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COMMUNITY
COALITION
ON RACE

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Coalition Statement on Anti-Asian Hate and Violence

The Community Coalition on Race strongly condemns the discrimination and violence against Asian Americans. We have to acknowledge that the work towards racial justice must include the voices of Asian Americans. That's the hard work of solidarity as we fight white supremacy – intentionally being inclusive of all who struggle. [Read the full statement here...](#)



Roadmap to School Integration: Lessons learned from “Nice White Parents”

Tuesday, April 13th, 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). 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: Racial Justice in Education

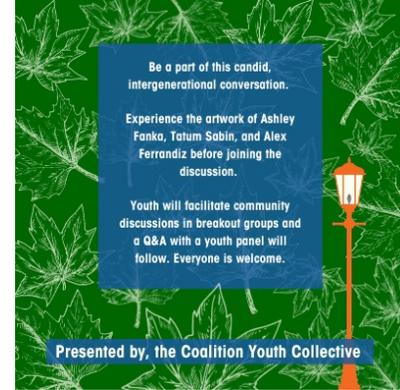
Conversations on Race will be held virtually on Thursday, April 29th, at 7:00 pm. This year's speaker is Jesse Hagopian, teacher, author, activist, and public speaker whose focus is educational justice. Jesse Hagopian teaches Ethnic Studies and is an editor for the social justice periodical *Rethinking Schools*, is the co-editor of the books, *Black Lives Matter at School* and *Teaching for Black Lives*. **To register and get more information, click here...**



Local Youth Raise Equity Concerns at

'Dear MAPSO'

The Coalition Youth Collective hosted this virtual discussion with the SOMA community to express their experiences as youth in this community using art, youth-facilitated break-out groups, and a Q&A between community members and the youth panel. Many thanks to the panel which included Ashley Fanka, Alex Ferrandiz, and Tatum Sabin for sharing their artwork, and the co-hosts William Nash and Ogenna Oraedu for their leadership. [Watch the video here...](#)



COVID19 Vaccine and the Black Community Webinar Video

In case you missed it, [click here](#) for the video of this very informative session on Black Health Matters: COVID19 Vaccine and the Black Community. Many thanks to the excellent moderator Professor Khalil Muhammad and insightful panelists--Dr. Omar Bey, Dr. Camara Phyllis Jones, and Sean Hudson, Vice President at Pfizer. Please share the video with those needing vaccine information.

Join our First Coffee House Discussion of 2021

**BLACK HEALTH MATTERS:
COVID19 Vaccines
and the Black Community**

'Boz Way' Dedication in South Orange

The access road from Mead Street out to South Orange Avenue will now be called "Boz Way" in honor of Lee Boswell May, beloved member of the Coalition on Race board of trustees, who died last year. The dedication was celebrated on Saturday, March 6th by a socially distanced group of locals who worked with and were friends with Lee. [Read more here...](#)



The Community Coalition on Race: 25 Years

Did you know...

The Community Coalition on Race started as ad hoc groups? South Orange had a group called FAN-Friends and Neighbors which had a Social Justice committee. Maplewood formed a task force called the "Committee TBN" (to be named) which hired a 'racial integration' consultant who recommended a two-town approach. The combined committee became the Racial Balance Task Force until the current name was adopted in 1998. Coming up with a name that accurately described the racial integration intent of the committee was a true struggle. To some, 'balance' implied quotas. Others objected to using the word 'race' in any promotions because they worried the towns would not be attractive to white in-movers if they thought there were race problems. Even after the full name—the South Orange/Maplewood Community Coalition on Race—was adopted as the legal name, the 'on race' portion was left off external promotions. The organization has grown and adapted over 25 years...and 'race' is as prominent in our current logo as it has been in our mission.



Upcoming Community Events

SOMA Action: The Far Right, Fascism, & Insurrection

This event will feature speaker Daryle Lamont Jenkins, founder of [One People's Project](#). April 8th, 7 pm. [Register here](#)



Presented by the SOMA Action
Racial Justice and Religious Justice Committees

Daryle Lamont Jenkins

Founder of
One People's Project

returns
April 8, 2021 7:00-8:00+

**The Far Right,
Fascism, & Insurrection**

Advance registration required.
[REGISTER HERE](#)

SOMA Interfaith Holocaust Service

The SOMA Interfaith Holocaust Remembrance Committee invites the community to its virtual Holocaust Remembrance service this year on April 18th at 4 PM.

<https://youtu.be/46tnAqQrFc4>



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