

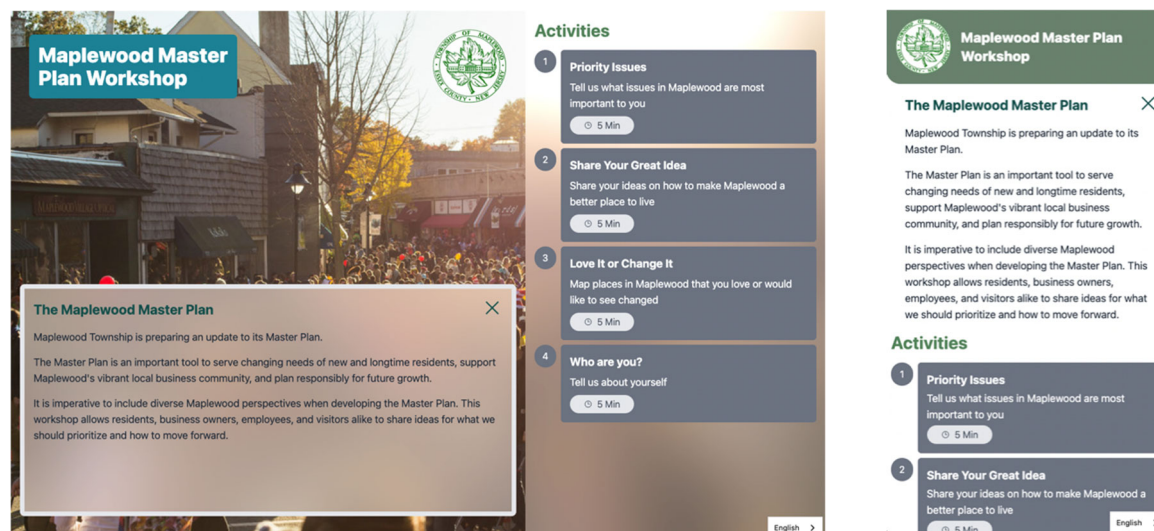
# Maplewood Master Plan

## Virtual Workshop Summary



### Introduction

As part of the Township of Maplewood Master Plan, the consultant team developed a virtual workshop to gather input from the community about the future of Maplewood. The workshop was launched in July 2022 and was open through mid-September 2022. To enable broad participation, the workshop was available in English, Spanish, Haitian Creole, and Russian and designed to be used on desktops, laptops, tablets, and mobile devices.



Desktop (left) and mobile (right) views of the workshop in English.

The workshop consisted of three activities:

- Activity 1: Priority Issues
  - Tell us what issues in Maplewood are most important to you
- Activity 2: Share Your Great Idea
  - Share your ideas on how to make Maplewood a better place to live
- Activity 3: Love It or Change It
  - Map places in Maplewood that you love or would like to see changed

Community members were able to participate in all three activities or pick and choose which activities they wanted to complete. The workshop also gathered demographic information from participants to ensure that the community was being represented.

More than  
**2,400**  
people visited the  
virtual workshop

More than  
**1,000**  
activities were  
completed

More than  
**2,300**  
Comments were  
provided

### Promotion

The workshop was promoted through coverage in local press, e-blasts to project stakeholders, and in-person pop-up events around the Township.

### Initial promotional outreach

- E-blast to Maplewood contact list and project stakeholders including media
- Pop-ups at Maplewoodstock, Senior Center, MAPSO Funkfest
- Flyering at the municipal building, the train station, Memorial Park, Stop & Shop, Extra Supermarket, the Community Fridge, the pool, local libraries

### Further outreach to boost diversity of input

- Connected with South Orange-Maplewood School District
- Further outreach to MAPSO Legends, Maplewood Coalition on Race, and Maplewood Youth Advisory Committee
- Emails to apartment management companies
- Attended Hilton Neighborhood Association meeting (September 15)



*Project staff hosting pop-ups at the Senior Center (left), Maplewoodstock (center), and MAPSO Funk Fest (right).*

## Activity 1 | Priority Issues

Participants were asked to review a list of issues facing Maplewood and indicate the top three issues of highest priority to them. Each selection featured a follow up question that asked the participant to explain why the issue is important.

### My Top Issues

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None Selected

2

None Selected

3

None Selected

Finish Activity

### Select your first top issue:

**Walking, Biking, Transit and Shared Mobility:**  
Improving the ability to get around without a car.

**Affordable Housing**  
Maintaining or expanding affordable options.

**Parks and Open Space**  
Creating or improving open spaces, parks, and plazas.

**Revitalization**  
Revitalizing vacant, underused, and/or blighted assets.

**Development Standards**  
Modifying community standards for the design and scale of new or expanded development.

**Street Safety**  
Addressing safety for all road users.

**Parking**  
Supply, location, pricing, or policy issues.

**Placemaking**  
Creating a sense of "place" or cultural expression in the public realm.

**Economic Vitality**  
Supporting or attracting local retail, office or other businesses.

**Historic Preservation**  
Protecting historical buildings and/or promoting local history.

**Local Environment**  
Improving the local environment (trees, stormwater, contaminated sites, litter).

**Resiliency**  
Protecting against the impacts of climate change and storm events.

**Equity**  
Ensuring residents have equitable access to community spaces and services.

**Culture**  
Supporting cultural institutions and spaces for the arts.

*Priority Issues activity in desktop view.*

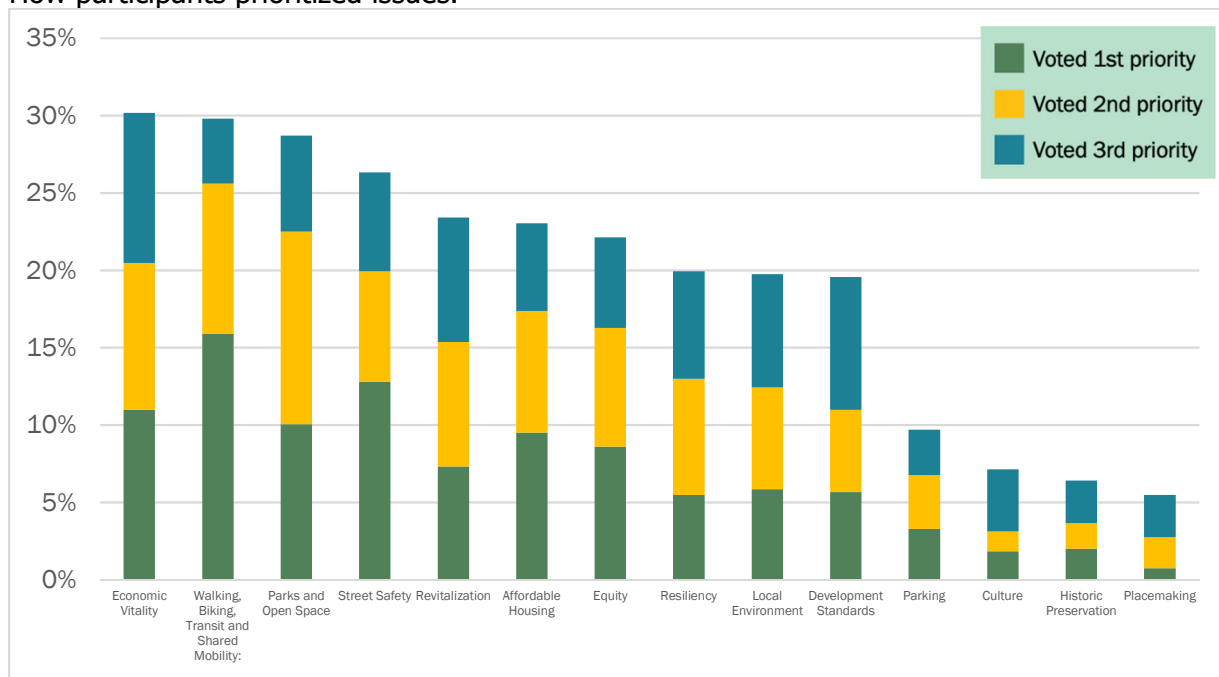
## Ranking

The cumulative ranked list of priority issues and breakdown of ranking is below. "Economic Vitality" received the overall most selections as a first, second, or third top priority issue. While "Walking, Biking, Transit, and Shared Mobility" was the second priority issue overall, the highest number of respondents voted it as their number one priority issue.

Rank	Issue	Explanation
1	Economic Vitality	Supporting or attracting local retail, office or other businesses.
2	Walking, Biking, Transit and Shared Mobility	Improving the ability to get around without a car.
3	Parks and Open Space	Creating or improving open spaces, parks, and plazas.
4	Street Safety	Addressing safety for all road users.
5	Revitalization	Revitalizing vacant, underused, and/or blighted assets.
6	Affordable Housing	Maintaining or expanding affordable options.
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14	Placemaking	Creating a sense of "place" or cultural expression in the public realm.

How participants prioritized issues.



### Themes for Top Issues

Key themes for the top seven priority issues are noted below along with the quotes from survey respondents that capture the common sentiment heard in these themes. The full list of comments is on page 16.

#### *Economic Vitality*

**Reduce tax burden on homeowners by attracting and retaining businesses that reflect the diversity and needs of Maplewood.**

- "I hope that more successful businesses would contribute taxes and help reduce the tax burden for individual families. Our taxes are a barrier to moving here and to staying here."
- "Small businesses add to our town's appeal. Let's make sure they keep thriving while also ensuring diversity in both business types and who the business owners are."
- "We need town to be affordable for not just lower income, but retirees and middle-income homeowners that have made Maplewood such an amazing town. Anything to stop increase in taxes."

### **Bring more enticing businesses and services to Springfield Avenue and other targeted areas.**

- "Springfield Avenue is the eyesore of Maplewood, and much can be improved upon in the neighborhoods surrounding it. It could be the next downtown Milburn if there were businesses worth visiting."
- "It is important to me that we add to our economic base and options. More food, retail and service businesses on the Springfield Avenue corridor and along Valley Street toward South Orange would be an asset."
- "The movie theater has languished so long... there is keen interest from locals and cinema lab to do something, but nothing has happened."

### *Walking, Biking, Transit and Shared Mobility*

#### **Reduce reliance on cars to create safer streets.**

- "Our towns are impossible to navigate by car during busy times. We need more shuttles, scooters, or public transportation options to reduce the number of cars on our congested streets."
- "I don't think walking and biking are safe enough in Maplewood. All the schools, especially Columbia High School need better school zone signage on Valley and Parker telling cars to slow down <25mph."
- "I'd love to bike around town but am terrified that I'll be sideswiped by a distracted driver. The bike lanes we have are kind of a joke since they're actually part of the roadways."

#### **Expand greenway and bike lane networks.**

- "Development of Greenway connecting to South Orange Greenway development."
- "I'm excited about the bike path being built behind Chyzowych Field to connect Maplewood and South Orange via bike. I'd love to see more bike paths and for Chyzowych Field to be cleaned up."
- "We'd love to see bike lanes to bike with our family. There are so many hills in Maplewood, it makes it difficult to do so. We often take our bikes to bike in other towns."

#### **Ensure transit options are equitable and accessible for all ages and abilities.**

- "The NJ Transit train station in the village is not wheelchair accessible and it should be. It is shameful that disabled Maplewood residents are forced to go other stations such as South Orange."
- "As a senior with increasing discomfort with driving, I would like both day and evening transportation within MAPSO that could run on the jitney routes but not limited to train commuters."
- "Equity means access for those of us who cannot drive, and climate justice means we reduce reliance on cars and instead create livable, walkable, resilient and sustainable communities."

### *Parks and Open Space*

#### **Improve condition and maintenance of parks and open spaces.**

- "We have wonderful green spaces, but they could use some more love. For example, Maplecrest Park is beautiful, but its playgrounds are a bit tired and much of the land isn't fully utilized."

- “[Our parks] are closed five months of the year. Our restrooms are trashed and frequently closed. Our fields are neglected. This is only going to get worse as we become more dense.”
- “Our facilities for outdoor youth sports are subpar and should be improved, particularly for baseball and softball. Fields don't drain, diamonds aren't maintained, too many weeds, need more mowing, etc.”

### **Expand recreational facilities and opportunities in parks.**

- “More use of park for multi-purposes. Open-air concerts, sprinklers in the summer, etc.”
- “More robust farmers markets, pop-up markets, and truly engaging events for the community in our open spaces.”
- “Maplewood has far less public land for recreation than we need. We have voted 2x for an Open Space Trust Fund. NONE of the \$ has gone to acquire recreational open space. This needs to change!”

### *Street Safety*

#### **Address driver behavior to control speeding and aggressive driving.**

- “I live on Ridgewood Road and have two school aged children. Cars are speeding at excessive rates and kids are unsafe crossing the street or walking through a crosswalk. Speed humps are necessary.”
- “In the last 5-10 years streets have become extremely hazardous due to impatient drivers and increased traffic and seeming decreased enforcement. It makes walking and driving dangerous.”
- “Drivers are always “blocking the box” at certain intersections, always in a rush, rolling through stop signs. Not safe for other drivers and especially for pedestrians and kids walking to school.”

#### **Improve intersections/traffic infrastructure.**

- “Street cameras are needed on 44th St; cars continue to drive the one-way street. 44th St. and Jacoby St. still need to be repaired, and 44th St. (toward Chancellor Ave) needs to be a dead-end street.”
- “We need a 4-way stop sign at Wellesley Street and Hilton Ave. Cars cut through Wellesley St at dangerous speeds.”
- “Change timing on light at Parker Ave/Valley St. When on Parker trying to make left onto Valley, the light lets 1 or 2 cars go. Perhaps an early left turn signal first. People drive aggressively to beat light!”

#### **Create a safer pedestrian environment.**

- “Stop signs can sometimes be treated as a suggestion over a rule. I was almost hit this summer by a person who ran a stop sign by maple crest park. Maybe more lit cross walk signs?”
- “Combined with a school district that does not prioritize children safe travel to schools which are increasingly forced to travel longer distances, more attention is needed to sidewalk safety.”



### *Revitalization*

#### **Address vacant, underused, and dilapidated spaces while maintaining community character.**

- "In addition to Chyzowych Field, there are so many unused properties along Valley Street, which could be a vibrant commercial center like Springfield Avenue if businesses were attracted."
- "Vacant, underused, and blighted areas exist at the Union, Newark, and Irvington borders. Lately, many of these have been converted to apartments or condos. We can do better."
- "Hold accountable owners who do not maintain their properties with fines. This include removing junk, maintaining their properties in a manner befitting to the standards of other comparable towns."
- "There is so much potential here to revitalize, (keeping our historic and architectural character in mind) and it helps to keep the area exciting."

### *Revitalization*

#### **Prioritize community-oriented development and revitalization.**

- "The potential for places like the Woodland and the Burgdorff Center, or the train station...[they] could be amazing for cultural and community events yet they are so run down and do not seem safe."
- "There are opportunities to develop underused properties and spaces and rezone for: more daycare and family centers, public spaces for teens and teen programs, a space for an indoor public pool."
- "Maplewood is a green suburb. Adding community gardens and patches of green will reinforce Maplewood's identity. Shared gardens may also contribute to a stronger community and new ideas."

### *Affordable Housing*

#### **Focus on equity and protecting diversity.**

- "Maplewood has grown more expensive and exclusionary over the past two decades and is losing much of its socioeconomic and racial diversity."
- "Maplewood has become incredibly popular in the last 5 years, which means housing prices are soaring. If we want to stay a diverse community, we need to make sure we have affordable housing."
- "We have a serious and profound lack of affordable housing in our community. Public workers, seniors, and people of color are leaving or struggling to stay. We can fight that trend proactively!"

#### **Utilize different policies to reduce housing cost burden.**

- "Build, build, build, to expand the housing supply and thereby create more affordable options. Revise the zoning code to allow more "as-of-right" development without extremely costly plan-review delays."
- "To maintain a socio-economically diverse citizenry, Maplewood needs more affordable housing options. Every new development should have the maximum required affordable housing units or more."
- "Not just affordable housing but trimming the property taxes. Easy to combine services with South Orange."

## Equity

### Ensure community resources and infrastructure is accessible to all residents.

- "I would like to see a long-term plan to fund the Maplewood Pool, so that it is accessible to all Maplewood residents."
- "Access to swimming pool, day care options for working parents, transportation to school for bussed children (as needed), all important equity issues that should be addressed and managed."
- "The area is getting more expensive and without public access to important resources, like community events, camp, or learning to swim, a lot of families will be forced to do without."

### Protect diversity of Maplewood and increase community connections.

- "Most of my work here in South Orange-Maplewood revolves around the issue of Equity and racial justice. I want the voices of POC to be heard and even prioritized if related to areas of town dominated by POC."
- "A lot of rich white progressives in Maplewood but as a WOC, I feel like it's a lot of virtue signaling or lawn sign posting. True change needs to happen in economic development, housing and education."
- "I have 3 Black boy teenagers and I fear the police - I fear the police may hurt them as we have all seen in the news. A few years ago, the town was having coffee with a cop events, can we have more?"

## Activity 2 | Great Ideas

Participants were asked to submit ideas they had for policies, projects, or programs that would make Maplewood better. They were then shown other participants' ideas and asked to like ideas that they agreed with.

### Share your Great idea

#### My Idea

What policy, project, or program would make Maplewood better?

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Share Idea

Finish Activity

#### Others' Ideas

We've got to get the tree thing right. The canopy is aging out. People need guidance on maintaining healthy trees, recognizing when they're dangerous, and support planting new ones.

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Let our sports organizations have the tools and permission they need to address the field problems.

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Greenway development and acquisition of YMCA building for indoor sports options

More focus in mental health, especially in the school system. We need to focus more on equality for the special needs community, rather than just focusing on race.

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I think we should have affordable day passes to the pool. I also think running the jitneys on certain days/times could promote more socialization and retail for those who live farther away from town.

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A proper dog park in Memorial park so irresponsible dog owners have a place to let their animals off leash and the humans who live in this town can actually enjoy the

Eliminate single family zoning and parking minimums to allow density and walkability.

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Not sure, but I have noticed that a lot of the apartment buildings and density are added to outer edges of town. Us on the outer edge want to feel like we still live in a town without overcrowding too

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Free pool, start fresh with the board of Ed and Superintendent, offer school bussing to anyone who wants it.

*Great Ideas activity in desktop view.*

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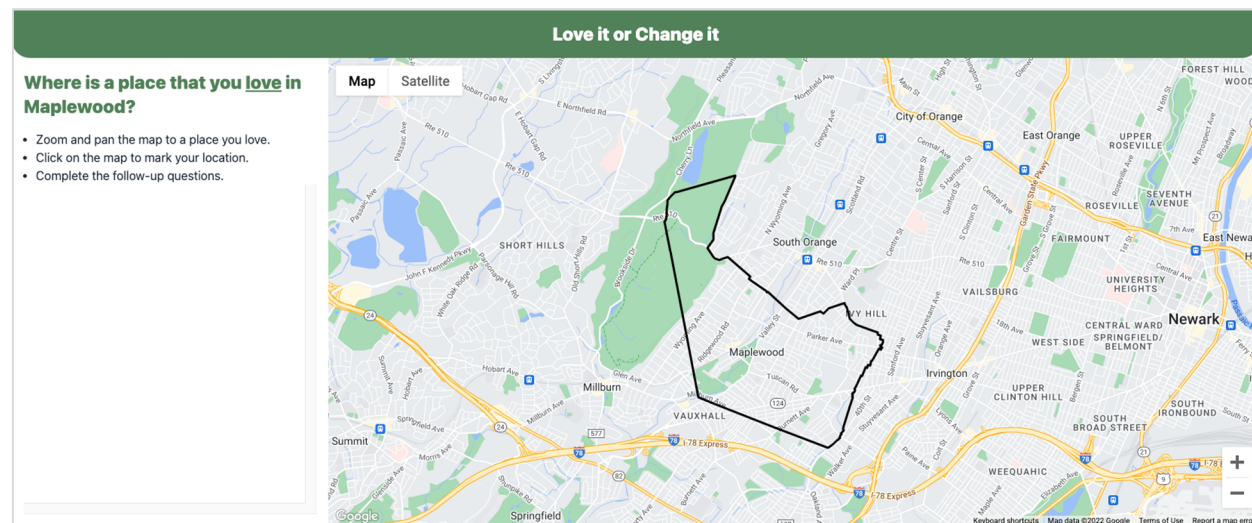
## Ideas

The top five ideas are listed below. The full list of ideas received can be found as an appendix.

"Likes"	Category	Idea
66	Walking, Biking, and Transit	Shuttles from Springfield Ave to downtown Maplewood and back -- make more places accessible without a car.
65	Equity	I think we should have affordable day passes to the pool. I also think running the jitneys on certain days/times could promote more socialization and retail for those who live farther away from town.
61	Economic Vitality	Bring the movie theater back.
60	Resiliency & Local Environment	We've got to get the tree thing right. The canopy is aging out. People need guidance on maintaining healthy trees, recognizing when they're dangerous, and support planting new ones.
58	Walking, Biking, and Transit	Greenway between Maplewood and South Orange and bike lanes to all schools would be huge!

## Activity 3 | Love It or Change It

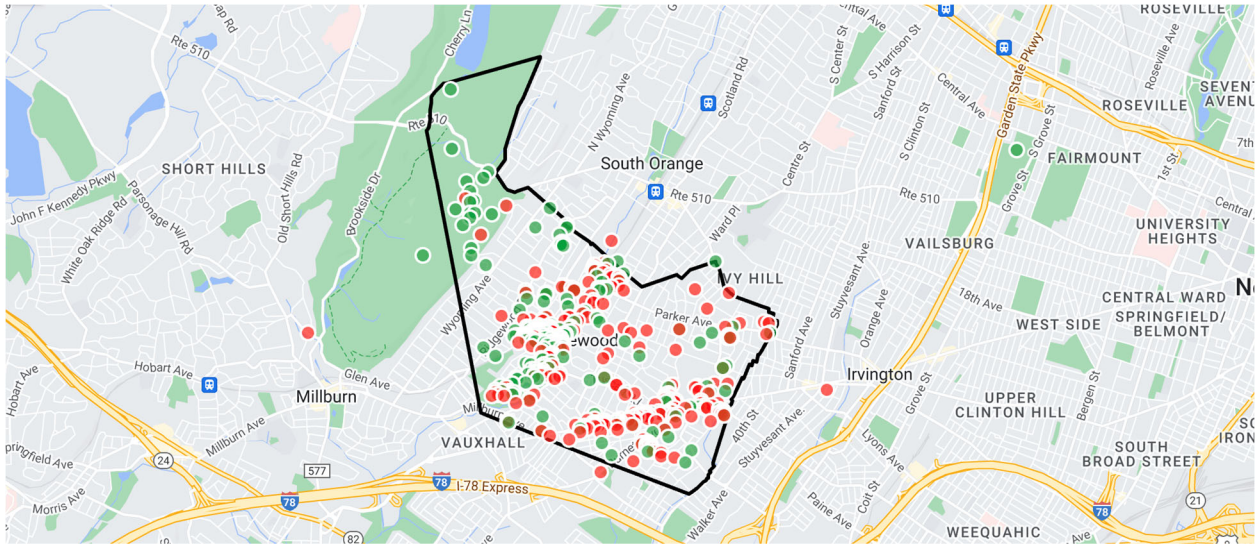
Participants were asked to look at a map of Maplewood and indicate places that they loved or places that they would like to see changed. They were then asked to explain their choice.



*Love It or Change It activity in desktop view.*

## Point Placement

Participants' point placement is illustrated below. Green points are "love" comments, red points are "change" comments. A full list of comments can be found on page 90.



### "Love" Heat Map

The green heat map shows locations where high densities of "love" points were placed. Heat maps are a way to view where there were significant clusters of points. The heat map identified Maplewood Village, Memorial Park Area, and Maplecrest Park as areas where respondents added a significant number of points.

Below are examples of the types of comments received for each location where there was a significant cluster of points.



### Maplewood Village

#### Love

- "Our downtown is so inviting, vibrant, I always see people I know."
- "Main Street is the backbone of this town."
- "The markets at different times of the year are fun."
- "Now that it's closed to vehicles on weekday evenings, it's [even more walkable]."

#### Room for Improvement

- "The rate of turnover/quality of businesses/empty spaces on Maplewood Ave is sad and distressing. Better businesses!"

### Memorial Park Area

#### Love

- "Accessible gathering place for families and residents of Maplewood."
- "Wonderful park, used so well for community activities."
- "Multi use area, sledding, concerts, dog owners meet there, kids hang out."
- "The library is a welcoming place for all ages, a place to feel a sense of community."

### *Room for Improvement*

- "Not a fan of golf courses or country clubs, especially in an area so close to where there could be transit-oriented development."

### **Maplecrest Park**

#### *Love*

- "All types of people use this park. I love the pick-up soccer games."
- "I love that it allows for mingling of residents across socioeconomic backgrounds."
- "I love it because it's not too manicured and I hope it retains that beauty."
- "This park is near my home and I spend many hours a week here with my kids."

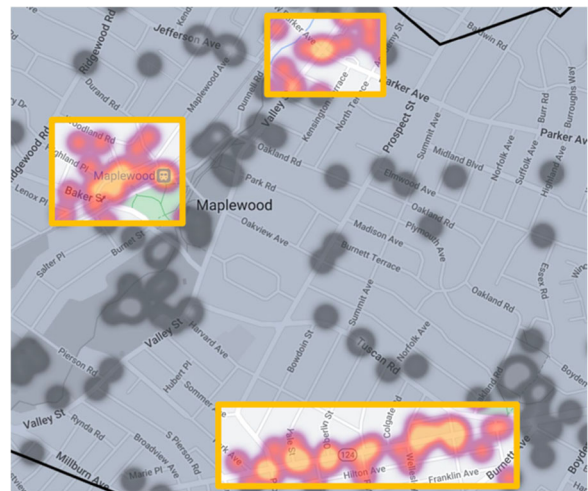
### *Room for Improvement*

- "More garbage cans at the baseball diamonds and skate park. Tennis courts have been neglected for years. Could fit a small dog park closer to Springfield Ave."

