

Thanks to all the community groups--SOMA Justice, PARES, the Community Coalition on Race, The Black Parents Workshop, MAPSO Freedom School, and SOMA Action--for addressing the Maplewood Township Committee and presenting proposed recommendations to change the culture and organization of the police department. We thank Coalition trustee Erin Scherzer for representing the Coalition on Race before the township committee (click on the logo for the video). To read the demands [click here](#).



## Board of Education Candidates Forum October 24th, 7 pm, location TBA

Save the date to hear from the 9 candidates running for 3 open seats on the BOE. The Schools Committee will present a series of questions to the candidates that challenge them to consider the relationship between Board actions and racial integration and true inclusion in schools and classrooms.



## 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...](#)



## Other Upcoming Events

### Charlottesville Teach-in

Professional Development for Educators ONLY  
Hosted by Mapso Freedom School

Sat., September 9th, 1:30 - 4 pm

Columbia Black Box Theater  
Maplewood

### Come with Me

Reading by Author & Illustrator  
and Sidewalk Chalk Art Project

Sat., September 9th, 1 - 4 pm

Maplewood Memorial Library  
Preschool through 3rd grade

**Truth and Reconciliation Hearing**  
Personal Testimonials on Police Experiences  
Hosted by Black Parents Workshop

**Sat., September 14th, 6:30-9:30 pm**  
Columbia High School Auditorium  
Maplewood

**Zadie Smith "Swing Time" paperback tour**  
<http://www.zadiesmith.com/>

**Sat., September 14 at 7:30**  
[words] bookstore, Maplewood

**South Orange Play Day**  
Family Fun

**Sun., September 17, 1-6 pm**  
South Orange Avenue

**Coalition's SOMa Integrated Playgroup**

**Sat., September 23, 10 - noon**  
Le Parc Place, Maplewood

**South Orange Newcomers Day**

**Sunday, September 24, 2 - 4 pm**  
South Orange Library, 2nd floor

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