

Welcome to Headley Place, the best street in Maplewood!

We first moved to Maplewood from Brooklyn more than 20 years ago with our toddler. We fell in love with the town... making friends (who are friends to this day), going into the village for an informal dinner, walking to the duck pond and the library. It was hard to leave when the opportunity arose to live overseas.

Four years later, when moving back to the US, we were thrilled to find a house on Headley Place, our favorite street in Maplewood. Not only was it on Headley, but it was at the end of the street! We could not have wished for a better location – quiet, secluded, and bordering the park that Maplewoodians lovingly call the “hidden park.” The street has a wonderful mix of older couples and young families. Every fall, we gather for an annual block party. During the worst days of the pandemic, we helped each other find scarce items (garlic!) and socialized outside.

We saw our son grow up here, from the days he would proudly walk to the nearby elementary school, to competing on the Maplewood swim team, to safely learning to skateboard on our cul-de-sac, to playing oboe in the Wind Ensemble, to graduating from Columbia High with lifelong friends. We believe that his experiences in the schools and the community have contributed to his becoming the successful young adult that he is today – independent, thoughtful, open-minded, and kind.

Maplewood is an ideal mix of small-town friendliness and urban energy. From our house, it is an easy walk to the train station (in either Maplewood or South Orange) for work or a fun day in the city. But we have found there is plenty to do here in the area – local theaters, music venues, a great bookstore, excellent restaurants, and the best pizza in Northern Jersey. Susan loves meeting friends for a walk through the trees of the Reservation or around the water of the reservoir, then going out for coffee at one of our many stellar bakery cafes. Grant enjoys meeting a friend at the pub for a pint. We take advantage of the many dog-walking routes in our neighborhood.

Best of all is this sunny, spacious house. We have hosted dinners with friends in the private backyard or gathered around the fireplace on a wintry evening. When we expanded and entirely renovated our kitchen five years ago, entertaining became even more fun. We have loved cooking together as a family at the huge kitchen island and then gathering after dinner to watch a movie in the family room. Susan delights in working in her office, from which she can watch birds and the sky growing pink at dusk. Grant has invited friends over to watch big soccer matches on TV in the roomy finished basement. During the height of the pandemic, with our son home from college, each of us had our own space to work or study. (For a growing family needing more space, the upstairs offers great potential for expansion.)

We know that whoever moves into this house will love it as much as we have.

Susan and Grant