### *"Change" Heat Map*

Point map showing where high numbers of "change" points were placed. Heat maps are a way to view where there were significant clusters of points. The heat map identified Maplewood Station, Valley Street/Parker Avenue, and Springfield Avenue as areas where respondents added a significant number of points.

Below are examples of the types of comments received for each location where there was a significant cluster of points.



### **Maplewood Station**

#### *Change*

- "Add bike/scooter storage, food and drink, and a co-working/ community meeting space."
- "These large steps are inaccessible for strollers and wheelchairs. Can we work on a ramp?"
- "Need more parking and accessibility. It is difficult for elderly people to get on and off train."
- "It would be great if the village's commercial center extended to the other side of the train station."

### *Aspects to Appreciate*

- "Train station has such potential. It's the center yet maintains the charm of the town."

### **Valley Street & Parker Avenue**

#### *Change*

- "Intersection of Valley and Parker gets congested, and I find myself avoiding it for safety reasons, particularly when students will be entering or leaving the area."
- "Traffic here is only going to get worse with the dense housing at the former Gleason site."

- "Worst intersection in town. Needs to have alternating turn lights."

#### *Aspects to Appreciate*

- "It's a great little center with some good food and services. Would love to see enhanced with coffee (the high school!), yoga, or something for kids (proximity to the Y)."

### **Springfield Avenue**

#### *Change*

- "I live in Hilton and I feel like we need more interesting businesses around."
- "Improved public transit from Maplewood village to this area -- parking is spotty."
- "We are struggling to keep anchor businesses, maybe a restaurant row concept?"
- "Feels like living in the city here versus the wealthier area of town by the reservation."

#### *Aspects to Appreciate*

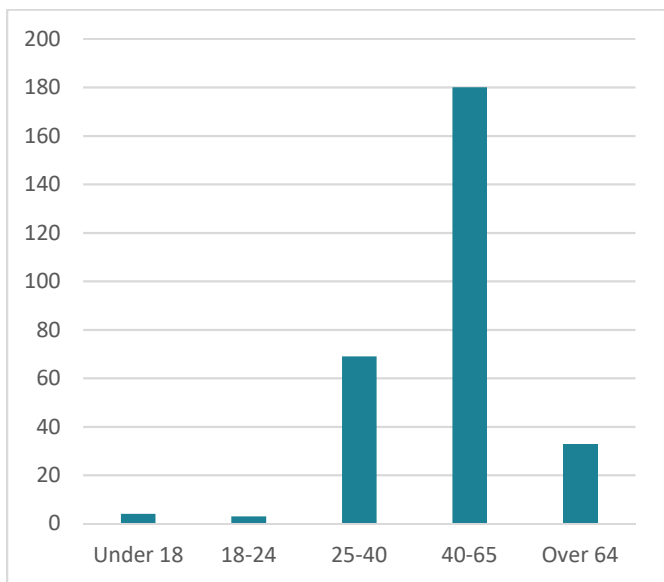
- "This is a great pedestrian area right off the park and merging of neighborhoods. With the gazebo, library, and picnic tables it's a community meeting place and event spot for music, poetry, reading. "

## Demographics

Of the community 548 unique members who participated, about 290, or just over half, chose to provide at least some demographic information. The graphs below provide a breakdown of the demographic data received.

### Age

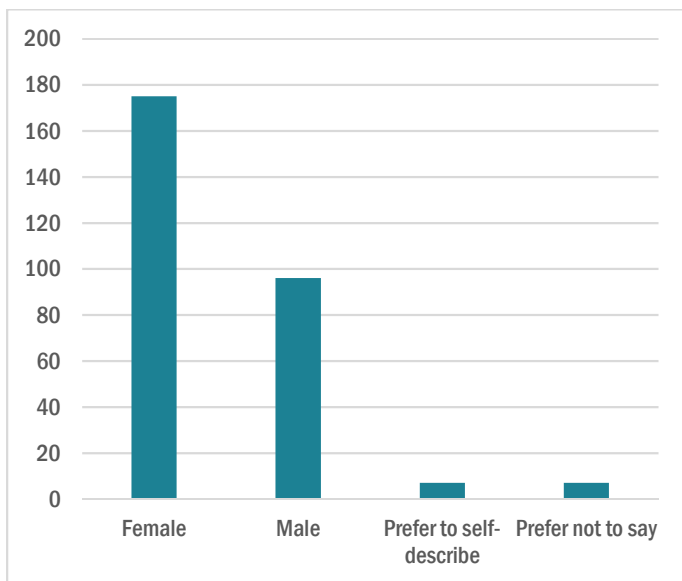
Most respondents were in the 40 to 65 age group, though there was significant representation from the 25 to 40 and over 64 groups.



Age	Count
Under 18	4
18-24	3
25-40	69
40-65	180
Over 64	33
Total Respondents	289

### Gender

A significant majority of respondents identified as female, and some respondents preferred to self-describe.

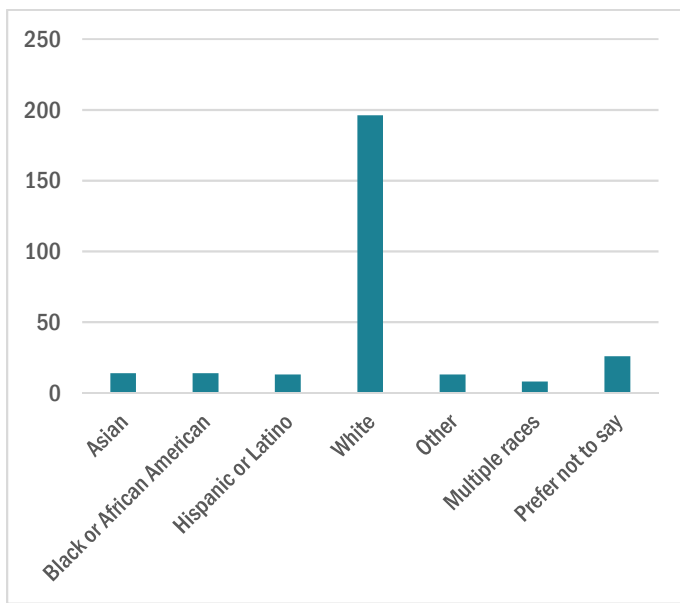


Gender	Count
Female	175
Male	96
Prefer to self-describe	7
Prefer not to say	7
Total Respondents	285



## Ethnicity

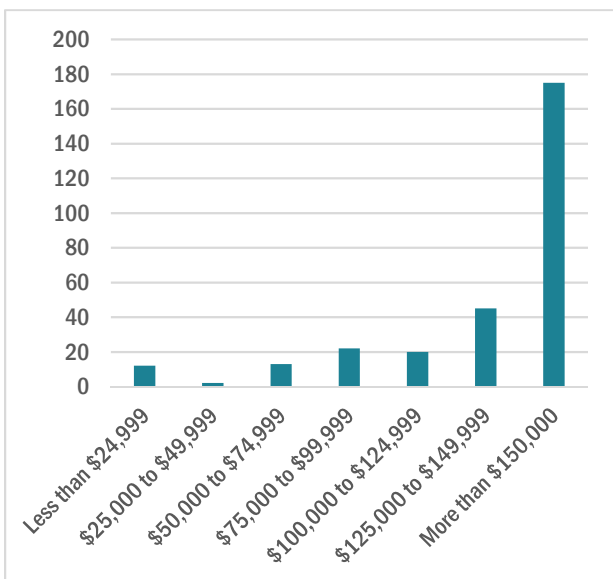
A significant majority of respondents identified as white (69%), with roughly equal percentages identifying as Black or African American or Hispanic or Latino. This ethnic disparity pointed to the need for further outreach to minority communities, specifically the black population which accounts for approximately 35% of the total population.



Ethnicity	Count
Asian	14
Black or African American	14
Hispanic or Latino	13
White	196
Other	13
Multiple races	8
Prefer not to say	26
<i>Total Respondents</i>	<i>284</i>

## Household Income

The predominant household income of respondents was "more than \$150,000" with the remaining percentage divided among the other income ranges. While the median household income in Maplewood is approximately \$100,000, this overrepresentation of high-income residents pointed to the need for further outreach to lower-income residents.

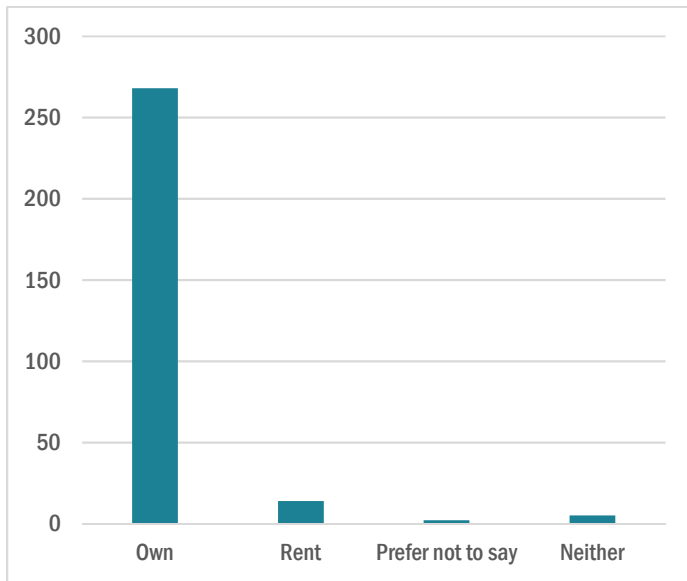


Household Income	Count
Less than \$24,999	12
\$25,000 to \$49,999	2
\$50,000 to \$74,999	13
\$75,000 to \$99,999	22
\$100,000 to \$124,999	20
\$125,000 to \$149,999	45
More than \$150,000	175
<i>Total Respondents</i>	<i>289</i>



### Owners or Renters

The majority of respondents reported that they owned their homes, highlighting the importance of more diversity in home ownership perspectives.



Owners or Renters	Count
Own	268
Rent	14
Neither	2
Prefer not to say	5
Total Respondents	289

## Comments

### Priority Issues

#### *Affordable Housing*

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According to the Brookings Institute, flexible affordable housing is a human right. As a resident of Maplewood, I think this is a major issue for equitability.

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Affordable housing is a major issue across the nation and with new buildings and developers coming to the community it's important to maintain and a good amount of options.

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Affordable housing is a nation-wide crisis and we need to do our part.

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Affordable housing is critical to creating and maintaining an open, diverse, and welcoming community.

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Affordable housing is the key to reducing intergenerational poverty and increasing economic mobility.

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Again, as those with more economic means (myself included) take over more areas in town and new construction increases overpriced apts we need a solution for those less fortunate to not be pushed out.

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Areas in Maplewood that used to be affordable now have home prices in the \$450,000 range. If maintaining racial and economic diversity is a shared goal, something is needed to make homes affordable.

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As a retiree Maplewood's taxes are way too expensive and there seems to be no limit to raising them every year.

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As home values in Maplewood rise it is important to keep our town as a place where people can thrive at all ages and socioeconomic levels, especially for low income and senior households.

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As housing in Maplewood becomes more expensive (along with high taxes) seniors will be forced to sell their home. We may lose some of our diversity, racial, economic, ethnic.

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As local housing prices continue to rise, I'm concerned about its impact on the town's overall diversity.

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As Maplewood's housing prices go sky high, we lose many dimensions of diversity. The gift to Maplewood's kids of resisting this trend is they have relationships with lots of different people.

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As more households become multigenerational, we need to create more affordable Housing options AND adjust zoning regulations to allow for creation of in law suites, etc.

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As our citizens age and would love to remain in our wonderful town, housing affordability becomes a factor in considering the next steps.

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As property and tax costs increase for our town, affordable housing is desperately needed. We seek to be a racially/economically diverse community, which requires diversity in housing options/costs.

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As taxes rise its becoming less affordable to live in Maplewood

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As the town continues to grow and expand, it's crucial to maintain its "soul" by enabling people of varying economic backgrounds to live here.

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Balance - it is important that residents understand the wider world. By carving out space for poorer citizens (elderly too) we get to see, and appreciate, their situation and positive contributions.

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Because as we approach retirement, we have serious reservations about whether we can afford to remain in Maplewood, where we have lived for more than 25 years.

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Because I hate that it is becoming prohibitively expensive for families to move to Maplewood.

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Build build build to expand the housing supply and thereby create more affordable options. Revise the zoning code to allow more "as-of-right" development without extremely costly plan-review delays.

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Build more multi-story, high-unit buildings. Let's all stop pretending that we are Short Hills. Property taxes are unsustainable now. Single family homes are a luxury that we may be able to afford.

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Critical need for affordable housing -- people are being priced out of rentals.

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Diversity and equity is also important to preserve and enhance the cultural richness of our community.

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Economic diversity produces positive outcomes across socioeconomic groups.

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Ensuring the economic diversity of our towns is critical to our identity

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Especially for retirees

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Especially necessary as residents retire.

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Fair and equal housing should be available to all no matter the tax bracket.

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For anything else to remain in Maplewood, the people of the city need to be able to live here comfortably with the ability to spend any disposal income, investing it into the businesses and community.

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For our towns to continue and improve as equitable, inclusive spaces we must ensure individuals and families of diverse backgrounds are able to live here throughout their lives. Diversity is richness.

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Gentrification is making Maplewood unaffordable for many communities

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Getting priced out of town

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Given the housing supply constraints, I believe it's vital we support affordable housing to ensure a more diverse community.

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Home is the first and most important quality of life factor. Without safe and affordable homes, health, wealth, education, and employment outcomes will suffer and remain inequitable.

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Housing has become prohibitively expensive in Maplewood, part of a larger national housing crisis.

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Housing has to change to make this community thrive as the diverse, supportive community it aspires to be

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Housing is foundational to everything. More families should have the chance to live here.

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Housing prices are locking out new families and this will have an impact on the makeup and character of the town

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Housing prices have skyrocketed amid a national housing crisis. We need to develop an affordable housing stock to house both existing low- and medium-income residents and welcome others to our town.

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Housing should be available for all

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I am a senior on a fixed income and raising rents is forcing me to consider moving elsewhere

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I am unaware of any affordable housing

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I can barely afford to keep my house, and definitely can't afford to move elsewhere in town.

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I chose this because it is closest to my primary concern which is affordable property tax. So many people leave Maplewood once retired because of the high property tax.

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I genuinely believe in an economically diverse Maplewood and for people of all incomes to have access to this great community and schools. This is being undermined by housing prices.

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I grew up in this town and I feel like I do not belong here because I cannot afford to live here.

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I think it's extremely important that we don't price out our diversity. We need affordable housing to keep our demographics from shifting to the wealthy only.

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I value socio economic diversity. The pandemic exacerbated the divide and the outrageous real estate market contributed.

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I want to live in a diverse community that isn't full of rich people.

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I want to see Maplewood become a more inclusive community economically.

I worry we are losing socio-economic diversity with the housing boom, etc. Without all kinds of diversity/representation, I fear we'll lose a core part of our identity and what makes our town special.

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I would like to be able to remain in Maplewood

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I'd like to be able to age in place here.

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I'm a Senior Citizen, and find the lack of affordable housing in Maplewood appalling. There are many small towns in New Jersey that have Senior Housing. Why can't Maplewood address this issue?

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If our town is invested in diversity, we also need to think about socio-economic diversity.

If the town's housing prices are reigned in, we're going to start losing some of what makes the town great.

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If we don't have affordable housing, we will lose our entire community.

In my opinion it's the biggest issue our country faces right now. Maplewood should not be exclusively for the wealthy.

Increasing affordable housing allows for a more equitable and sustainable housing model for the town.

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It is getting too expensive to live here.

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It's a matter of economic justice.

It's important to maintain or expand affordable housing options, especially in today's housing market, in order to preserve the diversity of our community.

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it's too much of an expensive town

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Lack of affordable housing is in issue for all.

Lotteries and waiting lists exist for all affordable housing indicating a severe shortage in town.

Longtime residents are being priced out of town.

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Maplewood claims to be diverse yet that doesn't seem to be the direction it is headed from a socio economic point of view. With the value of real estate hitting the levels seen this spring/summer.

Maplewood has become incredibly popular in the last 5 years, which means housing prices are soaring. If we want to stay a diverse community, we need to make sure we have affordable housing.

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Maplewood has become very expensive to live in!

Maplewood has grown more expensive and exclusionary over the past two decades and is losing much of its socioeconomic and racial diversity.

Maplewood is a great community but with over inflation of housing prices. Who can afford to live here? They are pushing out and the neighborhood is losing its diversity in some areas.

Maplewood prides itself on its diversity, yet isn't fostering racial/socioeconomic diversity. The new buildings on Springfield, 2k a month is not affordable.

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Maplewood rent is extremely high, especially the new developments and luxury buildings.

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Maplewood should not be exclusively for the wealthy.

Maplewood will lose vitality if only wealthy people can live here. Affordable housing needs to be integrated into neighborhood plans, not just pushed into one area near the border.

Might have to move out of the town I love and have lived in for 24 years. Can't make it here. Rent more expensive than my mortgage and I'm getting divorced. It's sinful!

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More affordable 3 bedroom rentals

My family recently moved to Maplewood, and I know we're not the only recent transplants. I'm very concerned about the impact that has had on the community here

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New Jersey has a deficit of 375,000 affordable housing units. Maplewood needs to expand affordable housing in the village by the train and near Springfield Ave w/o sacrificing open space. Nice apartments in Maplewood are financially out of reach for many middle and lower class residents.

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Not just affordable housing, but trimming the property taxes. Easy to combine services with South Orange

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One of our town's strengths is its diversity. That diversity is threatened if it's unaffordable to live here.

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Part of our community's power is that it's for everyone. This should remain a priority as we plan.

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People cannot afford to stay here as they age

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Property taxes combined with housing costs do not allow for a population from many different income groups.

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Rents is too high by these new developments luxury apartments. Make affordable

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Seems an important box to check if we want to keep the town economically diverse.

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Seems to be an important issue if we want this community to remain economically diverse.

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Seniors and middle income folks are getting priced out of Maplewood. The taxes are already high. As housing prices rise it seems that the community could become less diverse and inclusive.

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Socioeconomic diversity is important. Maplewood historically has been accessible to middle/low incomes and it's probably never been less so than now.

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Surging Maplewood property values are good for homeowners I want to know the cost of this, specifically racial diversity. If this turns Maplewood into a less diverse town, we fail

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Tax rates are higher than local towns with a bigger business presence.

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Taxes are higher than towns with bigger business districts.

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Taxes are very high in our town. This coupled with rising real estate prices are pricing a lot of people out. Many friend are already talking about leaving once the children graduate HS.

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The Coalition on Race has done a study that shows the "whitening" of SOMA. I think that more affordable housing will address this issue. I want this town to remain diverse.

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The only way we can maintain equality

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The price to live in our town is too high, many homes going for over \$1million. We need moderately priced housing for teachers, public employees, and those in the non-profit sectors.

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The prices are out of control

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the town has simply become unaffordable to too many. We are less and less diverse

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There are not many affordable options for people looking to move into the town.

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There is an influx of affluency and housing costs have risen considerably in 2020.

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There seems to be less focus on senior housing and how the population can age in place.

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There is hardly any.

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There just isn't enough affordable housing to continue to cultivate the diversity we're known for.

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There's not enough affordable housing even though housing is being built all the time.

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This does not need an explanation - Maplewood is not affordable to many - if we want equity/diversity/inclusiveness - we need affordable housing

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This is a key to many of the other suggested priorities. How can the town stay the diverse and interesting place it is when the median list price of a home here is over 184% of the national median?

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This is key to building a livable, diverse, and sustainable community.

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This is so important for all facets of our population, and especially for our older residents. It would be wonderful to be able to stay in town even after retirement

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This one is so hard. We would not be able to afford to buy in this town now, but we also wouldn't qualify for assistance with housing. This community should be diverse, but house prices are insane. This should need to explanation.

I have volunteered several times to work on this issue.

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This town has a whole lotta money, and not a whole lotta places for poor people and working class folks to live.

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To maintain a socio-economically diverse citizenry, Maplewood needs more affordable housing options. Every new development should have the maximum required affordable housing units or more.

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To make sure workforce can afford to live in Maplewood

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Too many people forced to move away due to housing costs. Inadequate amount of affordable housing, too much "high end" expensive housing

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We are all aware of what has happened in the past few years with Real estate values. If we don't address we are going to have single type of residents and loose our diversity.

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We chose Maplewood in large part because of the economic

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We have a fair share obligation on a golf course which will not be fulfilled.

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We have a legal and moral obligation to provide more affordable housing.

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We have a serious and profound lack of affordable housing in our community. Public workers, seniors, and people of color are leaving or struggling to stay. We can fight that trend proactively!

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We need more housing.

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With home prices skyrocketing and new apartment buildings having very high rents, I believe we need to do more to offer affordable housing. Maybe PILOT tax incentives could result in higher % of AH.

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Would like to or buy condo to stay in Maplewood as I am getting too old to maintain a house and walk up stairs

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Young families and lower income families cannot afford to live in our town.

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## *Culture*

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Another special aspect of Maplewood is a rich culture that lifts up the artists and creatives that live here. Essential that this remain a priority.

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Art is the essence of our life

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As a theatre maker, I know firsthand that cultural institutions unify a community, serve as a form of social and political expression, and provide safe spaces for youth and marginalized populations.

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As artist and devotee of the benefits of the arts to the quality of life.

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Culture is heart of our township

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Culture makes all things better

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For a town like MW who embraces the arts, we have no community spaces for artists. Please, can we get rental space that is affordable for artists to rent? I would be a regular customer!!

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I believe it's one of the best things about Maplewood. Having come here from Brooklyn, it is nice to have events/concerts/venues to go to for music/theater etc.

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I love the arts!

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I wish there were more options than the Woodland and some of the other spaces in town. One of the new developments should have a percent-for-art like structure to insure arts and cultural space.

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It's important to me

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It's the heart of community

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Keep it weird y'all.

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Make the town as vibrant and welcoming as possible.

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Maplewood has a LOT of arts and music performances and activities, so we do really well. However, the Burgdorff really needs a lot of work. (It could start small with basic plumbing and leaks.)

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Maplewood is (or used to be) an arts community - creativity and artistic talent is part of what makes this town unique.

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Maplewood is lacking in any serious Arts centers or activities other than "Entertainment" like Maplewoodstock. the township should support and subsidize a center for music and other performing arts

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Maplewood seems/seemed a destination for creative people. I feel we need more venues/events to support that creativity. It would help retain Maplewood's creative vibe despite housing cost increases.

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Maplewood should be known for excellent culture the same way Summit is known for excellent lacrosse and Millburn is known for the Short Hills mall.

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My friends and I are wondering if we should stay here after our kids go to college. If there was a beloved theater that played old films, art films and some new films, I could be persuaded.

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Promoting cultural events and arts helps make the community feel more than a place to sleep and provides opportunities to learn and enjoy the experiences of others

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provides space for all to grow and create together, therefore strengthening bonds and community

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Public access to arts and culture are a hallmark of a thriving society

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Really want to build on the strong sense of community

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Recent political and economic trends have eroded a sense of community here. The Arts provide a way for us all to learn to come together and opportunities for our children to work together.

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See my previous answer.

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Strengthening the cultural institutions in our town to provide a wide variety of opportunities for people of all ages and backgrounds that reflects our diversity - cultural centers for kids and teens.

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Such an artistic community- need to cultivate our strengths!

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The arts are an important part of Maplewood. We have a wonderful gallery and need to see it used on a regular basis with art exhibits. We also need to see more art in public places like the library.

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The arts are part of SOMA's personality, and must remain important and available.

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This is one of the reasons why we moved here and we love all of the cultural engagement.

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this is the essence of our town, it's why people come here

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This is what makes living here fun

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We are a township with high caliber talent and new talent that needs to be encouraged and shared

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We need more performance spaces

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We need more public arts programs, especially for the youth. Ones that don't cost \$400 plus a week.

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## *Development Standards*

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Maplewood is "overdeveloping" itself with high density housing without having the necessary supports. For example: traffic on our local roads has increased tremendously these past several years.

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adding affordable housing

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Aesthetics goes a LONG way toward attracting people to and retaining businesses at a quaint downtown, and is important to prevent the monstrosities being tossed all over our neighbor in SO. Again, too much high density housing which brings more cars and traffic which can't be supported by our infrastructure. Reduce size of any new apartment buildings. Ban PILOTS!!!

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ALL development needs to be designed to complement the existing materials and architecture styles to maintain unique sense of place.

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As a resident and home owner of Maplewood for 20 years, I love the suburban town feel and sense of pride. We have had too many apartment buildings constructed recently, no more please.

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Building height increases should be considered to increase density

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business areas like Springfield Ave need to be improved

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Can we have affordable housing without more traffic? That should be the goal.

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Commercial Development to help lower residential taxes

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Communities need more say as projects are identified. Masterplan is a 10 year activity at a high level. Communities change quickly. Engage them over time, demonstrate what good engagement is.

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Concerned about attractiveness of buildings and traffic concerns (Esp. at former Gleason's space)

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Concerned about new developments, particularly on roads that already have traffic situations that negatively impact nearby residents (West Parker btw Valley and Maplewood Ave for example)

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Control developers/stop the absurd allowances and free up homeowners from onerous requirements. Love to be more specific, but not in 200...

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Damage is already done with all the new apt buildings on Springfield Ave. and Baker St. Would like to see movie theater stay in town. Stop the tax breaks for new developers. Lower taxes for us.

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Design standards and scale limitations impact the future redevelopment of existing structures and/or replacing them with new more dense uses.

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Developers have perverted "highest and best" use to mean "greatest \$ value". Master Plan must delineate alternative values to give elected and appointed officials ability to promote other values.

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Development must be kept in scale with the community. Overbuilt apartment structures can only put strain on our environment and infrastructure. Need more facilities for sports and culture instead.

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Expanded development needs to be done with recognition for what the infrastructure can support. That has not been the case up to now.

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Feel there should be more consistent building and aesthetic standards especially in Maplewood's business districts.

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Fix 44th street pot holes and add cameras

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Get ground source heat pumps installed on all public buildings.

