



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

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### **Robert A. Marchman Receives National Bar Association's Corporate Lawyer of the Year Award**



Congratulations to the chair of the Community Coalition on Race for receiving this honor from the National Bar Association, which is the oldest and largest national association of predominantly African American lawyers and judges. [Read his comments here...](#)

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### **Save the Date! Celebrating Integration is October 12th**

#### ***Honorees for 2019: Patricia Canning, George Robinson, & SOMA Cross Cultural Works***



Join us for our annual fundraising dinner:  
***Celebrating Integration: Community Building by  
Honoring Difference***, 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 to  
purchase an ad](#) in the journal, and [click here for sponsorship](#) information. An RSVP page for  
the event will be available on our website at the end of August.

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### **Schools Committee Hosts Events in Support of Closing the Racial Achievement Gap**

The Schools Committee has worked over many years for equity and excellence in the SOMA school district, advocating in favor of integrating the elementary schools; speaking out against tracking and other systemic drags on true equity and excellence in the schools; and ensuring that all races in the community get the best they can from our schools. The committee invites you to its fall 2019 programs including the **BOE Candidates' Night** on October 29th, the annual **Pre-school Open House**,



on November 11th, and its next **Talking to Children about Race**. For more information on programming, readings lists, articles, or to join the committee, [click here](#).

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## Coffee House Discussion on "When Should I Call the Police?"

Recent incidents of SOMA residents calling the police on perceived suspicious activity, the police response, and the social media responses will be the topic of an upcoming Coffee House Discussion entitled When Should I Call the Police? This community round-table discussion in small groups will explore issues such as: what should prompt someone to call for police; racist assumptions about people that cause suspicions; use of social media to shame people-both those who call the police and those who question the motives of the callers; use of social media to post surveillance footage and photos related to these calls; and more. September 2019 date, location, and event RSVP to be announced soon on our website.



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## Join Our Board of Trustees

Looking for an opportunity to give back to your community? Interested in working with a diverse group of your neighbors? The South Orange/Maplewood Community Coalition on Race is seeking new members to serve on our Board of Trustees. [Read more here...](#)

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## In case you missed it... Check Out the 2019 SOMA Demographic Report

The MERT (monitoring, evaluation, research, and testing) committee gave a public presentation of the Coalition's updated demographics in June. 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](#).



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