



# City of Maplewood 2021 Community Survey Open-Ended Comments

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Q8. Please list an area or location you believe needs improvement for pedestrian safety.

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- 3400 Block Cambridge Ave, it is one way/one side parking, there are often speeders on the block. need speed bumps
- 7300 Manchester Ave and South on Sutton.
- A pedestrian crosswalk on Manchester between Sutton and Marshall would be nice.
- Across from city hall apartments.
- all cross walks on Manchester and Sutton Blvd.
- All of Manchester and Big Bend
- all residential areas, break ins, auto tampering, package theft
- all school locations for drop off and pick up
- Any residential or commercial street without a designated walking path. There a lot still throughout Maplewood.
- area around Volvo dealer, the ECC and Laclede Station Rd
- At sidewalk/street intersections, too many detectable warnings are absent, never installed
- basically any stop sign in the residential areas is treated as a suggestion - especially along Bruno between Big Bend and Bellevue
- Bellevue
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- Bellevue - this is a dedicated biking route but drivers speed in excess and cause dangerous situations for those sharing the road.
- Bellevue and Bruno, cars always running stop signs and kids. Manchester and Big Bend too short turn lights.
- Bellevue Ave between Bruno and Manchester in particular , reckless driving and speeding
- Better pedestrian connections between Wards. Better pedestrian street experience (street trees, bus stops, sidewalks, trail system).
- Better street lights in neighborhoods.
- Better street lights/more lights in Greenwood area
- BIG BAND & MANCHESTER. DANGEROUS FOR WALKERS - PEOPLE DRIVE CRAZY & DON'T YIELD TO PEDESTRIANS
- Big Bend
- BIG BEND & MANCHESTER
- Big Bend & Manchester
- Big Bend & Manchester- Manchester & Sutton
- Big Bend & Manchester, Oakland and Big bend. Pedestrian crossing needed at Big Bend/Sutton on Manchester.
- Big Bend & Manchester, Sutton & Manchester, Rannells & Laclede
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- Big Bend and Rannals as children cross there
- Big Bend under neath the Greenwood Bridge
- Big Bend, near the Middle school for kids.
- Big Bend, Oxford
- Bredell between Folk and Bruno.
- Bredwell/Lohmeyer, Big Bend
- Brighter street lights. Jerome Avenue Especially.
- Bruno & Bredell
- Bruno/Laclede station and Bruno Lindburgh
- bus shelter at Manchester & Yale
- bushes and trees trimmed around pedestrian pathways
- Cars drive too fast on Bredell, don't stop at stop signs.
- cite people for walking in the street when there is a sidewalk
- Commonwealth/St Elmo cars speed thru intersection
- Corner of Bellevue and Manchester feels unsafe.
- corner of Gayola and Roseland Ter- people run stop-signs all the time
- corner of Hiawatha and Williams. There is no stop sign , so drivers go too fast around the corner.
- corner of Manchester and Big Bend(should be no right on red)
- Corner of Southwest and Manchester - cars often don't notice pedestrians crossing the street on the South side (crossing Southwest, nearest Schlafly)
- Cross over Manchester at Metro Station.
- cross streets along Big Bend
- Crossing big bend anywhere between oxford and manchester
- Crossing Manchester at Sutton.....Or crossing Manchester or Big Bend in any direction at that intersection.
- crossing Manchester in various locations
- crossing Manchester or side streets in downtown area
- Crossing Manchester Rd downtown is challenging for pedestrians.
- crossing Manchester road at Mid 7300 Block
- Crossing midway between lights from Schnucks to main strip on Manchester. Maybe a pedestrian crossway
- Crossing Southwest at Manchester
- Crossing the Hanley/Manchester intersection is dangerous. There needs to be a pedestrian bridge over the creek as the bridge on Manchester just west of Hanley is extremely dangerous to walk on.
- Crossing Manchester downtown
- Crosswalks at Bellevue/Lyndora Intersection
- Crosswalks at Big Bend where kids cross going to and from school, maybe a footbridge would be helpful
- Crosswalks downtown Maplewood on Manchester
- Crosswalks on Manchester downtown.
- Cut through streets such as Flora can be unsafe due to speeding cars
- Deer Creek Park

- downtown
- Downtown area-streets around Schnucks.
- downtown jaywalking
- Downtown Mapelwood - more crosswalks
- Downtown Maplewood had two break ins.
- DOWNTOWN MAPLEWOOD SHOPPING DISTRICT
- DOWNTOWN SHOPPING AREA
- downtown, please put in crosswalks and speed bumps
- downtown/business district, more pedestrian crossing, more speed bumps, stop signs
- drivers look for pedestrians and give them the right of way
- east bound traffic at Big Bend & Manchester, outside lane end at Big Bend with right turn only
- end of Manchester
- Enforcement of stop signs in Zephyr Hills - especially on Sutton and its cross-streets. People blow through them ALL the time, I've almost been hit 3x this year while out walking.
- folk ave
- Greenwood & Canterbury
- Greenwood/Marshall.
- Hanley/Manchester
- I believe that the "main drag" of Maplewood, e.g. Schlafly - Boardwalk Waffles
- I do not feel entirely safe crossing the Big Bend-Manchester intersection as a pedestrian.
- I have heard other people complain having been touted around Manchester and Sutton, Manchester and Big Bend from the sidewalks.
- I have not had many interactions with the police/fire but when I have, I was happy with their service
- I think some streets could have more street lights.
- I'd like to see pedestrian traffic better addressed on Manchester in downtown Maplewood. On busy nights, the parking lot (Schnucks) across the street is heavily utilized and people cross the street dodging traffic vs. walking down to use a crosswalk. I'd love to see a pedestrian crosswalk in the middle of Sutton and Marshall.
- Improve street lights, look at the area by the high school
- in front of QT down to city hall
- IN MAPLEWOOD COMMONS, THE ROAD BETWEEN LOWES & SAM'S CLUB NEEDS A CROSSWALK CLOSER THAN LACKEDE[?] STATION
- intersection along Manchester, plus way to cross in middle of Manchester between Sutton/Marshall
- Intersection of Big Bend and Manchester
- intersection of Manchester & Sutton, sidewalk on Big Bend near Sunnen industrial park under bridge
- Intersection of Manchester/Laclede Station -- pedestrian traffic/crosswalk
- Intersection of Sutton and Marietta.
- Intersection of Sutton and Marietta.
- INTERSECTIONS OF MARSHALL & MANCHESTER, MARSHALL & MAINE, MANCHESTER & SUTTON
- intersections of Sutton /manchester. Big Bend /Manchester. Marshall/Manchester

- It might be nice if the intersection of Manchester and Southwest/Roseland had crosswalks
- Kids crossing Manchester and Big Bend going to school.
- lack of street lights in ward 3
- Lack of street lights.
- laclede station- speeding. bruno at bredell- people don't come to complete stop.
- laws regarding yielding to pedestrians need to be enforced by crosswalk.
- LIGHTING IN GREENWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD
- longer light to cross Manchester at Sutton
- Lyndover at Big Bend, very poor lighting
- Main street Manchester, business and pedestrian crossing,
- Make sure speed limit is enforced on Big Bend & Manchester
- Manchester
- MANCHESTER & BIG BEND MAKES IT HARD TO GO DOWNTOWN BY FOOD OR BIKE
- Manchester & Sutton intersection
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- Manchester & Sutton- many speeding cars run red light
- Manchester and Bellevue, and east of Bellevue
- Manchester Ave Downtown
- Manchester between McCausland and Bellevue
- MANCHESTER BETWEEN SUTTON AND MARSHALL. MANY PEOPLE JAYWALKING FROM SCHUCKS. EITHER CRACK DOWN ON JAYWALKERS OR PROVIDE A PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY ACROSS OR OVER MANCHESTER
- Manchester between Sutton and Roseland. Also, stop signs on major cross thru streets. Big Bend everywhere
- manchester east of big bend is not as pedestrian friendly as it could be depending on time of day. traffic/road rage
- Manchester intersection
- Manchester intersections
- Manchester- needs crossing mid-way
- Manchester Rd
- Manchester Rd
- Manchester Rd
- Manchester Rd and Big Bend
- MANCHESTER ROAD BETWEEN BIG BEND & MCCAUSLAND
- Manchester road from boardwalk cafe to schlafly restaurant intersection
- Manchester road in downtown area
- Manchester Road through downtown.
- Manchester Road, downtown.

- Manchester, I would think gets the most foot traffic, specifically big bend to southwest. Improvements might get the most value there.
- Manchester. Need crosswalk. It is not safe.
- MANCHESTER/SECTION, BIG BEND/MANCHESTER, [UNKNOWN] STATION [UNKNOWN]/MANCHESTER INTERSECTIONS
- Manchester/Sutton area. Maplewood Walmart
- Manchester-Big Ben area, school zones
- Manchester Road at Marshall Ave.
- Manhattan ave by corner Park- no stop sign
- many sidewalks that are uneven.
- Maplewood parks & businesses
- Marshall Avenue
- Metro Link is a safety issue. Kellogg Park is also a safety issue
- Metro station sidewalks.
- monitor speeding and rolling stops
- More enforcement for jaywalkers through the strip, always in traffic or holding it up.
- More police visibility
- More residential area street lights.
- more sidewalks
- more street lighting on residential streets
- MORE STREET LIGHTING, MORE POLICE PRESENCE AT NIGHT
- more street lights in residential neighborhoods
- Most everything is ok, make sure hedges are trimmed so sidewalks are walkable like on Big Bend, east side.
- near all the schools and routes to the schools
- near bus stop
- Need to address speeding in neighborhoods.
- neighborhood near early childhood center
- No crosswalk at Sutton /Maple. excessive speeding, not stopping at stop sign at Sutton and Flora
- NONE—MAPLEWOOD IS KNOWN FOR PEDESTRIAN SAFETY
- Nothing hats off to Maplewood.
- OAKVILLE TERRACE GOING WEST ON LYNDOVER PL TO BELLEVUE AVE
- overall good. less policing
- parking lots on Hanley, car jackings, robbery and break ins
- PARKS & ALONG BIG BEND
- pedestrian access to Maplewood Metro Station, Big Bend and Folk Ave
- pedestrians are safe if they follow the laws.
- Pedestrians crossing mid-block/jaywalking across Manchester Rd. I recommend a pedestrian light mid-block between Sutton and Marshall.
- people begging for money near the liquor store on Manchester and Belleville.
- people loitering in parks
- People use my street as a cut thru and drive too fast, and run the stop signs.
- property crime/car break ins

- QUICK TRIP CONTROL
- Residential
- Sidewalks along Big Bend between Bruno and Manchester.
- Sidewalks are very unsafe. I have tripped many times trying to walk my dogs, once injuring my ankle.
- Sidewalks in areas, need improved
- sidewalks torn up on Manchester and people walking in street along curb
- some sidewalks
- Some streets need more lighting- Oakland specifically
- speeding in neighborhoods and near schools.
- SPEEDING ON SIDE STREETS, GROCERIES STORE, WALKING IN NEIGHBORHOOD
- speeding on Yale Ave
- St Elmo sidewalks- needs repairing, it forces walkers to walk on street
- St. Elmo
- stop sign at Sutton & Hazel Ave intersection
- STREETS (ZEPHYR PL) NEED MANY MORE STREET LIGHTS
- Streets that are heavily trafficked, due to being "cut-thrus" to Big Bend. Rannells and Folk have a lot of cut through traffic that speed.
- Sutton & Manchester
- Sutton and Manchester has much going on, people crossing the street everywhere.
- Sutton at the intersection of Hazel. Maybe paint crosswalks if there aren't any
- Sutton Blvd. and Richmond Place.
- SUTTON LOOP—UNHOUSED LOITERING & LEAVING [UNKNOWN] PARAPHENALIA IN THE PARKS
- Sutton/Manchester intersection. Big Bend and Manchester
- SW and Manchester. Add walk way on both sides of SW/Roseland
- The Big Bend/Manchester intersection is very concerning.
- THE CORNER OF MANCHESTER RD AND BIG BEND BY CVS PHARMACY
- The intersection of Laclede Station Rd. and Manchester; when crossing Manchester, cars regularly do not pay attention to pedestrians.
- The intersection of Manchester and Big Bend; the intersection of Manchester and Sutton; the intersection of Manchester and Marshall.
- The intersection of Oxford and Big Bend.
- The intersection of Rannells Ave and Big Bend. Many kids use this crosswalk . There is a blind spot by the crosswalk .
- The lights on Manchester /Sutton are too short.
- The sidewalks need attention. I have walked many of them, but am concerned about the tripping hazards. Otherwise, I find it to be pretty great for walking around, even on Manchester Road.
- The whole neighborhood north of Manchester and west of Big Bend is dark at night. It could really use more street lights.
- There has been a rash of car break-ins in the area for many many years and I don't know that the amount of burglaries and break-ins has gone down over the years. I do think this needs more attention.

- there is a lot of cut through traffic on St Elmo from Wellington and Wabash--not sure what can be done about that flow but there are definitely drivers who are not driving as though they are going through a neighborhood that has children and a lot of walkers
- traffic/crosswalk light, crossing Manchester at Oakland
- Turn all of the stop lights and stop signs into roundabouts and traffic circles.
- under the rr tacks where Greenwood and Canterbury meet
- Walk across for pedestrian that cross the street at Manchester.
- Walking in Maplewood metro link to Maplewood Library.
- we are on the edge of lots of crime
- Weaver Ave and surrounding area, street lights are not bright enough
- Wider, better maintained sidewalks. Overall pedestrian safety is good.
- Yale and Manchester
- Yale Park
- Yale park, dogs running off leash



- A lot of cars broken into. A lot of theft of packages and vandalism to residential landscaping. It has become a very high crime area.
- All interactions I've had with police and fire (both as a resident and business owner) have shown public safety personnel to be both professional and personable. One of the main draws for moving both my family and business to Maplewood was the opportunity to live and work in an inner ring suburb that is also very safe. I feel our public services do an excellent job balancing maintaining a safe community while also maintaining an empathetic but professional approach to situations.
- All intersections need improvements. Many walking children to school.
- All my interactions with local fire and police have been nothing but positive and professional. Top notch in my book.
- almost daily someone runs the light on Manchester At Bellevue
- Ambulance good
- appreciate quick response time
- Are sirens required when no one is on the streets late at night or in the mornings? Sirens blaring down side streets at late and early hours seems unnecessary when no pedestrians are present on roadways.
- Bellevue needs more attention. The road is treated like an open highway to commuters AND MetroBus. There needs to be a solution to slow down traffic. Excessive speed from heavy vehicles like the MetroBus shakes the homes along Bellevue, causing plaster and foundational issues over time.
- BETTER PATROL FOR SPEEDING, SIDE STREETS (FLORA) ARE USED AS CUT THRU'S & POLICE VERY RARELY SET UP RADAR
- big bend is treated as a race track since 170 does not connect to 44. any of the wider roads off big bend have speeding and lack of obeying stop signs (folk, laclède station road)
- both do a great job
- bus shelter at Manchester & Yale- the drinking and drug use is not safe for residents
- Can't tell you the last time I have seen a police car on my street. I have seen people park on the side of the street where it states no parking and they will be parked there for hours and yet I've never seen a police car check on these cars or just check on the street in general.
- Car break ins seem to be a big problem. More night patrol might help
- CAR BREAKINS ARE OUT OF HAND
- Cars are still being broken into. Our car has been broken into in Laclede Station Road. Our bike has been stolen from the same place which was chained to the Carport of our apartment buildings. Kindly increase more patrolling and CCTV's.
- Cars broken into.
- CONCERNED REGULARLY AT SPEED BY WHICH POLICE COME DOWN BREDELL AVE (NORTHBOUND). I UNDERSTAND EMERGENCIES BUT WITHOUT LIGHTS/SIRENS HAS HAPPENED MANY TIMES AND IT'S CONCERNING WITH YOUNG CHILDREN
- Continue anti-racists training and awareness with both departments. All residence should feel safe.
- do not trust police. family has reported racial bias to where they do not want to come to our house.

