

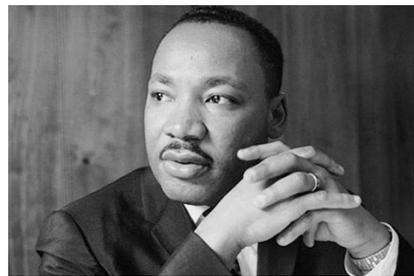


The South Orange/Maplewood Community Coalition *on Race*

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19th Annual MLK Observance, Volunteer Fair, and Luminary Lighting Was Inspirational

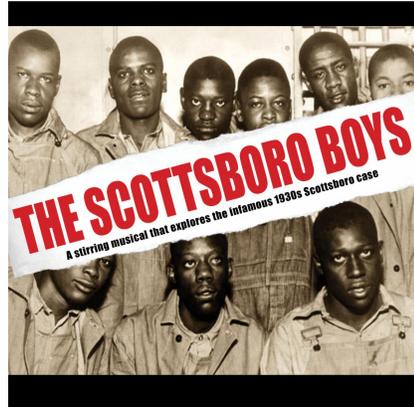
This year's observance was led by SOMA youth, including Columbia High School MAC (Minority Achievement Committee) Scholars, the Special Dance Company, and more, who recited poetry, danced, sang, and presented their thoughts about what racial justice, integration, and true inclusion mean in their world today. Plus, hundreds of people attended the Volunteer Fair, and that night SOMA was aglow in luminary light. [Read more and watch the video of the event...](#)



The Scottsboro Boys at the Burgdorff February 14th - 16th

Nominated for 12 Tony Awards, this powerful musical tells the true story of nine African-American teenagers who were arrested and charged with the rape of two white women while traveling through Alabama. With no evidence and no proof, the young men were convicted and sentenced to death. This musical is certain to provoke discussion at the post-show talk-backs. [Buy tickets and learn more...](#)

If you would be willing to sponsor a \$10 ticket for one or more students to attend this event, please give us a call at 973-761-6116 to speak with Program Director Audrey Rowe.



Coffee House Discussions Tackles a #1619 Project Issue - Myths of Racial Physical Differences - for Black History Month

Join us for a discussion of author and New York Times journalist Linda Villarosa's examination of the history of beliefs about racial differences in physical features and how those beliefs still influence US health care today.

Information will be shared through a presentation, videos, and small group discussions. RSVP is requested but not required. [Click here to RSVP](#) and



[here for more information.](#)

DATE: February 19, 2020
TIME: 7:30 - 9:30
PLACE: The Woodland, 60 Woodland Rd, Maplewood
COST: FREE and everyone is welcome

Discussion of Black-Jewish Solidarity

February 23: Temple ShareyTefilo-Israel (TSTI)

Join TSTI's Social Justice Task Force, in partnership with SOMA Justice and the Community Coalition on Race, for a walk through the Gallery at TSTI's civil rights art exhibit with curator Armisey Smith at 1 pm, followed by a panel discussion at 2 pm on issues affecting the Black and Jewish communities in South Orange and Maplewood, including action steps to become better allies to each other.

[Information and RSVPs encouraged here...](#)



Maplewood Community Board on Police Presentation

The community board, established in 2019 in response to concerns about police/community relationships in Maplewood, will present findings and next steps on **Sunday, February 9th at 2 pm at the Burgdorff in Maplewood.** Topics will include use of force, traffic stops, and non-emergency calls.



SOMA Against Hate Collective

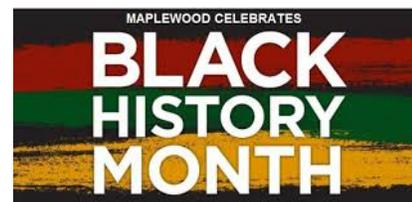
The SOMA Against Hate Collective formed in December in response to a white supremacist group that targeted our towns with hate messages. [Please read the statement issued by the Collective here and find out how you can get a lawn sign.](#)



Black History Month in Maplewood

The Coalition projects and collaborations are listed above, but Maplewood has a full calendar running from January 29th - February 29th. The events include music, marches, readings, and so much more.

[Here's the full list of events...](#)



Flexible, Part-time Social Media Assistant

The Community Coalition on Race is seeking a paid, part-time Social Media Assistant to support loading and updating content created by staff on social media sites, local print media, and local on-line calendars. [More information here](#)



Coalition Upcoming Events

Integrated Play Group
Community Coalition on Race

Saturday, Feb. 22
10 am- 12 Noon
South Orange Country Day School
461 Vose Ave., South Orange NJ 07079
For more information [click here](#)

Local Theater Productions during Black History Month

TILL

American Theater Group is proud to present the New Jersey premiere of *Till*, the stirring and powerful new musical about Emmett Till, and how his death in 1955 helped ignite the civil rights movement. *Till* will run February 27th - March 8th at South Orange's historic St. Andrew's Church. [More information here.](#)

The General ticket price is \$39/ticket. A special 25% discount of \$29/ticket is extended to Coalition Supporters for preview performance on February 27th and 28th only.

Pass Over

A provocative mashup of *Waiting for Godot* and the Exodus saga, *Pass Over* exposes the unquestionable human spirit of young black men who dream about a promised land they've yet to find. Performances are February 6 - March 1 on the MAINSTAGE of Luna Stage at 555 Valley Road, West Orange, NJ 07052. For tickets [click here](#) and [for more information click here.](#)

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