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Given the desirability of Maplewood, especially for MDUs, we must assume developers will maximize the full extent allowed plus request variances on any new building.

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Good architectural design is vital to creating a strong community and too many buildings are built without thought to their context or the quality of materials or creating community.

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High quality standards maintained while keeping look

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How can Maplewood plan to make 44th a Dead street without input of residents? This is a discriminatory act!!! This is not 1996

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I am not against new development but many (not all) of it in this town is too big/bulky/cheap-looking. The apartments on Dunnell, for example, are an eyesore.

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I assume this refers to building and zoning? If so, more housing development and walkable businesses near that housing is essential to address the town (and nationwide) housing crisis.

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I believe sustainability should be prioritized over development. There needs to be balance and the same ratio of persons to open space in any given area.

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I believe we need to better manage our growth and development throughout the town

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I chose this because as a longtime resident it is I am frustrated seeing the OVERDEVELOPMENT OF THIS TOWN! Why? Taxes don't decrease, but the quality of life does. Schools are overcrowded already.

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I do not want to see tear downs and mc mansions going up like in Livingston. Having consistent development standards would also eliminate the need for the HPC which treats old home separate

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I don't get the constant addition of new, big housing units. How many residents can this town support? Who can afford to live in them? Schools already overburdened. Seniors are being forced out.

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I don't want any more low budget retailers in the Hilton neighborhood.

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I don't want to see what is going on in South Orange - uncontrolled excessive development that is putting a burden on infrastructure, adding to traffic, etc.

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I hope the standards include saying no to new building construction rather than rolling over and changing the sense of this community.

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I think it is important to keep the village as a village and not allow tall buildings like we are seeing in neighboring South Orange's downtown area. Part of Maplewood's charm is due to its small size

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I think Maplewood limits itself

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I think setting development guidelines can help the interests of historic preservation, town atmosphere, and cultural placemaking.

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I wonder if we can handle more development with its effect on the schools and stormwater.

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The town has not recognized the negative impacted on water. Also they give away to many credits to developers

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I would like to see away to have affordable housing without increased traffic and without PILOTS.

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I would like to see Maplewood adopt a green building checklist

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I'd like to make sure that our standards incorporate issues of equity

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I'd like to see a township ban on all plastic/vinyl fencing.

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It feels that there's been an emphasis on developing multi-story housing with 1st floor retail frontage whenever a parcel of land becomes available, but no emphasis on a YMCA or a new community center.

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Let us not have Maplewood and particularly the village area turn into another downtown south orange. Let us keep the small village feeling of what makes Maplewood a great place to live.

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Limit Development. The current development model is to maximize useable/rentable square feet. We only have to look at South Orange to see what we DON'T want to become. Large out-of-scale square boxes.

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Lots of new apartment buildings that don't fit in with the neighborhood.

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Love the quaint look

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Make sure that any new development fits in with the existing town. We don't want to lose the charm of Maplewood Village or the charm of the 1920 and 1930 homes. No to McMansion homes

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Make sure that development and projects make sense for the township and neighborhoods. That all stakeholders have a voice. Only allow LED-level/green buildings

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Many longtime residents are concerned with the size and number of new multi-unit buildings. Springfield Ave is becoming very congested and is fairly narrow. Taller buildings make it feel more so.

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Maplewood is very congested. Huge developments makes traffic worse, crowds the schools, Most development taking place in recent past is apartments. Would love to see more community based options - boys and girls club or new YMCA for example

Most homes were built in the early 1900's and it is important to preserve the architectural style. The quaintness attracted buyers but if the style changes, it would no longer be Maplewood that we luv

Need for affordable housing, but also need to make certain resources and traffic are not overly taxed.

Neighborhood character makes Maplewood a great place. Please preserve rear garage and avoid snout houses, ensure use of natural materials (e.g. ban plastic fences), etc. Allow higher density everywhere.

New buildings, especially residential buildings, impact traffic, the school system, parking, infrastructure systems, and more. Plus we need more affordable housing in all parts of town.

New development in the Township is almost always multi-family housing. This is not a sustainable model. It puts strain on schools, adds little to tax revenue,

New development should be visually attractive, unique and modern. Sign standards should be adopted. Particularly on Springfield Ave, we need standards to improve the aesthetics of the street.

Noise control on Jacoby Street partying with music on lee court until midnight

Not only design standards but quantity of development. I fear we're getting blown out with it. Schools won't be able to handle all the new students.

Please make it easier for businesses to open and operate, with fewer hoops to jump through and a clear, quick process. Also make zoning more flexible for more development.

Recent new development in downtown Maplewood underestimated the amount of vehicular traffic

Relatively straightforward infrastructure improvements, such as raised sidewalks, bike lanes and bioswales, can help support sustainability needed to respond to climate change.

Restrictive zoning prevents the building of affordable and dense housing, which is a dire need.

Retain the historical and aesthetic integrity of the town. Prevent developers from putting up boring, gray boxes, and make design a priority to preserve our town's character. 104 Baker is successful!

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Several new/under construction buildings on Springfield have no setback, too crowded for walking, especially with children or carts. They should have plantings, benches, grass/or wider sidewalks.

So many giant apartment buildings that are developer greed with many variances given but not enough good faith to ask for those variances. Need more of a contribution to the community.

Smart growth.

So that the town could grow in accordance to the needs of

The community

Stop 24-hr operation of Wawa and Quickcheck. Too many robberies and issues for residents. Make 44th street a dead end. Fix roads on 44th and Jacoby.

The beauty of Maplewood Village is that it is walkable and the buildings have a certain style. Why not restore the buildings/structures we have instead of replacing them with modern structures?

The Hilton area where I live has had the vast majority of multi-unit dwellings built across town.

There is not enough consideration as to the traffic and infrastructure changes from these projects.

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We need a form-based code to encourage scalable development that is compatible with a walkable environment. New buildings need to address the public realm at the pedestrian scale or level.

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We should allow for more housing near the train station and lower minimum lot sizes town wide.

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### *Economic Vitality*

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A diverse tax base with a vibrant commercial sector will both improve access to services and keep cost of living down.

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A healthy retail, office base brings people to the town and provides much needed revenue.

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A strong local community includes strong support for local small business

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a thriving business community is key to lowering taxes imo

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A vibrant and thriving retail and business scene is good for everyone, and can help support the local tax base for school funding.

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Adding more businesses to town.

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Adding more local small businesses

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All of my friends in their mid-50's are ALL planning to leave Maplewood due to the taxes--anything to prop up revenues for the township should be a top priority.

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Always important

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Any community needs a thriving business community.

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As a new resident in Maplewood, I was drawn to the unique local retail and restaurants it offers. I think it's important to retain and deepen the culture and businesses that make Maplewood distinct.

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As a new resident, I see the potential for a vibrant and sustainable downtown that we should build together. Commercial tax payers would also help lessen the tax burden on individual home owners.

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As a resident of Hilton I think it brings more attention to Springfield Ave and makes it more interesting and vibrant

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As more businesses are attracted--particularly on Springfield Ave--many of the other priority issues will follow. As a newer resident, it's clear that Maplewood is a town divided by the avenue

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At one time the village supported the community, while this is no longer realistic, the village, Springfield Avenue, and other shops and services need to be robust or we are just a bedroom community.

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Because it would be nice to have this for the community and to lower taxes

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Because the movie theater in Maplewood has been dead retail space for years, young people need a safe space to go.

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Business begets business begets growth. Will also support the tax base.

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Commercial promotion to help residential taxes

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Consistently find ourselves and tons of other families traveling outside to neighboring towns to access basic retail, commercial, entertainment venues. We'd prefer to spend our dollar in our own town.

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Could easily have chosen Culture or Place-making here but this one drives the others in so many ways

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Especially those who contribute to the taxes in the town

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Every thriving community needs a thriving business sector.

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Everything stems from our ability to attract and retain local businesses. We need the tax base to support affordable housing, have a walkable community, etc.

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explore adding more restaurant/liquor licensed venues to diversify Food and entertainment offerings

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For the money.

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To keep town businesses (such as food, shopping) prosperous.

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Help support and defray the taxes we pay as residents We need to attract and support all our local businesses to create and maintain a vibrant community

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Helps drive and maintain income

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Helps to ensure a strong local economy that is not overly reliant on our proximity to New York City.

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Hopefully ring near new, prosperous businesses will help raise my property value.

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How has the movie theater languished so long unused with totally unreasonable expectations of the owner of its value and keen interest from locals and cinema lab to do something but nothing happened

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I feel like many times I need to travel to other towns when I should be able to support more local businesses.

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I find myself going to neighboring towns for lunch or dinner as there seem to be more options.

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I hope that more successful businesses would contribute taxes and help reduce the tax burden for individual families. Our taxes are a barrier to moving here, and to staying here.

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I own a business in Maplewood and think it's important to support locally

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I think more support can be given to the businesses in our area and a better balance should be struck to welcome new businesses to the town.

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I think perhaps attracting more businesses, like on Valley St might help lower taxes

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I think the easy access to small businesses is what makes this town special

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I think this will make more resources available for other items on the list

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I value retail business or similar options that not only contribute to the tax base of the town but also offer things to do, places to gather etc.

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I would like to see more shops and restaurants on Springfield Ave and have a more downtown feel in the neighborhood

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I would love to see the continuation of local and diverse businesses growing the town.

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I'd like to see this in the Springfield district - more fresh produce, perhaps a small grocery store (beyond the dollar store quality). Also, we need a hotel. And a bank! Why'd we lose all our banks?

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I'd love more businesses as opposed to more apartments.

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Important

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important for the character and health of our town

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Important to have access to local business; wondering if having more businesses would help to reduce property taxes.

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important to support small business and help build a greater sense of community while also being able to leverage tax opportunities to minimize increase in property taxes

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In order to continue to grow, Maplewood needs to add more retail businesses, I.e. coffee shop, additional food options, other small stores within town to attract people to drive here.

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Income taxes increases for individual households could be deferred to an extent down the road if there were a greater commercial tax base to contribute to needed municipal levies

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Increasing our business tax base to help offset extremely high property taxes.

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Increasing support for and guiding development of new business growth adds vitality to the town while reducing the tax burden on residents through commercial rates

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It is important that we support businesses that will pay taxes and grow in the community.

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It is important to have a strong local economy

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It is important to me that we add to our economic base and options. More food, retail and service businesses on the Springfield Avenue corridor and along Valley toward SO would be an asset.

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It is one of the areas i think Maplewood has struggled. while the village is lively, I feel that it could do better in terms of variety in the types of retail/restaurants that are in town

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It would be good to try and identify a stronger business hub to help bring more tax revenue to the town, perhaps there are spaces near Springfield that could be redeveloped to support more businesses.

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It would be great to improve upon the downtown and provide more services for locals

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It's exciting when new retail comes to town, and disappointing when there are empty stores. Bring back the movie theater!

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Keep making Maplewood a place to shop and dine.

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Keeping small businesses at the forefront of the town

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keeping the local biz district vibrant means keeping folks in town. Would like more eating establishments and shops.

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Local business is the backbone of the economy and where I want our money to invest

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Local businesses are important. Another layer within this criterion is supporting the work-from-home workforce. Are there spaces for this community to network and have meetings outside the home?

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Local businesses are the backbone of society. Without them - we would have nothing.

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Local businesses keep more of our dollars in our community, and reduce property taxes for residents, making us a more inclusive community.

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Local businesses need to thrive and the master plan needs to support this objective.

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Long term health of the town; ability to walk to local businesses rather than drive outside downtown.

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Love shopping there

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Maintain small town feel while keeping taxes low

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Maintaining our downtown is extremely important to the viability of the town and the draw for people to stay in/ move to Maplewood

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Maplewood is full of local businesses that have gone through a lot in the last several years. We want to not only help these businesses survive, but thrive. We also want to encourage more businesses.

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Maplewood is only as good as the businesses it attracts. A vibrant downtown means everything Maplewood needs more retail, entertainment and restaurants. We are constantly going to Millburn and Summit because our town (specifically Springfield Ave) lacks vibrant shopping, food and fun. Maplewood needs to continue to strengthen as a destination for retail/ office/ commercial in order to provide relevant local services and to share the tax burden that feel largely slanted against resi

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Maplewood should be a destination due to the quality of our businesses

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Maplewood village needs to attract and retain business that keep its energy vibrant

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More businesses may help with the tax burden for residents

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More economic vitality would presumably lead to lower taxes for residents. The taxes are so high now that only affluent people can afford to buy even modest homes in this community.

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More liquor licenses will help foster a more vibrant and varied dining scene.

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More local retail interesting shops and unique business beyond restaurants

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more local shops in town will preserve Mplwd's charm: its single family neighborhoods

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More minority-owned businesses is good for Maplewood and the commitment to diversity.

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More restaurants and bars. Our towns scant liquor licenses make it harder for new establishments to prosper.

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Necessary for continued viability of our community

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Need to encourage more commercial activity in Maplewood for economic vitality, to give us a better sense of place and help make the town more affordable by reducing the tax burden for homeowners.

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Need to figure out how to keep us - all of us - viable - from local biz to homeowners - the prop taxes are pushing people out. ADU are not the answer - I don't have \$100K to transform my garage into a

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New businesses enhance our tow

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No reason we can't have more local business here

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Our commercial ratables are low and we have plenty of space to bring desirable business to our area to make it more of a destination, which will support other businesses and help the tax base.

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Our downtown areas are the first things that people see when they come to town. It is important that the businesses thrive and that there are many types of commercial establishments.

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Our property taxes are ridiculous. Support small businesses but need revenue from taxing businesses (delicate balance, for sure).

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Our small base of rateables leads to higher property taxes compared to surrounding towns

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Perhaps with more businesses and some bigger retail, our taxes could get SOME SORT OF BREAK.

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Places to gather for young professionals and young families.

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Promoting and encouraging commercial business and job growth would work to alleviate the astronomical property taxes.

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Property taxes are exorbitant.

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Ratables,..at what point to taxes become unsustainable for new families and retirees?

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Real estate taxes are a huge burden on homeowners, limiting homeownership opportunities and forcing many homeowners to leave the Township.

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Rent control is a vital issue for seniors. Montclair only increases senior rentals by 2% for residents over 65 years of age. We should do the same.

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Selecting businesses consistent with the character of the town that promote economic and social wellbeing.

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Small businesses add to our town's appeal. Let's make sure they keep thriving while also ensuring a diversity in both business types and who the business owners are.

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Some of Maplewood's zoning isn't particularly business friendly.

Springfield Ave - I think it should be (and can be) a walkable village center like Maplewood Ave. - with a nice mix of restaurants/stores.

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Springfield Ave could be amazing, but just doesn't have the right mix of shops yet.

Springfield Avenue is the eyesore of Maplewood and can much can be improved upon in the neighborhoods surrounding it. It could be the next downtown Milburn if there were businesses worth visiting.

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Springfield avenue restaurants and shops

Strong businesses add to the community experience. Especially along Springfield Avenue, things continue to grow and improve, but potential is still there.

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Supporting local business is supporting town growth

Supporting local businesses. Creating opportunities for those who work in the neighborhood.

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Taxes

Taxes are too damn high. Attracting local businesses can help support the underlying tax base.

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The amazing community and businesses are what makes Maplewood so appealing

The businesses in Maplewood town leave a lot to be desired. Other towns have much more interesting restaurants and retail.

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The General Store is a great example of a business that was started by locals that is part of our town. N

The more we invest into our economic infrastructure (an equitable one), the more we can create initiatives and fund work that supports the community.

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The Springfield corridor needs more bars and restaurants (with alcohol), plus more outdoor-dining options. It's too bad the new bar going in on Springfield won't have outdoor dining.

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The town cannot succeed without a vibrant tax base.

The town needs a tax base other than home owners and could use more local businesses.

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The town needs to make Maplewood a destination place. No one will drive out of their way to come here especially on the Springfield Ave District as we have nothing to offer like other towns do

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The town won't survive without economic vitality.

The vitality of commerce is helpful to the community economically and socially while providing local jobs, adding to the destination footprint of our community.

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The vitality of the community (i.e. the people who are moving here) exceeds the vitality of the services, experiences and opportunities available here. The supply hasn't caught up with demand.

There are far too many vacant spaces on Springfield Ave. Most of the businesses that are here are mostly nail salons and liquor stores. We need more businesses to address our high taxes.

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There are so many opportunities for small business in this area. There is also an abundance of empty retail space that could be used to boost the local economy.

There are various ways of achieving this goal. I believe and would like to see more owner occupied businesses. In the past there has been a land grab by hand full of individual who then rent out.

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This adds to the tax base and keeps people coming to Maplewood for services, retail shopping, to eat.

This is an investment in Maplewood's future and its community to have a thriving economy and meaningful tax base.

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This is critical to our ability to thrive.

This ties to equity - bring more businesses to Maplewood Village that will attract a diverse population, ex a hair salon catering to black hair.

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To bring in more tax revenue to offset our high real estate tax and hopefully more money to accomplish these other priorities and also more offerings for shopping/eating.

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To provide support to local businesses

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Too many businesses open....and then fail and close quickly. Something isn't working.

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Town can use more retail and restaurants

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Town is in need of retail

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Vibrant business communities help keep funds from residents within our town. Bringing new business and supporting existing ones helps diversify our tax base while contributing to long term success

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we desperately need more robust planning around which types of businesses would best serve our community

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We have a growing community. We should be continuing to look to attract more businesses to serve the growing needs of the community, especially on the Springfield avenue corridor

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We have so much apartment growth but not nearly enough retail to keep these areas vibrant and walkable. Retail encourages walkability and community.

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We live in the Hilton neighborhood. Springfield Ave has so much potential for businesses but seems perpetually "up-and-coming" with few compelling reasons to walk around and shop.

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We love how y'all shut down the downtown for outdoor dining? Can you expand and encourage parking on the park side during non-commuting hours. Brighten up the walking tunnel, that sort of thing.

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We need good downtowns with a variety of goods services offered to keep the town vital.

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We need higher density downtown so that the town budgets are sustainable. Also so that the residents can enjoy the services that higher density can provide.

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We need more stores that will bring shoppers downtown.

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We need more to do in town and more places for quick lunches now that so many of us are WFH!

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we need new retail/other business

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We need retail. Also, walking around and shopping local is part of what I love about the town, so we need to continue to have a thriving LOCAL business community.

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we need to attract better stores and restaurants

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We need to attract more business to increase our tax base to support our services without raising taxes.

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We need to attract more businesses ("retail") to help offset the costs of providing services.

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We need to attract more businesses to lower homeowner taxes

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We need to attract more businesses to the community to help offset the high property tax burden put on residents.

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We need to grow our tax base. We have already lost a lot of middle class people. As taxes rise you wind up with a lot of upper class people only.

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We need town to be affordable for not just lower income, but retirees and middle income homeowners that have made Maplewood such an amazing town. Anything to stop increase in taxes.

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We pride ourselves on having small businesses, but in order to have them we must support them. Springfield Avenue contains numerous nail and hair salons w/institutional looking multi-unit buildings.

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We should have more commercial spaces

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We want Maplewood to be a destination for both residents and local business, and we need both in order to maintain the vibrancy of our town.

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When we support and grow our local businesses, everyone wins

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will increase home value and make our town more dynamic and interesting

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With less commuting to NYC, we need local commerce. Also a strong base of taxable businesses to reduce tax burden on homeowners.

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Would love to see more local restaurants/bars/breweries come to the Hilton/Springfield Ave area  
Would love to see Springfield Ave at the level Maplewood Ave is. More shopping and dining options. Coffee shops, local businesses, etc.

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You need it if you want a good foundation for everything else

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## *Equity*

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A lot of rich white progressives in Maplewood but as a WOC, I feel like it's a lot of virtue signaling or lawn sign posting. True change needs to happen in economic development, housing and education.

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Access remains an issue across the country and in New Jersey

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Access to parks and open spaces is good for all residents. Physical activity is vital to emotional and mental well-being

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Access to swimming pool, day care options for working parents, transportation to school for bussed children (as needed). All important equity issues that should be addressed and managed.

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Accessibility is always an important issue and residents deserve to have equitable access to community spaces and services.

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Again, because I want this to be a place where all can thrive, not just the wealthy residents.

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All of Maplewood's residents deserve to have equal opportunity to access public spaces and services, not just those who can most afford to do so.

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All residents deserve equal access to community spaces, green spaces, and services.

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Always and forever we need to support every member of the community.

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As a senior now I'm thrilled to not have to go far (but I do anyway) to have wonderful experiences to occupy my time and so happy we have a thriving Senior Center for classes and trips.

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As long as this is not equitable access to turf nor having magnet school system in which children need to travel further. All residents should have (equitable) access to garbage collection.

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As this town has undergone heavy gentrification that even led to a resistor Tung plan for neighborhood schools, this should be at the top of the list to ensure the town as a whole is addressing this.

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As we develop it has to be fair, which means ensuring that assets don't get distributed among existing axes of inequality.

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Assuring Maplewood is what we want it to be.

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At this time depending on which side of Springfield Avenue that you reside on the services are not equitable.

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Autistic children are not welcome at the town pool where the strict rules make it impossible for them to exist in the space

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Because it is a problem

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Because there are many Maplewoods and they all deserve nice parks and roads and schools and pools.

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Because this is at the core of being an inclusive and caring community.

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Being a resident should make it easy to have access and use to all public spaces

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Diversity is one reason we moved to Maplewood. Luxury apts - the primary new buildings - do not help build net worth or provide more affordable living for long-time residents struggling with taxes.

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Diversity, Equity and Inclusion are a major factor in why we moved to Maplewood, and centering it as a top priority will ensure that it continues to be a draw for new families.

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Don't know if there's an audit or understanding of community gaps and opportunities, but bringing equity into planning is so important for the entire community!!

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Equity has become a priority in our lives across the board and it should always be one in how this town (which is relatively affluent) moves forward.

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Equity is always important.

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Equity is another item which will build the sense of com

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Equity is what Maplewood better than any other town in the region. It should be our heart and our soul.

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Equity needs to be at the top of the list because nothing is more important than ensuring that ALL Maplewood residents have access to what the town has to offer.

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Equity should be an underlining principle that guides decisions on the environment, transportation, parks and spaces and all other areas in this survey.

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First and foremost

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For equality of services to all Maplewood neighborhoods.

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Given the current cost of moving to Maplewood - equity seems like a major issue to prioritize.

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I believe integration is important, and equitable access to community spaces and services helps

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I believe there is an imbalance in town that needs to be addressed for the long term plan

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I chose this as my top issue because equitable access should be a fundamental underpinning of any society.

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I feel that in the past few years, Maplewood has become wealthier. Not sure if this is accurate, but would love to see more data. It's important to focus on equity to prevent more gentrification.

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I had the privilege, when growing up here, to have access to any of the spaces and services I wanted. I want everyone to have that kind of access to Maplewood.

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I have 3 Black boy teenagers and I fear the police - I fear the police may hurt them as we have all seen in the news. A few years ago the town was having "coffee with a cop" events, can we have more?

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I have trouble finding what my community offers, find it by chance Can there be one central place where you can at least know what is available to seniors, without subscribing to various publications

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I moved here because the community seemed to prioritize social justice and equality.

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I moved to Maplewood 25 years ago because of its commitment to diversity. Now efforts need to be made re achieving equity in schools, housing, inclusion.

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I think Maplewood is a unique place but there is a lot of work to be done to rid it of the horrible "Maplegood/Maplehood" stereotyping including many areas where a closer look at equity would help.

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I want to raise my children in a diverse community where our differences are celebrated and opportunities are equitable.

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I want us to be an inclusive and equitable town.

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I would like to see a long term plan to fund the Maplewood Pool, so that it is accessible to all Maplewood residents.

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I've been very excited about Maplewood's school integration plan and am really into making sure resources and opportunities are equitably accessible.

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If we don't have equity in a community - what else can we do? This is a priority issue forever and always.

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If we're going to be a diverse town we need to make sure access is equitable to spaces and services.

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Important for all

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Important to make sure that folks with less resources or disabilities can access all that the town offers.

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Important to prioritize Maplewood's identity as a diverse town and support all residents

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Important to share in creating community with our neighbors

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It is essential that all members of our community are served and supported. It is also important that all, especially the most powerful, feel an obligation and motivation to meet this value in action

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It is important.

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It reflects my values.

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It's a problem

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It's an important value of mine.

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It's astonishing that public school is not on this list. The quality of education local kids get has deteriorated precipitously in recent years and does not justify the staggering property tax.

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Last year's attempt to take away the grass field at DeHart really heightened my awareness of this issue.

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Long a foundation of the community, it is a large part of what makes the town unique and special

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Making good on the professed values of the town is important. The recent real estate boom has insured no middle income people can move to the area anymore. So we need more equity in affordable housing

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Maplewood clearly has a rich white area and a poor black area. Wealth/services should be redistributed

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Maplewood for all, not for some.

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Maplewood has a mix of people but remains segregated

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Maplewood is a diverse community - economically, socially and racially/ethnically. We have to embrace this but in doing so also make efforts to unite the township. Equitable access is key to this.

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Maplewood is diverse both racially and socioeconomically and that diversity is a strength. We need to work to ensure that the best parts of our community are not just enjoyed by those at the top

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Maplewood is known for its diversity. Diversity in race, economics, religion, sexuality, etc. We need to make sure to foster that diversity and not create exclusion.

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Maplewood is such a caring, justice oriented community, but we don't always follow our words with action. We need equity in our schools, police presence, and integrated neighborhoods.

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Maplewood's commitment to diversity--whether race, age, language--is part of what makes it special. Economic equity is key to supporting diversity.

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Maplewood prides itself on its diversity, but with covid rising costs the wedge between classes is even greater than before. If we want to maintain our diversity: racial

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Most of my work here in SOMA revolves around the issue of Equity and racial justice. I want the voices of POC to be heard and even prioritized if related to areas of town dominated by POC.

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My hope is that we can remain a town that foster equity.

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Need to continue making progress on improving equity in town.

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None of the other focus areas listed mean anything if they are not implemented with equal access and equity in mind.