- DON'T DEFUND THE POLICE! I'VE HAD BULLETS FLYING BEHIND MY HOUSE. I'VE HAD MY CAR RANSACKED
- enforce stop signs
- enforce stop signs and speeding thru residential streets. So many people use residential streets as a short cut to south city. happens every day
- enforcing leash laws at parks
- Every time I am out, I see at least 1 police vehicle, safety
- Excellent service.
- Fire and EMS have been to my parents home, they were great! Appreciate all that they do.
- Great job!
- Greenwood Blvd has no speed bumps or patrol for speeding & drunk drivers from bars in neighborhood. My car has been hit 3x in front of my house and all 3 have been let go.
- Had no interaction with them.
- Have had bad interactions with the police department responses in the past. Would prefer more women officers/POC.
- HAVE HAD NO PROBLEMS IN THIS AREA
- Have lived here over 44 years. Police/fire have always been there for us
- Huge safety risk. On Blendon Pl/Manchester, there is an auto shop. No yellow line by hydrant, resulting in many cars at all times parking too far forward. Cars drive the wrong way, almost hit 3 times. need help
- I am a night shift nurse at a local hospital, so I am up at late hours and will take my dog for walks. I've had multiple occasions where police vehicles will slow down and blast their LEDs at myself and my dog. This feels very excessive and invasive. Furthermore, the bright light physically hurts my eyes since I am adjusted to the otherwise dark surroundings. It makes me feel like I'm a criminal or a suspect for walking on the sidewalks in my own neighborhood. We already have street-lights, so the use of the extremely bright LEDs feels like an intimidation tactic. The streets are for us, the residents and visitors of Maplewood. However, practices like this make me feel unwelcomed.
- I am pro-police, more police. They do a fantastic job
- I am very pleased with the quality of the first responders in the community. I believe they do a good job of interacting with the community, and their presence in the community makes me feel safer.
- I APPRECIATE PUBLIC SAFETY PRESENCE AT LOCAL EVENTS, OUR BIGGEST CONCERN IS HOW DARK THE STREETS ARE AT NIGHT. ON THE RARITY WE FORGET TO LOCK OUR CAR, IT IS RUMMAGED THROUGH AT NIGHT 100% OF THE TIME...
- I appreciate this year their efforts to have events with residents. Always opportunities to improve equity and reduce bias
- I believe our police department is well trained, diverse and treat everyone fairly. Response time for police and fire are exceptional.
- I called the police a few yrs. ago and they responded quickly and appropriately. we all need a strong police force

- I FEEL THERE IS TOO MUCH EMPHASIS ON POLICE. WHEN WE HAVE HAD TO REPORT CRIME, WE WERE TOLD IT WAS OUR FAULT BECAUSE OF OUR PROXIMITY TO THE CITY (IMPLICIT RACIAL BIAS). I WOULD LIKE TO SEE FUNDING GO TO SERVICES RATHER THAN POLICING
- I feel very safe in my neighborhood, but that is because there is a strong sense of community, not because of police visibility
- I have called police & fire on 2 occasions, they arrived quickly and did good work. Seeing them in the community makes me feel safe.
- I have not had much occasion to call either fire or police, but they do seem to come when called. I do find it disconcerting that I do not see police patrol our neighborhood regularly. I have been walking a lot since the pandemic and rarely see them, regardless of time of day or day of the week.
- I have not needed police or fire, thank goodness
- I hope all police officers do not racially profile anyone in Maplewood. I feel strongly on this.
- I hope we can get as much public input as is possible on what constituents would like to see in their new fire and police chiefs.
- I know car break ins are tough to manage and not terrible in the grand scheme of things, but I wish I didn't have to read on NextDoor and Ring constantly about cars being broken into. If this is the biggest issue in Maplewood, we're doing pretty well.
- I live on Jerome Ave and there is a lot of drug traffic. we have called the police about active drug sales and use (within site) and no arrests have been made. It is awful
- I often see the police patrolling my neighborhood when I'm going to work at 4-5am. The fact that they are using their searchlights to check up and down streets makes me uncomfortable. What are they looking for and who are they going to approach?
- I RATED SAFETY IN PARKS A 4 INSTEAD OF A 5 BECAUSE OF AN UNCHECKED LARGE GROUP OF DOG OWNERS WHO USE RYAN HUMMERT PARK AS AN "OFF LEASH DOG PARK" EVEN THOUGH IT IS NOT AN OFF LEASH PARK & THESE DOGS DO NOT LISTEN TO THEIR OWNERS WELL ENOUGH TO BE OFF LEASH. IT'S A HUGE ACCIDENT WAITING TO HAPPEN & SHOULD BE STOPPED IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.
- I support additional police presence and keep us safe. Stay a desirable place to live for families.
- I THINK POLICE & FIRE DEPARTMENTS DO AN EXCELLENT JOB. [UNKNOWN]—NOT HAPPY WITH CENTRAL DISPATCH. WHEN I HAVE HAD TO CALL—THEY ARE NOT ALWAYS POLITE AND DON'T GIVE TIME TO EXPLAIN WHAT THEY'VE ASKED ABOUT. SOMETIMES NOT SURE OF AREA.
- I think working with the schools and the community to address the underlying problems of crime and violence should be #1. I also strongly support an effort to respond to 911 calls with people other than police officers. It is too much responsibility for anyone to be expected to act as a social worker and a protector. I appreciate our first responders and have only had positive experiences with them, but the problems in our community can't be resolved with one approach.
- I thought the Ice Cream at parks in the evenings in October were really great! I would appreciate more opportunities to interact and get to know individual police officer and fire fighters.
- I was pulled over and ticketed for made up violation
- I would like to see police get car break ins under control. Also crack down on people rolling stop signs and not yielding to oncoming traffic/pedestrians at traffic lights. Reduce the number of

cars running red lights. There is also a marijuana problem in middle/high school that needs to be addressed as well as the MRH students stealing from the QT daily.

- I'm worried about racism policing and criminal justice
- In general, we've been very pleased with Maplewood's public safety. We have observed a concerning increase in speeding, ignoring traffic signals, wrong way on one-way streets, jaywalking, parking on wrong side of street, and general rules of the road; this is a public safety issue and needs to be addressed. This is a very important issue for young families.
- It feels very safe but when I look at crime statistics, it makes me think maybe it isn't.
- IT'S IMPORTANT TO ME THAT OUR POLICE FORCE RESPONSES APPROPRIATELY (NON-BIASED, DEESCALATING) TO PEOPLE OF COLOR AND PEOPLE W/ MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES
- keep up the good work. Thanks for the community outreach.
- left hand turns at west Bruno at Big Bend
- Less racial intolerance and racism i.e. Maplewood POA Facebook page. Fire department is fine as far as I know.
- Lots of kids walk the streets and check for unlocked cars.
- Love our fire department and their community engagement efforts.
- luckily have not had to call either in the recent past--and neither have any of my neighbors or friends in the area--when I have contacted them in the past have always been very professional and timely in their response. Do see them in the neighborhood patrolling at night
- Many people drive very fast up Marshal Rd.
- Maplewood Walmart area is very unsafe.
- Maplewoods Fire Dept is one of the best there is. An Incredibly important part of our community.
- MAYBE GET THEM TO INTERACT WITH COMMUNITY MORE
- Metro is our biggest area of concern. we love the police presence outside every morning, and the community events with the police/fire
- More enforcement of stop signs and stop lights and speeding in residential areas.
- More foot patrol officers, especially between Big Ben and Manchester thru Bellevue and Manchester .
- More in depth bias training. Social workers to respond
- more police observance. petty theft.
- more street lighting on Edgar Ave, traffic for phone store on Edgar- routed off neighborhood or speed bumps put in.
- Much better than my childhood.
- Must stop car burglary's. the C converters burglary are common !
- My neighbors diagonally across from me are African-American. The police have shown up to their home previously, and usually shown up with 3 or 4 cop cars/officers. This seems excessive to me, overwhelmingly so to me. Now, I will be the first to admit I do not know why officer's have been called to their homes on previous occasions, and I will also be the first to admit that amount of response may have been entirely appropriate. But one person? At their own home? With 3-5 officers, all white? In light of recent events around the nation, this does concern me.
- need a police presence walking Manchester for the retail stores

- need direct non-urgent police reporting system.; Dispatchers are terrible with routing calls and their customer service is horrible.
- Need more street lights in residential areas. no News in community newspaper. Nothing about schools. cost of running city, etc.
- nighttime patrolling of neighborhoods. The car break ins are rampant.
- nothing great service and response time.
- Overall we feel safe. Theft is an increasing problem in certain area.
- patrol at night
- Patrol my street or use it as a speed trap. I am afraid to back out of my driveway.
- people burning yard waste and trash in violation of clean air laws. this has been a persistent annoyance. worse than neighboring communities.
- Police and Fire Department are friendly and reliable.
- Police and Fire department should do more community reach out events.
- police and firefighters have always been great. Very friendly
- Police are extremely responsive and helpful
- Police cars are always at their station. I feel safe but would like the police to be more visible.
- police do not stop people with dogs off leash, every day at Ryan Hammert park. The dogs chase people
- police go too fast down the streets. Many people run stop signs in front of our house. I saw homeless people doing drugs in the bathroom at the library
- police often speed thru streets here, lots of kids w/ school and skate park. please be safe.
- Police were helpful in assisting a friend in psychotic crisis.
- Present and approachable. We have great public safety service.
- public safety seems top notch. Limited personal dealings. Would like to see more visibility in the neighborhoods. Crime seems under control.
- QUICK TRIP BUSINESS VEHICLE TRAFFIC CONTROL
- Regardless of situation, every time I have involved the police, (from traffic accidents to break ins to theft to personal safety) they have failed to do anything remotely helpful, fail to take reports, and fail to even seem concerned about the issue at hand. The fire department on the other hand is always at the scene in a timely manner, always polite, and always helpful.
- speeding in residential areas and failure to stop at stop signs
- speeding on folk ave
- stop the crime in neighborhoods. Make Sussex free from commercial traffic.
- Thank you for all you do. Maplewood is a great place to live.
- The city needs to assure it is pursuing the best possible leadership when filling the police and fire chief positions.
- THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IS AMAZING!
- The new fire trucks have some excessive features to them (i.e.. custom grills, fancy paint jobs). Same with those swiss manufactured doors you all bought for the fire department. Waste of money on a pieces of equipment that serve a purely utilitarian purpose. The vagrants that wander around our streets are also annoying. I caught one peeping in a neighbors window and reported it to the police within the past year.

- The one in-person interaction I had with Maplewood police was appropriate and appreciated. I believe I have noted a few instances of questionable driving habits from Maplewood police vehicles, however; I expect police to drive better (be more rule-abiding) than the average citizen.
- The police are doing great! We need more of them! More visibility - also the being involved in various civic/corporate initiatives would also be a plus to continue and increase the positive image of the police force in the community.
- The south bound off ramp onto Big Pond from 40 hwy has poor visibility due to pedestrian wall blocking on coming cars. Reduce the height of the wall.
- The theft of personal property, such as bikes, and rifling through parked cars always seems to be a problem.
- There are too many speeding cars on Big Bend Blvd.
- There is a lot of speeding on Maple Ave. Lot of wrong way traffic on Maple Ave.
- they both do a great job
- They have always been respectful.
- things are good but they could decline quickly. Our police need to be well trained and supported.
- To obtain more police and fire workers, offer a sign on bonus.
- too many cars run red lights at Manchester & Oakland, even after white walking sign flashes to signal it is ok to cross.
- Too many cars being broken into, doors being checked by robbers.
- Too many run red lights at Big Bend and Oxford
- too much response for minor stuff
- traffic
- traffic zoomers across Big Bend
- Try to cut down on car thefts and break ins. Maybe more city cameras that can help prevent some of it.
- very good from both on responding to incidents
- Very important to choose a new Chief of Police that understands issues of policing as they relate to race and how police represent themselves on social media.
- Very responsive and helpful
- very safe, beginning to worry about car break-ins/theft
- very satisfied
- Very unsafe where Bredell, W. Bruno and Lindberg merge.
- we are white and privileged. Any of our interactions have been professional and cordial with police or fire dept. We always see both at our Oct night out
- We do not need more low income housing. don't hinder my property values.
- we have had a positive experience
- We have needed the fire dept to come to our home and it was an excellent experience. Very timely, friendly, and professional.
- We need more protection from violent crime, property crime, and speeding vehicles.
- We need more transparency from the police department. What are they doing to keep our neighborhoods safe? They may be doing many things, but we don't know about them.

