



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

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Report to the Community: Coalition's Updated Demographic Report

The MERT (monitoring, evaluation, research, and testing) committee gave a public presentation of the Coalition's updated demographics report to an audience of about 50 people at the South Orange Public Library on June 12th. Following the delivery of the presentation, there was a productive exchange with the audience about further research; the importance of community attention to and collaboration on reversing the declining Black population in SOMA; the need to address internal community issues (schools, police interactions, among others) that draw people away from moving to SOMA; the need for more and varied affordable housing. To view the 2019 report [click here](#).



Juneteenth: ***A Celebration of Freedom***

Juneteenth, an African American holiday marking the end of slavery, was celebrated on Sunday, June 9th, 2019 at the [Durand-Hedden House](#) in Maplewood. The event included performances and many activities for adults and children. To learn about the history of slavery in New Jersey, visit Durand-Hedden House's exhibit honoring Juneteenth. To make an appointment to view the exhibit, call 973-763-7712 or email info@durandhedden.org. [Read more here to see the day in pictures...](#)



Save the Date! Celebrating Integration is October 12th

Join us for our annual fundraising dinner:-- Celebrating Integration, 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! Saturday, October 12th, 7 pm, The Woodland, Maplewood.

[Click here for sponsorship information.](#)

[Stay tuned for this year's honorees...](#)



Program Director Audrey Rowe Interviewed on (In)Visible Women

Thank you (In)Visible Women podcast for interviewing Audrey Rowe, our program director, to discuss taking on the tough subject of talking about race and working on going beyond diversity to strive for racial integration that is positive, meaningful and impactful. [Listen to the interview here.](#)



Remembering Carol Buchanan

We were saddened by the death in June of Carol Buchanan who was a dedicated volunteer, teacher, librarian, and all round wonderful person. She, along with her husband Jim, was one of the Coalition's Celebrating Integration honorees in 2017. She had a strong commitment to the Hilton neighborhood and support of the mission of racial integration and inclusion, which, among so many other things, will be deeply missed.

[Read more about Carol here.](#)



Upcoming Events

Integrated Play Group
Community Coalition on Race

Sat. July 13th 10:00 - Noon
Le Parc Place
195 Maplewood Ave., Maplewood NJ
For more information and to join, [click here](#)

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