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Not everyone is rich and white

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Not only do we need improved access to things like flat sidewalks and an affordable pool, we need safety equity as some of our south and easterly neighborhoods are still facing higher levels of crime

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One of the assets that draws people to Maplewood is its diversity. It takes effort to bring people together and create community. We have resources like the town pool that can't be equitably accessed.

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Our services are not equitable, especially the pool.

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Our town is touted for its diversity, which is among its greatest assets. I'd like to ensure our resources are used in an equitable manner.

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Proud to be in a liberal, inclusive

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Reflects my values.

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seems important to the values of this town

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Shouldn't have to leave town to access other communities' spaces and services. should be able to enjoy these type services locally

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Super important to face equity!!

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The area is getting more expensive and without public access to important resources, like community events, camp, or learning to swim, a lot of families will be forced to do without.

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The cost of the community pool discriminates against people that are not part of a family. An individual it costs almost \$300pp for the season where if you were a couple it's \$200pp.

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The economic diversity in this town is one of the things I like and one of the things I find very challenging. It's already costly to just live here much less be able to pay for all the extras.

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The integration effort is a noble effort, but it hurts children's ability to make friends within their neighborhood and puts unneeded stress on families with two working parents as there is no bussing

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The Maplewood pool is a great community resource. Bar where is the equity issue addressed there - there should be a big discount or full program for low income people

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The NJ Transit Train station in the village is not wheelchair accessible and it should be. It's shameful that disabled Maplewood residents are forced to go other stations such as South Orange.

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The pool membership is so expensive for example.

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The pool should be open access and all residents should have proper access to amenities

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The town pool is quite costly and thus cost prohibitive to some residents. Let's foster diversity and neighborliness in our community.

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The wealth gap in town creates an illusion that everyone has access to services/amenities, low/middle class families have financial/physical access barriers that are not sufficiently met at this time.

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There is a division of sides of neighborhoods in town. Looking back into the neighborhoods beyond Springfield Ave.

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There is not enough aftercare options for school aged children

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There seems to be a growing inequity amongst residents.

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There was no option for crime, but equity, especially economic equity, may help to keep petty crime down. I am very concerned about the number of "purse snatching" type incidents lately.

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There's an apparent divide amongst the haves and those who may have less than.

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This is a shared cultural value important to Maplewood residents.

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This is a value our town espouses but often does not apply.

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This is something many wonderful communities struggle with. I think Maplewood does a good job, but it should always be at the forefront to ensure inclusivity and access for everyone to stay that way.

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This ought to be key to everything we do.

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To be a truly inclusive town, we must prioritize equity.

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To keep the neighborhood diverse and thriving

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Values

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Vital.

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We have always stood for equity and it is what makes this town so great. We must continue to work on this

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We have more work to do here in creating ways for all residents to access parks and recreation programs in particular.

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We must preserve opportunity for all within our community, it is the bedrock of our community.

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We need to remove benches on Springfield Ave. the homeless having been causing issues such as fights on Jacoby

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When I see my kids at recreational activities, the kids involved don't seem to reflect the makeup of our towns, are there language or financial barriers at play when it comes to accessibility?

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While the town is diverse, it is also quite segregated. This needs to be a guiding principle in each step of the plan.

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While the town is diverse, there is still a lot of work to be done to make it equitable.

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Why are the town's liquor stores, dispensary, and fast food stores built in the areas where more black and POC residents live? What are you doing for people of color?

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With the cost of living increases and growing inflation, investing in efforts to make community spaces and services equitable is likely to have a huge impact for most residents.

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With this master plan, we have the opportunity to eradicate the longstanding feeling that there are two Maplewoods.

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Would love for the pool to be open to all. Make things affordable for everyone in town

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### *Historic Preservation*

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A volunteer person most of my life and still interested as a senior, I love to go especially on bus trips (day and extended day) to learn about important places close by and farther/ USA.

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As a member of the MHPC Preservation and promotion of our history is vitally important. We cannot clearly draft a plan forward until we know where we have been and its importance to our town.

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As a suburb of NYC, there is a constant churn of our residents. We need to educate new residents about the value of our older housing stock to prevent teardowns and soulless development.

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As more renovations happen in town I'm concerned about protecting the architectural heritage of Maplewood. We should consider landmarking Roosevelt Park and other parts of town.

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As someone who grew up in Maplewood, I think this is a very important issue. The new people moving into town know nothing about this. I foresee old houses being knocked down in favor of high rises.

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history

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I am a member of the Historic Preservation Commission and a long term local resident looking to preserve our local history.

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I am a student of history

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I believe there are important historical aspects of Maplewood which will be more and more interesting as time goes on

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Important and neglected

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Keeping Maplewood the charming community it has always been. Making sure new buildings appropriately meet these standards.

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Like the look

Maplewood has a certain look to it that's steeped in history and adds to its visual charm. It's an important part of the Maplewood persona.

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Maplewood Village and town should be preserved with its unique charm.

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Modern conveniences are important, but let's not lose the beauty of the town.

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Mplw's beautiful mix of predominately pre

our history is a large part of what makes Maplewood special. Maintaining the scale and feel of the town and our historic settings is important to maintaining the sense of our town.

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Our town has such a great history

Our village is full historic architecture it must be maintained - yes, it is appealing to the eye but because it is a green option. reduces the need for construction of new buildings and materials

Part of what makes Maplewood special is the beauty of its architecture and landscape and the history held within these structures and public spaces. The new buildings don't measure up.

Preserve rather than knock down. Wondering what will be done with movie theater, bank downtown. No more new apt buildings unless they include affordable housing.

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Preserving historical sites in town

Preserving our historic built environments is a priority. The palimpsest/ layering of culture, style and technology is paramount to preserve. The most sustainable building is the one we already have

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Preserving our past, from the Native Americans all the way through the mid-century era and beyond is paramount. We need the sense of palimpsest- i.e., layering of eras, styles, and cultures.

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Simply, once these building disappear or are too far gone, they cannot be recovered.

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The appeal of the town is, in part, because of the quaintness of the historic architecture.

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The historic homes and buildings are part of what makes Maplewood so beautiful and unique.

The housing stock in Maplewood is under threat. The beautiful old houses that give the town its charm are being torn down and replaced. Pursuing official historic designation should be a priority.

The physical appearance of Maplewood's streets, neighborhoods and buildings contribute to an environment that people want to be part of, instead of larger buildings and anonymous designs.

This is what makes Maplewood stand out as a beautiful and significant place to be. It's often taken for granted, but it should be a priority

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This town has a distinct and beautiful identity, rooted to its development in the first half of the 20th c. To protect that heritage should be a top priority

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We can never get back historic sites if they are not protected.

We don't need fake historicism. But we also don't need to dive into marketing ideas line transit village to create cheap design for real estate interests like the police building.

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We have been in the area for 98 years so we find this very important

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We must have this as a priority to keep the character of the town.

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## *Local Environment*

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Hilton Area (Marion Place)

A lot of rat problems in the local parks due to litter. Rat problem carries over to any neighborhoods that surround the parks.

As a "Tree City USA" member the mature trees and environment draw many to Maplewood while also buffering residential from commercial spaces. We should prioritize this over developer profit.

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As a business owner on Baker St, I would love to see more trees planted to provide shade and beautify the street. Currently very limited number of trees are on the block, trees are important.

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As climate change grow worse - planting trees, creating a storm water plan for rain events, etc. - this is all encompassing with parks and green space.

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because as good stewards, we should be respecting the town and all its lands. When we work together, everyone can reap the rewards of a clean, safe town.

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Because I've had raw sewage in my basement from storms on multiple occasions. And climate change is worsening and I think it's really important to maintain the environmental infrastructure.

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Because without upkeep things will further deteriorate. I want to stay on top of this.

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Build a retaining wall along brook on 44th street

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Clean quiet environment is what we all wish for and let us keep Maplewood in the forefront of battling climate change.

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Climate change

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Climate change is real

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Climate change.

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Concern with volume of invasive species (Knotweed, Tree of Heaven, Lanternfly, etc.) Need to make long-term plans to manage, and must plant natives!

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Limit amount of impermeable ground (please no turf)

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Concerned about effects of climate change- also add resiliency to this

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Concerned with invasive species (knotweed, tree of heaven, lanternfly, etc.) Need a long-term plan to manage, and a commitment to planting natives as much as possible. No natives = no ecosystem.

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Encourage people to water newly planted trees along the street. I see about half of them die in the summer. The litter in memorial park is a disgrace. Look at the cleanliness at DeHart park which i

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Ensuring all town storm pipes/drains can accommodate for the increase in severity of storms due to climate change.

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Ensuring we have a young shade tree canopy and ways to mitigate storm water/drainage is essential to the wellbeing of our town and the environment.

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Environmental protection is no longer an option - it is required if we want this planet to remain habitable. This includes preserving and restoring green spaces and dealing with brownfields.

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Every storm it is clear that our storm drainage is not adequate and seems to be getting worse. Also, while our parks are beautiful and public works tries hard to maintain them, the litter is a problem.

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For every tree chopped, owners should plant a new tree.

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Fresh air

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Garbage collection should be included in taxes. Use smart technology to encourage waste reduction. Make it a community project: design z-wave/WiFi mesh system to prioritize, schedule, and track.

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Global warming is real!

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Global warming is very relative in these times. Environmental updates should stay current to help combat these issues.

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Healthy greenery and trees support cleaner air, help with flooding, offer a home to wildlife, and most importantly are beneficial to the health of all residents. It also offers beauty.

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Hilton neighborhood needs more greenery and trees instead of buildings

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I am very environmentally concerned about our earth

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I can't actually find what I want listed - address the roads, they are a shambles along with stormwater, trees; the township could get negotiated rates for replacing sidewalks and curbs to help fix

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I feel it's important to walk the talk and set an example for what can be achieved in conservation. We also have to be all hands on deck with fighting. It's also can be a way to save tax dollars.

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I found it hard to decide between this and resiliency but we need to do our part to reduce the impact on Climate change and safeguard our local communities and wildlife

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I have experienced a lot of problems in this town due to flooding and other environmental issues - I feel we urgently need to address any environmental factors that may harm town livability long term

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I live at 37 Jacoby we have a lot of littering due to Wawa. We need garbage cans at the end of wawa parking lot or top of Jacoby street

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I live next to what used to be a lot filled with trees and wildlife. The town permitted a developer to cut down these trees. Preserving trees and wildlife is essential to environmental sustainability.

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I love walking around our parks and open spaces. I'd like to ensure we maintain them and expand their usage.

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I think this is connected to the Resiliency topic. The local environment and climate change are linked and it's important to strengthen our response to both.

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I would like to see the township address the brownfield sites identified in the Brownfield Inventory (from the Maplewood Environmental Advisory Committee).

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I'm interested in seeing more trees, and I'd like to see some solutions for extreme weather situations - like flooding.

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Ida flooding

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Ida was a heads up re stormwater. Preservation of our trees is a priority as the climate changes. Help homeowners address heaving sidewalks caused by tree roots and hillside erosion.

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Ida.

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If we don't look after our planet it won't be here for our kids.

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Important for the earth

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Important issues.

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Important to account for climate change but also for electrical/gas infrastructure. The morass of cables hanging off poles, areas with litter that are unsafe for kids, etc. need to be addressed

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Improving quality of life for all and increasing resilience to confront climate change

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it's important to keep our town beautiful and preserve it for the next generation and beyond

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It's Maplewood: trees are sort of our thing and I love how green conscious our town and residents try to be. Natural beauty and sustainability

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It's the environment. Makes the town look pretty and also save the planet

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Key to making a viable long-term place to live

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Litter on the Irvington/Maplewood/South Orange border is quite high. There is much foot traffic which goes unenforced leaving folks to dump trash in the neighborhoods near businesses on Irvington Ave

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Local environment directly impacts resident's physical and mental well being.

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Lots of areas/parks in town need some work. Trees are dying and the parks are not always maintained.

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Managing stormwater runoff is not just a pollution issue but also a resiliency and safety issue. Recycling could be improved; it's unclear to me how much actually gets recycled.

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More frequent severe storms means more frequent flooding. Maplewood needs to address this. Also, litter is a problem.

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Orchard Rd near Elmwood FLOODED during hurricane Ida in September 2021 and created a nightmare for transport/public safety and substantial property damage. Also concerns: rats and adequate green space.

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Our decisions now will impact the viability of our world and planet and should be central to our priorities.

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Our neighborhood is lacking larger trees as it as and as they township plants more little care is given to them and they end up dying.

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Our tax dollars should be spent on improving sustainability and addressing potential environmental problems.

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Our town is not well kept. The parks lack maintenance (the landscaping is full of trash and weeds), trash cans are not maintained. For all the taxes we pay, it's mind blowing how gross our town is.

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Overall, I feel resiliency and local environment are related - I hope we can curb overdevelopment, plant more trees and native plants, and moderate our impact on the local climate and environment.

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Part of the reason we chose Maplewood was because of its park space, trees and over-all beauty. We definitely need to dedicate time to beautify and clean our town.

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REDUCE HTE USE OF PESTICIDES -- ENCOURAGE LAWN ALTERNATIVES. -- NO MOW MAY

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Serious storms have regularly caused power outages and flooding around town and have seriously impacted our property. Plant more street trees and improve tree maintenance.

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Some streets could use more trees, especially after some have been cut down but not replaced.

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Starting local gives town residents the information needed to expand on a larger scale.

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Storm water management is paramount to address climate change. The emerald ash borer has harmed numerous trees that need to be replanted.

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Storm water.

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Stormwater runoff leading to damaged homes from unprecedented levels of precipitation. How will we update our outdated systems to accommodate the influx of water?

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The environment is something that everyone - whether they are visiting or live in Maplewood can benefit from.

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The faux-brick sidewalks are aging badly. The movie theater outdoor space is dirty. Need more garbage cans (esp. in summer). The solar garbage cans are vile. Stormwater drains need regular maintenance.

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The local environment is the basis for everything else. We won't have economic vitality or better parks, etc., if we don't take care of our environment.

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The surrounding nature is a significant factor in people choosing to move to this neighborhood. Our relationship with nature reflects our relationships with each other. We must be stewards of the land

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The town needs to do a better job at responding to dead trees on berms and should offer landscape pickup throughout the year

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There are a lot of issues here I support, but this one seems to encompass many of them. Basically, taking care of our environmental system and shoring up so we don't have another Ida disaster.

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There are a lot of trees that have died. Many of the parks are overgrown and there is a lot of litter everywhere.

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There is a major need for clean up efforts

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There needs to be a retaining wall along the brook (44th St and Jacoby St). Also, the amount of litter on my street. My neighbors and I pick up trash on a daily basis.

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This goes hand in hand with resiliency. We need to protect and improve our environment and plan for change. If not, all other efforts are for naught.

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This is also related to storm issues that severely impact our town. We need to keep up with climate change impacts. Storms will be more severe and our current local environment is not ready

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This is an issue that would benefit everyone. With the most recent extreme weather is also seems to be a financial investment.

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This issue as well as resiliency issue. Better infrastructure to manage storms, reduce heat island as well as site remediation along Newark Way and Rutgers. We need to revitalize this area and can't

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Top of mind given climate change and keeping people healthy

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trees and gutters should be maintained

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Trees are to replanted on many streets. Too much flooding. No zoning enforcement.

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Trees. We are called Maple WOOD. Every time a hundred year old tree is destroyed our identity is threatened, whether on public or private property. We need STRICT policies and rigid enforcement.

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Update our infrastructure to address for brownouts

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Walking through town, we need to do a better job of keeping the town clean.

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Water Damage from storm after Hurricane Ida

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Wawa hours need to be modify!!!! 6am-10pm M-Sat. Sundays they should close at 7:00pm

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We all know about the flooding and the recent death related to the storm drain. We can fight these realities and create a different future proactively!

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We could be doing a lot more to make Maplewood a standout as it relates to sustainability and resiliency.

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We must have a safe and healthy community.

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We need a professional tree arborist. The trees in Maplewood have been cut horribly around the electric wires and it leaves them open to be damaged by insects and diseases

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We need more trees to clean the air, cool the temperature, and absorb the rain. Especially in Hilton neighborhood.

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We need to do a better job at maintaining trees around here

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We need to invest in green infrastructure to help deal with climate issues, especially flooding and overuse of air conditioning.

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We need to take care of what we have

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We should be stewards of land and environmental protection. Banning leaf blowers was a great start. Unnecessary noise and environmental pollution top the list.

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we should continue to battle noise pollution in our town.

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We've all got to do what we can to stop climate change.

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With all the development (both comm. and residential) going on and being emphasized by many in community, maintenance of the Local Environment (trees, wildlife, water runoff) needs to be prioritized.

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With global climate change on the rise, we should do as much as possible locally to combat it.

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Would love to see more trees all over town

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## *Parking*

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A parking garage would enhance business downtown, and make commuting easier. Suggest parking lot next to Bank of America building on Springfield Ave, that has been closed since June 22.

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Because there is a lack of parking downtown. As well as numerous locations in town where building late apartment buildings are being prioritized over added parking. This adds more cars and people.

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Becoming a huge issue in downtown

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Can't shop in a downtown when there's no place to park.

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Challenges to find parking deter me from visiting our local shops

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Convenience

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Convenience

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current zoning has no limit on housing density or parking, developers build out to max

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Dining or doing anything in downtown Maplewood is something i avoid due to the lack of parking, it's a shame because there are a lot of great places.

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Don't understand why we can't park on street overnight. Would greatly improve my quality of life.

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Easier access and more options around the village

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Eliminate parking requirements for new buildings located near mass transit hubs. New buildings going up with 1st floor garages (because of parking requirements) disrupt the natural flow of a sidewalk.

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Finding an electric charging station should not be this difficult! Would love it if you can do something about that - the ev era is just around the corner.

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housing with parking on ground floor needs to be reduced. hi density housing with first floor for cars is bad. destroys street scape. zoning on parking is out dated, needs to be 1 car/unit, max

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I always hesitate to plan shipping or eating in downtown Maplewood because there is rarely any parking available

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I just want to get the parking spaces back from the COVID outdoor eating stuff

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I live in an area where I don't have a parking lot and I believe the parking for a resident without a parking lot should be free or reduced. So, I believe the pricing and policy should be revisited.

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I often avoid shopping in Maplewood because I don't have the time/energy to look for parking. At certain times of the day, you might add 30 minutes to your trip, just circling to park.

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I own a business and parking is always an issue

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I rarely go into town any more. Parking and navigating the village roads is so frustrating.

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I understand the restaurants needing space during Covid, but the street dining is an eye sore and I think the town can do better now. Also double parking in the village is constant and rarely addressed

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I usually have a lot of difficulty finding parking

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I want our Village stores to survive but how can they do business w/o places for their customers to park? But I also really like the atmosphere

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I would like on-street overnight parking permitted in two-

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I'm hoping that parking meters would help the town to earn money and give some tax relief to residents.

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More parking enforcement. People should get tickets for offenses: cameras should be enough.

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If I am going to the village for dinner on a sunny summer day, I will walk, however if I am going to pick up fish, groceries, dry cleaning, or plan to shop, I take my car. Parking can be challenging.

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If I need to drive into town, there is less parking than a few years ago. Nowhere to park.

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In the Hilton area it feels like parking enforcement is nonexistent. Overnight parking is at an all-time high which presents an issue when folks lack courtesy if parking properly and blocking driveway

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It is difficult to find parking in the village and so I avoid it. Limited parking must hurt the businesses and act as a deterrent to prospective retailers/small business owners.

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It is very difficult to find parking in Maplewood. I am unable to walk to town so I drive. I would love to support Maplewood businesses but if I cannot find a parking place I go elsewhere.

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It is very hard to use the businesses in the village because it is so hard to park.

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It needs to be addressed. Not enough parking, especially in Maplewood Village.

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Living close to downtown, it is frequently chaotic with vehicles driving in circles looking for places to park. I'm not sure how we can have a sustainable downtown when parking is this difficult

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Local parking downtown and on Springfield are seriously lacking capacity.

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Rather than take opportunities on removing unused buildings for improved parking the town would rather add more apartments.

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More apartments keep popping up creating more traffic and less parking overall. It really deters residents from supporting local businesses when parking is difficult to find.

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Parking downtown Maplewood is horrendous. The outdoor seating has made it even worse.

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Parking has grown difficult in the 20 years I've been a resident. There is less consideration on how all the apartment buildings have contributed to a parking issues. South Orange has more public lots

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Parking in Maplewood village and along Springfield Ave can be an issue. We need to look for additional parking options

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Parking in Maplewood Village is difficult - particularly late afternoon and early evening when one needs to run into the market/shops for dinner prep. Ricalton square is particularly bad

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Parking is hard to find and this I go to neighboring towns where I'm sure to find parking without circling for 20 min

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Parking is very important if you want citizens to shop, dine and enjoy Maplewood Village. Provide parking for bicycles, electric vehicles and make it easy to drive down the streets. Keep streets open

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Parking restrictions are visitor unfriendly. Any overnight guests cannot stay on the street

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The lack of parking spaces in the Village is a deterrent to people patronizing businesses there.

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The limited driving and bike riding space left after all the street parking is taken up is unsafe. This is especially dangerous on Tuscan Rd between Valley St and Prospect St.

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The parking situation in the village with restaurants taking valuable spaces is at times abysmal.

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There are parking shortages everywhere in Maplewood. The extended outdoor dining in parking areas needs to be removed.

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There is inadequate parking in our Village.

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This is a serious issue for so many of us. As more people move in, parking has become more scarce.

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Too hard to find parking downtown and for commuting

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We really need parking in the downtown area. Suggest parking garage with open, green space on the top level.

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We should eliminate parking minimums and allow for o street parking even if people have to pay for it.

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With improved parking more people will avail themselves of the shopping in the village. This will ultimately improve the quality and diversity of businesses in this vital area.

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### *Parks and Open Space*

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Again: Planetary death is actually in our future. We need wildflower meadows, native plantings everywhere, no-mow months, rain gardens, land give-backs to nature. Mwd could be totally 21st C on this!

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Allow us to build community, kids to play, improve quality of life

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An continued emphasis on improving parks -drainage, lighting, trees, seating, etc.

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As population density rises we need more open, green, public space. The recent DeHart turf/grass vote could have better served our future if it was a vote to replace the field with trees.

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Bathrooms are never open in local parks

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Because it's a walkable town and we have small children

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Because Maplewood is a walkable town and we have small children

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Because the fields in town are in bad shape and are closed too often. You can't add more people to town and not fix the park infrastructure.

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Borden Park needs 2 be improved. Tennis court terrible-balls go under fence in many spots, net post is bent so new nets don't fit properly and get ruined easily. Also, bathroom facility is poorly mntnd

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Children need more access to parks and open spaces

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Clean, natural open spaces are becoming more and more rare resource and is part of what makes Maplewood wonderful.

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Community spaces are very important

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critical to have spaces for exercise and engagement. The town deserves/needs an all-purpose turf field.

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Crucial for everyone's health and quality of life.

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Development of Rahway River Greenway and other green corridors improves and connects major Town open spaces and has co-benefits to improving bike, walking connections within Town

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Don't have enough in the Hilton area to accommodate the recent housing developments.

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Especially in Hilton, where yards are smaller and there are more residents. There is a need for more park space and recreation areas for all of the town to enjoy.

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Fields are deplorable, and always have been. The much needed turf effort was u fortunately shot down, and here we are with the same worsening problem of overuse and embarrassingly poor conditions.

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For kids

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Fresh options for young and old to get outside and into the public spaces will increase community engagement. Many cool projects (SOMA bike path) are discussed but there is no follow through. Green space in Maplewood has always been a top priority. It is what sets us apart from other towns.

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helps bring communities together when having spaces where the community can congregate and meet

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I believe a plan for sidewalk seating, weekend tables setups, and/or shared space outdoor seating instead of the 'streeteries' can restore the quaint village hamlet Maplewood once was

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I believe we can always improve upon our green spaces. It'd be nice to have them monitored more often, too, so bathrooms could be opened more regularly, and trash cleaned up more often.

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I don't think our parks or open spaces are as great as they could be.

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I have 2 daughters involved in the town's rec and travel softball programs, and help coach for both of them. Have seen the work that needs to go into the fields in town, to maintain safe fields to play

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I have kids and a dog

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I have used most of the parks here and have found several places where there is a danger to children or things that are underutilized

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I have young kids and we use the parks constantly. Having the best facilities possible will provide massive benefit to the most number of people in town.

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I live across from Chezowich park and it's a very underused, poorly kept space. With all of the talk about fields during the turf field debate, I'd love to see this field addressed for the community

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I love to walk all around Maplewood

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I want to create pocket parks by buying adjacent houses, tearing them down and then making green spaces -- this would be in the Hilton and other areas where there is no green space

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I would like Maplewood's downtown to be a walking plaza

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I would like to see a bit more care in the Hilton area. Recently several trees were cut down in Maplecrest park

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I would like to see part of downtown Maplewood permanently turned into a no car / public plaza space. It'll be a great for community gathering and will support downtown businesses.

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I would love to see soccer fields here and better pool access.

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I'd like to see pocket parks or even just benches at a few spots along Springfield, Elmwood, and Parker avenues. That would encourage those of us who consider walking rather than driving within town.

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I'm hoping that this category includes athletic fields for organized sports for our kids. We are at a significant disadvantage when it comes to our athletic facilities, the fields are an embarrassment

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Ida (Hurricane Ida, for those of you with short memories)

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Important

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Improve public spaces, parks for recreation for young children

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Improvement of existing park and sporting spaces is a must. The town drives to add more people/families to our area (apartments, etc.) without addressing the often failing and closing of fields.

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Improvements to parks and playgrounds

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Keep parks clean and accessible to all.

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Keeping parks safe for children and athletes is vitally important as Maplewood parks have poor standards and are often dangerous during evenings.

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LOVE the rain garden at the Hilton Library - need to increase native plantings, especially in flood-prone areas. Fix the drainage at DeHart in sustainable ways. Open and green space supports health.

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Love when we've had open street nights downtown and seen the community come in. so many great parks but let's improve them

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Make the pool free for all residents!!

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Many of the parks and playgrounds in Maplewood are not kept up. Playground equipment is broken, playgrounds are not shaded, landscaping is not maintained, etc.