- We walk a lot. Need more street lights, and police patrols. too many dark areas.
- We've been walking a lot. Crosswalks at intersections do not provide sufficient time for crossing. Signs only allow crossing on one side of the street, not all four sides.
- When Mr. Wizard's is open, cars consistently illegally park. We have called several times but no one ever shows up. They park right in front of the "no parking" signs
- While I don't have significant personal experience with the police or fire department, neighbors have related incidents of racial bias in policing.
- Why are the ban on fireworks not enforced? Why is burning leaves and refuse allowed? While we may hesitate to report our neighbors for fear of retaliation, if the police were more visible they would see and smell these things. I was involved in calling for a person in mental health distress and given a hard time on the phone by the dispatcher or officer. They clearly didn't know how to handle it and made me feel bad for bothering them.
- Why are we paying police officers to play on their phones at the Schnucks check out? Are they that overfunded?
- WHY DO I HAVE TO PAY FOR AMBULANCE SERVICE
- Would be nice if cross walk beep would be a lower volume later at night. Near Big Bend and Near Manchester.
- Would like more speed limit enforcement on residential streets.
- would like to see more police driving around, not just around 1-2am with their lights shinning.



- A BASKETBALL HOOP WOULD BE NICE. I'D LOVE A FIREWORKS DISPLAY ON 4TH OF JULY
- add more community gardens that help connect us to our community and neighbors
- Aquatic center is an awesome feature. Poorly ran for past 4 to 5 years. Where is adult supervision? why are life guards so rude?
- bathrooms are nice at Ryan Hummert park
- BETTER MAINTENANCE ON THE GRASS AREAS (MOWING). KEEPING BASEBALL FIELDS MAINTAINED
- bike trails
- BIKING TRAILS AND MORE VARIETY/AVAILABILITY OF SPORT COURTS WOULD BE GREAT. WE LOVE THE DOG PARK!
- Brentwood is building new trails just west of Hanley and south of Manchester in the flood plain there. Maplewood parks should definitely connect to these trails both from rocket ship park and from the hanley/Manchester intersection, and the creek there. As I said before, crossing the Hanley/Manchester intersection is very dangerous, and there needs to be a pedestrian bridge over the creek as the bridge on Manchester just west of Hanley is extremely dangerous to walk on.
- bullying to my grand-daughter- police had to be called in- lifeguards to young to handle this
- City needs more employees in public works to maintain parks
- Continue to keep well maintained.
- deer creek park and river des peres trail walk/bike connection / greenway
- do not find any improvements with my tax dollars
- Dog park is not easily accessible. Additional dog parks would keep people from using all parks as dog parks.
- enforce leash laws for dogs, keep restrooms open all year
- enjoy the outdoor concerts at Ryan Hummert Park but would make sure the band is not playing facing the sun
- expand/improve dog park please!
- flowers in the containers in the Lazy River need to be planted. Lifeguards need to last the entire summer
- Graphic map with photos on website would help to explore parks.
- Great park at Ryan Hummert. always supportive of upgrades to all
- Have the restrooms open year round. We still walk in winter and have the need.
- Homeless should not be allowed to sleep in our parks or bathrooms. Public works has enough to do without having to clean up after them
- I always see the parks in use, kids playing dogs and sports.
- I am disappointed more progress has not been made in connecting the Deer Creek Greenway with the River Des Peres Greenway in conjunction with Great Rivers Greenway. We have some really outstanding parks for our children. We should continue to invest in these parks to maintain the equipment. We should also strongly consider making meaningful investments to updating equipment and designing new features. As a family with young children, we seek out really neat parks around great St. Louis. We will drive 30 minutes to go to a really cool playground. Subsequently, we'll often eat out in that local community. Parks can be a driver in bringing families to Maplewood who will then proceed to spend money on our local businesses.

I am looking forward to the splashpad that was installed at the Maplewood Aquatics Center. However, I question why we decided to add that to the pool facility as opposed to putting it somewhere as a standalone feature. The pool does not open until 11am. In the summertime, I don't take my little kids out in the heat of the midday. We pursue splashpads that open at 10am (and in fact, I continue to lobby for some local ones to turn the water on even earlier).

- I have no problem with the un-housed staying there
- I know the challenges that come with this, but would love to see the pool remain open past Labor Day commensurate with the warm days we have well into September, even if on limited hours.
- I LIKE WHEN PLAYGROUND APPEAL TO A WIDE RANGE OF AGES AND ABILITIES. IT'S NICE WHEN PLAYGROUNDS HAVE SHADE AND SEATING NEAR PLAY STRUCTURES. I ALSO LIKE WHEN ADULTS CAN FIT ON STRUCTURES IN CASE OF ISSUES OR JUST FOR FUN. A LOT OF MAPLEWOOD IS WALKABLE BUT THERE ARE DANGEROUS AREAS FOR PEDESTRIANS LIKE GREENWOOD—MARSHALL/MAPLE/CANTERBURY/GREENWOOD INTERSECTION. THE TRAIN CROSSING THERE IS SORT OF SPOOKY TOO.
- I live by Ryan Hummert park & love it. The giant memorial needs to be power washed, it looks awful
- I love the solar sunflower sculpture, Sutton Loop park and the sledding hill firepit, Deer Creek Park, creative and practical fun
- I REALLY DON'T USE OUR PARKS—BUT SUPPORT ALL OF THEM
- I see the crew around all the time
- I think Public Works employees do a great job in maintaining the city
- I would like to see more trees planted along the streets.
- I would love to see a splash pad fountain in Ryan Hummert. Like the one in Berra Park on The Hill.
- If there is enough demand, expansion of the community garden would be welcomed.
- IF YOU HAD A STRONG BIKE SYSTEM, I THINK YOU'D DRAW MORE YOUNG PROFESSIONALS
- improve drainage on the ball field in Ryan Hummert park
- Improved park facilities needed. walking/biking paths. Willing to pay more in taxes
- Improvement to Lindbergh park, maybe a grant is available?
- Inclusive playground equipment for all kids. This could make our city a destination for visitors.
- Inclusive playground would be amazing
- It would be nice to have a dog park in the eastern area of the city. The existing one is so far west.
- Just FYI, People are taking drugs in the bushes next to the Kellogg Park. Also if you can mow the grass even smaller in the MRH High School field. A Proper Soccer level field would be a great prospect for the neighborhood.
- Keep it up!
- Love Deer Creek and Hummert Park
- love the parks
- many of the parks seem outdated. we use Deer Creek or Heights but have to cross major roads. the ones that are walkable the children don't care about the equipment.
- Maplewood 5K or 1/2 Marathon.

- more bike lanes and walking trails
- More events in parks, like music, food trucks, etc.
- more plaza areas like Sutton Loop. no money on monuments
- Most parks appear to tired and in need of investment.
- most parks should have a water fountain and shade around the playground. in the heat most parks are usable for little ones.
- most playgrounds are old!! not enough benches and shade for parents.
- outdated, not well maintained playground eq. depressing look./ in the smaller neighborhood (ex: Greenwood park)
- Parks are amazing.
- parks are great. Make them more senior friendly.
- PARKS ARE JUST A LITTLE TOO PLAIN—THEY MEET MORE FEATURES & OFTEN MORE SHADE.
- parks are kept up nicely
- parks are not designed to be food pantries for several reasons, not the least of which is food safety
- Parks are well used and enjoyed by our children. Reinforce recreational opportunities for seniors.
- Parks lack good wheelchair access and parking. The spaces at the pool are located in the middle of traffic flow, which is dangerous
- parks seem well maintained. Occasional vandalism , equipment is functional, signage is visible and maintained.
- Playground equipment for disabled kids to enjoy also.
- Playgrounds could use some updating. Restrooms and drinking fountains are needed at some playgrounds.
- Please add water fountains/dog fountains to the parks.
- Public Works staff morale seems low. I would look into that.
- Ryan Hammer is empty. plant some trees around the edge.
- Ryan Hummet is not a dog park. There is a group of dogs off leash there, they bark and chase.
- SEE #9 ON PREVIOUS PAGE. I SUPPORT DEVELOPMENT OF RECREATION--ESP WALKING/BIKING BLC IT IS ONE OF MAPLEWOODS BEST OFFERINGS IS HOW MANY AMAZING FEATURES ARE ACCESSIBLE BY SHORT WALKS/BIKES.
- seems like rocket park is the most visited.
- several playgrounds need renovation. swings at every park.
- Shut down dog parks. Do not like dogs.
- SIDEWALKS COULD BE IMPROVED. MANY TRIPPING HAZARDS AND HAVE TRIPPED MANY OF TIMES WITH STROLLERS & DOGS ON WALKS
- Sidewalks throughout the city are terrible. Fixing sidewalks and streets promotes walking and biking than any dedicated space within a park. Although, I support both.
- some are not cleaned often enough. Also need better monitoring of homeless
- Some playground equip. needs to be updated in the smaller parks like Trolley Park
- STEAK N SHAKE TEENAGE HANGOUT. SHOPPING MALL TEENAGE HANGOUT. PARKS AND RECREATION HANGOUT.
- Stop from putting in a paved bike path on Sussex Ave

- Sutton Loop Park once had a nice open shelter that was seemingly for the purpose of families to enjoy. That shelter is now occupied by a seemingly out-of-place piece of furniture, serving as a pantry, and a piano. And the shelter is most often occupied by one old man who spends hours of the day there. When I first moved here it was common to see families enjoying lunch in the shelter, or maybe using it in the evening. I don't see that as much anymore. I don't decry the need for a pantry for those in need of assistance, but I feel a better place could be adopted for such a purpose, freeing up more space for seating under the shelter.
- taxes are a good thing and no further funding is needed
- The athletic fields are water logged.
- the dog park could use an upgrade
- The field at Ryan hummert Park for baseball or softball needs to be better maintained and it would be better if it was a full size field (that could then be adjusted down for little league play if necessary).
- the improvement of bike lanes are also important when looking at trails
- the maintenance of plant beds @ Sutton Loop Park, very poor
- The memorial at Ryan Hummart Park is very fitting understandably but the overall design doesn't fit it's surroundings.
- The parks are in good condition.
- The Parks are very good as they are.
- The pool at MFAC this past summer looked very dirty and gray all around the small pool and lazy river edge this summer - it needed to be scrubbed badly. Also the bathrooms in the main building were a mess every time we went.
- the smaller playgrounds by us are outdated Rannels Farm
- THERE ARE MANY DEAD & DYING TREES AS WELL AS LARGE CONCENTRATIONS OF INVASIVE PLANTS SUCH AS BUSH HONEYSUCKLES (#1 ON MISSOURI CONSERVATIONS LIST OF INVASIVES TO ERADICATE) & WINTER CREEPER VINES THAT CHOKE OFF TREES & NATIVE VEGETATION. THEY ALSO SPREAD TO NEARBY RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES. HIGHLY SUGGEST REMOVAL WHICH WILL ADD TO THE BEAUTY OF OUR PARKS & PROTECT ESTABLISHED TREES.
- There are many small parks and they are tucked away into the neighborhoods. Would help to have bike/scooter/paths and circle loops for kids to practice and learn safely off the street
- there is shortage of sizable parks. I know land is scarce. One idea: could a new park be developed on the land at Leamington Blvd area?
- they all seem to be well kept including restrooms
- toddler areas which are enclosed would be wonderful
- TRUTHFULLY DON'T USE THEM, I GO TO PARKS I CAN FISH IN
- TRY TO CONNECT WITH ADJACENT MUNICIPALITIES. BIKE & HIKE TRAILS
- unhoused people are sometimes at city parks smoking and appearing to be intoxicated and/or on drugs
- upgrade to replace mulch, would be nice to have new mulch everywhere.
- We believe with the budget for parks and rec, Maplewood does a good job. Would be nice to have more updates every year. The Hummert memorial take up too much space. A water feature would be better choice

- we live close to both Ryan Hummert and Yale parks. They seem to be well taken care of and used.
- We love Hummert Park and the summer concert series. We try not to miss one. It can be a little sketch walking by that park after 9 pm.
- We need a disc golf park
- We need more events at parks.
- WE STOPPED JOINING THE AQUATIC CENTER BECAUSE MOST SUMMER IT STARTS TO [UNKNOWN] ITS [UNKNOWN] OR FACILITIES (LIKE THE LAZY RIVER) LONG BEFORE THE OFFICIAL END OF THE SEASON. IT SEEMS TO HAVE STAFFING ISSUES
- We would like to have a splash pad and more walking/bike trails. Free splash pad
- what happened with the connector bike path in Maplewood with the Great Rivers Greenway
- What walking/biking trails? Where are they?
- When considering upgrades to make our parks more accessible, please add wheelchair accessible picnic tables, in addition to the more obvious features like accessible bathrooms and inclusive playgrounds.
- Wish there were some more tennis areas/pickleball closer to downtown Maplewood.
- Wish we had more trees and native flowers. Ryan Hummert park has horrendous drainage and plenty of space for plants that would soak up that water and attract birds/butterflies. Memorial area is ugly. There is a ton of wasted space in that park
- work on Ryan Hummert baseball field
- Would like to see resources for the homeless people at our parks
- Would like to see the bike trail project on Greenwood get reinvigorated by our new mayor, the old mayor messed it up.
- yes, we bought membership at the pool. A slide broke down in June and was not repaired. Also, closures of pools due to lack of lifeguards.



- A little bit more focus on weeding/herbicide in the mulched spaces
- A lot of sidewalks need fixed.
- All streets should be treated equally, Alameda needs work. Company that replaces the lateral line is sloppy, They should put soil back and seed properly
- Area of Manchester needs upgrades and maintenance.
- attention to the streets and other paved areas to maintain accessibility and care
- Bellevue is a major bike thoroughfare, but whenever it's worked on, the city replaces smooth asphalt that's easy to bike on with uneven concrete that's hard to bike on. It's also very hard to bike east/west through the city - Manchester is the only straight shot, but is unsafe for biking.
- best snow removal around
- better communication re: maintenance. posted schedules for leaf collections, street sweeping
- Better landscaping along downtown would go a long way. Many invasive weeds in old planters, unattended street corners
- better maintenance of overhanging branches along city sidewalks, or enforcement of such on residents
- Big Bend is a nightmare for potholes, trash, etc. but I'm pretty sure that's County and not Maplewood. Roseland Terrace/Oakview etc. have serious pothole issues. The side streets like Sutton, Roseland, etc. get very congested because cars are allowed to park on the street. I don't have a solution for this -- more of an observation.
- Brighter street lights
- City accomplishes a lot with a small staff. Snow removal is best in the metro
- City is fairly clean, but can have trash that needs to be picked up
- City is kept in good order.
- City maintenance and care levels are unevenly distributed between high- and low-income areas of the city.
- cutting back bushes and trees when it becomes overgrown. The city does not maintain their grass strips. it is up to the homeowner or renter.
- frequently see litter or abandoned shopping carts. lips on sidewalks are trip hazards. code vagueness of how alleys should be maintained (if public or private)
- GREAT SNOW REMOVAL! YOU LEAD THE WAY
- Great Work!
- Greenwood area streets need attention, starting to crumble. Snow removal is always impressive and appreciated. Vacant lots need to be kept up better
- Greenwood neighborhood, some streets are needing repair. commonwealth , Oxford, St Elmo sidewalks maintenance
- have not been in area long enough to have an opinion on snow removal. Some traffic lights have short turns.
- Hire more city of Maplewood employees for city maintenance-sign on bonus.
- I am pleased with the recent improvement of many residential streets, and I think this should continue throughout other residential streets. As a 10-year resident of Maplewood, I have always been very satisfied with the snow removal in our municipality.
- I appreciate not seeing trash and weeds at city parks.
- I feel safe in Maplewood and it is a beautiful place.

