

Tom's original:

After much research and discussion, the Maplewoodstock Volunteer Committee as decided to postpone Maplewoodstock until July of 2022. Just as we were in 2020 we are very disappointed to share this news. The more transmissible Delta Variant combined with other factors has led to another increase in the number of COVID-19 cases throughout NJ, including Essex County. Maplewoodstock is a family community event, enjoyed by all ages including children. One of the factors that led to our decision, (there are others), is that children are not currently eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine, and we cannot in good conscious put them at risk. The committee discussed many alternatives, however as the health and safety of the bands, artists, vendors, partners, volunteers, our Community and especially our children, must be our top priority, we feel very strongly that, while disappointing, this is the right call.

Peace, be safe, and we'll see you in 2022

Jim's edits:

After much research and discussion, the Maplewoodstock Volunteer Committee has decided to postpone the Maplewoodstock Music and Arts Festival from October 2021 until July 2022. We are very disappointed to share this news.

We had high hopes to present the festival in October, but the more transmissible COVID-19 Delta Variant, combined with other factors, has led to an increasing number of COVID-19 cases throughout NJ, including Essex County.

Maplewoodstock is a family-friendly and community event, enjoyed by all ages including children. One of many factors that led to our decision is that children are not currently eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine, and we cannot in good conscious put them at risk. The committee discussed many alternatives that might allow us to hold the festival this October. However, as the health and safety of the bands, artists, vendors, partners, volunteers, attendees -- especially our children -- must be our top priority, we feel very strongly that, while disappointing, this is the responsible decision.

Our bands, sponsors, vendors, and volunteers have already been informed of this postponement.

Peace, be safe, and we hope to see you in July 2022.

Susan's proposed edits

After much research and discussion with the Town and our Health Officer, the Maplewoodstock Volunteer Committee has decided to postpone the Maplewoodstock Music and Arts Festival from October 2021 until July 2022.

We are very sad to share this news. We had high hopes to present the festival in October, but the more transmissible COVID-19 Delta Variant, combined with other factors, has led to an increasing number of COVID-19 cases throughout NJ, including Essex County.

Maplewoodstock is a family-friendly and community event, enjoyed by all ages including children. One of many factors that led to our decision is that children under 12 are not currently eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine, and we cannot in good conscience put them at risk. The committee considered a number of alternatives that might allow us to hold the festival this October. In the end, the health and safety of the bands, artists, vendors, partners, volunteers, attendees -- especially our children -- must be our top priority. We feel strongly that, while disappointing, this is the responsible decision.

Our bands, sponsors, vendors, and volunteers have been informed of this postponement.

Peace, be safe, and we hope to see you in July 2022.