



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

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### How Can You Support SOMA Schools? Find out at the Schools Showcase

The Civic Engagement committee is hosting a **Community Engagement Schools Showcase** on Thursday November 7th at The Woodland in Maplewood, and on Saturday, November 23rd at the South Orange Library. Our objective is to inform and to inspire SOMA residents, especially those from groups that are frequently underrepresented as volunteers, to get actively involved with improving our local schools. [To RSVP click here](#). FREE Babysitting by reservation at 973-761-6116



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### Schools Committee to Host 18th Annual Preschool Open House

**Monday, November 11th**  
**7 pm - 8:30 pm**  
**Montrose Early Childhood Education Center**  
**356 Clark St., South Orange NJ**

The Schools Committee focuses on achieving excellence and equity in education for all students in our district and supports quality, early education as critical to achieving that goal. This event showcases local preschools, nurseries, daycare, after care and enrichment programs in the region for residents of Maplewood, South Orange and surrounding communities. [More details here...](#) and [RSVP here](#).



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### Celebrating Integration Annual Dinner Honors Community Members

The dinner was a wonderful evening of inclusive

fellowship and donor support of the Coalition's mission. The Board of Trustees of the Coalition on Race were pleased to honor Patricia Canning, George Robinson, and SOMA Cross Cultural Works for their commitment to racial integration in South Orange and Maplewood and the actions they take to achieve it.

[Read more about the honorees and see pictures from the celebration here.](#)



## The 1619 Commemoration: Vigil & Year of Communal Learning

We participated in the national Remember Jamestown Observance Week with a community candlelight vigil of remembrance on October 16th that inaugurates a year of learning activities to address racial inequities in our towns. The vigil was filled music, moving testaments to the critical need for an expanded, accurate education in African American history, and more. [Pictures & details here...](#)



## Me, the "Other" Screening Fosters Discussion about Otherness in SOMA

Many thanks to Steve Schnall, head of SouthNEXT, for including our Community Coalition Month event in this year's festival of ideas. We are grateful to film director Shidan Majidi and cast member Hussain Haider for leading the post-screening discussion. [Read more here...](#)



Majidi (lft) and Haider (rt).

## Board of Education Candidates Forum

Thanks to the 7 BOE Candidates who participated in our BOE Candidates' Forum last night, and to the 75 people who attended! Election Day is Tuesday, November 5.

[Click here](#) to search for your polling location and poll information. [Read more...](#)



## Our Residential Committee Needs You!

Are you interested in working with neighborhood associations, affordable housing, and realtor relations to support stable racial integration in our towns? Then this is the group for you. Join us for our 2020 planning meeting: Tuesday, November 12th, 8 - 9 pm, at the Coalition office, 516 Prospect St. - 2nd flr., Maplewood. Call [973-761-6116](tel:973-761-6116) or



## Upcoming Events

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| Book launch for youth author,<br>Marina Budhos' new book <i>The<br/>Long Ride</i> <i>FREE</i> | Sun. November 3 3:00 pm<br>[words] Bookstore<br>179 Maplewood Ave., Maplewood NJ<br>Book includes bussing, friendship,<br>multiracial identities, and micro-<br>aggressions. Audience: middle school.<br>For more information <a href="#">click here</a> |
| 1619 Project<br>Year of Communal Learning   | Thurs. November 14 7:00 PM<br>Inaugural Discussion<br>Maplewood Memorial Library<br>51 Baker St., Maplewood NJ<br>For more information <a href="#">click here</a>  |
| Progressive Theater Gala<br>Black & Blue Fundraising Gala                                     | Fri., November 22 6:00 PM<br>The Woodland<br>60 Woodland Rd., Maplewood, NJ<br>Formal Attire<br>For more information <a href="#">click here</a>  |
| Integrated Play Group<br>Community Coalition on Race  | Sat. November 23 10:00 AM - Noon<br>Le Parc Place<br>195 Maplewood Ave., Maplewood NJ<br>For more information <a href="#">click here</a>   |

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