The Maplewoodstock Volunteer Committee thanks the Village Green for reaching out to us for comment.

We have been made aware of troubling encounters with one of our vendors during this year’s festival. To be clear, we unequivocally condemn all manners of hate speech or hurtful rhetoric, and they have no place at Maplewoodstock – or in our local community — period.

Our motto is that Maplewoodstock is an event “by and for the community” and we deeply apologize to anyone who was hurt, offended, or felt unsafe as a result of encounters with this vendor. While the vendor in question participated in several past Maplewoodstock festivals without incident, they will not be invited back to future events.

When our Committee reconvenes in the coming weeks, we plan to review our procedures to consider appropriate improvements to help prevent incidents like this in the future.

Once again, thank you to the thousands of Maplewoodstock attendees who spent the weekend with us sharing in peace, love, and music.