- I have PTSD from potholes driving Big Bend north of Manchester.
- I know its hard to keep all the streets repaired, but Roseland Terrace north of Manchester is terrible.
- I know we have been short staffed in city maintenance. The staff do a good job!
- I love our snow removal. quick and efficient
- I see a lot of trash on sidewalks and in public spaces. Also, the dog waste dispensers are always empty.
- I think City Hall could use a facelift. Something to improve the aesthetic appearance viewable from Manchester traffic. I also think it would be nice to include more lighted street signs similar to what has been placed in downtown Maplewood but more prevalent throughout the community.
- I think snow removal is adequate relative to other STL cities, but not as good as places I've lived farther north that receive more snow. Efforts to continue to enhance downtown Maplewood are supported.
- I think staff is working hard to take care of the city. They just need more resources. Downtown gets pretty dirty and could use more cleaning, but the neighborhood streets are good.
- I walk in the neighborhood and the sidewalks are in need of immediate repair. lots of tripping hazards
- I would like the scheduled plan for neighborhood street and sidewalk paving and replacement
- I would like to see better coordination between water, MSD, utilities with cable and lines above and underground, and the City. We have aging infrastructure and it seems like repairs are on an ad hoc basis. Sidewalks and roads are destroyed to address a problem, but there are few large projects which work to prevent problems in the first place. Since I moved in 9 years ago the streets near me have been dug up and reset at least 10 times. The sidewalk is a mess from all of that construction and every time there is a removal of concrete nearby my plaster ceiling cracks and drops pieces. It's expensive to fix. I don't mind doing it once or twice if it's for a purpose, but there doesn't seem to be an overall plan. I'd also like to see the City lead the way with rain scaping projects. MSD and the Botanical Gardens have wonderful grant programs. I'd love to see some projects and involvement with the public so we can all learn from them.
- I'M REGULARLY COLLECTING TRASH ON WALKS. MOWING/TRIMMING QUALITY & FREQUENCY IS POOR. GRASS QUALITY NOT IDEAL. WHEN SIDEWALKS WERE UPDATED ON MY STREET THE "GRASS SEED" GREW BACK MOSTLY WEEDS. IT'S AN EYE SORE.
- Inadequate street lights
- It would be valuable for Maplewood to explore options for being more environmentally friendly. Specifically looking into street lights that reduce light pollution and adding more parks and trees.
- I've never noticed it, which probably means it's very good
- keep paving Rannels Farm and improving sidewalks
- Kindly take a look and fix any bumps on Manchester Avenue. The traffic is quicker there, and a bump can be costly to the car.
- Laclede Station Road really needs to be re-paved. It's been patched a million times already. It is really rough to drive on and looks horrible for such a high-trafficked road.
- large trees need sidewalk need trimmed
- LED lighting for city street lights, repaving Manchester from city line to Hanley

- Library could use work
- Like the leaf removal.
- litter from QT
- Lots of potholes and cracked roads of our city streets - esp. along Manchester area. I was hopeful when Bid Bend Blvd was repaved last year but I was disappointed when they didn't extend along Manchester area. Driving along Manchester is like driving on the moon! =)
- Lots of sidewalks are uneven and are mud covered after rains, makes it tricky to walk. There can be trees, bushes, etc. obstructing walking.
- lots of trash on busy streets
- love the leaf pick up in the fall!
- maintenance is good. Condition from sewer line and water line are horrible. leaf removal is excellent
- Maintenance staff are wonderful and friendly. Would help to have more dead tree limb removal prior to storms. More lights would be great too.
- Making good progress at replacing roads & making up for years of neglect
- Manchester just near Big Bend (both East and West) need resurfacing,
- Manchester through downtown Maplewood needs resurfacing. The street north of Humert park is in bad shape at the upper east intersection. Several slabs of concrete along Bellevue are cracked from the Heavy Vehicles that frequent this route. The expansion joints on Bellevue are inadequate or missing altogether, creating mini bumps that cause sizable vibrations from heavy vehicles that you can feel and hear coming from a block away. A smooth asphalt top coat would help this issue.
- MANY sidewalk are uneven and in need of repair, which makes particularly challenging for strollers, wagons, bikes, etc.
- MANY SIDEWALKS HAVE BEEN HEAVED UP BY TREE ROOTS
- Many streets in areas of Ward 3 are extremely dark at night - additional lighting is needed. Many of the streets and sidewalks in this area are in need of repaving and repair also.
- Maplewood does an amazing job with snow removal. How can we get street repairs done quicker?
- Medians and parks need more regular weeding
- MORE COULD BE DONE TO ENHANCE [UNKNOWN] OF MAPLEWOOD—HOW ABOUT PLANKING SOME MINIATURE MAPLE TREES? MAPLEWOOD SOUNDS LIKE AN INSPIRATION, NOT A REFLECTION
- more street lighting
- MORE STREET LIGHTING IS NEEDED!
- more street lights needed
- More trash cans, pet waste bag containers might make dog owners more likely to clean up.
- more tree maintenance, refresh stop bars and crosswalks paint
- more weeding needed in public parks
- Mr. Watkins does a great job and is well liked by the staff. Mr. Meyer did a great job, too. The city is / was fortunate to have their leadership and work ethic.
- MY STREET SIGN DOES NOT MATCH PROPERTY RECORDS. SARAH ST VS SARAH AVE. CORRECT THE SIGN

- need increased lighting near elementary school and surrounding streets
- NEED TO GET THE RAILROAD TO DO MORE ON THEIR LAND
- Need to review where the no left turn signs are, streets have changed. Please review the one in front of old 7 Eleven.
- Never know when street sweeper is coming by. Greenwood Blvd one of the only streets not paved and no speed bumps added yet dead end streets have speed bumps.
- NEW CONSTRUCTION ON MANCHESTER SHOULD BE ON STREET W/ PARKING IN BACK TO MAINTAIN THE HISTORIC LOOK
- no potholes, streets are well surfaced.
- not enough leaf pick up days. pick up too early
- often trash on our curb and across our lawn
- On Zephyr the streets need to be redone
- our roads are better than the city
- OUR SNOW REMOVAL IS ALWAYS THE BEST AROUND!
- Our street is a disaster. Would love for it to be fully paved over. (Marion Court)
- our streets are always cleared when it snows, thank you
- Outstanding job of snow removal.
- Parks dept- fantastic. Give them a raise, please.
- People in cars thrown out trash. Too lazy to use trash cans.
- Please fix Sephyr Pl. Street, it is horrible to drive down.
- Please fix Zephyr Place road!
- poor street lighting contributes to crime at night
- Possibly more eco-friendly lighting along residential streets (or more lighting in general).
- pot holes could be fixed quicker
- problems with bushes and trees crowding the sidewalks.
- Prohibit commercial traffic on Sussex. Allow parking only on one side of street
- Public Works do a great job
- Public works staff is always very cordial and professional in any interactions I've had.
- Reference previous comments about pedestrian experience.
- Regarding the maintenance and preservation of downtown Maplewood: I believe that it would significantly improve the overall aesthetic/feeling of downtown and significantly improve foot traffic to the smaller businesses on the north side of Manchester if the Schnucks strip mall was demolished and replaced by buildings that would sit right up against the sidewalk, with a parking lot behind the buildings, to match the building-to-parking lot configuration that we currently have on the south side of Manchester. To be clear, I do not suggest that Schnucks should be removed altogether, since I believe that having a grocery store downtown is very valuable for the community, rather I am suggesting that Schnucks should be located in a building that is not separated from the street by a giant parking lot. I personally have never once walked along the north side of Manchester when in the downtown area because it's just not as pleasant on that side of the street and there is nothing to look at. As a result I am significantly less familiar with the businesses on the north side of Manchester and would never casually pop in to one of them when I'm in the downtown area, as I have done many times with businesses on the south side of the street. I'm certain that this feeling of disconnect with the businesses on the

north side of Manchester is shared by many others and has resulted in significant loss of foot traffic for the businesses located there. In addition to improving pedestrian accessibility for these businesses, I believe that this change would make our downtown more visually cohesive. Currently we have a charming main-street on the south side of Manchester and an ugly, suburban-sprawl strip mall on the north side of Manchester. By mirroring the architecture of the traditional main-street-style business district on both sides of the street we would be greatly enhancing the atmosphere that visitors are seeking and residents love, thereby enhancing downtown Maplewood's reputation as a premier destination for shopping/dining in the region.

- residential streets need repairing (Zephyr place) lots of potholes
- RESIDENTIAL STREETS SEEM A LITTLE TOO DIM
- SECTION OF BREDELL HAVE NO SPEED LIMIT SIGNS AT ALL > SPEEDING
- Sewer odors are bad for some reason on a fairly regular basis
- Sidewalks are rough to walk on. Uneven sidewalks.
- SIDEWALKS COULD USE HELP WHEN THERE HAVE UPROOTED CALLED DAMAGED[?]
- Sidewalks have big gaps and changes in height=trip hazards=lawsuits
- sidewalks in front of retail on Manchester could use a power wash
- SIDEWALKS NEED WORK ALL OVER. IT'S ALSO IMPORTANT TO KEEP SIDEWALKS OPEN WHEN POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE SIDEWALKS OR OTHER SIDE OF THE STREET/SHOULD NOT BE CLOSED AT THE SAME TIME & THE CITY SHOULD STOP THIS
- sidewalks often obstructed by plants and shrubs. This makes it hard for people with accessibility issues.
- SO much trash and debris behind lowes/sams club!!! I never see it being picked up. we should hold these corporations accountable
- Some landlords of the retail buildings need to improve their properties, especially above the stores.
- specific to Zephy Road- very poor condition
- speed bumps on streets close to schools
- Street and sidewalk repair waitlist is a long wait. Pedestrian safety and vehicle damage is at risk.
- street lighting in some areas on Flora (east side) and maple are sub-par
- street sweeper needs to run more. lawn care companies blow leaves and grass into streets
- streets and sidewalks have been improving, would love to see it continue. really need to improve the sewer stink and the mosquito problem.
- streets have been in poor repair for along time. I hope there is funding to take care of them soon.
- The quality of some sidewalks is a disgrace, specifically where asphalt was used as a "ramp" to fix uneven sections. It is an ADA hazard as someone in a wheelchair, or with difficulty walking, could not use certain sections. If someone from the City would like to contact me about it feel free.
- The street crews in the winter ROCK !
- the street zerphyr has been in need of repairs for many years
- The summer of 2021, the road project was an embarrassment. Delays, the mess, and no notification or finished project.
- There are plenty of city streets in poor conditions, an issue for cars, bikes and pedestrians

- There are some sidewalks needing replaced or repaired.
- there have been attempts to improve sidewalks and streets but not complete fixes. Some streets have very little lighting
- THEY DO A FABULOUS JOB ON SNOW AND LEAVES
- ticket people who play very loud music..
- TIMELY FIXES OF OUR STREET LIGHTS
- TOO FEW STREET LIGHTS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE BLOCKS
- Trees along the areas between the street and the sidewalk, which is the responsibility of the city, haven't been trimmed for ages and need to be. On the street I live on these branches keep hanging on wires and during really bad storms the branches pull the wires down and we lose power.
- Updates about what is happening where and when would be nice. My sidewalk and driveway apron were replaced but I don't know when the street torn up in the process will be fixed.
- UPGRADE STREETS IN NEIGHBORHOODS & MORE LIGHTING
- we live off a very busy alley and it need resurfacing as well as snow removal and Maplewood official ignore this.
- We spend a lot of money on oversized trucks that are not needed.
- We've been homeowners on Zephyr for nine years and it's been very disappointing to see Richmond, Gayola, Moller, and now Maple get new streets. It's a running joke between family and friends you drive on Zephyr your check engine light will come on. It's worse than a country road.. lol. I have always wondered what's the deal. When people come from other communities to Ryan Hummart Park they take the WORST street in Maplewood. It's been on my mind to inquiry to the city. I believe at one time Maplewood would share in the newsletter the street work coming up.
- who is responsible for cutting grass at the post office? I think it was only cut x1 this summer, very long now
- WINTER MAINTENANCE IS EXCEPTIONAL
- Would be interested to have more information about the street cleaning schedule.
- WOULD LIKE A MORE PROMINENT BUILDING FOR CITY HALL
- Would like for street lights such as Bellevue would stay on longer for the flow of traffic. It turns too quickly
- Would like for the city to enforce the rules on overhang on the sidewalks. Some houses (especially some on Marshall Ave have a lot of overhang and require people walking to walk in the street or bend over.
- would like to see Sutton/Manchester light change so wait time for Sutton traffic is 90 seconds instead of almost 3 minutes. Sunday is great- smart light
- would love more lighting on my street, Bruno
- Would love to see more trash picked up on weekends at the parks.

**Q18. Do you have any additional comments about code enforcement?**

The “word cloud” below represents the comments from the above question. Individual comments are on the following page.