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Many parks and playgrounds are in disrepair and many fields are unusable

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Maplewood has far less public land for recreation than we need. We have voted 2x for Open Space Trust Fund. NONE of the \$ has gone to acquire recreational open space. This needs to change!

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Maplewood is a beautiful town and maintaining open spaces, and even adding closures to streets emphasizes the beauty and allows for greater community building.

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Maplewood is at its best in the common spaces we share, whether that's our neighborhoods, gar-bars, the village or our events. I'd love to see more new spaces and opportunities to be community.

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Maplewood signature is green streets, green open space. Along with these we should include spaces for teens, and for active recreation

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Memorial Park feels run down, unlike other beautifully maintained parks in surrounding towns

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More dog parks so people can actually let their dogs play offleash, a splash pad for people to cool off their kids in the summer, new playground equipment and rec centers

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More picnic locations, better fields (seating!) and more engaging playgrounds. Also, more robust farmers markets, pop up markets, and truly engaging events for the community in our open spaces.

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More safe walking/running paths

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More use of park for multi-purposes. Open air concerts, sprinklers in the summer, etc.

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Much could be done to improve public spaces near shops/stores/commercial areas. Addressing this area could improve support of local businesses, walkability, and safety in shop areas.

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Natural open spaces benefit EVERYONE, offering equity in their simple existence, supporting environmental justice from immediate access to long term impact on quality of life.

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Need to improve maintenance of parks. Township should consider turf where feasible.

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No dog parks ????

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No waking distance dog park anywhere.

One of the draws to Maplewood was the abundance of parks and outdoor spaces that my family and community members could take advantage of, but I've seen many facilities neglected since moving here.

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open and green space available to all, and space for recreational activity are vital to our community.

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Open spaces and parks are important building blocks for building communities.

Open spaces are critical for human beings' well being and for mental health making a place where people can go and meet other people. We have a beautiful town, but other than the pool, have no central

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Open spaces where people can congregate are essential to keeping culture within a city. We have to dedicate a sizable portion of our efforts to maintenance of our outdoor spaces

Our facilities for outdoor youth sports are subpar and should be improved, particularly for baseball and softball. Fields don't drain, diamonds aren't maintained, too many weeds, need more mowing, etc.

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Our parks and public spaces are our gifts to ourselves. Public spaces are where we engage with our community, and improving them should always be a top priority for us.

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Our parks are garbage. They are closed five months of the year. Our restrooms are trashed and frequently closed. Our fields are neglected. This is only going to get worse as become more dense.

Our parks are great. But, our playing fields are woefully inadequate. Towns with both substantially more and substantially less financial resources than Maplewood have much nicer sports facilities.

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Our parks are in very poor condition compared to neighboring communities. Sports fields are overused, there is no irrigation or drainage, and ongoing maintenance is poor.

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Our parks could use some TLC and better ongoing maintenance

Over development with high density housing! Open space and parks important for everyone. Need more trees.

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Park maintenance in Maplewood needs to be improved

Parks (etc.) help anchor the community for young families and further investment would benefit the town

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Parks and open spaces require investments and these are often underfunded.

Parks and public spaces are where we meet as a community, where our children play sports and form relationships, and where we honor our history and invest in our future.

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Parks and running paths for health and quality of life in green spaces

Parks are gifts from our neighbors who came before us. We should leave them better than we found them.

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Parks bring Maplewood together. They make it palatable to have a smaller house with a smaller yard.

Parks, plazas and green space adds to the appeal of Maplewood and provides more opportunity for community interaction. Trees added to streets provide cooling shade and adds beauty.

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People and living things need green space. It helps the earth and our ecosystem.

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Personally, I enjoy to be active. I run through the parks. I also own my house and I believe parks and open spaces are good for property values. Parks are good for the community and environment.

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Pet parents want another dog park option aside from South Mountain that's closer to residents, or at the very least off leash hours in certain parks (i.e. early mornings or 6-7pm)

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Pickle ball in old tennis courts in Maplecrest park

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Small dog run in Maplecrest near Essex

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Places where people can gather for celebration, sport or tranquility is good for mental health and a sense of belonging. When built and maintained appropriately, residents will use it.

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Pool is too expensive for a single tax payer who would only sparingly get use. Per usage system should be reasonable and exist for residents.

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Pool is too expensive for me as a single man who only would use it sparingly.

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Provide a turf space for kids to play all year round.

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Ricalton Square has the potential to be a great public space for residents and visitors; it needs to be revamped.

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Should have done turf

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Since the residents have made a clear decision against turf fields, I believe it is time to invest in improving the quality of our existing parks.

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So kids have a place to

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Play and don't need to go to the streets

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So many people use the parks, it makes them a community hub, so improving them will benefit everyone in the community.

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so there are clean spaces that all residents can use for recreation activities.

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Some of our parks are a disgrace.

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Some of the smaller common spaces (sidewalks in the village, smaller parks, outdoor restaurant seating areas) are becoming blighted and gross. We need aesthetic guidelines for outdoor seating.

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Some parks are dirty, muddy, etc...our parks compared to some neighboring towns are in relative poor shape

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Splash pads in parks, thought with special needs kids in mind

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Stop building! Leaving open spaces is important, but development wins out every time. Not every empty lot or space needs to have a multistory building on it, crowds the town and the skyline.

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The Borden park tennis court is in such disrepair.

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The care and maintenance of our open spaces has been neglected, underfunded or farmed out to contractors with little concern for the long term health and sustainability of our green infrastructure.

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The care of our parks and open spaces have been neglected, underfunded and farmed out to contractors with little concern for the long term health of our green infrastructure

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The community building in Memorial Park is a lovely heritage part of the park with great potential. It's falling apart from neglect!

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the country club should be purchased by the town and repurposed for public use.

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The demand for field space for youth sports has been and will always be on the rise. Maplewood needs more fields.

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the fields need improvement for young people to participate in athletics

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The green spaces in Maplewood are what makes this town different and special. But our fields need work. We go to other towns and they are light years ahead in their facilities.

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The green spaces need to be kept up!! The town should devote more money any knowledgeable staff to the upkeep of the town's parks.

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The number of public facilities are either outdated, overused or not maintained. We should turn Yale corner into a multipurpose event space similar to Spiotta (sp) park in SO and add pocket parks

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The outdoor community areas are what drew me in to Maplewood and the suburban lifestyle. Without these spaces, the town would lose its charm.

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The parks and other open spaces are in need of more TLC on a regular basis. DPW is not able to handle this work load.

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The parks are rundown and crappy compared to other towns around us. The Essex county parks are beautiful and my kids getting cut on old broken crappy playground equipment.

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The parks feel so neglected. Often grass isn't mowed in Memorial Park and other parks. There aren't many benches. Trees in town are trimmed in an ugly manner.

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The parks have lost some large trees. It seems like many are replaced by small ornamental trees. I'd like to see more oak, maple, sweetgums. The playgrounds aren't great. Would love pickle ball courts

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The parks in town are underutilized, poorly maintained and need to be recreated and expanded. The golf course should be bought by the town and turned into a mixed development space with a large park.

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The town is beautiful, but it needs to be better. For example, using white-and-orange police barricades to protect outdoor dining provides safety, but makes our downtown ugly. Be more creative, like

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there is overcrowding in the community. everywhere I turn there's new construction with multi unit properties going up. congestion is overwhelming.

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These kinds of spaces help promote a sense of community and a feeling of calm amongst the chaos of work/hectic family life.

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Think it's important to maintain accessible open spaces

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This enhances the town's bucolic atmosphere.

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This is the heart of a community that enables everyone to feel equal and seen and able to partake in the neighborhoods we reside in.

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To make these areas inclusive of all child and adult abilities and to make sure that this work is aligned with environmental and nature needs.

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Ton of kids in the neighborhood and will be great use

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Updating parks and playgrounds

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Vital to a desirable community

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We don't have a public dog park and there's nowhere for the dogs to play freely and safely.

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We go to parks nearly every weekend and rely on parks for outdoor play spaces for our daughter  
We have no playground in the area that works specifically for kids with disabilities -- that's a huge oversight in such a walkable, family-friendly town. A more inclusive playspace is important.

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We have the potential for great open/shared space but it needs better maintenance

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We have wonderful green spaces but they could use some more love. For example, Maplecrest Park is beautiful but its playgrounds are a bit tired and much of the land isn't fully utilized.

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We love our green spaces and want to make sure they're safe, accessible and clean for everyone.

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We love our parks and want to see Borden park especially improved and maintained going forward. We use the parks all the time especially with our kids

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We moved to Maplewood bc we love the park spaces

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We must ensure our parks and playgrounds are safe for our children. Cleaning, taking out poison ivy, and replacing damaged equipment

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We must have open space, crucial for kids and adults alike for their mental well being and physical. This is also something all the best cities and towns in the world have. We need a gathering spot!

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We need a town arborist. Too many trees down around town. The park landscaping looks generally neglected around town, especially at DeHart park

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We need bathrooms, lights, dugouts, and sheds at our softball/baseball fields in Memorial and Maplecrest. Parents would be happy to raise funds. Also change the dangerous lumpy tball fields to sand.

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We need green space to combat climate change and to provide areas for our citizens to relax and enjoy the outdoors.

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We need more green space in the Hilton section.

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We need to improve our fields and sports access for everyone.

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We need to maintain the feeling of walking in the village and to the shops and parks. We cannot further encroach on the park with projects like the failed police building near memorial park.

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we should review the possibility of converting some of Memorial Park to a dog park/dog run to curb unleashed dogs and expand play space for pets.

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Why does the village hall need a gigantic lawn out front that serves little purpose?

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With covid here to stay, maintaining and improving/expanding outdoor public spaces is critical. With increased development and a growing population, we need public spaces available.

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With increased density we need more open space and additional playing fields for kids

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With increased development we need to make sure we retain our open outdoor spaces. And work on improving them and even increasing our outdoor space and opportunities.

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Would like to see investment in the parks in Maplewood to upgrade the benches and sitting areas in memorial park by the y playground.

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Would love at least one playground with water so kids can cool off during hot days in the summer.

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Would love to see a permanent car free downtown.

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## *Placemaking*

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All the NB zones that should be nourished--these should be branded as a part of Maplewood and enhanced--signage, identity, connectivity.

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As a community, it would be great to take a step back from knee-jerk residential development and imagine how parcels of land close to the center of town could be used for community benefit.

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I moved to Maplewood for its community and would love for that to continue

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I see placemaking and revitalization as closely connected. Creating a sense of community has a lot to do with revitalizing empty and abandoned lots, as well as attracting new business.

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I see this is a catch all to the parks, arts, preservation options. Just thinking making Maplewood have destinations for people to visit or gather.

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I think this makes a town unique and will attract more interesting people who will add to the culture and sense of place/community

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I'm not sure if this means what I think it means. I'm interpreting this as making all ethnic groups feel comfortable and as though they have a place in the community to express their culture.

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It important that the residents of mw feel that they are included

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It's what makes the community unique and why we choose to live here over other more affordable towns.

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look for more year-round public space activations

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Making the town feel like home so we end up with people living here for generations. If people stay they know each other and kids get to know everyone.

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Maplewood already has a great story, the sum of the unique things we prioritize and celebrate as community. It differentiates us and attracts our people. Activate amplify that more intentionally.

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Maplewood is a culturally diverse community and I love all cultural and music programming in the public spaces.

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Maplewood is often described as a vibrant, diverse community that values the arts. But it feels like our public spaces have an opportunity to further reflect that in our aesthetics.

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Maplewood is such a gorgeous, caring, creative and community-oriented place. The work of Placemaking is integral to our experience together, placemaking related community arts and development!!

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Maplewood should have a decent Senior Center. The current center is absurd. The town has a so called Recreation Center that is also totally inadequate.

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Part of what makes Maplewood so great is the unique feeling of culture and community.

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Place making with focus on all the residents of the community, without focus on individual identities for defining our community.

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Slow streets are great but we need a permanent solution instead of temporary closures 2 nights per week. Downtown gathering places are much needed.

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Small commercial areas should be promoted. Many are "NB" zones. Provide assistance to improve pedestrian experience and support maintenance of these properties. Brand the as part of Maplewood.

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Springfield Ave. needs an anchor. Embrace the downtown vibe and celebrate diversity. Food trucks, and designed public space could help, in addition to new stores/commerce.

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The commercial corridors outside the Village are seen as more as an afterthought by many, and investment in the public realm could help them be more successful.

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these types of places give a town character

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We all moved to Maplewood for the sense of closeness and community we felt.

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We are a highly creative and unique community and that should be reflected in our public spaces. Creativity brings communities together.

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We have so much talent in the community. We need to foster that. yale corner is great example of a public space that could be used to bring so much to the town!

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We live in a beautiful town but we could do more to distinguish ourselves from other towns-this would further spur in economic activity by attracting new businesses.

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When public spaces reflect the community they are more inviting and better utilized, increasing safety and creating opportunities for engagement

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While I think Maplewood is a place embodies diversity, there is still an underlying racial disparities that remains an issue.

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## *Resiliency*

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All communities around the world must act now to make deliberate shifts in planning in order to prepare for climate change. Maplewood, as a densely populated community can lead in this kind of effort

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Another important aspect of preparing our town for further damages from climate change.

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areas of our community are far more prone to flooding and environmental safety issues than in prior decades

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As Hurricane Ida told us, our infrastructure is in need of upgrading. Storms are more violent and, with all of the development that has taken place, there is no place for storm waters to go.

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As we saw from Ida, we will get intense storms more frequently. We need to plan for town assets (school buses, buildings, etc.) and support private owners to avoid damage and sustain for what comes.

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Because climate change is real and upon us and we need to be ready for the impacts (floods, draught, high and low temperatures, changes in local plants, insects).

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Because if flooding destroys areas of the community, other issues, that have less impact on the preservation of life, become moot.

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Because of climate change, the brook along 44th Street, Jacoby St, etc. is rapidly eroding, and a flood wall is needed. Note: the town owns property along the brook as well.

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Because the other issues don't matter if we can't live here because we did not prepare for climate change

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Build a retaining wall on 44th street all along the brook in the Lightening Brook Area. The towns own a portion of the land. The town did have funding for this, but never pursued it. Tal

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Businesses and homes are put in jeopardy when big storms hit, Ida caused extensive damage was scary!

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Climate change is a big issue and Maplewood will be getting a lot more flooding in the future. More water diversion and preparation for flooding is needed.

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Climate change is here and more extreme each year. This is an urgent issue we have to work on today and not later. It's an equity issue because the impact is disproportionate to those less protected.

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Climate change is here and we need infrastructure that supports us.

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Climate change is here. Start at city level as federal level seems paralyzed. More electric chargers. Open park to certified contractors for solar, siding, roofing, heating and air conditioning alte

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Climate change is the most important issue today

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Climate change will have an increasing effect, and we will need to be ready.

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Climate is the number one issue we face. We need to face it. Can we get local support for solar panels? Let's put green roofs on new buildings in town. We need a marketing campaign to build motivation

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College Hill needs more storm drains and a commitment to improving our safety during storms

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Flooding is a huge issue, particularly after the recent death

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Global warming continues to get worse, and all must prepare for the deluges coming.

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Hurricane Ida and other past experiences like that. Will probably be more and we need to be better set up for it.

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Hurricane Ida exposed our vulnerability here - let's be prepared next time around.

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Hurricane Ida showed just how vulnerable our community will be with climate change, same with the heat wave/drought we had this summer.

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I don't think this is an option. This must be addressed for Maplewood to remain livable, and affordable for those hoping to move here.

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I see a lot of needed improvements in our drainage systems. They clog and flood regularly causing backup in the streets and yards. Road damage due to extreme weather events never seems addressed.

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I think climate impacts will intensify

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I think climate problems will intensify

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I worry that our town is not prepared for the next natural disaster, especially after Hurricane Ida last year. The effects of Ida were devastating to our community and I hope we can learn from this.

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I'm concerned about the impact of floods on our town, particularly given the death last year during Hurricane Ida.

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I've been here about 9 years and have seen some major flooding and storm damage. We need to be equipped for more of this in the future.

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Ida

Ida has left me with PTSD. With every major storm threat, I worry what will happen. Private Insurance for flood risk actually rates the area as high flood risk/high cost.

If we don't upgrade our storm water infrastructure flooding will continue to happen more and more frequently.

This very issue took the life of a Maplewood resident.

Important for next generation.

Improved stormwater systems would help mitigate the effect of recent storms that have created dangerous conditions in town and negatively impacted our property. Plant more street trees for added shade

In order to keep our community the way we enjoy it now I feel this always has to be top of mind. There are so many things going on, but if we discount our planet the kids hold that burden.

In our four years living here we've seen intense damage to our stores and homes and want to protect it against further damage.

In the past 2 years I've had 2 floods that caused me significant problems, once forcing me to file an insurance claim, there needs to be better infrastructure in place

Increasing storm and stormwater impacts. We need to be prepared

Infrastructure is old and we seem to be flooding more than ever. Storm drains cannot handle ordinary storms anymore. Roads in serious need of paving.

Is it possible to make more parking in the village?

It feels like the foundation of a strong community to have a plan for challenges we know are coming.

It is clear from Hurricane Ida that much more needs to be done to protect against what will certainly be an increase in extreme weather in years to come.

It will take political will and large amounts of \$ to plant trees, shrink impervious surface area, bury power lines, and upgrade storm sewers. Master Plan must recognize this and set specific goals.

It's imperative that we address climate change for our future's survival

Let's protect the beauty of this town by thinking ahead!

Maplewood is clearly unprepared for climate catastrophe and needs better infrastructure.

my house was hit hard in the last storm so it's important to me that the town does what it can to prevent that from happening again or to others

Need better infrastructure to handle storms and flooding

Old infrastructure cannot keep up with climate change.

Our community will be increasingly challenged by climate change, and we need to prepare for those changes to avoid the worst outcomes.

Our infrastructure must be improved for equity and sustainability. Underground power and telecom and proper drainage is only going to grow in importance

Our town is prone to floods and power outages, and it's only going to get worse

Overdevelopment and increased area of impermeable ground puts the whole community at risk for flood events. Please no more turf. Strategic planting can help with water management. Need an ecologist!

Planning for and mitigating impact of climate events, especially for older, disabled, or other residents who might need additional resources or support when faced with extreme weather, storm damage et

Preparing for increased storm damage is an economic necessity and a major safety issue.

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Projects and issues that require long-term planning and execution seem to fit into the goal of a master plan.

Requiring resilient improvements and development in road construction and stormwater control

Same reasons. Town is unprepared for climate disruption

Saving lives

Seems pretty important after seeing the damage from Ida

Storms are going to become more severe and more frequent.

The drainage here is clearly an issue. The fact that areas have flood so severely in the short time I've lived here demonstrates that the systems need upgrading desperately. This is a safety concern.

The effects of climate change are going to speed their march forward. The town must enhance its resistance. Example - The too narrow and broken drainage pipe on Meadowbrook to the canal.

The flood water coming down from the reservation is becoming a real economic issue for businesses and residents--needs to be seriously addressed.

The impact of Sandy, Ida, and other past and future storms.

The increase in climate related issues will impact just about every aspect of our lives. We need to make sure we can effectively deal with the issues that arise.

The number of climate events has increased over the years and we have to be better prepared to withstand, rather than clean up and fix in the aftermath.

The past few storms have revealed that the infrastructure needs improvement.

The realities of climate change cannot be ignored. Strengthening our weak points will help ensure the safety of residents and their properties as well as protect our infrastructure

The streets of Kendall valley routinely flood

The streets of the Kendall valley area routinely flood and preventative measures need to be taken.

Things are only going to get worse

This is a growing issue for the world. And our community has already been impacted by this. It has to be top of mind in any plan.

This is a necessity given the advanced climate change issues.

This is imperative to set Maplewood up for a thriving future where we're not just scrambling/spending to recover after storms: Power outages, flooding, injury and even death, property damage, trauma.

This is inevitable.

This is just essential.

This seems like a paramount health and safety issue, which should definitely be a priority.

This should always be a top priority.

This should honestly be a top issue in every town in the world right now.

this will become more and more important with climate change

This will continue to get worse over the coming years, and it would be good to be forward thinking and lead the way with preparedness

This will ensure our town survives the coming changes.

To save lives.

To save lives.

Too much damage after storms and we just fix it back to where it was and it happens again.

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Town is unprepared for Flooding

Very important issue but when making decisions - expert's knowledge, e.g. landscapers should be included as part of the decision making process. I don't think that happened this year with blower ban.

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We all want to be safe!

We all want to feel safe, or have a safe place to go.

We are already getting more heatwaves and flooding. Need to protect against flooding with adequate storm drainage. More shade in public spaces.

we have a storm water problem that is getting worse.

We have been affected by climate change and I believe things are going to get worse. Residents need to be safe and free of the burden and interruptions of fixing their homes from storms.

We moved here shortly before Ida and saw the devastating effect a single storm had on our entire neighborhood. It will only get worse in coming years and we need to be prepared.

We must think about our green spaces, river and ponds - as well as our infrastructure to better support the changes with climate change.

We must upgrade our infrastructure in low/valley areas that are susceptible to flash flooding.

We need more shaded areas throughout town and in public spaces.

We need to revive the town's former practice of composting leaves collected, and selling this material back to residents for use on lawns. Compost helps plants withstand BOTH drought and flooding.

We need to work things that will make the town resilient from whatever comes in the future. Also need old infrastructure to be updated like clay sewers, old water pipes, etc.

We need to work together to think big about how to adapt our historic homes and town to the demands of a changing climate.

We've already seen the impacts of severe weather, it is only going to get worse

When floods occur in this area many businesses and homes face major damage, loss of money, loss of business and most recently loss of life. Help in reducing the time and money spent recovering from t

When there is a bad storm there are many power outs, can this be improved

## *Revitalization*

Because the Hilton section historically has had issues with this that have not received adequate action in my decades of living in town. The actions that have been taken have not been great.

. I am a concerned that empty lots are increasingly converted to condos, which are not affordable and add congestion rather than more thoughtful development.

Abandoned lots on Springfield especially should be developed for retail or converted to green space.

Abundance of vacant lots results in perception of increased crime, lack of safety and therefore leads to decreased revenues by residents.

All areas of our towns should be beautiful and usable.

Also to add more to the taxable base

Are you kidding? Is this an excuse to give away at a song more property to developers? All these areas have been snapped up with no thought to using them for school expansion or senior housing.

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Because we need new housing areas.

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Better use of space

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Blighted areas encourage more blight.

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Borden Park is becoming blighted asset. Bathroom facility poorly maintained - why are there portopotties in the park!? Disgusting!! And there's big ditches/divots adjacent to pathway from garbage trucks

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business owners will not want to be close to run-down properties. Same with homeowners. Some of these buildings look like episodes of hoarders with rats coming and going as they please.

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By checking this box it'll address all areas of town not just Maplewood Village.

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Do this with an idea of bringing in community culture and being responsive to equity and community needs.

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Empty businesses can make people wonder what is wrong in the community that there is open space.

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Fill in underused lots, most are an eyesore

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Gleason's

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Goes hand in hand with attracting and keeping businesses

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Hold accountable owners who do not maintain their properties with fines. This include removing junk, maintaining their properties in a manner befitting to the standards of other comparable towns.

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I am also close to Springfield Ave. I'd love for it to improve. There are some wonderful businesses in small clusters, it would be nice to give the area more attention and see the stretch thrive

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I feel like we have a lot of untapped space that could be put to better use. I've lived here for 17/18 years, and some buildings never keep tenants, so they stay mostly vacant.

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I live by Springfield Ave. It has potential. But they either unkempt or tall apartment buildings.

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I see many vacant shops or underutilized public spaces that can be used to generate income and create a sense of community for all. It should include retail AND free public institutions

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I would have selected Schools but sadly that wasn't an option but the school system and buildings need help

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I would like to see more investment in the revitalization of Springfield. Would be good for the economy and I believe would help mitigate a lot of crimes that have been occurring in the area.

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I would love to see the revitalization of Springfield Avenue continue. It is an underutilized space in our town that could truly become a second downtown.

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I'd like to see something other than bland, boring apartments buildings (e.g., the unsightly Toomey lot apartment). I'd add improvements to green space in this category

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I'd rather we work with what is existing than create new structures. this used to be a township riddled with homes. now it's riddled with condominiums.

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I'm missing the convenience of NYC.

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If we don't take care of what we have neglect from all of us starts to creep in. It is hard to argue against poor development on a blighted lot as something is better than nothing. We can do better.

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important to endure that all parts of town get resources needed for development

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In addition to Chezowich Field, there are so many unused properties along Valley Street, which could be a vibrant commercial center like Springfield Ave if businesses were attracted.

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In select locations why restrict new buildings (ratables) to 3 or 4 stories?

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Incentivize unique small businesses to occupy spaces with high turnover rates. We need more like the successful businesses that are on Baker St. Quality coffee shop! Independent movie theater!

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Infrastructure needs to be revitalized and we should make better use of parks

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It can go hand in hand with creating green spaces or centers for the community.

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It drives much-needed revenue to the township

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It is a possible way to deal with my number 1 priority and it makes sense to maintain the physical beauty of the town

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it looks terrible

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It makes sense to do so.

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It solves many of the other issues ... opportunities for more parks/greenery, more stores/businesses/housing and generally improves the morale and takeaway of town

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Keep buildings/warehouses in use, if older structures don't align with current township requirements (parking, loading docks, etc.) let's look to remove the old structures and replace

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Let's get something besides liquor stores and nail salons on Springfield

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Let's raise up those areas that are most needing support and ensure that ALL residents of Maplewood have a quality neighborhood in which to live.

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Locations are vacant for years. Homes sold to flippers are abandoned and left to decay.

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Lots of extra space (like on Durran or the soccer fields) that could be transformed into community spaces, commercial properties, bars and restaurants.

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Love to see more community oriented development. Coffee shops, small cafes, places to run into your neighborhood or and gather. Specifically in areas outside of the town

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Make sure the downtown storefronts are all full. This area needs better food and more nightlife (fix the antiquated liquor law!!)

