



The South Orange/Maplewood Community Coalition *on Race*

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Talking to Children about Race: Language Matters!

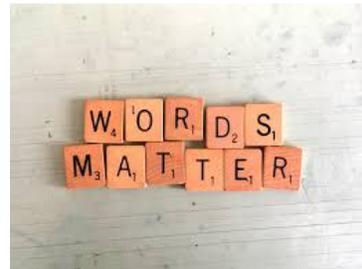
TOMORROW NIGHT!

Thursday, October 3rd, 7:30 pm

South Orange Middle School Library, 2nd Flr.

Join us for a discussion and practical tips on how to approach these topics with your youth, including a presentation by communications expert and educator, Ayesha Gallion, who will be serving as moderator and a panel with MMS Principal Dara Gronau and Columbia High School students. Small group table discussions will follow.

[RSVP Here.](#)



Our Annual Dinner Celebration is October 12th

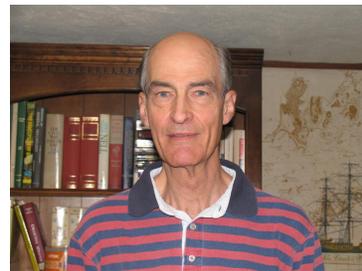
Honorees for 2019: Patricia Canning, George Robinson, & SOMA Cross Cultural Works

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 RSVP for the dinner.](#)



Patricia Canning



George Robinson

Film Screening & Talk-back of Me, the "Other"

SouthNEXT 2019 Festival

**Sunday, October 20th, 4 pm, McNulty Hall,
Seton Hall University**

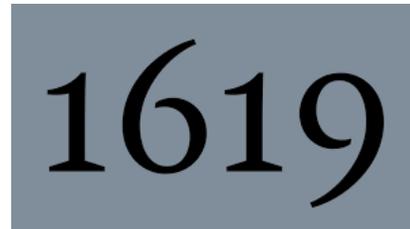
Everyone has somehow been "othered" in life and with prejudice permeating throughout our current climate, the filmmakers were inspired to create this documentary with the hope that it would act as a bridge connecting diverse minds and hearts. We are partnering with co-director and producer Shidan Majidi to use this film to open up conversations about "otherness" as we strive for the "oneness" of social justice and equity in our community and in the human family.



[To learn more click here.](#)

The 1619 Commemoration: Walk of Remembrance & A Year of Communal Learning

October 12-18, 2019 has been designated nationally as Remember Jamestown Observance Week. We will participate as a community with a march of remembrance on October 16th, followed by a year of learning activities to address racial inequities. [Read more here...](#)



Residents & Police Address 'When Should I Call the Police?'

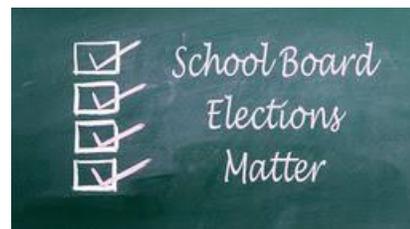
People discussed what might, in their minds, be a reason to call the police; why someone might hesitate to call; what concerns people have about their own protection or in putting someone at risk. We are grateful to all those who attended-most especially Chief DeVaul, Lieutenant Niheema Malloy, and Sergeant Adrian Acevedo. The attendees shared experiences and worked through some questions that they then shared with police who addressed their concerns. [Read more here to see the concerns and the suggestions developed at this gathering...](#)



Board of Education Candidates Forum

Tuesday, October 29th, 7:30 pm, Marshall School

The Schools Committee's goal-an integral part of the Coalition's broader pro-integrative mission-is to investigate best practices in achieving stably integrated schools in which students of all races are expected and encouraged to excel in a community that is proud and supportive of its students. The committee will present a series of questions to BOE candidates that challenge them to consider racial integration and equity in our schools. [Read more here...](#)



Civic Engagement Institute Schools Showcase

Want to learn how you can help work towards increased equity and excellence in our school system? 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. [Click here for more information](#)

Join Our Board of Trustees

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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...](#)

Upcoming Events

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| Integrated Play Group
Community Coalition on Race | Sat. October 12 10:00 - Noon
Le Parc Place
195 Maplewood Ave., Maplewood NJ
For more information click here |
| SOMA Entrepreneurs of Color | So So SOMA - The Pop Up Shop

This event will highlight the outstanding contributions of local business owners of color to our vibrant and diverse business scene in and around SOMA. |
| SouthNEXT | Sat., October 5 2:00 Pm - 6:00 PM
463 Valley St., Maplewood, NJ
For more information click here

A two-day festival that sparks creatives collisions of ideas while generating solutions to some of the time's most pressing challenges. FREE

Sat, Oct 19, 2019, 12:00 -6:30
South Orange Performing Arts (SOPAC)

Sun. Oct 20, 2019, 12:00 PM - 6:30 PM
Seton Hall University
for more information click here |
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