- A couple years back I spoke to an officer about an abandoned vehicle directly in front of my property, on the street. The officer told me they would put a notice on the car saying if it wasn't moved in XX amount of days it would be towed. That never happened. Strangers were coming up to me on the street and asking me if that was my car. This was just north of the MS/HS, just a few blocks from the police station and nice new fire station with doors installed by a company that came all the way from Switzerland. Hey, what'd that cost?
- all seem to be fine, not much experience with them
- Apartments that surround Bellevue and Yale have overflowing dumpsters. They need to supply more to handle the trash.
- Are trailers allowed to park on streets overnight?
- BUSINESSES LIKE WALMART, LOWES, & OTHERS NEED TO DO MORE TO MAINTAIN THE LANDSCAPING AROUND THEIR PROPERTIES. INVASIVE PLANT REMOVAL, DEAD TREE REMOVAL, & TREE REPLACEMENT WOULD BE MY TOP SUGGESTIONS FOR NEW REQUIREMENTS.
- carrier trucks come thru neighborhood damaging property
- Citations have been unclear in the past, like a form letter.
- Citing people who generally keep their yard up for not mowing well enough is irritating
- Code enforcement can be an instrument of racial and economic inequality. a grant program could be set up to remediated issues at no cost.
- Continue to inspect periodically.
- DISSATISFIED W/ENFORCEMENT OF LEASH LAWS. OVER THE YEARS, THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL INSTANCES OF SEEING OFF LEASH DOGS AND/OR BEING APPROACHED BY OFF LEASH DOGS WHILE OUT ON WALKS WITH MY OWN LEASHED DOG. SOME OF THESE OCCURANCES HAVE BEEN SCARY BE THE OTHER OFF LEASH DOG WAS NOT FRIENDLY!
- Do it please, there are some really over grown lawns and forests. Especially around Ryan Hummert.
- Dogs need to be leashed and dog owners need to pick up their poop.
- EMPOWER RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES TO FOLLOW RULES AND KEEP A PLEASANT & TIDY CITY—PLEASE DON'T BE PUNITIVE! INCENTIVIZE GOOD CITIZENSHIP, MAPLEWOOD IS NOT A CATHOLIC GRADESCHOOL CLASSROOM
- enforcement sometimes seems uneven. some nuisances persist while to our experience, the city has delayed things such as replacing a deck (which I don't think needs approval.)
- fine those that do not keep place nice
- good not to be too much "big brother"
- House in disrepair needs assistance or guidance on maintaining the property
- I am disappointed in your banning all dogs from Yale park rather than enforcing existing leash ordinances. My dog enjoyed strolling thru the park on our daily walks.
- I am not informed enough to comment. I'd like our city to have a balance between traditional code enforcement methods (e.g. citations) and leading the way by example and encouraging the community to work together. This is especially important to address issues on properties where the owners cannot afford to correct a problem. Citations and public pressure only compounds the problem if a resident is unable to address the problem.
- I CAME FROM WEBSTER & MOVES[?] WHICH IS TOO HARSH. MAPLEWOOD IS JUST RIGHT!

- I CERTAINLY DON'T THINK YOU SHOULD FINE A PERSON SIMPLY BECAUSE THERE IS AN UNLICENSED VEHICLE IN THEIR DRIVEWAY
- I contacted the city about violations at Mike Plaza Automotive and they have not been resolved after a year. Issues were cars outside and use of a shipping container to expand building
- I DON'T SEE CODE ENFORCEMENT OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY BEING DONE IN THE CITY, AS IT IS IN OTHER CITIES. YOU HAVE TO COMPLAIN BASED OFF THE HOUSE NEXT TO ME LOOKING LIKE A DUMP FOR 20 YEARS.
- I don't think that owners and/or landlord should be allowed to leave vacant properties for extended periods of time, this is more specifically directed at the red brick property next to the book house that was then reacquired and left abandoned again because the property owner doesn't want to bother to put in an external egress to the building which is required by city code if anyone would occupy the property. This needs to be a local requirement of city law and code enforcement so that vacant properties are not left in the area and that their tenant ready to move in.
- I have submitted multiple complaints to Maplewood officials regarding violations and the follow up and compliance is horrible. The same issues I have reports for greater than 3 years still have not been resolved.
- I HEAR ABOUT WAY "PUBLIC SAFETY" IS RACIALLY BIASED IN OUR HEIGHBORHOOD
- I LIVE ON LOHMEYER AND I WALK THE ENTIRE MAPLEWOOD AREA. RESIDENTS ARE ALLOWED TO PILE JUNK ON THEIR PORCH; LEAVE TRASH CANS ON CURB FOR DAYS; LET GRASS GET HIGH; HOUSES IN DISREPAIR
- I responded neutral to all of these because I have observed uneven enforcement of many of these regulations based on household income, race, and proximity to city officials. The city codes are likely too restrictive, but I also live near a home that has chronically violated more ordinances that I can count.
- I saw multiple children trip and fall on Halloween from the unfinished sidewalk. Spencer Contracting should be removed from this project and the city needs to be more involved in finishing this.
- I think the businesses in the area should have to hang a "shingle" style sign in front of the business with the name clearly shown. Looks great in other cities.
- I will fully admit that I have very little knowledge on code enforcement. However, perhaps that is a good sign that I don't have any complaints and that it is not on my radar.
- I would like Maplewood to reconsider it's 2 pet maximum, especially for those of us who own our homes and have ample space to care for pets without it becoming a nuisance. All the surrounding cities have a higher pet max than 2.
- I'm not familiar with this area
- I'm satisfied with code enforcement but want to ensure that codes are enforced without bias for all community members.
- I'VE SEEN EARS THAT HAVE BEEN INOPERABLE & DECAYING FOR MONTHS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN REMOVED.
- Lawns over 8 inches should be mowed. You should also require trimming along the sidewalk. Require front landscape
- Leash law for dogs.
- litter, shopping carts, debris

- LOTS OF LOOSE CATS (WITH OWNERS) I THINK SHOULD BE LEASHED IN THE BACKYARD LIKE I DO FOR MY CAT
- Maplewood is not the run down community it was when the code enforcement position was created. Would it be a better use of resources to dedicate a full time police position to another role in the police department? It seems code enforcement could be handled differently, perhaps by the building department's existing staff.
- more attention paid to residential property maintenance
- More fire lane signage/painting curbs for fire hydrants.
- more grand-father laws
- More needs to be done as far as housing maintenance violations
- need better enforcement of noise ordinances, very pleased with fire dept
- Need enforcement of residential maintenance.
- Need improvement of lawn maintenance on residential property. Need enforcement of unleashed dogs.
- Need to enforce codes around residential housing. Many houses are in serious disrepair , need to make them clean them up
- no SIGNS for accessible parking in most locations. Paint on the pavement by itself does not meet requirements.
- No yellow line by hydrant on Manchester/Blendon.
- Notice junk and cars in some homes near us that do not go away. Are they being cited?
- NUMBER 2 FROM THE LIST ABOVE DOESN'T APPEAR TO BE ENFORCED
- police are not too visible
- RAILROAD LAND
- Really want the 2 pet limit raised or removed. The county allows 4, STL City allows 5. It is the only ordinance spelled out in bold on the main page.
- Refer other residents to support services.
- Regulate developers more. Do not allow abandoned or non- habited residences to remain vacant more than one year.
- RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY CARE AND UPKEEP COULD BE IMPROVED. EX: MY NEIGHBOR DOES NOT MAINTAIN FRONT YARD. MAKES VISIBILITY A CHALLENGE. ESPECIALLY ON EMERGENCY[?] ROUTE STREET
- seems like some get better treatment than others
- Set backs of landscapes at intersections needs enforcement
- several homes near Sussex are in terrible shape and too many junk cars, hurting property value
- sign regulations- does that mean stop signs and speed limit signs? No way the speeding is out of control
- Some backyards are awful but they city does not know. Street parking can be annoying when it is in front of your home.
- SOME HOUSES DO NOT TRIM THE BUSHES OVER THEIR SIDEWALKS (ALONG SUTTON)
- Some problem properties need to have their mowing, trimming, keeping yards looking nice.
- speeding on folk ave
- stop harassing Maplewood efforts
- stop signs and traffic lights need to be enforced near schools. Many children are walking

- Talking with Officer Ford now for 2 cars . still in the works on moving them.
- the "no left turn sign" at Big Bend & Lohmeyer and northwest are no longer necessary since the additions were added to Big Bend
- The area close to Manchester at the lake needs no enforcement of maintenance of residential property.
- the commercial signs at the apartments at Yale and High Street "Now Leasing" flags seem to be in violation in this mix-used area. They have been installed for a year as a temp-seasonal sign.
- The Design & Review Board has been too lenient. Planning development at Big Bend & Manchester has thwarted positive growth of the City.
- the house with all the sunflowers is an eyesore, can anything be done?
- THE LEVEL OF ENFORCEMENT SEEMS ABOUT RIGHT
- the ordinances are not enforced esp. the one covering commercial trailers parked on the street. private ones also. for extended periods of time
- The wash house is problematic with litter, fumes, and noise. There are homes in the neighborhood with tons of stuff and garbage in their backyards where rodents, feral cats and other creatures hide. There are many homes that appear uncared for and dilapidated around the area as well which negatively impacts the neighborhood.
- There are a number of houses that need maintenance in the area. Lawn cleaning
- There are empty homes, where no one has lived 10 plus years. It is bringing home values down.
- There are many aging residential properties with owners on a fixed income that could some help maintaining their property
- there are some terrible rental properties that get no attention but need to be cleaned up.
- There is a house on the block that looks abandoned. The grass (mostly weeds) is rarely mowed and it looks as if there are broken windows in the basement. You can tell no one lives there
- THERE IS ALWAYS ROOM TO IMPROVE!
- tons of yard that are out of control with weeds
- TOO MANY LAWNS NOT MAINTAINED/EXCESS VEGETATION. NEIGHBOR HAS TWO BROKEN DOWN VEHICLES IN BACKYARD
- Too many residential lots untended. Gone to weeds. Also, overgrown to the point of interfering with sidewalks. (East side of Sutton, between Richmond and Gayola)
- typically maintenance/ lawn care type enforcement I could see impacting lower income parts of town. does not feel as inclusive
- vacant lots in Greenwood need to be mowed more often
- Walk down Elm Street off Cherry Avenue, numerous homes have porches/steps with hardly any paint left. This is an expensive fix.
- we live in a high income area
- we need trash receptacles on Big Bend
- well done
- When enforcing code violations, do we inquire about why the problems are happening? If someone is having a hardship, maybe they are unable to comply. Do we offer assistance?
- While I sit comfortably in my single family residence, I hear stories from neighbors who live in apartments, several complexes, that landlords allow them to live in terrible conditions, not responsive, not doing repairs, entering premises without permission. It's a shame.

- Would like better enforcement of landlord maintenance of apartment
- Would like for the city to enforce the rules on overhang on the sidewalks. Some houses (especially some on Marshall Ave have a lot of overhang and require people walking to walk in the street or bend over.
- Would like to see enforcement on overgrown and unsightly yards increased. Better property values and less mosquitoes



- all electric charging stations for EV cars
- Amount of steps to build or remodel are such a headache.
- Assistance for home repairs. We were told it would be 3 years to get assistance from the county because of the long waitlist.
- composting, free public Wi-Fi, more street festivals
- Dedicated social worker for non-criminal public safety response and support
- During preCovid time, I had some interaction with admins and council members. Zoning/development. They were arrogant and disrespectful of residents.
- easier way to report nuisances that are a problem but do not warrant calling 911. On our street loud barking dogs left outside and loud noises like cars and music, shouting fights.
- Environmentalism/sustainability committee, would love to see the area focus more on green initiatives.
- Gave a 2 because the inspector was very curt over the phone and told me inspections are "subjective" when I asked about a particular part of the inspection that didn't make sense.
- Hire a social worker. They could connect residents to resources.
- I feel like code enforcement is too conservative with how code is interpreted. no I will not dig out my basement so I have an 8 ft ceiling if I want to finish it - that is putting an undue burden on the home owner. personally I find it odd that code enforcement is done by someone without a technical background in engineering
- I HAVE TRIED ON MULTIPLE ACCOUNTS TO GET THE UNUSED ALLEYWAY BEHIND OUR LOT CLEARED. HAVE BEEN TOLD DIFFERENT THINGS WITH LACK OF POOR FOLLOWTHROUGH. OUR ALLEY REMAINS UNDRIVABLE WHILE SURROUNDING ARRE GRAVEL/PAVED. WHEN WE MOVED 3 YRS AGO, WAS TOLD CITY RESPONSIBILITY & THEY WOULD CLEAN UP
- I rent and observed the inspector who was very thorough and courteous.
- I wish there was an easier way to submit a service request or log an issue/complaint. Today it's hard to find out how to do these things on the website and it's not intuitive.
- I would like the city to provide plumbing and electrical building inspections. Like most cities provide. not st louis county
- I would like to see the city improve some of their services rather than add new ones. With limited resources they should focus on core services and providing those at a high level. I would be opposed to the city taking on services that are being provided by others - think regionally! All these little cities are not going to survive and if we expand our reach, we will either have to dilute the current services or pay more in taxes.
- I would like to see them upgrade our streets.
- INCONSISTENT ENFORCEMENT OF BUILDING & DESIGN CODES
- Instead of noting a service that is not provided, I will note one that is excessive. Annual residential occupancy inspection is overkill. When Maplewood was a run down impoverished community it was a good idea, like a full time code enforcement officer. Today, it is a waste of resources and burdensome to the property tenants and owners. It is also an invasion of privacy for the tenants.
- It would be good if the city had a checklist of what we needed, we had to come back a month later because the board wanted color readings.
- Less taxes

- Maplewood needs some kind of flea-market, would be a great draw
- Mechanical, electrical and plumbing plan reviews and inspection
- Mental health/social workers for housing insecure and low-income rentals.
- more frequent zoning/permit reviews
- more pedestrian friendly, move to combat climate change
- MUCH MORE MUST BE DONE TO FILL VACANT COMMERCIAL SPACES. I KNOW THERE IS SOME EFFORT THERE, BUT IT ISN'T WORKING
- Municipal Wi-Fi network
- Need to update the water pipes in Maplewood apartments South complex.
- pick up grass trimmings at no charge
- property tax adjustment for retirees on fixed income
- Property tax adjustments for retirees on fixed incomes.
- The inspector for occupancy was nice.
- there are a number of seniors in Maplewood along with the millennials. I wish there were more assistance programs for seniors. Programs to help with fixing up their houses.
- There have been many instances that our yard waste does not get picked up. we just get skipped
- traffic control on Sussex Ave. Prohibit all large commercial vehicles and trailers
- tree limb maintenance
- Tree planting, mosquito management
- tree trimming and removal
- We lived next to an unoccupied distressed property for many years with an abandoned in ground pool in the backyard. Maplewood got to know my husband and I very well. It was since sold to a new couple fixing it up, the pool is still in rough shape.
- We should have our own electric review
- what about cleaning up the alleys. some spaces are really bad
- While not essential, it would be nice if there were more opportunities to meet and get to know local officials and community members.
- Why have a PO drop box for non-urgent communication if no one ever checks it? Eliminate it, or check it.
- Wish there was only one place to go for permits/inspections
- zoning commission does an excellent job and is very informative

**Q30. What are the community's strengths as a place to live?**

The "word cloud" below represents the comments from the above question. Individual comments are on the following page.