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Making full use of the limited land we have is critical

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Many areas, including the Valley and Springfield corridors in particular, could be so much more vibrant, social, and economically productive.

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Many commercial strips are filled with blighted, unattractive commercial development and could be revitalized and improved. Provide incentives for businesses with vitality to fill existing spaces.

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Many eyesores along valley and Springfield avenue

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Many people drive to Maplewood from other towns to take advantage of our dining and retail establishments. It would be great to rehabilitate underused space rather than build new if feasible.

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Many streets (including mine) that are in terrible shape

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Many vacant areas could be put to better use

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Maplewood Ave has spots like the closed Bank of America and Theater that could be utilized more. Springfield Ave also seems like it could be developed more.

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Maplewood could use a revitalization of shops -- coffee shops, lunch (salad) spots, etc.

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Maplewood is a green suburb. Adding community gardens and patches of green will reinforce Maplewood's identity. Shared gardens may also contribute to a stronger community and new ideas.

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Maplewood is beautiful, but our power lines are like having crooked teeth. Next time you're out, look up, bloody awful. The storms will only get worse. Time to bury them - raise home values.

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More attention to areas closer to Irvington. Better street lights, new roads, more beautification.

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Need more winter Rec space.

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No dead end on 44th street. This is not 1996!!! No discrimination or hate towards anyone or community!!!

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Opportunity to improve town and help people grow new businesses

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Optimizing space and revitalizing it sends a message of a community/township that is doing well - this in turn attracts more residents and adds to the vibrancy of a neighborhood.

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Place leaving and entering Maplewood signs on Chancellor Ave. Build a gate making 44th street (off of Chancellor Ave) a dead-end street like the one on Boyden Ave before Irvington Ave on the right.

Revitalization improves neighborhoods, living conditions, and helps to improve and beautify our community.

Revitalize blight; don't build soulless new corp. stores. Mwd Vill. lost 1/2 its soul when Starbucks took over. Enough! Mwd's unique character is its biggest asset; don't make it like Everywhere Else!

Revitalizing our community is a great opportunity to consider how to use the available land to its maximal effect, whether that's by improving access to retail space, parks, or affordable housing.

Run-down assets reduce overall value

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So much potential

Some streets are crumbling and in need of repair

Some unsightly areas (e.g. our school builds and grounds are in awful shape)

Springfield Ave and the surrounding area can use some work.

Springfield Ave has improved, but has space to be even better. Can be a destination.

Hilton is also on the upswing, but there is a falling down house on Indiana.

Springfield Ave has massive potential but currently houses a number of vacant lots or redundant businesses (liquor stores, salons). It's a severely underused/developed asset.

Springfield Ave is a mess

Springfield Ave is behind my house. A huge apartment building is going un. But there are lots of buildings and lots empty and not maintained. It has so much potential and walkability and can improve

Springfield Ave is really coming around and I love that we are only steps away in Hilton. There are too many empty store fronts that must bring business that serve the walkable community.

Springfield Ave still has so much potential!

Springfield Ave vacant spaces revived

Springfield Ave. could use a food market for those who can't walk/drive in the village or get to Whole Foods.

Springfield Avenue could be more thriving, and it's vastly different from Maplewood Ave in the middle of town.

Springfield avenue has a ways to go, I'd like to grow with more small business retail and dining.

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The community should invest in assets that could generate income for the town, which would in turn lead to more revenue, lower property taxes and more affordable housing.

The downtown needs better food, less nail salons, and for the antiquated liquor laws to be removed so that nightlife improves

The number of people living in our community has grown exponentially. We should be able to support our local businesses. Businesses are hurt by vacancies and blight

The potential for places like the Woodland, Burgdorf, train station, etc. could be amazing for cultural and community events yet they are so run down and do not seem safe.

The town would benefit from continuing to develop and find purpose for underutilized space and resources.

the vacant movie theatre looks awful! Perhaps a creative way to make that a useful space even on a temporary basis with the landlord - like a "pop up" concept - could be ideal

There are many blighted retail or commercial spaces that make it hard to establish a true retail or economic destination in many areas of town.

There are many under used areas in the town and empty storefronts on Springfield Ave that would be great for new small business but it seems rents are too damn high for people to want to open,.

there are many vacant buildings in town and we could use some more restaurants/shops

There are opportunities to develop underused properties and spaces and rezone for:

1. More daycare and family centers
2. Public spaces for teens and teen programs
3. A space for an indoor public pool

There are several vacant storefronts on Springfield Avenue which struggle to attract stable retail, dining, or trades. We should consider how zoning may affect the commercial use of these storefronts.

There are so many run down or empty shops along Springfield. Would love to see things put in there that would be added value to the area and more food options.

There is a lot of vacant and underused spaces on Springfield Ave. A focus on bringing businesses and activities to Springfield Ave would be great.

There is a lot of wasted space on Springfield Ave due to vacant storefronts. It is disappointing to look at.

There is a stark difference between the vitality of roads, sidewalks, open space, and homes on opposite sides of Springfield Ave. I would like to see more infrastructure work done in Hilton and LB.

There is no room for underutilized space in a dense suburb like this. Even if it's privately owned, we should make good use of all the land we have.

There is so much potential here to revitalize, (keeping our historic and architectural character in mind) and it helps to keep the area exciting.

There is so much potential in Maplewood to create and improve existing and underutilized structures

these could be used to create arts centers for youth and adults

These underused assets are an eyesore and represent lost revenue.

This helps support economic vitality

This is key to have a well maintained community

To create strong, diverse communities that are able to attract and keep talent, start and grow businesses... Citizens will be happier, healthier, richer, and live longer

Too many buildings and homes are in disrepair. The town has a rat issue that is spreading into residential neighborhoods because of these poorly kept assets

Too many undeveloped or dilapidated spaces

Too many vacant lots and empty businesses. Attract more business, dining, retail. Avoid filling every open space with housing complexes. Attain space to turn into parks/playing fields (with turf)

Underutilized properties are an opportunity to add much needed housing.

Vacant or blighted buildings have lots of potential for community use for the arts, for school needs, sports, community gathering, etc.

Vacant spaces become blighted quickly, and then pedestrian traffic drops off. Public spaces, especially natural spaces, bring pedestrian traffic, making the area safer, and offering overall vibrancy.

Vacant spaces in need of re-purposing or private purchase

Vacant, underused and blighted areas exist at the Union, Newark, and Irvington borders. Lately, many of these have been converted to apartment or condos. We can do better.

Very important to help ensure the surrounding areas maintain good standards to help the overall appearance of the neighborhood. More appeal, healthier community

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We have had a substantial growth in new apartment buildings in recent past. Over-crowding is becoming a real issue. I would like Maplewood to not approve anymore residential apartment buildings.

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We live in Hilton neighborhood. Would love to see the empty storefronts occupied by businesses. we should make it easier for businesses to come into the community. I think we should change the way we give out liquor licenses and make it easier. Not sure if that is a state or town decision.

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We want vibrant business to keep taxes down for individuals.

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We would like Maplewood to be a beautiful and safe place to live. Revitalizing these areas would make our town more attractive to prospective businesses and home buyers.

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We would like road repairs and improvement of 44th street

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When revitalizing these assets with the right purposes, they can enhance the cultural and environmental and historical aspects of our town.

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where it makes sense

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### *Street Safety*

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A lot of speeding cars in the Hilton area

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Again, drivers speed and make the community unsafe

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As we have increased housing with more apartments we have not done enough to address street safety and the impact of increased volume of cars on the road. Kids

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Because I hear about a lot of accidents

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Because, must kids walk to school and there should be clear signs and bumps in place to protect them and everyone else from reckless driving.

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Being a walkable community is makes Maplewood a great place to live. But, it also creates dangerous situations with busy streets like Valley

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Car roll through stop signs and crosswalks constantly.

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Cars are often speeding down local roads. There are people double parking in town and along busy streets. Pedestrians are littering the roads. People are parking in streets that are no parking.

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Cars cut through my neighborhood when traffic is backed up on Parker

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Cars drive too fast. Makes walking/biking/stroller pushing life threatening.

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Cars need to be more mindful of pedestrians/bikers. Pedestrian/bikers need to be more mindful of cars.

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Certain intersections in Maplewood are very dangerous or poorly designed. Left turns should be prohibited in all direction at Parker

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Change timing on light at Parker/valley. When on Parker trying to make left onto Valley, the light lets 1 or 2 cars go. Perhaps an early left turn signal first. People drive aggressively to beat light!

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College Hill (Tuscan, Harvard

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Combined with a school district that does not prioritize children safe travel to schools which are increasingly forced to travel longer distances more attention is needed to sidewalk safety.

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Constant speeding through neighborhoods especially ones connected to busy roads i.e. Springfield Ave

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Currently the roads are too congested and hazardous for all users. The roads are filled with young children walking to school, runners, walkers, cyclists, dog walkers - in addition to the vehicles.

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Drivers are always "blocking the box" at certain intersections, always in a rush, rolling through stop signs. Not safe for other drivers and especially for pedestrians and kids walking to school.

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Drivers seem to be more careless than ever, and this needs to be addressed as we are a walking town (especially kids walking to school). We need speed controls and pedestrian improvements.

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Drivers traveling too fast on side street and around schools

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Driving is very scary and walking too with folks driving around others/not stopping for pedestrians/running redlights/speeding

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Driving through our town has become increasingly hazardous with limited oversight by our town's input. We need to care for pedestrians and in turn reduce and eliminate the dangerous intersections.

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Fix the potholes!

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Goes hand-in-hand with walking/biking improvements. In addition, if schools have limited bussing options, children (and their parents) need to be confident in walking/biking options.

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Having recently moved to the area, I am surprised and disappointed by the number of unsafe intersections in the community.

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Help with traffic and helping students commute safely to school since the town cut bussing for so many students.

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<https://patch.com/new-jersey/maplewood/amp/30834860/teen-struck-in-head-with-gun-during-maplewood-robbery-police>

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Way too many stories like this. I do not feel safe in this town. :(

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I am a runner as well as a driver and walker and the roads are dangerous for all three activities, between poor paving, and noncompliance with and nonenforcement of traffic laws.

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I bike as much as possible rather than driving our household's only car. We also have a toddler and need the roads and sidewalks to be safe for him as he grows up in Maplewood.

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I don't want to be run over

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I live at the corner of Walton and Jefferson and have had to witness on multiple occasions near collisions at this corner or further below at the 2 way stop sign

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I live near Parker Avenue at the Irvington and Newark border and frequently witness unsafe driving and road rage incidents.

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I live off Valley and the traffic has worsened over the 20 years I've lived here. The new traffic lights haven't helped. I feel perhaps they aren't timed well

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I live on Ridgewood road and gave two school aged children. Cars are speeding at excessive rates and kids are unsafe crossing the street or walking through a crosswalk. Speed humps are necessary.

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I live on Wyoming and it's a terrifying place to walk

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I love how little light pollution we have, but crossing roads or as a driver, seeing pedestrians who wish to cross at night, is very difficult.

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I often worry about the safety of children with the way cars are driving in town

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I own a business on SA and I am concerned about safety

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I rarely see traffic enforcement taking place in Maplewood and drivers seem to have become increasingly reckless.

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This has also taken the lives of Maplewood residents from us.

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I see people not fully coming to stop in village, etc. Including municipal DEP vehicles.

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I selected this because "fixing the roads" is not an available option. The roads in Maplewood are atrocious. This needs to be a top priority going forward.

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I take my life in my hands when I cross Prospect - I know the cops can't be everywhere - but there has to be another way to stop speeding and keep peds safe.

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I think that we need more lighting so that we can drive safely at night and see people walking at night.

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I was running over by a car while walking home from the station. The color of my clothing cannot be an acceptable response to the incident.

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I'm particularly concerned about the road safety surrounding all our schools.

If the town wants to move to a more pedestrian based model, the streets will need to be safer for bikes and walkers.

Improving major crossings with high visibility crosswalks and adding sidewalks where they are not (portions of Ridgewood for example).

In April last year, I was walking and bumped by a car rolling through the stop sign at the corner of Springfield Ave and Oregon St. All stop signs in our town seem to be treated as suggestions.

In particular, drainage on the east side of town near Irvington/NJ Transit.

In the 14 years I've lived here traffic has gotten considerably worse, and safety issues both for drivers and pedestrians have gone hand in hand with the increased traffic.

In the last 5-10 years streets have become extremely hazardous due to impatient drivers and increased traffic and seeming decreased enforcement. It makes walking and driving dangerous.

Increase police safety by adding more police patrol and street cameras on 44th st. Perhaps building a wall along the brook, similar by Ivy Hill.

Wawa is a major concern for the residents nearby.

Increase safety near 44th street, Especially close to the Wawa. Robberies are very frequent on this part of Maplewood.

Increased population means more cars on the road, and more walkers on foot. Dangerous intersections, poor road quality and ill placed street lights / signs make this worse

It affects everyone and needs to be improved.

it's dangerous to walk

Jefferson Ave is not a safe street. There should be more cross walks and more enforcement of speeding. It is unsafe for our neighborhood currently.

Keeping our residents - especially school children and cyclist - and providing mobility is essential to me.

Lack of lights for pedestrians and stop signs at 4 way stops

Left turns into street parking spots on Maplewood Ave from Durand to Lenox Pl. Traffic not stopping at crosswalks. Drivers driving with their brights on at night, not dimming them to oncoming traffic.

Many people in our towns are drivers for the first time as they are coming from Brooklyn, Manhattan, Jersey City etc.

There is speeding, dangerous driving and intersections that need upgrading.

Measures used to improve traffic safety have co-benefits of increasing mass transit, improving accessibility and safety for wheelchairs, and addressing equity of those unable to own passenger car

More speed bumps to slow down speeding maniacs.

Mother of a young child, streets can be very unsafe around here.

My street (Jacoby) has not been addressed in years. The most that has been done is the potholes get filled if occasionally and only if you call and complain.

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Need slower cars

No dead end at 44th street. This will decrease value of homes, cause a delay in getting paramedics from umdnj or Beth Israel to residents. The dead ends are an I sore and not maintained in other parts

No dead end on 44th street will prevent Paramedics to have quick access to sick Residents on Jacoby!!

Of course all of our roads should be safe for drivers, pedestrians and cyclists. If we can't do the basics then we've failed.

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On Hillcrest Ave, there are deadends which many people going to local businesses or the litany of rental homes are unaware and often speed out of the neighborhood. We've seen numerous hits here.

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One of the things I have noticed over the years with the increase of population in town has been the increase of cars on the roads, normally driving faster than posted and not stopping our pedestrians

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Our traffic issues are many. Driving on Prospect, Wyoming and Ridgewood road is so challenging due to aggressive driving- walking there is absolutely dangerous.

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Particularly walkers/bikers

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Pedestrian safety and speeding have always been an issue.

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Pedestrian safety issues are still very present in many areas of Maplewood where crosswalks and other pedestrian-oriented walkways are ignored.

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People are driving like maniacs! I live on Valley Street so I see first hand how insane people are. Passing in a double yellow, speeding, running lights, NEVER stopping for pedestrians. It's awful.

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People drive like maniacs and our kids are walking to school

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People drive like maniacs around here. I think we need more cameras, monitoring etc. to help keep aggressive driving down.

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People drive too fast on many streets in Maplewood. Witness Wyoming Avenue, where the speed limit is 35 MPH and more than half of drivers drive over the limit.

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People speed like crazy through the town.

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Prospect St especially bad between Elmwood and Oakview. Pedestrians nearly hit daily, especially children walking from Tuscan or the HS

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Prospect, springfield, valley, boyden are still scary. Thru drivers are aggressive and we have had more than one scare. Safety for school start/end in particular and safety in general.

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Remember, posted speed limits are NOT the same as the design speed of a road. Our roads have 25mph limits but are designed for 40mph. NARROWER LANES SAVES LIVES.

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Repair roads on 44th and Jacoby at

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Make 44th st a dead end entirely too much cut thru traffic and people going wrong way on one way street

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Repave the roads on 44th St and all around Seth Boyden School, more cameras on 44th street, more police patrol around Wawa and Quickchek.

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Residents and visitors to the town use all sorts of means of traveling and all users should be safe. We've put up quite a few traffic signs that are consistently ignored. Give out more tickets.

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Roads and sidewalks are in terrible shape.

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Roads need re-surfacing and speed restrictions need to be enforced

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Safe access to local roadways

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Same answer as for #1

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Scary

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Since moving here 2 years ago, I have seen numerous instances where motorists do not yield. The corner of Burnett, Tuscan and Springfield is horrendous for cars and people

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Speeding cars and vehicles plague all of our neighborhoods, whether through streets or residential ones. Meaningful enforcement is needed, as are reducing through traffic on residential streets.

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Speeding on the eastern side of town (Parker and Boyden area) as well as pedestrian/cross traffic visibility (hedges and blind corners), and left turn lanes or signals, all need to be addressed.

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Speeding, failure to yield to pedestrians, potholes, speed traps, etc. related road issues are a public health priority: risks for road injuries and death is preventable.

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Springfield Ave is wild. Double parking, u turns and cars ignoring those ambulating in the crosswalks

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Springfield avenue traffic gets worse annually

Stop signs can sometimes be treated as a suggestion over a rule. I was almost hit this summer by a person who ran a stop sign by maple crest park. Maybe more lit cross walk signs?

Street cameras are needed on 44th St; cars continue to drive the one-way street. 44th St. and Jacoby St. still need to be repaired, and 44th St. (toward Chancellor Ave) needs to be a dead-end street.

Street lights on our street are few and very dim. Walking at night, you need a flashlight to see the sidewalks

the aggressive driving in Maplewood is a real issue

The drivers around town are constantly speeding and breaking traffic laws. I do not see any town enforcement around this issue. I also think there is a lot of damaged roads around town.

The first step in building a future that is sustainable and provides the greatest range of uses for all residents of every age and mobility level is to provide safe walking, biking wheelchair access

The intersection by DeHart Community Center and the Senior Center lacks stop signs and other traffic management tools, which creates dangerous situations between pedestrians and vehicles every day.

The intersection of Jefferson and Walton has lots of pedestrian crossings and vehicle traffic approaching fast from Maplewood Ave on Jefferson with very little visibility. Why is there no cross walk?!

The opportunity for interaction between cars and pedestrians in Maplewood is very large and as density is added, the increase in traffic and people need a solid mitigation/ mgt plan

The roads are dangerous and it impacts the quality of life for everyone. We want more people walking, not more people driving due to fear. People and pets are hit or have near misses too regularly.

The roads are very congested and vehicle operators violate traffic laws

The speed of cars throughout town is by far the most serious issue, makes the streets unsafe, and detracts from the sense of community this town tries hard to foster.

The state of affairs on the roads is outright dangerous at times, not least due to little enforcement, and citizen safety should be more important than any cosmetic or conceptual change.

The volume of traffic taxing our streets combined with increased reckless driving have made it dangerous to raise a family here. It wasn't always this bad.

The walk to seth boyden is dangerous. and I live on tuscan road, where i recognize it is a main route for fire dept, but it's become a speedway alternative for springfield ave. it must be addressed.

There are too many accidents, too many people not driving safely

There are too many aggressive drivers and many roads are in need of repair.

There have been muggings, break-ins, and drug trade near my house and i want it to stop.

There is a major lack of enforcement on our streets. People regularly speed, run traffic lights/stop signs, and don't stop for pedestrians.

There is a ton of reckless driving in town. Cars speeding, illegal passing etc. There was a major accident on my property the other month and I am concerned about safety.

This is a very real problem! Aggressive drivers have created many unsafe situations for other drivers and pedestrians. It's really out of control.

To make it safer to walk and bike.

Too many accidents

Too many crazy drivers, too many close calls with pedestrians, I am all for making this a walkable town with access for only those who need it (elderly, handicap) - we can all walk A LOT more.

Too many Maplewood streets, especially near schools, are used as high-speed shortcuts by area drivers. We need to think seriously about how we can discourage this type of activity.

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Too many people speeding on residential roads.

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Too many speeding cars in my neighborhood. Too many car thefts that seem to go unresolved.

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traffic calming is important to me

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Traffic has greatly increased and drivers are angry and in a rush. So many kids, dogs, people walking. Very scary!

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Traffic in the village is terrible and illegal parking rampant.

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Traffic management and pedestrian safety are at risk when drivers don't have clear visibility at major intersections (blinded by parked cars or other causes of poor sight lines)

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Various family members have repeatedly almost been struck by cars.

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In addition, and I think this is related, the street signs are impossible to see at night, which distracts drivers.

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Vehicular traffic and heavy trucks exceeding the speed limit on Roads are not being policed.

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Walking, riding bikes, and driving in town are scary. We need more safety for our village to thrive.

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We are seeing more work from home and buy local practices. With this importance of safety is rising. We are less of a transit to Nyc, town.

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We have more children walking our sidewalks and crossing our streets, thanks in part to the school integration plan. I have noticed aggressive driving with impatient drivers, creating danger.

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We have young kids and see cars at times wizzing around. There are opportunities to close off some smaller streets to create dead ends that allow for safety and the community to enjoy the open areas.

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We live on a heavily used short cut street coming from Irvington

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We need a 4-way stop sign at Wellesley Street and Hilton Ave. Cars cut through Wellesley St at dangerous speeds.

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We pay a lot in taxes and I feel our roads could see more benefit. Boyden and Springfield is just one great example of where funds could be placed to benefit our lives and safety. Dedicated left!!

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With climate change issues, we need to encourage less driving and make it safer to walk around Maplewood at night - better lighting and signage for cars to slowdown at school zones.

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With the III in our school district causing more and more children to walk farther distances and cross busy streets, this is incredibly important.

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Would like to see better street lighting around Maplewood. In particular certain residential blocks have minimal lighting

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Would like to see the township reevaluate the speed humps on 44th st. Cars still speed down the block because the speed humps are so slight.

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### *Walking, Biking, Transit and Shared Mobility*

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Accessibility and safe transit adds value and growth potential to the town.

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As a senior citizen, I would like to be able to walk to stores and parks but sidewalks are not always available, or are in disrepair, or motorists do no stop for pedestrians so it can be challenging.

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As a senior with increasing discomfort with driving, I would like both day and evening transportation within MAPSO that could run on the jitney routes but not limited to train commuters.

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As someone who cycles and tries to drive as little as possible it feels like Maplewood is uniquely positioned to improve non-car transit

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Because we're avid bikers and would like to see additional measures in place to incentive more biking/walking (protected bike lanes!!!!).

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Because when I can't drive anymore how will I get to places.

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Bike lanes would really help transport on Prospect Street, Valley Street, Springfield and Wyoming.

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Biking and trails are essential to avoid more cars on the road as population increases

Biking and walking is crucial to the environment as well as physical well being. All the best cities in the world include this in their plans.

Biking is very dangerous in town. Walking is also dangerous due to terrible sidewalks and dangerous intersections.

Biking/walking must be prioritized for the health of all. We need sheltered bike lanes and a thoroughfare from Maplewood to South Orange. Kids need safe passage for walk/bike to school and activities.

Car dependence in Maplewood worsens traffic and hampers our town's ability to grow.

Car reliance is destroying life on this planet via emissions. Locally we would all be safer and healthier if we could get around more without cars.

Creating a town Jitney like the train Jitney would address the parking issues in Maplewood Village and help the environment.

Creating more ways for everyone to move around without a car is key. Gas prices are insane.

Decarbonization is critical to a livable future. Exploring ways to reduce emissions from transport is an important aspect of decarbonizing our economy.

Development of Greenway connecting to South Orange Greenway development

Drivers speed regularly and its dangerous to bike and cross streets. this is by far one the issue I'd like to see addressed

Encouraging residents to reduce their reliance on cars is great for the environment and everyone's health!

Environment and gas prices also safety

Environment and total cost of owning a car is high.

Equity means access for those of us who cannot drive and climate justice means we reduce reliance on cars and instead create livable, walkable, resilient and sustainable communities.

For my mom, who is 82 and doesn't drive

For our bodily health and the health of the planet, we must decrease our dependence on cars. Not even debatable. The safer/ more inviting Mwd. is for all to walk/bike/scoot/etc., the more we'll do it!

Having a more walkable/bikeable town is better for health, is good for the environment, and helps with parking issues.

Having the ability to get around without a car helps the carbon footprint.

How can we become a model for a walkable town, limiting car traffic without sacrificing economic vitality?

I appreciate there is all lot which can be done without getting in your car

I believe strongly that the quality of life in a community is driven (pardon the pun) by how people get around. The impacts are also felt economically, environmentally, and in the health of people.

I bike a lot and would love more bike friendly infrastructure

I can't drive

I can't drive yet which makes it a pain to get between areas

I cannot drive and often feel isolated.

I don't drive.

I don't think walking, biking are safe enough in Maplewood. All of the schools, especially Columbia High School need better school zone signage on Valley and Parker telling cars to slow down <25mph.

I fully support any expanded transit as it's better for the environment and a more equitable place

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I have selected the issue because the section of Maplewood where I reside far side of Millburn Ave. Has long been neglected regarding the safety of children making this crossing.

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I love bike riding. It's good exercise and good for the environment. We could do more to encourage bike riding.

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I love the idea of being able to walk to more things, and for pre-teens and teens to have more access to activities without relying on cars.

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I moved here so I wouldn't have to rely on a car to get everywhere

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I see bicycle icons but I don't really see a solution that benefits for both car drivers and cyclists. Can this - enhanced safety measures - be added to our streets?

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I want to live in walkable community for better health, environment and community building.

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I would love to ride my bike around town while feeling safe

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I'd love to bike around town, but am terrified that I'll be sideswiped by a distracted driver. The bike lanes we have are kind of a joke, since they're actually part of the roadways.

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I'm excited about the bike path being built behind chezowich field to connect Maplewood and South Orange via bike. I'd love to see more bike paths and for Chezowich Field to be cleaned up.

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If the community is walking past "blighted assets" there may be more attention to fix them up. If it's easier to get to the business districts, more businesses might find success

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Important

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Important.

