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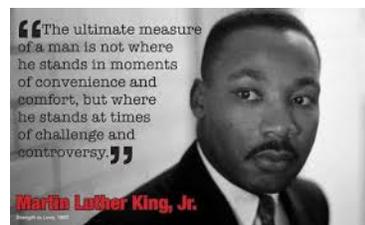
We know 2020 was a devastating year in so many ways--and while the problems have not disappeared, we are looking ahead to new opportunities, bold solutions, and community solidarity. We hope you will join us from the start on January 18th, 2 pm, to reflect on our MLK Day theme: **Community in Times of Challenge and Controversy**, and at 4:45 to light your luminaries as a commitment to change in 2021.

The 20th Annual MLK Observance

This year's theme for our 20th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Observance is "Community in Times of Challenge and Controversy."

When: January 18, 2021 at 2:00 PM.

Where: This year's event will be shared virtually via YouTube "Live" using this link <https://youtu.be/hkh36SYKLM8>. Everyone is welcome to participate—no account is needed. [Read more...](#)



The Luminary Project

Light up luminaries at 4:45 on MLK Day after the observance! The goal is for thousands of homes in SOMA to be lit up as a sign of hope, sanctuary, peace, and solidarity with Dr. King's vision of the Beloved Community. The Luminaries come four in a pack for a suggested donation of \$10. [Find out how to get your kits here...](#)



Thanks to Outgoing Trustees!

Our entire board and staff are so grateful to the service and dedication shown by these trustees who gave time, talent, and treasure over many years:

- Colleen Breslin
- Leila Gonzalez Sullivan
- David Harris
- Niv Miyasato

We wish you all the best in your new endeavors!



Welcome New Trustees!

Our board of trustees is growing! This year we welcome the following new board members:

- Jeremy Dobrish
- Antoine Green
- Kristin Lisanti
- Janice Lynn
- Mikki Murphy
- Jocelyn Ryan
- Shayna Sackett-Gable
- Moya Titus
- Renee Wills

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Save the Date to Revisit Black History in 2021

Mark your calendars for Thursday, February 4th when the Community Coalition on Race, SOMA Action Racial Justice Committee, and SOMA Justice will partner to bring Black History to life through a virtual presentation and conversation with civil rights activist, Joanne Bland. Ms. Bland began her activism in 1961 at the age of 8, attending a freedom and voters' rights meeting presided over by Martin Luther King, Jr., and participated in the front lines at age 11 on "Bloody Sunday", March 7, 1965 crossing the Edmund Pettus Bridge with John Lewis and others.



Join the Coalition Youth Collective!

Calling all youth activists to make a change in our community! This is a youth-led group highlighting social injustices through artistic expression. Meetings are every Tuesday, 4:30 pm by Zoom. For more information, send us an email at info@twotowns.org [More info here](#)



Volunteer with Us!

What can you do to make our towns integrated and equitable? 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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