- 40 - 90 YEAR OLD RESIDENTS ARE DOERS FOR EACH OTHER IN COMMUNITY, LESS TALK MORE ACTION
- A COMFORTABLE PLACE TO LIVE
- A great walking community, great local businesses, great local events.
- A QUIET PLACE TO LIVE, FEEL VERY SAFE
- able to walk for all needs
- able to walk to stores, parks and events
- accessibility . parks, historic buildings, cleanliness
- accessibility to many shops
- Activities and events. shops, restaurants, beautiful historic homes, support of the arts
- AFFORDABILITY COMPARED TO NEIGHBORING SUBURBS. LOCATION OF SHOPPING IN [UNKNOWN]
- Affordability, diversity, location to highways, thriving business district, quality of our schools.
- Affordability. Centrally located. Small town feel.
- AFFORDABLE & SAFE
- Affordable, quiet. Close to 3 highways. public transportation
- All of downtown, proximity to 54 and 44. Variety of places
- All the activities, diversity, things for kids to do, it is also quiet
- Amazing school district; offers benefits of "city living" (walkable, easy access to a whole host of local businesses) while also being safe and neighborhood oriented, but also access to big box stores; diverse community; truly feel we're a part of a community here.
- Amazing schools, caring citizens, diversity. Metrolink stations, location
- Appealing downtown , local business. Good schools. Beautiful tree lined streets , family housing.
- Beautiful place to live. Local shops, good access
- Beautiful trees and flowers, good & clean parks, Police & Fireman services- very good both of them
- Being inclusive and welcoming to all, being a diverse community, high standard on education and services offered to young people.
- Central location
- Central location near ST Louis.
- Central location in St Louis, safe, friendly
- central location to Big Bend and other streets, small town feel, art studios, galleries
- central location, recently disabled
- CENTRAL LOCATION, TIGHT NEIGHBORHOOD BOND, BEAUTIFUL PARKS WITH A LOT OF POTENTIAL, IMPROVING BAR & FOOD SCENE
- CENTRALLY LOCATED IN ST. LOUIS / GIFT SHOP DOWNTOWN
- centrally located, excellent small businesses, nice parks
- CENTRALLY LOCATED, RELATIVELY WALKABLE, RELATIVELY DIVERSE
- centrally located, vibrant business district
- character, local business, walkability, friendly people
- Citizens willingness to raise taxes to improve overall quality of school system, pool, library and firehouse.
- clean, safe, local business

- Close proximity to highways. Friendly atmosphere. Responsive police and fire.
- Close to 40. Close to downtown STL.
- close to everything, highway access makes it easy to get around
- close to everything, not too expensive, not too much crime like the city
- close to everything, walkable, largely liberal community, school districts
- close to grocery stores
- close to highway, willingness to listen to constituents, open to change, diverse
- close to the metro , snow removal is excellent. Police, fire, EMTs all respond great.
- community support . Joe's Place. great schools, families. Restaurants, walkability, green initiatives
- community events festivals, and walkability
- Community feeling. I feel like its easy to feel like you belong here. I am a new resident.
- community, public services, increasing property value
- convenient location, friendly people
- convenient to everywhere
- Convenient, Quiet, Clean
- diverse community, easy to access what you need for quality of life, centrally located, walkable
- Diverse, welcoming community. Downtown shops.
- diversity
- diversity
- Diversity, community involvement, schools
- diversity, focus on residents, school system
- DIVERSITY, SENSE OF COMMUNITY, GREAT SCHOOLS, CENTRAL LOCATION
- diversity, shops & restaurants, walkability, character
- Diversity. Housing up grades.
- Downtown area for walking/coffeeshops. Diversity, Some public transportation
- Downtown Maplewood. Parks. Affordable.
- downtown- shops, restaurants, bars. Walkability- sidewalks, parks, safe
- DOWNTOWN W/SO MANY THINGS TO DO. REPUTATION FOR GOOD SCHOOLS. DOG FRIENDLY
- Downtown. Safety. Positive police encounters
- easily walk to restaurants, local shopping, banking and postal services. neighborly. improving schools.
- Easy to live here, family friendly, accessibility
- Easy walkability, access to culture in the city, county, and directly inside Maplewood, close to bike infrastructure, diversity (income and racial), schools
- EASY WALKING TO SHOPS, SERVICES, PARKS LOVE THE CONCERTS & STREET FAIRS
- Emergency response time is good.
- emergency services, schools, Downtown
- Everyone comes together when something happens in the community.
- excellent schools diversity wide range of services shops and businesses,
- family friendly, sense of community, good local shops
- Fantastic schools, fire department, downtown area, amenities.

- Feeling of community in my neighborhood. Lived here 3 years and totally enjoyed it. Love the use of the pool in summer, quick commute to work , shopping and grocery close to me.
- Feels like a close quaint community, good schools, people that care
- feels mostly safe, young families, homes relatively affordable in relation to school quality and city amenities. Great program to repair sewer lines. Very responsive police and city officials.
- Free tax prep. Very central. Lots to offer in small community, and free concerts.
- friendly and clean neighborhood
- friendly and laid back environment with a lot of caring residents
- friendly neighborhood. shopping district is efficient. Good school. Strong neighborhood watch.
- friendly people, great restaurants, interesting shops, access to breweries, safe place to live
- friendly, central location, fun vibes,
- friendly, helpful neighbors plenty of resources
- FRIENDLY, WALKABLE DOWNTOWN, GOOD SCHOOLS, CLOSE TO SHOPPING/RETAIL, QUIET, LOW CRIME
- Good city vibe while still in the county. Library, pool, metrolink all accessible and safe and upkept well. Property values rising too.
- Good community involvement
- Good downtown, sense of safety. Proximity to STL.
- Good local government, good neighbors, quiet city , respect for all
- good location
- good location in St Louis county with easy access to highways. Downtown area with variety of shops and restaurants--parking that makes all of this accessible. Feeling of safety in the community--good trash pick up and staff has always been responsive when I have had an issue. School district has become stronger over the years
- Good neighbors, good events, good parks, and safe place to raise a family. It's close to the highway, so it's a short hop to anywhere.
- Good school district, close community, clean, good downtown area, good parks.
- good school district, nice parks, good response from the city- police and fire
- Good school system, close to highways/downtown. Character
- Good schools and location.
- Good schools, safe, walkable. City feel. Close to everything
- Good schools, unique businesses, walk-ability, safety, easy access to highways.
- good sense of community. available programs, unique shops,
- good services, police & fire dept, many stores close by
- Good variety of businesses.
- great businesses, easily walkable
- Great location.
- great location. younger population
- GREAT restaurants, bars, small business owned retailers. Great parks and rec facilities (pool, The Heights, parks, co-op with Brentwood/Richmond Heights). Central location within greater St. Louis. Good schools, lots of young families. Very walkable community.
- Great school
- great school pride

- Greenwood neighborhood is friendly, walkable, and lively
- have no answer
- Highway access.
- Historic neighborhoods/buildings
- historic, excellent services provided (leaf pick up, recycling, snow removal, etc.)
- history, events, location, ability to shop local
- Hometown feel, downtown business, walkable, high quality schools. parks, city services
- hometown feel, friendly, easy to get around, vibrant downtown area, excellent schools
- I appreciate the diversity of people who have chosen to make Maplewood their home. The School District. Our downtown. I believe we continue to have the wind at our backs and we are on a steep trajectory in terms of being one of the top communities to live and work in St. Louis.
- I LOVE THAT IS SO CERTAINLY LOCATED
- Image/reputation. Diversity, more would be an improvement. Centrally located.
- inclusive and diverse
- INCLUSIVE AND DIVERSE COMMUNITY, WALKABLE TO SHOPS/RESTAURANTS & PARKS, GOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT
- Inclusive, fairly diverse economically and ethnically, progressive, small enough to feel like a community but big enough to offer important services. Location. Vibrancy.
- Increasing housing costs means more educated and productive professionals are moving into area which increases tax base and city.
- integrated small community, historic homes. easy access to St Louis
- it is a completely walkable community. it is safe and people are generally friendly. Downtown area is cute and fairly well kept.
- It is one of the truly walkable neighborhoods in St Louis and is more diverse than south neighborhoods.
- It is quiet and peaceful.
- IT SEEMS TO INVITE UNCONVENTIONAL PERSONALITIES AND BUSINESSES. IT'S SUPPORTIVE OF LGBTQ FAMILIES. IT'S CUTE AND QUAIN AND FUN. I LIKE THAT IT'S SEMI-URBAN AND CLOSE TO THE CITY PROPER.
- It's a safe neighborhood with history.
- It's close to everything and well maintained with nice, unique shops and restaurants that make it special
- It's safe. It's close to a diverse array of local businesses that regularly host festivals and events. It's relatively walkable. It feels central to the rest of the city.
- KIND & FRIENDLY PEOPLE—SMALL TOWN FEEL. PROXIMITY TO EVERYTHING—DINING, GROCERIES, GAS, & BUSINESSES. COMMUNITY SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS
- laid back, artsy place
- Library is fantastic. The librarians go above and beyond for the community and have been essential during Covid
- LIKE SMALL TOWN FEEL. LOT OF GOOD HSOPS AND RESTAURANTS. CARING POLICE AND FIRE
- LIVELY LUXURIOUS DISTRICT. GOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT. DIVERSE POPULATION. LIBRARY, POST OFFICE, METRO LINK, FULL-SERVICE GROCERY STORE
- local business, parks, services, heights

- location
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- location quality housing stock
- location schools
- location and proximity within Maplewood and STL as a whole. schools, community, retail
- Location and walkability
- location in the STL area, schools, walkability
- location is central in STL area, walking to businesses, churches, and parks
- Location is very convenient; diversity of residents; walkability
- location within St Louis, accessibility to Maplewood downtown, The Heights
- location, city services, involved citizens and a vibrant downtown
- location, close to St Louis.
- location, events, restaurants, shops
- Location, Safe, Diverse, Walk-ability, High Quality Shops & Restaurants, Schools, Mix of residents
- location, safety, libraries, schools
- location, size
- location, small size, historic downtown look
- Location, the library, Park, dog park. near lots of shops. Good neighbors
- location, walkability, schools
- Location, walk-ability, wide range of local businesses to support (more would be even better - i.e. more commercial/residential integration)
- LOCATION. GOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT
- LOCATION. SAFETY. NEIGHBORS
- LOCATION: ACCESS TO MULTIPLE HIGHWAYS. SIDEWALKS. FANTASTIC POLICE & EMERGENCY RESPONSE TIMES, EXCELLENT SNOW REMOVAL
- Location; good schools; both local and National businesses; diverse; vibrant downtown
- lots of restaurants & bars, street fairs & festivals, centrally located, walkable
- Lots of things in walking distance, unique small business, friendly
- Love it. Friendly neighborhood.
- low crime, high home ownership
- MAJOR SHOPPING STORES ALL CLOSE TO ONE ANOTHER
- Many resources available and very walkable city.
- Maplewood has a little bit of absolutely everything and it's all within walking distance. It's a small community so everyone knows everyone. The location in the overall city is the best.
- Maplewood has that hometown feel, good schools, good parks, close to most everything, lots of charm
- Maplewood is a true community and love the small town feel.
- Maplewood well taken care of, clean. Near shops. Peaceful feel

- Mix of restaurants, bars and shops, outdoor events.
- My neighbors are half decent.
- near downtown. Everything is nice and clean
- near freeways, quiet place,
- need more info
- Neighborhoods are walkable, downtown has diverse/inclusive businesses, access to parks/library
- New businesses in downtown. Maintenance is much better. Could still use a little more attention to the parks to make it a more desirable place to live.
- Nice neighborhoods, walk-ability, stores and restaurants. Several large parks and lots of small ones - could be better, but there is plenty of parkland, just need more care. Events are good. Sense of community is strong.
- nicely maintained
- Our amazing public schools, many engaged and caring residents, and the small, independent businesses in our community.
- OVERALL A SAFE PLACE TO LIVE. NEAR TO SHOPS AND SERVICES
- Overall well kept and problems are dealt with.
- parks, community, Mancheste4r road, walkability, overall growth, rising home values, schools
- people
- People are generally nice and keep to themselves.
- people are good to watch out for neighbors, walkable
- people. sidewalks. nice yards
- Pleasant people Great school district Access to stores, highways, etc.
- police, fire, services
- Pretty accepting place and people are friendly. Love the city services especially trash and snow.
- PRIVACY RATHER THAN ISOLATION
- Progressive, diverse, great school district. Feels collaborative and like the elected officials value constituent input.
- proximity of business, parks, highways, downtown. local retail/restaurant. festivals, events. People. Farmers markets. Schools.
- proximity of stores/restaurants
- proximity to Forest Park, downtown, short distance from anywhere in STL area
- Proximity to highways and areas like the Hill and Grove and downtown
- proximity to places and retail shops
- proximity to stores, shops, community services walking neighborhood easy access to public transportation
- proximity, library, aquatic center, parks, police
- public perception
- PUBLIC SAFETY. NEW BUSINESSES. HOME IMPROVEMENTS
- QUIET & MOST PLACES AVVESSIBLE
- quiet and small town feel right near in the middle of a major metro area. Access to good schools, places to eat, parks, community events, etc., and all in an affordable neighborhood. Maplewood has a lot going for it.

- quiet neighborhoods, accessibility to stores, hospital and schools.
- quiet streets. affordable housing. schools
- quiet location. most homes have large lots.
- Quiet, friendly community. Many young families bringing life back to city
- Quite neighborhoods, accessibility to grocery store, hospitals and school.
- restaurants and bars, affordable , proximity to 64/44/170, good selection of stores nearby
- restaurants/coffee shops , proximity to everything. Schools, homes with character
- safe central location
- safe, neighbors
- Safety, friendliness, size, activities and events, easy access to highways, plenty of shopping in the city or nearby.
- SCALE; VARIETY OF SHOPS & BUSINESSES; CONVENIENTLY CLOSE TO HIGHWAYS & OTHER MUNICIPALITIES
- School district, diversity, inclusive attitude among residents, proximity to amenities, attractive businesses, availability of low-income housing, size, ability of residents to be directly involved in shaping the city and its future, strong citizen engagement
- school district, feeling of community, great neighbors, police/fire responsiveness
- School district. Focus on small business.
- schools, good education system
- schools, parks, community diversity
- Seems more progressive and civic-minded than some STL areas; close access to other points in the STL area and to a charming downtown area; good connection with Richmond Heights and Brentwood.
- sense of community & ownership. Walkable to culture and events. Diversity of residents. Progressive and open minded.
- sense of community, diversity, schools
- Significant growth in property values.
- small business support community oriented walkability
- Small enough city to have access to City leaders, large enough to have good services. Downtown area is wonderful, encouragement of neighbors,
- Small enough to engage the citizens.
- Small enough to have active participation from citizens.
- small town close to everything
- small town fee within St Louis Downtown parks & green space
- small town feel
- Small town feel and friendly residents.
- small town feel, accessible and responsive govt, excellent school district
- Small town feel, fast response for EMS, EMS is polite and respectful.
- Small town feel, friendly people, variety of shopping, churches. Quiet neighborhoods, trees
- small town feel, great restaurants and local shops
- So family friendly, sense of community, accessibility
- Solid community feel, safe area, some diversity.
- Still has that small town feel.