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improving this ability would help the environment and minimize traffic congestion. Additionally, the town is small enough for this to be a feasible option and help public transit

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In the age of the climate collapse, gas prices are going to skyrocket and future-proofing our city for a world without cars is going to be paramount over the next few years

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Intention integration- My son will go to Clinton 1.8 miles from our house. He can't walk, won't get a bus, to bike there we'd have to go down parker at rush hour without a bike lane. BIKE LANES!

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It allows accessibility for all ages

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It is hard walking to shopping area without a car

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It is imperative for the town to redesign our streets in order to tame a rigidly car-oriented environment into something that is equitable. We need to make it fair for all ages to walk safely.

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It is important to be able to move away from car-centric planning, especially when so many children are walking to school, or allowing for better bike infrastructure to keep bikers safe

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it not safe riding a bike around Maplewood roads. Cars are speeding.

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It would make Maplewood more friendly to low-income families who can't avoid a car and would get drivers off the roads, making them safer.

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It's a safety, equity and environmental issue that would improve standard of living for everyone. Safer and easier bike means fewer cars on the road, which is safer and creates less pollution.

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It's about biking, in particular. The path along the Rahway has been in the works for at least five years, but has yet to come to fruition. A standalone bike path is much safer than sharing the road

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It's important to lower carbon emissions

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It's very important that the town is walkable and bike safe

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Lack of safe biking lanes. Clogged streets and unnecessary stop lights on around valley street.

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Living 2 blocks up the hill from Mapl Village, I love walking down to the center for so many things close buy but hesitate at times getting back up the hill (senior) and parking is truly not the best

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Makes the town more attractive.

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Important for older residents.

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Making the town more accessible is vital to long term growth.

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Many drivers are disrespectful of their surroundings. We don't need speed bumps; we need stop signs at most intersections, particularly a four-way stop at Maplewood and Jefferson Avenues.

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Maplewood benefits from access to public transit and denser housing with smaller lots. We shouldn't be surrendering our streets to cars or indexing on car infrastructure when considering developments.

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Maplewood is a town in which people should be able to get around without a car - doing so supports the environment and is a response to climate change.

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Maplewood is unique because it is a destination - and not just another drive through town. You don't drive through. You have to go there. That must be maintained.

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Maplewood is very congested with cars and it would be great to have more walkability and bike access, especially for kids growing up here.

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Maplewood is very walkable and bikeable however, the car is my default mode of transportation. A lack of bike parking and aggressive drivers are the biggest deterrents.

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Maplewood's streets aren't compatible with biking.

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Our whole family walks regularly (to the train, to school, etc.) and Maplewood's drivers don't have enough respect for pedestrians.

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More bicycle and pedestrian-friendly options, operate limited Jitney service all day/weekends.

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more bikes lanes, perhaps protected, better pedestrian safety signs / crosswalks, enforcement.

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cars don't stop for crosswalks as often as they should! more clear bike lanes!

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More outside activity increases social interaction and reduces car pollution. I'm specifically focused on the biking and walking mobility, not focuses on transit or shared mobility so much.

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More safe baking paths

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My household only has one car for two adults; we walk or bike to the train station. We also have a toddler who rides in a stroller or bike seat. Safe, carless mobility is extremely important.

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Nearly impossible to bike without encountering aggressive drivers. There is a lack of enforcement when it comes to speeding/obeying the rules of the road. I would like to see safer streets for biking

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Need bike lanes and improved shared ride/public trans

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Need to change the way we operate in a climate changing world

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Need to have a safe network of dedicated bicycle lanes.

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No ADA compliant public transport available to most residents. The senior bus can't be used by seniors with mobility issues. One cannot get to an accessible train station using public transport.

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No bike lanes almost anywhere!

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Non-car transit is more sustainable, healthy, and convenient. As an NJ Transit commuter, improving the trains are a particular area of interest for me.

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Not only do we need to make it easier to get around without a car- more public transport options would be great- we also need to make walking MUCH safer. Drivers are so dangerous and little is done.

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Offering a walkable community helps remove car congestion and encourages more interaction with community businesses while also being better for the environment

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One of the great things about living in Maplewood is the ease of commuting and shopping without a car. It's an asset that can be improved upon.

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One of the main draws of our lovely little town is the ability to get around without being dependent on a car. There's a lot of room for improvement here.

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One of the main factors in moving to Maplewood to raise my family was the fact that it was a walkable suburb with most resources within walking distance, minimizing the need to drive all the time.

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Ongoing problems with car traffic, generally unpleasant to walk or bike anywhere in town.  
Unfavorable conditions lead to more people opting to use cars

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Our car-dependent infrastructure damages our environment, our bodies, and our municipal budget.  
Our family moved to Maplewood from a big city and one of our top priorities is being able to walk and bike around town

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Our town needs designated bike lanes. With the little space left after all the street parking, I see bike riders positioned on the street unsafely daily.

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Our towns are impossible to navigate by car during busy times. We need more shuttles, scooters, or public transportation options to reduce the number of cars on our congested streets.

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Parker ave traffic to Irvington is way too fast. I'd support adding speed humps going towards the 7-11.

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Parking and cars in general are often the enemy of good public space.

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pedestrian safety is a critical issue in town

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People complain about parking, speeding, and accidents - provide better options for non-car mobility rather than add speed bumps and more lights, which make driving a nuisance and cause more issues.

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Reduce congestion which has markedly increased over the last 20 years

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Reducing traffic and parking issues would be great around town. Also, I would feel safer riding my bike with my kids around town if there were more dedicated bike lanes.

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Related to my first choice. The more vehicles on the road, the harder it is to go on walks/jogs and/or enjoy the outdoors safely. I also like the idea of jitneys for big events like Maplewood fest.

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School Busing

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Sustainability options are critically important! The fact that our town is so deeply car dependent is a shame and I look forward to us demonstrating our commitment to environmental issues and equity.

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The 2 red lights you added on valley street by the garden center do not benefit traffic at all and only make it worse. I have yet to see a driver benefit from those lights.

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The busing for children in this district NEEDS to be modified to more than the bare minimum (2 miles). Surrounding towns such as Montclair provide busing for children that are 1 mile. TOO MANY CARS!

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The congestion created cars is a quality of life issue and an environmental issue.

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The more mass transit options we have, the better we can combat traffic, parking issues and climate change

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The more walkable/walkable the town, the easier to calm the increased auto traffic. Speed is out of control as most don't heed limits or pedestrian/crosswalk signs - Springfield Ave/Ridgewood Rd

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The parking issues in the village could be solved if we had a Jitney that ran during the day and the evening like the Jitney to the train Station. Maybe create a pilot program to see response.

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The sidewalks in Maplewood need a lot of work and in many cases, they are unsafe for strollers with the amount of cracks, bumps, trees, etc.

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the town is small and the amount of congestion from cars is polluting the air, tearing up our streets and unsafe for pedestrians

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The town's actions need to align with our progressive values.

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The volume of automobile traffic is too high. There are many better alternatives that are safer and sustainable.

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Theoretically residents should be able to walk/bike easily around much of our town but there are simply not sufficient traffic-calming measures to make this safe. We could use more bus/ options too.

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There are many new apartment buildings going up all the time. I don't think the town requires traffic or school impact studies before granting permits. As a result traffic continually gets worse.

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There are too many cars on the road. People need alternative options.

There's a lot here within a couple of miles, but biking/walking sometimes doesn't feel like an option. Better for our health, better for the environment and better for the parking woes!

There's already enough traffic. Shuttles between towns would be a great start!

This could be a far less car dependent area and there should be more support for safer biking.

This fosters community, health and ecological preservation.

This is an element that makes Maplewood great and must be enhanced and maintained

This is EXTREMELY necessary in this area. There are a growing number of people that are exploring alternate means of transportation for a variety of reasons, namely affordability and climate.

This is important due to both climate change and equity - making sure people who don't have a car can thrive here.

This is the core of the community! 1. Environmental responsibility, 2. Public health benefits, 3. Public safety for pedestrians and cyclists, 4. Reducing wear and tear on roads requires fewer repairs.

This issue is vital for our changing climate as well as insuring older people can remain in their homes as they age. Also important for kids as they get older and want to be more independent.

This may help seniors stay in their homes. Better transit allows people to get to doctors' offices, shopping, downtown and home again. This has an environmental impact as well.

This town is poorly constructed for both walking and biking.

This will hopefully result in fewer cars on the roads of Maplewood, and that's a good thing!

This will increase property values

Too much traffic

Traffic and parking are issues, aggressive driving and congestion make for tough road sharing or walking conditions on major roads, and the environmental and health benefits of walking/biking

Traffic has gotten a lot worse since I moved here. We need to figure out a way to get people moving on sharing transportation.

Traffic in south orange continues to get worse with many negligent drivers. Increased walkability and use of town busses with ability to go to surrounding towns would help decrease traffic. A

Walkability and transit options are key for both equity and environmental goals. Safety for pedestrians and encouraging less dependence on personal vehicles is critical.

Walkability is a key asset for our town!

Walkability is key to creating a sustainable, human-scale, and economically productive community. It is also safer, and healthier for all residents.

Walkability is one of the features of Maplewood that makes it different from suburbs further west. It's great for kids and for people who work from home.

We are a denser suburbs than others and are better positioned to make transit less car dependent. Safer options for bikers and pedestrians will help everyone.

we are big believers in using cars as little as possible. The fact that Maplewood has sidewalks/is walkable was the biggest draw, would love to see that continue. i also bike over 50% of my errands.

We can have a great impact in lowering our carbon footprint by ensuring that the infrastructure is there to support car-free living.

Ensuring that everyone feels safe on the roads is important.

We can help fight climate change, improve street safety, and boost local economy by having dedicated bike lanes and walking-only commercial spaces like Downtown.

We don't have street bike routes and biking on Elmwood, Parker, Valley, and other main streets is dangerous. People drive too fast

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We have an excellent jitney system that could be expanded to ferry residents back and forth to the village, which would help with street congestion.

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We moved to this town from the city specifically for its walkability. It is a part of our lifestyle to avoid using the car when we can. I'd love more bike paths as well.

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We moved to this town partly for its walkability and ease of access to NYC. This is something that should be protected and made more accessible to others in other parts of town

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We need to expand housing in Maplewood w/o adding to the traffic issues across our town. Encouraging safe walking paths, biking lanes, and jitney service can reduce our reliance on vehicles.

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We need to increase other modes of transit beyond cars, especially as kids are having to attend schools outside their immediate neighborhood. We need more bike lanes and bike racks.

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We'd love to see bike lanes to bike with our family. There are so many hills in MW it makes it difficult to do so. We often take our bikes to bike in other towns

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We're a small town - we can do this!

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We're small enough to do this.

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With the increase in development

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Would like to see more "traffic calming" on Maplewood roads ... narrowed streets, bump outs, etc. Without this, I am afraid of biking around town.

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Would love more designated shared bike paths and better cross walks.

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Would love to see a greenway created

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Yes, the ability to get around without a car is important - but new or improved routes must be wheelchair accessible.

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## Great Ideas

Likes	Idea
66	Shuttles from Springfield Ave to downtown Maplewood and back -- make more places accessible without a car.
65	I think we should have affordable day passes to the pool. I also think running the jitneys on certain days/times could promote more socialization and retail for those who live farther away from town.
61	Bring the movie theater back
60	We've got to get the tree thing right. The canopy is aging out. People need guidance on maintaining healthy trees, recognizing when they're dangerous, and support planting new ones.
58	Greenway between Maplewood and South Orange and bike lanes to all schools would be huge!
50	I would love to see the pool available to all. It's a bit embarrassing now, how expensive it is.
47	I would've wanted to see something related to lowering property taxes
44	Eliminate single family zoning and parking minimums to allow density and walkability.
44	More focus in mental health, especially in the school system. We need to focus more on equality for the special needs community, rather than just focusing on race.
40	A proper dog park in Memorial park so irresponsible dog owners have a place to let their animals off leash and the humans who live in this town can actually enjoy the parks.
40	Creating a jitney line for teens to use. Avoid multitude of parents driving to and from the same places. Reduce emission, traffic and bring up a more self reliant teen.
39	Revitalizing Valley Street to make it another vibrant commercial center like Springfield. Imagine a great coffee shop like Paper Plane there! That along with the continued support for SOMA bike trail.
37	Free jitney to and from town would help with street congestion and encourage more visits to town
35	Let our sports organizations have the tools and permission they need to address the field problems.
33	We need a larger tax base to ease property taxes and create more vibrant walkable communities. Multi-family development, affordable housing, and elimination of single-family zoning w/ non-car transit.
32	Development must be kept in scale with a town. We are not a city.
30	Greenway development and acquisition of YMCA building for indoor sports options
30	Winterstock winter-February festival each year featuring snowy-fun, winter theater festival at the Woodlawn, and hot chocolate extravaganza.
29	Invest more in making Springfield Ave a second downtown; Better utilize Valley St btw Maplewood
29	Pool open to all!
28	We need more transparency into the budget spend vs tax increases. Better maintaining/pruning ahead of storms. Better enforcement of parking regulations in front of homes. Services during lockdowns
26	Make the train station accessible so everyone can use it. Stairs to the west bound platform discriminate against the mobility challenged.
26	Overhaul school and police budgets to be more proactive and driven by research rather than reactive and based in fear/lawsuits.

26	Winter ice skating in Maplewood Memorial Park.
25	Free pool, start fresh with the board of Ed and Superintendent, offer school bussing to anyone who wants it.
25	The schooling situation is not fixing anything. It is a half baked plan at best and without bussing is not sustainable to working parents.
24	Municipal compost pickup as part of a comprehensive green plan for the town. It would lessen the amount of trash (and cost of transport/pickup) and could be used in town property or given to residents
24	Union has a baseball complex that is somewhat self-sufficient using concession proceeds to pay for upkeep. Volunteers staff it. This is a great model that we should consider for baseball, pool, etc.
23	Just a wish - Year round community pool, indoor track and field facilities. Healthy body, healthy mind. And access to all, especially teens.
22	Not sure, but I have noticed that a lot of the apartment buildings and density are added to outer edges of town. Us on the outer edge want to feel like we still live in a town without overcrowding too
22	Purchase the country club and repurpose it for public purpose.
21	400 girls play softball in our town and we have the worst fields in the County. Towns with far less resources have much better fields. I will never understand why people are against better fields.
21	Allow property tax payers to direct a portion of their tax obligation to the services/costs they prefer.
21	Hold night markets once a month in the village. Close the roads for local musicians, food trucks, small artists and artisans; and village retailers and restaurants stay open for the trade
21	School safety, updated practices, overhaul BOE, bussing for all.
20	Charge for parking in the Village. Free parking is subsidizing wealthy people who go to eat and shop there. The money could be used to support more community and arts events, which brings more people
20	Incentivize artists studios, especially on Springfield. Artists are the best pioneers to turn 'hard to activate' places to places people want to hang out in.
20	Lowering property taxes, affordable pool membership, upgrades to playgrounds with splash pads and special needs interests in consideration.
20	More murals on more buildings!
20	Town composting with the rubbish collecting; collect more numbers to recycle; reward residents for creating less trash
19	I like the tree idea but would also add that the permit process is costly when the trees are dead (e.g. the ash tree issue) an update to that policy to reduce the cost for at-risk trees would be good
19	Make this participatory workshop ongoing (and curated) rather than a one-off. Make more open data about Maplewood accessible. Capture the best ideas around the world and stimulate discussion/action.
18	A dog park that can serve as a city center. I meet so many dog owners who would love to relax and chat with their pups.
18	Give the town the resources to properly maintain the natural grass fields, instead of repeatedly doing the bare minimum and expecting different outcomes. These fields need to be preserved for all.
18	I live in the Hilton section and I feel that there is a significant divide between this side of Maplewood and the Village area. More activities or events to bring the two together might help

18	Maplewood should fix residential sidewalks and curbs rather than have individuals pay for it. Would improve walkability. Plant new trees and maintain older ones properly (trim them correctly, etc.).
18	Provide more accessible housing: Allow for accessory dwelling units. Eliminate single family zoning, and replace with minimum sizes and building and parking guidelines.
18	Put power lines underground to strengthen the power grid resiliency and allow for tree growth. The comparison to SO is embarrassing and we are more vulnerable to storms and climate change.
18	We desperately need more pro-active mental health for our children. It can't be passive. It must go to the kids and engage them to get at issues before they turn into real tragedies.
17	We need proactive and innovative measures to ready the town's infrastructure to respond to increasing stress from climate change, e.g. hurricane Ida. This affects all residents (unlike turf issue).
16	Create safe, pleasant walkable, joggable, rideable greenways between (for example) Memorial Park, Maplecrest Park, Meadowland Park. Encourage coffee carts, community projects and events etc.
16	Long-term plan to manage invasive species (Japanese knotweed, Tree of heaven, Spotted Lanternfly, etc.) and commit to planting natives. No natives = no ecosystem. Consult ecologists
16	Move away from a car centric transportation grid to promote vibrant, safe and engaging public spaces. Adding bike lanes to a handful of key corridors will improve traffic, parking, commerce and more!
16	Revitalize Valley street and provide some commercial connectivity between Valley and The train station. More storm preparedness needs to be taken into account.
15	School safety, increasing teacher's pay, bussing to schools for everyone that needs it. I love the idea of focusing on mental health within the school system too.
15	The township should maintain sidewalks and curbs. Use the bulk purchasing power of the township to contract these services. The state of many sidewalks and curbs in this town is pitiful.
14	???? Better bike lanes! <a href="https://cityratings.peopleforbikes.org/create-great-places/protected-bike-lanes">https://cityratings.peopleforbikes.org/create-great-places/protected-bike-lanes</a>
14	Add some anchor stores to Springfield Ave.
14	Fix the approachability of the town - road, sidewalk, and streetlight quality, plus expectations of curb appeal of residential and commercial businesses.
14	Formally merge with South Orange to create one municipality. We already share a school district
14	Repaving the Czyzowitch drive way so our town buses aren't ruined by the potholes.
14	Revitalized community pool, where all residents are welcome. Enlarge footprint into Winchester gardens, more games and recreation, larger restaurant, parking deck,
14	We need to improve what we have. The village is dirty, littered and not maintained. Granted Covid has been a challenge. But we must market how unique we are.
13	Disband the board of Ed. We cannot afford for them to keep suing each other and not get anything done. It is dysfunctional and costly and let's face, our schools are not that great.
13	Encourage a restaurant/bar to take over the train station similar to Short Hills
13	Fix the roads
13	Improve schools, lower property tax, lower town pool cost. Chysowitz field needs improvement, Have Maplewoodstock in the fall rather than hot July. Local resources for volunteers to help locally



12	Add some anchor stores to Springfield Ave. and further decorate with murals.
12	At every house closing, provide new home owners with a town welcome packet with information about the town's values, waste/recycling schedules, featured annual events, and other municipal services
12	Create a community space for Maplewood's teens. Having a safe, comfortable space for teenagers to socialize is something that is sorely lacking. The Woodland could be a semiself sustaining teen cafe.
12	I don't know where we could find the space, but I'd like to see a real community center-- indoor space for kid
12	Make it more walkable - more restaurants. More shops. More coffee shops. Some of the neighborhoods are very isolated. A gym franchise would be nice.
12	Make the downtown pedestrian area PERMANENT and attractively designed. (Along with this: address chronic parking issues)
12	Maplewood should have protected bike lanes.
12	Protect the natural environment against the ravages of climate change by putting more resources into maintaining parks and street trees.
11	Enforce existing code laws on individuals who illegally erect 10 foot fences at 102 Boyden Avenue (pink house, aka 104) and reduce their neighbors property values and respond to the formal complaints
11	Maplewood Village Alliance and Springfield Avenue Partnership should be merged. Why two business districts with two executive directors? Waste of resources
11	School integration hurts children's ability to make friends in their neighborhood, puts unneeded stress on families with 2 working parents as there is no bussing and schools do not have equal aftercare
11	Summer concert series. Less of a big production than Maplewoodstock, but 3-5 comedy or concerts spread out over the summer months that are mid to reasonably well known acts.
10	Ban the use of gas in new commercial and residential buildings. Explore the potential for community EVs, E-scooters and E-bikes, with scaled down prices/subsidies for lower-income residents.
10	Convert Maplewood train station to a bar or restaurant, a tremendous asset that appears to be underutilized. Also public restrooms not portable toilets in the Memorial Park
10	Extend and develop the Rahway River Greenway, which was supposed to follow the river from South Orange to Maplewood. It's a decades-old concept
10	I'd like to see the town make serious efforts to slow down driving on residential streets. This creates safety issues, detracts from fostering a sense of community, and lowers the quality of life.
10	Lower property taxes, improve schools, lower pool cost, move Maplewoodstock to the fall. Easier access to volunteer opportunities to help each other, whether you are in need or a volunteer.
10	More shade at playgrounds! Specifically, DeHart (which lost an amazing shade tree) and Maplecrest.
10	More traffic calming measures - speeding is out of control especially around schools/parks.
10	The pool should be lower cost and available to all residents, including affordable day passes for guests and low cost swimming lessons for all residents, with weekend and evening lessons.
10	We need a plan for the Country Club property - to be ready in case they ever decide to sell to a developer in order to keep that as open green space...and to consider obtaining that space
10	We need to address the parking in town.
9	Beautification around areas closest to Irvington. Slower traffic. Springfield Ave development.

	More police presence in areas with gun violence (Springfield age and bordering area to Irvington)
9	Bioswales incorporated into our streets would help our environment, provide food resources for pollinators, manage stormwater runoff and possibly calm traffic. Bike lanes and raised crosswalks, too.
9	Capping the building of new apartment buildings. The town's infrastructure and school district cannot continue to accept more people to a small town. Maplewood is a good small town not Montclair.
9	Create a 'park-and-ride' jitney from the Maplewood Pool into the village (and other key, retail areas) during the pool's off-season. Parking in the village is a nightmare during the holidays.
9	Create a youth cultural center that provides regular programming and space for our adolescents and teens - movies, music, games, art. Opportunities for positive engagement and autonomy.
9	Get rid of the multiple buildings the town owns that are underused and combine the assets to make a real community center people will use. start with 1976
9	I see that Union has added a shared bike program, would love to see something similar implemented in Maplewood to aid with commuting to the train station or just visiting more neighborhoods in town.
9	Incentivize unique small businesses that fulfill needs to occupy spaces with high turnover downtown. Baker St is the model! QUALITY coffee shop, INDEPENDENT movie theater. No more tchotchke shops!
9	Indoor recreation including pool. We need more winter activities for kids. Healthy body, healthy mind
9	Murals painted by local artists, everywhere. Then a map turned into guided tour led by local artists and showcasing local businesses.
9	Our village has started to feel like Urban sprawl. We are losing the special vibe we have always had. It's too crowded and too difficult to access the stores and restaurants.
9	Strengthen single family zoning, limit apartment buildings. Density is out of control: driving is a nightmare and walking is dangerous. We are a town not a city. If we want that we should stay in city
9	There's an awesome old rundown industrial building near the recycling center and fields. It would make for a great food/beer hall and a hub to expand downtown over and extend the park/walkways.
9	We are a lovely spacious warm town but over-crowding is a real issue to residents. No more construction of apartment buildings, we embrace new business that offer residents new choices.
8	Bike lanes and shared bike stations!
8	Creating a safe, comfortable space for teenagers. Configure part of the Woodland as a semi-self sustaining teen cafe. (Not sure if the other post submitted)
8	Fix the dangerous traffic situation on Maplewood and Baker - traffic-circle? Something else?
8	I would love be on the cutting edge of everything--education, the environment, transportation, housing, etc.
8	I'd love to see the warehouse spaces near Hilton zoned to turn into cafes, small restaurants, a beer garden. Sister businesses could share a common patio with lawn games to bring people together
8	Keep development in scale with the town. Don't do what South Orange is doing and change the character of our beautiful, historic Maplewood.
8	Merging as many services to cut back on duplicate costs between towns and reduce tax burden.

8	Promoting walkability/cycleability and car independent mobility through redesigning streets and the addition of bike lanes. Also making the jitney less commuter focused and cheaper would be a good idea.
8	Revise the zoning code to allow for more "as-of-right" development without expensive and time-consuming reviews and delays from the township. More development will create more affordable housing.
8	Safe bike lanes to downtown, Millburn and SO. Turn downtown into a permanent car-free plaza
8	Splash pad for kids, dog parks or off leash hours, fixing the sidewalks esp. in Springfield area and Hilton.
8	Unless turf is going back on the table, MAJOR field improvements, and aggressively restoring the trees lost to storms, homeowners and PSEG hacks. Unrelated: SA needs an aesthetic overhaul.
8	We should develop a MapSo community land trust, for housing and other endeavors. This would ensure affordable housing remains in our community. There are strong models available to us to study!
7	A vital community center with on-going activities that attracts seniors, teens, families, children.
7	Additional shared services or regionalization to help with reducing taxes.
7	Bussing for schools. Day passes to the pool. Attract more vibrant businesses downtown. More options for childcare. Reduce single family zoning. Increase public transit options within town. Dog parks.
7	Ensure the next fleet of jitneys are electric.
7	I agree with the person who stated older or overgrown trees need to be addressed. Twice limbs have fallen on my house from the same tree in a neighbor's yard. They were not over my yard so I could not
7	I would love to see Maplewood embrace the revitalization of native flowers. I just returned from a visit to DuPage county, in Illinois-their bike paths and native planting is top notch.
7	Improve parking downtown. Local residential streets are not parking lots. Install meters like other towns?
7	It would be great to have bike paths across Maplewood for people to safely get around. And there should be more events like Maplewoodstock.
7	Make composting and yard waste removal a town service, even if it involves a yearly fee like the sewer.
7	More housing!! Build up the downtown with more apartments!
7	No more housing units or a guideline that before we build more housing, we have created \$X new business tax income over time for each proposed new unit to be built.
7	Organize Maplewood as a progressive community with an appetite to trial new and innovative products services - which we are - to attract and grow mission-driven projects, entrepreneurs, businesses.
7	Percent for Art in new developments. It is a win-win for adding placemaking and cultural assets to the town.
7	Shuttle busses are needed on 44th street/ LightBrook. It's not Irvington. If I need to go to the Maplewood NJ transit train station the nearest bus stop is on Boyden Ave. Too far to walk at 6:00am.
7	Solar panels. We buy them independently now but what if home owners and the town creating a buying scheme. We could help the environment and save money on our home heating and energy costs.
7	There are benches in the Village but not elsewhere. Let's place benches at other areas. Could be grant-based or a fundraiser project or budgeted. Let's begin by placing benches at the jitney stops.

