



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

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Thanks to Chair Robert A. Marchman, Welcome to 2020 Chair Kelly Quirk, & Welcome New Trustees!

Robert is a founding member of the Coalition and has served as chair for the last three years. The board and staff are grateful for his service. He has provided strong leadership as we faced growing concerns nationally and locally about racial inequities and good guidance as the Coalition took on new initiatives and focused its work. We welcome Kelly Quirk as the incoming chair, and new trustees Niv Miyasato, Martina Remy, Liz Testa, and Allison Ziefert. [Read more here...](#)

Thanks to Retiring Trustee Meredith Sue Willis

Sue Willis is a founding member of the Coalition and has remained on the board since its inception in 1996. Sue has been a co-chair of the Schools Committee for all its years and has fought hard to see that all students are served well and equitably in our schools. [Read more here...](#)



Meredith Sue Willis

Join the 2020 MLK Luminary Project!

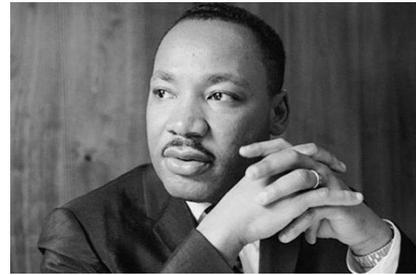
The 7th Annual MLK Luminary Project is in full swing! On the evening of January 20 beginning at sunset, we ask people to light up the outside of their home with decorated luminaries. Our goal is to have more than 2000 homes and businesses sharing the light of peace with luminaries. Kits are available at local businesses and from neighborhood leaders. [Click here to get your kits...](#)



Luminary Decorating Party for Kids!

Bring the kids out to learn about Dr. King and to decorate their luminary bags while having fun with snacks and integrated fellowship. [More information here...](#)

Save the Date! Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Observance, Volunteer Fair, & Luminary Lighting



The observance which is free and open to all will be on Monday, January 20, 2020 at 2:00 pm, at Columbia High School, 17 Parker Ave, Maplewood, . This year's theme is *The Power of One* and will focus on youth voices. They will reflect-through spoken word, dance, and music-on the power of individuals to transform our community and our world by counteracting bigotry, hate, and violence in the face of white nationalism. Volunteer Fair will follow the observance at 3:30 pm, along with home Luminary Lightings at sunset.

SOCO 50th MLK Celebration

Join SOCO (South Orange Civic Organization) on Sunday, January 12th at the South Orange Middle School to celebrate one of the longest running MLK Observances in NJ. Beloved Community Awards will be presented to former Coalition on Race trustee Dr. Adunni Anderson, and to Mayor Vic DeLuca. Public policy consultant Richard W. Roper will speak on Social Justice, Public Policy, and Community. [More information here...](#)



Mayor Vic DeLuca



Dr. Adunni Anderson

SEC Announces Robert A. Marchman as Senior Policy Advisor on Diversity and Inclusion

Congratulations to Coalition on Race trustee and immediate past chair Robert A. Marchman for taking on this new and important role in Diversity & Inclusion as Senior Policy Advisor to the Chairman at the Securities Exchange Commission! [Read more here...](#)



Robert A. Marchman

Vincent A. Huggins Foundation Award Given to Coalition on Race

On December 8, 2019 the Community Coalition on Race was recognized by the Vincent A. Huggins Foundation for its ongoing work in the community on racial integration and inclusion. We are so grateful for this recognition from the members of the foundation who



see value in our mission. [Read more here...](#)

Coalition on Race Receives Grant



Once again the Community Coalition on Race is a recipient of Essex County Local Arts Program (ECLAP) funding. The award for 2020 will support our Integration through the Arts program for Black History Month which will be a musical centered around the historic Scottsboro Boys trial followed by a discussion with the audience led by the Coalition. The show is a collaboration with Progressive Theater and will run from February 15th through the 16th at the Burgdorff Theater in Maplewood. More details to come soon on the communitycoalitiononrace.org web site!

SOMA 1619 Project Communal Year of Learning Continues

The SOMA 1619 Committee is planning monthly local opportunities to learn and discuss articles and podcast related to the NYT 1619 Project. The offering for January is **The People's Platform for Equity: Finding What We're FOR and Fighting for What We LOVE**. This workshop, hosted by the University of Orange and led by Dominic Moulden is based on the premise that grounding ourselves in history allows us to have better conversations about what we're for, the key ingredient in democracy. This workshop is and invites us to participate in making a People's Platform for Equity; envisioning the future and what it will take to make it a reality. [For more information click here](#)



When: Saturday, January 18, 3pm-6pm

Where: The HUUB, 35 Cleveland Street, Orange, New Jersey

Our Committees Need You in 2020!

What can you do to make our towns truly inclusive? Our committees are a great way to meet new people, be active in community life, and use your talent in support of stable racial integration. Become one of the 100+ volunteers that makes the South Orange/Maplewood Community Coalition on Race work! To learn more about our committees and projects, and to fill out a volunteer form, [click here](#).



Upcoming Events

Integrated Play Group
Community Coalition on Race

The 2020 schedule is pending, so [click here](#) for updates on the January gathering.

Special Screening of film
Man on Fire
One Towns Racism, One
Preacher's Sacrifice

Weds., Jan. 15, 2020
7:00 pm Christ Church Summit
561 Springfield Ave.
Barnwell Hall, Summit

To purchase tickets [click here](#)
For information on the film [click here](#)

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