



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

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### **Giving Tuesday is December 3rd!**

GivingTuesday brings community together around ideals of generosity + collective action. Join us by donating on December 3rd to support fostering meaningful relationships across racial lines, dismantling persistent forms of racism, and building an equitable and inclusive community.

**You can ensure the sustainability of racial integration in our towns with a gift today!**

**#GIVING  
TUESDAY™**

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### **It's Time to Celebrate Another Year of Intentional Integration at the Annual Holiday Party!**

Let's share good food and good cheer and celebrate the end of another great year!

- Wednesday, December 11, 2020. 6:30 PM
- Giorgio's Ristorante, 52 Vose Avenue South Orange NJ
- \$30 per person, includes Buffet Dinner/Coffee & Dessert/Drinks



Limited space-[RSVP here](#)

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### **Join the 2020 MLK Luminary Project!**

The 6th annual MLK Luminary Project will kick off with a launch event on Thursday, December 5, 7:15 pm at South Orange Library. This is a great way to get everyone talking about the importance of Dr. King's message. On the evening of January 20 beginning at 6 pm, we ask people to light up the outside of their homes with decorated luminaries. Our goal is to have more than 2000 SOMA homes and businesses sharing the light of peace with luminaries.

[Read more here...](#)



## The 1619 Project: The SOMA Community Discusses Racial Wealth Gap

The first discussion as part of the Year of Communal Learning was on the Racial Wealth Gap. Barbara Velazquez and Tina Kelly gave powerful and informative presentations highlighting the stark disparities nationwide and the even deeper disparities that exist between Black, Latino, and white people in New Jersey. [Read more here...](#)



## Civic Engagement Committee Holds First SOMA Schools Showcase

Six local organizations that work separately to achieve equity and excellence in our SOMA Schools were convened by the Coalition's Civic Engagement Committee to talk to the community about their work. From the 35 community members who attended, 9 signed up to help with 12 projects. Stayed tuned for a Housing Showcase on 2020.



Schools Showcase organization representatives & CEI Committee

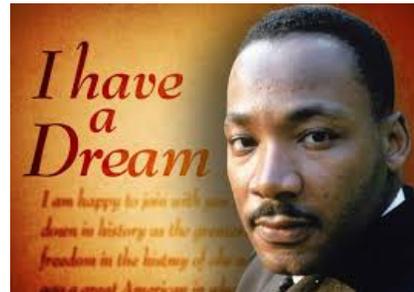
## Schools Committee Hosted its 18th Annual Preschool Open House

Once again, a diverse group of parents looking for the right early childhood education for their child came out to this annual open house. Thanks to all the schools and programs, and special thanks to our event supporters [Suki & Heather Realtors](#). [Read more and access the Preschool Contact List 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 with home Luminary Lightings at 6:00 pm.



**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](#).



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## Upcoming Events

Integrated Play Group  
Community Coalition on Race

Sat. December 14 10:00 AM - Noon  
Le Parc Place  
195 Maplewood Ave., Maplewood NJ  
For more information [click here](#)

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