- strong schools and social justice focus. It is a welcoming neighborhood
- Strong sense of pride of place, accessible and well maintained facilities, ease of access to everything.
- strong/quality school district, thriving retail and restaurants   Diverse demographics of citizens
- Summer aquatic area.
- the community strengths are its inclusive for all, public events and library
- The home values have vastly improved. It has been a good experience and investment moving here.
- THE LIBRARY. OUR WALKABLE DOWNTOWN, OUR CITY'S COMMITMENT TO BETTERING OUR APPROACH TO RACIAL & ECONOMIC JUSTICE.
- The people are our strength -- MapleGOOD was so effective during the pandemic and they continue to be an asset to our community. I know my neighbors and their pets, we have a strong community vibe here. Our small businesses are unique, we have great festivals and events.
- The people that live here are the strength. The school district is a strength.
- the people that live here, education
- The people, the walkability, the events, the downtown, the location, the block parties, the positive atmosphere, the willingness to do new and exciting things
- THE PEOPLE—DOWNTOWN—SMALL/EVERYTHING IS CLOSE. WE ARE TAXED BY THE ST. L CITY. AMAZING SCHOOL DISTRICT. HOMES/STREETS/SIDEWALKS ARE BEING IMPROVED. FACEBOOK GROUPS PROVIDE COMMUNITY. #PARKS
- The police officers are so kind and helpful.
- The pride it takes in diversity and inclusion. The creative and social atmosphere at businesses and parks.
- the variety of things to do and see. Xmas walk, taste of Maplewood
- the variety of walk-able shops, parks, restaurants that value people and culture of the community
- There are a lot of community activities, museums, parks, places to go.
- There are a lot of various and different things to do in such small area that's also centrally located and close to the st louis city.
- There are great local businesses and restaurants and an emphasis on art, food and drink, and it has a small town feel.
- There is a community spirit here. People generally want to be good neighbors, help each other out and work to improve our community. I like that private business, government and residents work together. I'd like to see more of that and more of that promoted by the city.
- Things I love about Maplewood: 1. That I can easily walk to any store/park/community gathering place. 2. That it has a charming, thriving, traditional, main-street-style business district while simultaneously having convenient access to the big-box stores on Hanley Rd. and Brentwood Blvd. (the best of both worlds). 3. That the houses are unique and do not fit the cookie-cutter aesthetic of modern subdivisions. 4. That it is centrally located within the St. Louis region.
- This is a diverse, welcoming, and inclusive place to live. It is an approachable and friendly community. It feels safe to live in, and the school system is thriving.
- Tolerance of diversity. Walkability. Events, Centrally located within St Louis. Lovely old homes. Downtown business

- Trees, walkability, proximity to City
- Very central. A lot of restaurants to walk to.
- Very clean, friendly and safe.
- Very good police/law enforcement, I feel safe.
- very walkable, great restaurants, historic charm, proximity to St Louis attractions
- W Love the geographical location, schools, festivals and walkability.
- Walk ability, friendly neighbors, and location.
- Walk able, central location, good access to highways.
- walkability
- walkability
- WALKABILITY TO DINING & RETAIL. DIVERSITY. HISTORY & PRESERVING HISTORY
- walkability, charm, proximity to parks/activities, the old homes that are kept up, generally safe.
- Walkability, Diversity, Supporting Independent Businesses, Great Restaurants and Bars, Access to public transit,
- walkability, easy access to city stuff
- WALKABILITY, LIBRARY SERVICES, EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER, CENTRAL LOCATION (CITY, COUNTY)
- walkability, location, school system
- walkability, location neighbors
- walkability, neighbors and neighborhoods. schools
- Walkability, proximity to amenities, local events, access to public transportation
- Walkability, variety of events. lots of restaurants.
- WALKABILITY. BARS & RESTAURANTS. SHOPS. SAFETY. PROXIMITY TO ST. LOUIS.
- Walkability. Number of restaurants and businesses to enjoy. Fairly peaceful.
- walkable
- Walkable community with easy access to everything you need. Easy access to highways and Forest Park. Diversity of citizens though it is losing some of this with housing prices. Safe place to live. good School District. Involved citizens.
- WALKABLE DURING THE DAY, SUPPORTIVE OF PARKS & LOCAL BUSINESSES
- Walkable, Central, Safe, Good Schools, Good Food, Character.
- walkable, centrally located community with quick and generally quality access to essential goods & services.
- walkable, cleanliness
- walkable, local business. affordable housing, great school district
- walkable, playgrounds, great family friendly events in the community
- walkable, safe, small, tight-knit
- We are a small community, and close to everything. The school district is great.
- We have a lovely neighborhood where neighbors know each other and are willing to help
- We help one another outside of the normal structures. Neighbors have helped neighbors and it's a walking city where people are friendly.
- We love the proximity to amenities, we love to walk to them. Great engaged neighbors.
- welcoming, diverse, walkability

- Willingness to help others in need, humbleness and respect for all individuals, ethnic diversity, middle working class base.



- A little bit of continuing crime and vandalism. High tax rates for homeowners.
- a loud and vocal representation of citizens do not represent the citizens who remain silent most of the time. Diversity means accepting all opinions, even those that fear expressing them for fear of being "canceled" in the current culture.
- A visible presence of police officers in the downtown area needs improvement.
- Adult outdoor swim (not just lap pool). Schools and education. Theft.
- AFFORDABILITY. MAPLEWOOD SERVES AS A PRIME EXAMPLE OF SOME OF THE SYSTEMATIC ISSUES OUT COUNTRY HAS IN TERMS OF HOUSING
- Affordable and also livable apartments. Aging in place in older homes is a challenge. We have a way to go in transforming policing and making way for other ways to respond to people in need. Property crimes (car break-ins) get a yawn.
- Affordable housing is minimal
- Affordable housing. Businesses directed to income level of residents. City government feeling distant/not part of community
- All the bars on Manchester, get other businesses to come in such as we used to have. A real place to shop for family needs. Young and older folks
- Allowing some people to create anger and diverseness by putting up "Black lives matter" signs and being asked to remove them.
- Although I feel the streets are important, it feels like it is the only things that are important
- Apparently gentrification.
- Availability of rehabbed homes. the homeless in parks. petty crime. development of retail outside of Manchester/Sutton area. The sewer smell/mosquito issues.
- Bad sidewalks, race, legal fees.
- bad yards. no codes being enforced
- Balancing diversity issues-watching property deterioration closely.
- beautify some public areas, Big Bend and Deer Creek is a major eyesore. lots of trashy houses. a volunteering opportunity would be to come together and assist those that can not keep their property up
- Better enforcement of drivers not stopping at stop signs and certain upkeep of some houses.
- Better plans and permits for sustainability
- Big Box stores, encroaching crime, too much focus on identity issues
- Can always be more diverse; everything is built up which causes demolition and making improvements expensive
- car break ins
- car break ins and theft at night
- car break ins, bottleneck of traffic during peak times
- Car break-ins, homes falling down, vacant lots.
- CITY WEBSITE DIFFICULT TO NAVIGATE. NOT EVERYONE HAS ON IS COMFORTABLE WITH SOCIAL MEDIA. WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE A MORE REGULAR SOURCE LIKE MAPLE LEAF. DIFFICULTY GETTING ISSUES ADDRESSED AS TO CONTINUED PROBLEMS—ESPECIALLY ASSIST CITY MANAGER.
- City does not build on its strengths. Fast Food. Petty theft. Pedestrian experience. Too many poorly kept rentals / apartment buildings. Exposed powerlines.

- CITY GOVERNMENT BECOMES AMATEURISH WHEN A NON-[UNKNOWN] PROBLEM ARISES. TOO MANY APARTMENTS & NOT ENOUGH CONDOS. NEED A DRY CLEANER
- closing store fronts, parks are small
- CODE ENFORCEMENT OF OWNERS TAKING CARE OF THEIR PROPERTY. ONE PLACE NOT CARED FOR MAKES THE BLOCK LOOK BAD
- cost of housing, bias in police, increasing taxes
- Council getting too liberal with some of their ideas
- CRIME
- crime & drug use dilapidated housing/junk cars
- Crime is a concern. Packages stolen, car theft.
- crime is increasing esp. with car break-ins
- crime near Metro Link and Kellogg Park
- crime, but that's less of a Maplewood issue and more of a St Louis one.
- Crime, likely from non residents. Door checks on homes and cars, frightening.
- currently renting & would like to buy a home but limited supply/high cost
- Cutting down on car thefts and break ins.
- dangerous criminal activity so close to Maplewood.
- Dilapidated properties, perception of crime
- Disconnected and uninvolved landlords who don't screen tenants in residential and business/retail buildings. Drivers speeding thru residential streets and on major streets like Big Bend and Manchester.
- diversity is way down and MCH is now gentefied.
- do not let elected officials get a yes to an issue if they would not give a yes to citizens as has happened in the past
- Do not listen to residents complaints, price of the recycle stickers
- enforcement of residential maintenance, unleashed dogs
- Everything is so expensive. I've lived here for 22 years and am now being faced with having to look elsewhere for housing and moving my kids away from the only place they've ever known. Maplewood likes to pretend at inclusiveness but I think some residents would rather look down their noses at those they deem 'other'.
- excessive police visibility and traffic stops, dangerous intersections, lack of trail/bike lanes, pet occupancy permits, litter on residential streets
- expansive housing
- expensive to live /buy a house. Some do not take pride in keeping up with maintenance of house/yard.
- fast food restaurants at busy intersections, creating traffic problems.
- Focus more on maintenance in general.
- Gentrification is leading to displacement of older and low-income residents, growing homogeneity of residents, uneven policing and access to amenities/maintenance/care based on income and race, lack of collaboration with City of St. Louis to address blight and poor service in transitional areas along our municipal borders.
- gentrification that is impacting the school
- Gentrification, lack of affordable housing, too much police presence needed at stores on Hanley

- have no answer
- Have noticed more divisiveness entering city politics - would like to see a return to city leaders working together to solve city related problems instead of letting the wider politics of today interfere.
- high concentration of rental properties where tenants and landlords are not improving, maintaining, or beautifying their homes or landscapes.
- high property taxes
- high taxes
- high taxes
- high taxes
- high taxes and ever increasing burden on people with fixed incomes
- high taxes, higher property crime than some suburbs
- high taxes, red tape on building, lack of love for food trucks
- High taxes. Need consideration for seniors.
- Homeless people
- Housing inventory does not provide a lot of room for growth in size of housing. I would love to see developers start to demo the old, outdated houses and build new inventory.
- Housing is expensive here, which may cause us to leave Maplewood when we finally buy a house. The section of Manchester that goes through Maplewood is not currently bicycle friendly.
- Housing is too costly for moderate/low income people. Occupancy permits are based on square footage, not available bedrooms.
- Housing prices are going up and it is making it hard for people to continue to live here. It is not as diverse a community as it once was.
- I am concerned about the growing divide between renters and higher income households. There is strength in our diversity, let's act like it.
- I CAN'T THINK OF ANY REAL ISSUES. I DON'T LIKE THAT I CAN HEAR [CANNOT READ THE REST]
- I do not like how it is gentrifying and how it is losing its diversity
- I don't really have complaints because I love it here.
- I hate to admit it, but taxes might be too low based on the quality of some of the streets and sidewalks
- I haven't noticed anything yet
- I struggle at times with Walmart. I know it is important for our tax base and that it is the best shopping option for many people. I feel that there is a lot of litter that comes as a result of the volume of individuals that end up blowing down Bruno and Laclede Station Road. The balance between independent (or locally owned) businesses and big corporations. It's too late to change it now ... but is the intersection of Big Ben and Manchester (White Castle/CVS/Raising Cane's/Quick Trip) what was best for the City. I don't know much ... for instance, did it make the most financial sense (i.e. do we generate strong revenue for Maplewood)? Were those the only companies interested in developing on that corner? I think we have some great parks and playgrounds. But we can do even better! For instance, I would think some major investments could be made into Kellog Park to make it a destination.

