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ON RACE

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## It's Our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

What started as nine people meeting to find ways to tackle racial justice issues head-on during a period of dramatic demographic change grew into a full-fledged nonprofit whose vision is to achieve and sustain the benefits of a thriving, racially integrated and truly inclusive community that serves as a model for the nation. We are excited to be celebrating 25 years of building a racial integration and equity ethos in our towns. In the coming months we look forward to honoring Community Coalition on Race milestones and achievements by sharing stories and memories.



## "Dear MAPSO": The Conversation

The Coalition Youth Collective is hosting this important virtual discussion between our local youth and the community. The dialogue will be held on Thursday, March 18th, at 7:00 pm and is inspired by the work of youth poet Ashley Fanka. Join this candid conversation about youth experiences in SOMA and participate in youth-facilitated, small discussion groups to explore positive change. [Read the poem now](#) here and [Register in advance here](#).



## Roadmap to School Integration: Lessons learned from "Nice White Parents"

**Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM**

Join us for this virtual discussion featuring Julie Snyder, Executive Producer of the podcast *Nice White Parents*, a five-part podcast series about building a better school system and what gets in the way. (Listen here: [nytimes.com/2020/07/23/podcasts/nice-white-parents-serial.html](https://nytimes.com/2020/07/23/podcasts/nice-white-parents-serial.html)). As we prepare to integrate our elementary schools, we look back at 50 years of attempted integration at one Brooklyn school and ask what we can do differently. [For more information and to register, click here](#).



## Conversations on Race—Save the Date!

Conversations on Race will be held virtually on Thursday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm. This year's speaker is Jesse Hagopian,

teacher, author, activist, and public speaker whose focus is educational justice. Jesse Hagopian teaches Ethnic Studies and is an editor for the social justice periodical *Rethinking Schools*, is the co-editor of the books, *Black Lives Matter at School* and *Teaching for Black Lives*. [Check here to register](#) and check the [communitycoalitiononrace.org](http://communitycoalitiononrace.org) website during March for updates..



## We Need Tech & Development Volunteers!

Passionate about supporting integration in our towns but not sure how to contribute?

- **Tech:** The Coalition needs folks who can help us with reviewing the IT platforms and systems that support the its work, creating and managing virtual events via Zoom and other platforms, and more!
- **Fundraising:** If you love to plan events, write grants, or work with donors and corporate sponsors, our Development team needs your support!

To volunteer or for more information, please fill out a [Volunteer Form](#) and we will reach out to you.



## COVID Vaccine Focus Group

This COVID Vaccine Focus Group is sponsored by the Maplewood Health Department, and is open to SOMA residents in the targeted groups.

**Registration is required by March 1 for each session**

- **Black Community on Thursday March 4th**
- **Latinx Community on Tuesday, March 9th**

To participate, contact Taliah Jeffries at 973-309-4178, [tjeffers@twp.maplewood.nj.us](mailto:tjeffers@twp.maplewood.nj.us) and use "Focus Group" as the subject.



## PARENT VIRTUAL EVENT: Your racial identity and social justice with Dr. Anica

**Wed, March 3, 2021, 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM**

Ever wonder how your own personal identity impacts your engagement with members of other races and ethnicities? In honor of Black History Month, the Maplewood Middle School teacher and student community have explored our own roles in social justice over the last month. For this final virtual seminar, Dr. Anica Camela Mulzac will round out our first social justice series with a discussion open to all SOMA parents. [Register here.](#)



## The Schools Committee At-a-Glance

Have a [look here](#) to see what the committee's objectives are for 2021 and to learn about its programming over the years

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