- I understand it is getting difficult to buy in the area unless you are wealthy. I am sorry for the families that had to leave Maplewood due to the expensive areas
- I WORRY ABOUT DECREASING ECONOMIC & RACIAL DIVERSITY AS PROPERTY COSTS RISE. I HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT AVAILABILITY OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING. I THINK TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT COULD BE BETTER—BOTH FOR PEOPLE CUTTING THROUGH NEIGHBORHOODS AT HIGH SPEED AND PARENTS RUSHING TO DROP KIDS AT SCHOOL. WE'VE ALSO HAD REPEATED PROBLEMS WITH CAR CARRIERS TRYING TO COME THROUGH NEIGHBORHOODS & CAUSING PROPERTY DAMAGER
- I would love to see some planters with trailing plants hung from the railing where Big Bend goes under the train tracks heading north towards Webster.
- IGNORING CERTAIN TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENTS
- increase in cost of housing but is not isolated to this community
- INCREASED UNHOUSED POPULATION, CUT THROUGH TRAFFIC & SPEEDING, OVERDEVELOPMENT OF BIG BEND/MANCHESTER INTERSECTION
- increasing theft (mostly at night), past drivers on residential streets
- Infrastructure (roads/sidewalks specifically) need work. Walkable community but roads and sidewalks are tough because they aren't in great shape. Concerned about rising housing costs pricing people out of the community. Interested to see if Maplewood will be able to commercial and residential growth and keep up it's progressive/diverse feel.
- Internet service provider options! More bike lanes/bike infrastructure would be cool.
- It seems the city is no longer focused on safety, rules, or education.
- IT'S BECOMING LESS AFFORDABLE AND I WORRY I WON'T BE ABLE TO LIVE HERE LONG-TERM
- It's expensive to move in and there's only a medium amount of space per plot. There is also more noise than suburbs.
- It's the hood, not safe.
- LACK OF COMMUNICATION/ADVERTISEMENT OF LOCAL EVENTS OUTSIDE OF FACEBOOK
- Lack of diverse entertainment options.
- Lack of experience in elected officials. Gentrification , lack of understanding how well our police does its' job.
- Lack of interaction with community members, wish the Schuck's was better updated.
- Lack of political diversity. If you do not lean left politically, you are treated as an outsider.
- Large number of rental housing
- Less diverse community
- Let's get a good music venue around here, I love the Focal Point but we need a good rock club.
- Library is an unwelcoming place. Streets are crowded with parked cars. Manchester and Big Bend intersection is nightmare
- Library is falling apart, sidewalks are in disrepair, and businesses past Schlafly are ignored and in disrepair.
- limited housing for larger families, limited opportunities for lower SES families to afford housing
- Litter on the street. Speed bumps are needed to slow down traffic.
- litter, unmaintained low rent housing for people that do not care. lack of enforcement.
- location
- losing diversity as area gentrifies

- Lots of apartments. New homes do not fit well with the surroundings. no character.
- Lots of car break ins and shops being broken into.
- Manchester Rd. condition
- many places have no lighting
- Many small homes, hard for families to stay. Rising costs
- Maplewood City doesn't do a good job enforcing building code for apartment buildings. Apartment building landlords are getting way with a lot of bad things. Issues from outdated, out of code electrical within buildings, hidden mold issues causing health issues, and lack of responsibility of apartment owners that gone unchecked due to a inattentive building inspections/inspectors.
- Minorities being pushed out. Rising housing costs making it difficult for new people to move in. Developers buying properties to flip and doing a poor job making homes undesirable resulting in more rentals and leasing.
- More and more young people keep moving in. School tax keeps going up. I believe when people reach retirement age they should not freeze the taxes, as their pay does not increase.
- more community gardens
- More local business.
- more police patrols
- more public art
- More trees and green spaces would be nice, general beautification
- Mostly good, but crime on the south part of town is a little disconcerting.
- My concern is that we will get like Kirkwood, where more affluent people live.
- My taxes keep going up, but I'm not seeing much improved services at the school or elsewhere as a result.
- Needs to support early education- infants to 3yr
- NO COMMENTS. ALL IS GOOD!
- no universal pre-school
- not combining services or sharing more services with other towns , the city and county to reduce governmental waste and overlapping services
- NOT ENOUGH BLOCK UNITS THAT ARE ACTIVELY MEETING AND TALKING ABOUT VARIOUS ISSUES IN MAPLEWOOD, OR THEIR COMMUNITY
- not enough outreach programs, I don't know about events so I miss them, there are 2 sides of Maplewood, the other being Maple "Hood." my area is mostly white, a few blocks down are all people of color?
- Not enough running and bike trails. Need to connect to new trails in Brentwood and Greenway trails ASAP. Don't like Schnucks location there. I heard it was local businesses there years ago like on the south side, and I wish Schnucks was gone and the north side was similar to the south side of Manchester.
- Not much room to grow.
- Nothing comes to mind.
- number of events during holidays are scheduled at same time.
- occasional property crime

- ON MY SIDE OF MANCHESTER—RESIDENCES ARE FALLING APART AND NEED ATTENTION. TRASH ON STREETS
- Our taxes are a little ridiculous. School district does not know how to budget.
- Outdated policies that work against the working class -- our occupancy requirements hurt larger families. The rising cost of taxes and real estate here will take away our diversity and make us the next Clayton. We need to figure out how to help our unhoused in a more sustainable way.
- Overpriced, honestly, this isn't Webster, Clayton, or Ladue, people still call it MapleHood for a reason.
- Park areas where there are no lights, sketchy areas. high property tax
- PEOPLE ARE BEING PRICED OUT—FAMILIES CAN'T AFFORD TO STAY. THE AREA IS GENTRIFYING & WE ARE LOSING THE DIVERSITY THAT MAKES US GREAT
- People are judgmental. Signs placed in yards that create conflict and controversy. Lack support and respect for police, lack of patriotism
- People moving from the city , electing people(new comers).
- Perception, many still have Maplewood image of 20 yrs. ago. Still crime from metro on west side and city on east side
- Pet restrictions!!! As a country we euthanize 50% of all dogs that enter a shelter, and while that's still the situation we shouldn't have needless barriers to pet ownership in our own homes
- poor enforcement of parking
- poor enforcement, high property taxes, minimal communications, allowing too many "chain" Businesses to move in
- Poor street and sidewalk maintenance, presence of homeless people.
- POWERLINES IN NEIGHBORHOODS. TRASH. QUALITY OF PROJECT COMPLETION. COMMUNICATION WHEN WORK/UPDATES TO BE DONE ON YOUR STREET
- Pricing out. Some areas need love.
- prioritizing politics and community
- Property crimes. Cars broken into. Rundown properties not managed well. Yards allowed to go to weeds, not mowed.
- property tax increases yearly
- Property tax too high . Car burglaries.
- property taxes have risen dramatically. City has spent money in previous administrations, is Maplewood Commons gong to help with finances?
- proximity to St Louis(Crime)
- PROXIMITY TO ST. LOUIS (CRIME)
- Proximity to STL city creates opportunities for transient crime
- proximity to the city of St Louis, gunshots not uncommon, too many people trying car doors at 3am. Police dept should get ahead of this.
- public transportation, would be nice to have more ride-share bicycles/scooters
- Racial differences
- Raising taxes based on the appraisals, gentrification, affordability of larger houses.
- real estate and rising costs, not as open to diversity of ideas as the community claims,
- Relatively small area, doesn't seem especially diverse.
- Rent is too high. not clean, bugs, rats, mice, etc.

- rents are getting pricey, Metro Link could be more safe
- residential crime of commercial traffic on Residential streets.
- Rising costs of housing/real estate taxes and gentrification
- rising housing costs, I may have move out the area because of this, I really don't want to
- rising prices - I see maplewood following the kirkwood and webster model of demo smaller homes for modern mcmansions. not pleased
- Road /sidewalk quality. parks could also be improved.
- roads in poor condition, many homes/yards not adequately kept up, number/size of town parks
- Safety in all communities.
- Safety is sometimes a concern.
- Section 8 and HUD housing.
- Seems like living in the past in many ways; there are so many different types of housing and not much land with any of it. The schools are okay, but not really a draw, I realize that is not the City's responsibility, but it does matter.
- seldom see police.
- Several times I have told the clerks I do not receive the Maple Leaf Newsletter.
- Shop/restaurants closed on Monday. Downtown area is vacant, need more people about and walking around.
- Side streets are too dark.
- sidewalks need improvement, need street lights
- Slow repairs of streets. potholes.
- Small population makes it more difficult to do capital investments. Can we do more tree planting?
- so much on street parking
- Some crime
- SOME NEIGHBORS NOT KEEPING UP THEIR PROPERTY = MAKES THE WHOLE STREET LOOK LESS THAN DESIRABLE
- some streets
- somewhat expensive overall
- SORT OF EXPENSIVE. ADEQUATE STREET LIGHTS IN NEIGHBORHOODS (CAMBRIDGE!)
- Still has a little bit of a worn down at the heel image in some areas, would be nice to have a more diverse tax base
- street conditions, speeding in neighborhoods
- street lights, roads under constant maintenance
- Tax burden of the schools to those who don't have school aged children, lack of enforcement of traffic laws, safety of students from traffic as they walk to school, the lack of a crosswalk for pedestrians running north the south in the 7200 block of Manchester. Lots of people running back and forth, unsafely, between the Schnucks and the shops/restaurants on the south side of the street.
- taxes
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- taxes & regulations

- taxes are not in line with services. Streets need to be paved and sidewalks fixed.
- Taxes are too high.
- Taxes are too high. We are not in Webster or Kirkwood.
- Taxes are too high. Too many apartments and rental property not being taken care of.
- Taxes are way too high and getting higher each year on housing. I've lived in Maplewood many years it's getting to a point where I can't afford the taxes and I'm seriously considering moving out of the area.
- tearing down of small houses & replacing them with large houses. Could raise our taxes. How will seniors be able to keep their homes with rising taxes.
- The biggest weakness I see for Maplewood is the fact that it is divided and separated by Big Bend and Manchester. Even though Maplewood is such a walkable city in general, these roads make it feel broken up and make the walk from one quadrant of the city to another less enjoyable and more dangerous because of the traffic. Additionally, referring back to question 2, line 8 "overall flow of traffic and congestion management in the city": I live on Folk Ave. and I respectfully request that semi-trucks no longer be allowed to drive down Folk Ave. The presence of semi-trucks on a residential street such as Folk makes it feel like I live on an industrial throughway rather than in a neighborhood/community. They also represent a significant disturbance of the peace. As the semi-trucks try to make it up the hill my house sits on, the sound of their engines revving is so loud that it literally rattles my windows at least once per day, and if I'm sitting outside the noise is loud enough to momentarily drown out the sound of talking or music. It is also a safety issue. Once my brother-in-law expressed concern about his dog walking safely from our front door to his car, even with using a leash, because Folk is a busy road. When I tried to tell him that it wasn't that busy of a road he indignantly pointed up the street and said "What do you mean it's not busy, a semi-truck just drove by!" He ended up carrying his dog to the car. It is my belief that all this combines to diminish the value of the homes on Folk Ave. Even if this is not reflected in actual real estate values, the noise most certainly diminishes my daily quality of life and enjoyment of my property, especially when outside. I know that they are trying to get to the Lowe's/Sam's/Walmart shopping complex, but I believe they should only be permitted to access these stores from Hanley Rd., a road that was designed to handle traffic of this sort and that only has industrial/commercial businesses along it so that the presence of the semi-trucks wouldn't be disruptive. In discussing this issue with a friend, they suggested that the reason semi-trucks currently use Folk Ave. to access the shopping complex is so that the customers of these stores don't have to deal with the unpleasantness of seeing/driving past semi-trucks. However, this would mean prioritizing the needs/desires of people from outside our community, who only come here for occasional shopping trips, over the needs/desires of Maplewood residents, and I do not believe that this is right or that this is what the City of Maplewood ultimately aims to do.
- the community puts the needs of the homeless above the tax paying residents. They do not enforce current codes
- The cost of homes is pricing more diverse populations from moving in. We are gentrifying. Elderly citizens cannot afford to live out their lives in their homes because of rising taxes. Too many TIFs.
- The downtown needs to be selective about liquor licenses. Don't need rowdy behavior in the area.

- The light at Marshall and Manchester is too long.
- the long standing history of over-policing told me as a warning before moving to maplewood
- The noise from the trains. Trains need to go slower.
- The occasional weird old ordinance. Seems biggest tax base is residents and not businesses.
- The rising cost to live here and the ability to change/stop this.
- The rising housing costs make it hard for Maplewood to be a place for a family to grow and continue to live in for many years.
- The smallness does create some amenities issues, like a rec. center and ice rink.
- THE TAXES ARE GETTING HIGHER AND HIGHER. MY HOME IN CRESTWOOD THE TAXES ARE MUCH CHEAPER AND THE PROVIDE THE SAME SERVICES INCLUDING LEAF PICKUP
- the traffic. Richmond Pl is used as a bypass for Manchester/Big Bend. Everyone on the block agrees, all ages. I also wish we were more integrated meaning race and economics.
- Theft, involving cars. enforcement of city codes on certain streets. Near McClauland
- There aren't as many events/things to do as I'd like but it may be that I'm just not aware of those things. There are plenty of restaurants and bars, but not as many entertainment / activity businesses.
- THERE IS A HIERARCHY OF "OLD MAPLEWOOD" VS "NEW MAPLEWOOD" RESIDENTS. SCHOOLS ARE IMPORTANT BUT FACULTY ISN'T PAID WELL, ESPECIALLY FEMALES. IT'S BECOMING WHITEWASHED. IT'S UNINVITING TO WALK PLACES. ESPECIALLY TO SCHOOLS
- There is a lack of diversity because it's a more expensive neighborhood to live in.
- There really are none. I do understand the concern of rising costs but that isn't just a Maplewood issue it's happening across the country.
- To expensive housing/limited options.
- to many rules, leaf burning, etc.
- TOO LIBERAL
- too many dogs
- TOO MANY DOGS NOT ON LEASHES! DANGEROUS TO WALK
- too many run down cars left parked on streets. Some homes are in need of repairs( they look junky)
- Too many vacant business buildings downtown.
- too willing to cave to commercial developers, too willing to chase sales for tax revenue, Unwilling to fight excessive traffic & speeding on streets. Racism in policy and our justice system.
- Traffic
- Traffic cutting through neighborhoods to avoid Big Bend-Manchester Rd or Hanley Rd. Speeding: police are good at giving out parking tickets but not speeding tickets.
- traffic- drivers cutting thru, speeding, noise (occasional) on Marietta lot
- traffic flow, age & deterioration, noise
- traffic on Manchester.
- traffic, people not interested in their property or community
- Trails and park systems
- training noise
- Unaffordable housing and a perception that the city council and major care about the status quo

- Unnecessary municipal ordinances such as # of pets allowed, prohibition of clotheslines, etc.
- Urgent care needed. Professional on boards, park and rec.
- vacant property. houses not cared for.
- We are about 20 minutes from everything.
- We are growing rapidly, and I am nervous that people will get priced out. This survey was fantastic. Please continue to engage the community. Please share the results of this survey with the community.
- We are happy here.
- We could do much more to address the underlying problems of crime and poverty. Assisting the most vulnerable residents benefits the entire community. And those loud cars racing around residential areas at night is irritating. It is a nightly occurrence.
- We have found that sometimes being inclusive and progressive can lead to a tone or attitude.
- We need affordable housing. Police dept. has a troubled history on race. defund and create a public safety dept. attuned to the community's needs. Maplewood could be more walkable and bikeable, care traffic is a problem.
- WE'VE BEGUN TO EXPERIENCE PROPERTY CRIME (MULTIPLE TIMES) IN THE PAST 18 MONTHS, WHICH IS DEFINITELY A CONCERN
- Young people are getting priced out from moving into Maplewood, not as much available for young families.
- Your opinion only matters if it is liberal or goes along with what the council or school board thinks.
- Zephyr Pl, a popular road is still in very poor condition .