6	1.Manage crime at Wawa 2.Better family feel in Hilton and Light-Brook area. Too many businesses in this area. Those business should be required to maintain a more welcoming entrance. ExFloral garden.
6	Add GPS to the jitneys and utilize mobile app to let riders track the jitneys on a map in real time. Also, consider a pilot microtransit program.
6	Fix the rainbow crosswalk. It was such a prideful statement, and it looks sad and defeated now.
6	I would really like more event like Maplewoodstock.
6	I'd love to see a revitalization/refurbishment of all the public parks. The tennis courts are run down/unkempt. Also, many of the parks lack basic amenities like picnic tables, designated workout areas
6	Identify angel donors to fund Twp. projects and needs. Maybe an Adopt-a-Highway or GoFundMe type model. Increase ratables to reduce property taxes. Please limit multi-family housing.
6	Implement summer play streets or permanent road diversions to cut down on through traffic.
6	Indoor winter Rec for kids and families including pool.
6	Maplewood should implement a Middle Housing Overlay, which allows for small lot or small apartment buildings all across town.
6	More Arts and Music. Maplewood could create a space and underwrite arts
6	More dense housing near trains
6	Repave the entire town
6	Required neighborhood input and better environmental impact understanding for any proposed development plan. The latest turf proposal was a disaster on both these points.
6	SCHOOL SAFETY, BETTER MORE ACCOUNTABLE ADMINISTRATION, BUSSING FOR ALL, BETTER SUPERINTENDENT THAT ACTUALLY ANSWERS QUESTIONS AND RISES TO THE OCCASION.
6	The pool should be free to all.
6	Accessible and fair housing.
6	Invest and support Springfield Avenue.
6	Lord but this BOE IS A MESSY MESS MESS.
6	Bike lanes baby!
6	There is so much traffic through town and excessive speeding. I live by Hilton Library and I always worry about getting hit or cars crashing into houses on Tuscan. One almost did last week.
6	To address speeding. Many toads are not safe for pedestrians. Also, why aren't there lights and speed bumps by the schools
6	We need to redesign our roads so that it actually reflects the posted speed limits. We need traffic calming strategies by narrowing lanes, incorporating bike infrastructure, and widening sidewalks.
5	A Family Center like the Connection in Summit would provide community spaces that cover day care, art and music programming, an INDOOR POOL and basketball courts.
5	Allow for annual on street parking permits so that we can increase tree canopy and pervious coverage on private lots.

5	Build up Springfield Ave with taller structures and bring in key brands (eco/ethical) to anchor around local businesses. Brands are scoffed at but there isn't much Maplewood offers to get errands done
5	Buy the Golf Country club and make a public space, lots of real estate and green space for a limited portion of the township, too exclusive and appears to be underutilized
5	Eliminate on-street parking fees for homes without driveways. Those old homes are cute and good because of less impervious coverage. Instead homeowners are encouraged to park in front yards. Ugly.
5	Enforce the no idling in cars law. So much wasted energy and needless pollution.
5	Entice a nice cocktail bar, dive bar, or beer spot w/ outdoor space on Springfield ave!
5	Flabbergasted at school policies: 1) make pre-K available to all 4s instead of lottery for 3s and 4s, 2) busing NEEDS to be available to everyone and 3) desperately need more aftercare/summer options
5	Help fixed/low income seniors stay in Maplewood by giving them a break on their taxes. Engage neighboring towns (e.g. Irvington, Newark, Union) to work together to improve conditions at the borders.
5	Hire someone akin to a full grant writer who lobbies the county, state, and NJ reps for funds i.e. increased education aid, new/improved fields, transportation, infrastructure, etc. Pays for itself.
5	Improve school systems. They are failing our students. Improve mental health needs in schools on all levels. Many families are taking their children to private schools to avoid out public schools
5	Improving athletic fields (turf), eliminating ban on street parking for 4hours on overnight, provide better parking options downtown and on Springfield. Improve existing school facilities.
5	Incentivize child care centers to open
5	Indoor farmers market, similar to the Boston Public Market. Provide a year round space for local food related businesses, farm fresh veggies, fruit, cheese, bread, fish. One day a week @ the Woodland.
5	It should not be to have someone enter your home for evaluating for tax purposes. Tax increases are not sustainable. Bring in better businesses to offset but no tax breaks like the old post office
5	Make the outdoor dining in the village permanent by widening the sidewalk.
5	Not a need, but a want...change the town street signs to larger font and better visibility. Consider a more "branded" style of street signs to create a single community feel.
5	Pilot on-street overnight parking in more densely developed neighborhoods. Overnight parking permits could be a revenue source for the Township. Better to utilize already paved streets than pave yards
5	Property tax relief. More evening youth/senior recreational activities. Obtain community input before adopting policies, projects and programs.
5	Reduce traffic and population density
5	We need a community center or arcade/game center or SOMETHING for kids to do in town! The old Modern Auto Body site could work for that - right by the HS
5	We need to allow for more restaurants and cafes and venues that allow for socializing and add to the vibrancy of the towns. There should always be retail in connection with any new development.
4	1. Become a pioneer in emphasizing sustainability in township operations. 2. Emphasize pedestrian safety where driving under the influence is rampant.
4	A beer garden and rotating food trucks at the Springfield gazebo!

4	A community land trust would be an important intervention in runaway housing costs and the related problems that brings. We have many models for how to make this a reality. I am happy to help.
4	A kid friendly beer garden!
4	A program to mobilize the community (as the potential market for new and interesting commercial projects) to attract more of the businesses and services we want to see here (and spend at) sooner.
4	A program which helps residents
4	Add restaurants and retail to Springfield Avenue, particularly try to group them close to each other for walkability. Attract more vendors for weekend markets and/or host monthly rather than weekly.
4	Allow softball\baseball volunteers the ability\tools needed to maintain fields,
4	Better development on Springfield. We've got to keep that lot for the farmer's market. It's for sale for apartments and that would be such a major blow to the area to lose open space for congregating.
4	Bring back the animal shelter! We need a local place to bring strays and adopt out the ones that don't have caretakers.
4	Build a retaining wall along the brook in the Lightning Brook section. After all, the town owns a portion of the land.
4	Compost pilot program. Teach residents how to be more responsible with their waste.
	Create activities or programs on the weekend for Maplewood teens so they are not hanging out at the Wawa.
4	Make Wawa operate from 6a-10p.
4	Develop a bicycle Master Plan. Not all streets require bike lanes, but it should be included on major roads. Sharrows are unacceptable for bike infrastructure.
4	Every new resident should get a welcome letter with information about town services and rules (i.e. no street parking, recycling...). Could also promote local business and community groups.
4	I did not see the bottom choice in the first section. We need to create and develop good cultural space for the ARTS! Music, visual art and dance
4	Ignore all anti-housing, classist NIMBy suggestions on this survey.
4	Investment in a diversity of child care options, from 0-5 or Maplewood will become a place for only those who can afford expensive options. Child-care is crucial and it has a policy fix.
4	It's absurd how many services are maintained independently for South Orange and Maplewood - merge as much as possible to create efficiency and reduce the tax burden.
4	Make the town pool affordable. Create an indoor sports center that can house an artificial turf - to have less negative impact on the environment. Indoor sports field can be utilized all year long.
4	Make the Village a pedestrian zone, improve the outside dining experience. Continue and expand activities, events, etc. in that space.
4	Maplewood needs to limit term limits of elected officials. There need to be fresh faces on the township boards.
4	Maplewood police needs to be able to write tickets to people who violate Maplewood ordinances at the Wawa. There are more laws to protect the Parks than the Wawa.
4	Maplewood should have more four way stop sign intersections.
4	Maplewood should not have push button crosswalks and should have ped led intersections. Start with signalized intersections near schools and where crossing guards are stationed.
4	More senior programs that address seniors that no longer drive. Perhaps a daytime jitney that could take seniors to library where senior activities are happening?

4	Outdoor Arts - Improve the parks with the equipment and structures needed for live performances. This fosters the development of local artists while bringing people together in way that Sport doesn't.
4	Partner with Bd of Ed and South Orange and any interested private parties (Y, rec clubs) to build year round pool Shared cost means bargain.
4	Pool open to all.
4	push-button pedestrian crosswalks need brighter / visible-in-daytime lights that cars can see, and enforcement needs to happen so cars will actually stop!!
4	Return of the bulk pickup. It's crazy that we can't get rid of old stuff. And add composting to our trash services. Home composting is a bad idea when we have a rodent problem in town.
4	Stop planting trees in the berms where they are too narrow and the root inevitably crack the sidewalk. Consider subsidizing residents to plant trees on property instead.
4	Teen sports and summer programs. Seems like all programs stop at 14.
4	The movie theater is sorely missed. Revitalizing the theater is important socially and culturally. repurposing a space for independent filmmakers to screen movies and as a lecture hall.
4	Turf the fields!
4	way too much dense housing is being allowed
4	aren't the schools already overcrowded
4	We should have a dog park in Maplecrest Park. With so many dogs and children who use the park, having a space where dogs can play freely, at a safe distance from kids, is essential.
3	1. Bury the power lines. 2. More ev charging stations 3. More outdoor dining spaces
3	1.Wawa hours decreased: 6am to 10:00pm so I can rest at night. 2. Plot across from 11 44th Street-cleaned 3. Welcome to Maplewood sign at Chancellor Ave and 40th St with flowers around
3	A regularly running shuttle (electric bus?) besides the Jitney to encourage less cars on the road and/OR electric scooter sharing like in Asbury Park or other small cities.
3	A robust stormwater education program, coupled with an effort to make Maplewood more resilient in the face of the climate crisis. It needs to be at top of mind when making land-use decisions.
3	Acquire property from Winchester Gardens to expand pool footprint, add bubble and renovate building for year-round swim/community space, enhance food options, and add a parking deck at the lot.
3	Add circulator bus(es) for evenings and weekends to hub areas. This reduces traffic, reduces the need for a second car in many households, helps with parking issues, promotes leisure/evening engagement
3	Add GPS to jitney buses and offer a mobile app for riders to track the real time location of the buses. Also implement a pilot microtransit program.
3	Aftercare for all school aged children who need it.
3	Allow existing two families to add ADU's.
3	Be more demanding out of developers on Springfield Avenue. ALL buildings should incorporate commercial ground floors like our historical buildings do, prohibit blank walls. Eliminate parking minimums
3	Bring 4th of July festivities back. Advertise that a new team is needed to help plan it. People should be planning for it now to make sure it can actually happen.
3	Businesses should not have to go before the planning board for signage or approval before opening up (as long as they are permitted in the zoning).



3	Consider a community center in the Gleason's space or where the Map Building sits (?) Something with classes, a gym, community space, maybe even a pool. Or invite the Y to build a full service site.
3	Dedicated bike lanes, more rehabilitation of things like tennis/basketball courts and maybe the creation of a pump track. Greater enforcement of traffic laws.
3	Dog park west of Hilton Library.
3	Don't change anything! My program is to maintain all the great things that are already here. Maplewood is just about perfect, and it keeps getting better. Just maintain it!
3	Easy addition. More "Welcome to Maplewood" signs would highlight a community feel.
3	Fewer high rent apartments that overcrowd our town and schools and make us feel less like a community. A school board that supports teachers as much as it supports parents.
3	Homeowners' widespread use of mosquito sprays is killing butterflies and other pollinators. The town should look into better policies around this to minimize harm to our environment
3	If the golf course is to be redeveloped it should include a school and set aside space for a public park.
3	Implement an "open streets" program.
3	Improved visibility codes: For the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists, plantings on the front lawns of corner lots should not be above 12"-18" tall, there should also be a setback.
3	Increase the type of recyclable items accepted during wkly pickup. If you want to reduce the amt that goes to landfills, give ppl better options to dispose their trash. also monthly bulk pick/drop off
3	Indoor sports facility and a greenway (off-road pedestrian and cycling path) along East branch of Rahway river, connecting to protected bike lanes along Parker and Boyden avenue
3	Install an exit turnstile at the pool near the Springfield Ave side.
3	Instead of putting up high density housing on the Gleason's lot, why don't we put in a new field? We need more fields for play and recreation. While we are at it- let's redevelop the Chyzowych Field.
3	Less talk more action Why is Columbia school still talking about the pool. It's been closed forever. Why did they BOR wait so long to do nothing and then start talking again.
3	Lower prop taxes, more trees to fix the aging canopy, more town sponsored events to bring all of Maplewood together.
3	Lower speed limit on Springfield Ave.
3	Make safe bike lanes to middle schools and high schools. Work with schools to encourage walking and biking to school as a health initiative and to ease congestion.
3	Maplewood bike trails and bike lanes that are separated from traffic. Bike paths to schools. Make some of the roads one way to create more room on the roadside for pedestrians, cyclists and runners.
3	More public art, lots of local artists let's showcase our local and regional talent
3	More recreational sports for adults!
3	More responsiveness from town hall
3	More shade in parks and at the POOL especially. Put up more canopies while we wait for trees to grow.
3	Open the community pool and make it truly public. Provide more arts access for kids. And make a disability-accommodating playground for kids of all needs!
3	Prohibit the use of pesticides. Encourage lawn alternatives.

3	Protected bike lane on Prospect! Convert the west-side parking lane into a 2-way protected bike lane. This preserves street parking on one side and a safe corridor for students, parents, and commuters
3	Remove tree stumps around town, causing unwanted attention. BOE is a mess. Put power lines underground, stop blackouts. Trap RATS in brook. Improve schools rating and structures. Lower property taxes.
3	Revisit the fair share golf course zoning. Height and density should be consolidated into a smaller footprint and public open space should be increased and required as an extension of memorial park
3	Revitalize boarder entrances in Special District area where the Wawa is located.
3	Sidewalk audit and install sidewalks along crucial corridors and near destinations.
3	Springfield Ave continues to revitalize. Need more shops and restaurants to build it into a destination avenue
3	Support for the work-from-home workforce. This workforce saves you on roads, frequent local businesses, and contribute to Maplewood identity. Reward them with reduced taxes, meeting spaces, etc.
3	Take advantage of this passionate, progressive community to encourage mission-driven partnerships that impact our local environment, e.g. with the Arbor Day Foundation to start replacing lost trees.
3	The School Busing situation needs to be addressed. It is insane to think my child will need to be dropped off and picked up from School from K through end of High School. End the 2 mile limit
3	There should be ADA compliant ramps to allow easier access to NJ Transit trains.
3	To encourage civic participation, require landlords to provide information on voter registration and a registration form to new tenants.
3	Turn the movie theater into housing. Run free or cheap movie watching events at the woodland or Burgdorf center instead.
3	Wildflower/native plant meadows; bike lanes. Was in Madison WI
3	Work with PSEG and JCPL to bury power lines as opportunities arise.
3	Work with the bike stores in town to subsidize bikes or electric bikes.
2	1. Speed humps on Maplewood Ave and key points along Ridgewood, Valley and Prospect. 2. High school parking lots and Dunnell Rd should be identified as future Rahway Greenway
2	29 years ago, when we moved here, average people could afford to live in M'wood. Now not so much. Combine public services with SO. We're culturally and demographically attuned
2	A community space rental for artists!
2	A fund for people with low incomes to help maintain their homes (not cosmetic but structural maintenance). It helps build/retain wealth for marginalized families and levels property values.
2	A policy that if there are vacant apartments within 10 blocks, then no new apartment buildings granted to developers? Or at least none without retail bc Springfield Ave has many "now leasing," signs.
2	A strong green building checklist for developers, to make sure development's impact is limited on the environment. Require green infrastructure in public works, to help with stormwater management.
2	A swimming pool in CHS so that all of our children will have the opportunity to learn how to swim. Tiered pool memberships.
2	Do not increase population density without adding schools and teachers.
2	Allow existing two family homes to also have ADU's.

2	Balance business tax revenue sources with additional housing units so that business tax income alleviates some burden of the population increase stress on town funds. More housing plus more revenue.
2	Better speed monitoring on Tuscan Road. Accidents often. Saying it's an access route for fire dept shouldn't end the conversation. fix it. a kid is going to get hit by a car one day
2	Bike lane on Valley Road
2	Bring back auxiliary police. Crime is getting worse and worse.
2	Busing to school should be available to more than those 2 miles from the school.
2	Can we do a restaurant week or celebrate and encourage more small businesses on Springfield Ave?
2	Change zoning to allow for in-law suites to empower multigenerational households
2	Charge for parking at the pool to make the annual fee cheaper.
2	Charge sewer fees by bedroom count rather than by unit. Many two family homes in town have less bedrooms than single family homes.
2	Community policing where the police patrol on foot in commercial areas, more places for teenagers to congregate and engage in social activities, bring back office hours for elected officials.
2	Connect Milton St to Salter Place if the golf course is built per the zoning.
2	Create a few more parks with various activities. Playground, basketball courts, Rec center. Sports league for adults (various sports)
2	Create a trail along lightning Brook
2	Create accessible mental health resources for all residents, perhaps in the form of community lead support groups, initiatives or programming that can help those who need support but can't afford it.
2	Do more to merge Springfield Avenue Partnership and Maplewood Village Alliance. It makes no sense that we have two groups in Maplewood promoting economic development for our local businesses.
2	E cultural offerings, more play space for pets, and add a crosswalk on Valley leading to the tennis and basketball courts at Memorial Park, a dangerous intersection to get to that portion of the park.
2	Eliminate the annual multi family / rental registration fee. This is not equally enforced and its purpose is BS. There are airBnB and whole house rentals that don't have to comply.
2	Encourage native plantings and discourage leaf blowers or any other excessive, energy wasting lawn equipment. No sprinklers - use ground soaker which waste less water and don't drench pedestrians.
2	Enforce noise ordinances at night. It's been getting noisier with every passing year.
2	Examine the option of developing a stormwater utility for dedicated, reliable funding for stormwater maintenance and operation. Conduct a feasibility study to see if it makes sense.
2	Find a solution so that we can have access to a year round pool for CHS to use
2	Finish the Greenway. Implement recommendations to deal with Rahway flooding from Rahway River Assoc.: swales, rain gardens, etc.
2	Help for seniors or disabled who have trouble shoveling. It is unfair to ticket when shoveling services are unobtainable - yet I recognize we want our sidewalks safe, too.
2	I have lived near Springfield Avenue for 20 years, watching ups but more downs in its development. We miss potential for local services, contribution to our tax base, and unifying our community.

2	I think improved parks and shared spaces are very important. The playgrounds are good but additional things like a splash pad, dog park, public seating are needed
2	I'm reading the "Greenway development and acquisition of YMCA building" idea. Why can't I down-vote an idea?
2	If the Audi parking lot is to be redeveloped, it should include a school or more enlarge the park.
2	Incentives and marketing to get more video/movies shoots in town. Great way to add to income/tax base.
2	It may be beneficial to have a parking deck somewhere downtown. Talk to former students who attended CHS in an effort to understand issues/potential solutions SOMSD.
2	Maintain the town's natural charm (single family home structures - even if multi-family), with more owners than renters. Keep housing density low.
2	Maintaining the III plan despite community pushback. Equity and integration is extremely important
2	Make Burnett Ave a one way street.
2	Make outdoor seating in downtown Maplewood permanent and charge rent for restaurants using them. Our avenue from Durand to Baker Streets should be one curbless shared street.
2	Mandatory for residents to recycle!
2	Maybe a town-wide postcard telling people how to stay current with the info they want -the town website, how to sign up for the , weekly Twp emails, Nixle etc. And sent to new residents every so often
2	More affordable prices for senior citizens as an example the pool registration. Three senior citizens fees add up to the price of a family of three. Where is the "senior citizen discount"?
2	More community input before the TC decides to introduce policies, projects or programs (I.e. turfing DeHart and opening cannabis businesses close to residential area) Some ideas: bike sharing program.
2	More story time / puppet shows outside during summer months.
2	MapleStock was great.
2	More transit diversity. Protected bike lanes; more traffic-calming infrastructure for a less hostile pedestrian experience; better overall walkability; expanded public transit (i.e. jitneys)
2	Need to focus on tree planting and maintenance.
2	Our schools- neighborhood schools for convenience and walkability
2	Our village should take the lead on some sustainability programs - a free composting program, educational programs on how to makes homes more energy efficient, and biodiversity gardening programs
2	Outdoor dining (during the cold winter months) should be limited to allow for more car parking spaces in Maplewood Village. This also includes March and April when it is cold and the seats go unused.
2	Permanently close down Maplewood Ave. in the Village area and turn it into a walking plaza, with a stage/gazebo for sitting/concerts/etc. Would enable more community gathering and shopping local.
2	Pickle ball courts in the old tennis courts in Maplecrest park.
	Section off a small space for dog run in Maplecrest park.
	Food truck Fridays with desserts
2	Cheaper rental apts!!!!

2	Please can we find a space in Maplewood for an off leash dog park. Numerous towns in northern NJ have dog parks which require membership which could help maintain the park going forward
2	Please consider engaging <a href="https://kathyhirshpasek.com/learning-landscapes/">https://kathyhirshpasek.com/learning-landscapes/</a> to plan intentional play spaces in line with research
2	Rather than making the pool free, which is another cost to be covered by our taxes (including people who don't use the pool), maybe calculate the fee somehow based on property value/taxes as a proxy.
2	Redevelop the high school parking lot.
2	Remove Pool Single Member Penalty - Adjust the pool fee so that singles are NOT penalized for being single. Right now singles pay over \$80 more than couples.
2	Safer well-lit streets better for walking and biking but also better markings in school zones with "school zone/slow down!" letters painted onto the roadways by school intersections/entrances/exits.
2	Skip
2	Springfield and Valley could be developed more. However traffic flow and patterns would need to be adjusted as at times they get too backed up.
2	Stop street closures on Maplewood ave on Fridays and Saturdays. Move live music to Park near train station across from the old theater, or closing one of the side streets like Dunnell, Baker, Highland.
2	The county has shown us that investment in recreation can reap rewards in reputation and revenue (zoo, golf courses, reservoir). Some commercialization (concessions) helps pay for maintenance.
2	The pool should be free for all.
2	The town should partner with a willing stakeholder (YMCA, JCC, etc.) to build a new community center near the center of town with a pool. Kids of all incomes should have the chance to learn to swim.
2	There needs to be a school crossing guard at the intersection of Springfield Ave and Rutgers Street
2	Town should purchase 449 Boyden Ave and create a park for the lightning Brook neighborhood.
2	Turf the fields.
2	We need to invest more in our aging and understaffed schools.
2	We recycle, and compost, but I think we could initiate more community gardens / possibly promote a residential garden initiative?
2	Winter programming in the parks: ice rink, a winter village w/vendors and activities, sledding, snowperson competitions. Raise \$ for bathrooms, lights, dugouts, sheds, drainage at the ball fields.
2	Working bathrooms with soap dispensers and air driers in the high school
1	Absolutely overhaul school district, its board of directors, and the way it operates / spends tax dollars. Lower cost or Free pool. 100% bussing for any student that wants it. Revitalize downtown.
1	acquire vacant (or not vacant) commercial property to turn into playing fields. Perhaps parking lot adjacent to DeHart (since the Audi dealership expanded onsite parking)
1	At Maplecrest park but up a shade over the tables.
1	Audit ADU ordinance success and shortcomings. I have not seen any ADU's and think it needs to be liberalized more.

1	Better control of traffic and illegal parking in Village - maybe a foot police person to monitor? Improve stormwater systems - keep the drains clear? Improve shade canopy. LOWER PROPERTY TAXES!
1	Betterment of school district Paying teachers more Equitable housing and opportunities to all Lower taxes
1	Bring back the staff that would go around the neighborhood and ticket people for not maintaining their properties such as cutting their grass and removing building materials.
1	Bussing for all students regardless of distance; additional aftercare options; more planting young shade trees; repaving town parking lot and Baker St; safer pedestrian options crossing major streets
1	Busing for the schools not just changing placements. Change Wawa's hours; close it at 11 pm or 12 am. More police patrol through 44th St, maybe install a camera to ticket the perpetrators who continue to drive the wrong way:
1	Commitment to adding open recreational space that includes eminent domain. Car dealer parking lot and former lumberyard that abut DeHart Park and other public land are prime parcels.
1	Concentrating on the section far side of Millburn Ave. A Speed Bump Project and Posted Speed Limit Signs. Children cannot walk to school due to the hazardous conditions.
1	Create Special need services for locals. Programs for the kids, support system Create township database on diversity of sellers and buyers (to extent permissible by law) of Maplewood property sales to ensure we are activity measuring changes in diversity, not just prices
1	Dog park in DeHart, affordable pool passes for families, more children's activities, more bustling downtown on Springfield Ave.
1	Enlarge Maplecrest park along Oakland avenue where the large T intersections exist.
1	Fix the retaining wall that runs from E Parker to Oakland along Dunnell Road. FORBID the use of pesticides for ALL residential and business properties. Enforce the rule at Maplewood Country Club. Encourage lawn alternative plantings. Certainly encourage No mow May at least
1	foster
1	Greater public interest in local authors.
1	Greenway project connect the 2 towns High rise parking lot in Ricalton square that would also make the train station accessible to older people and disabled people. Buy the golf course and turn it into a new multi-purpose town center/park
1	I like a lot of the suggestions here. I just joined the Rec Dept Advisory Committee, so maybe I'll be able to help with some of these.
1	I think there should be more trash/ garbage cans in Memorial Park and around the middle school. Trash is a blight in the park that is ongoing.
1	I want people to be able to be a part of activities by helping and not worrying about money
1	I want people to be able to participate in many aspects of If the NJ transit bus depot is redeveloped extend Chancellor Ave to the pool and eliminate five point intersection at Boyden/Springfield. Maybe keep boyden one way NB by pool and/or make roundabout.

1	Initiate paid parking to fund a parking structure so village stores and businesses can thrive. Convert movie theatre to multiuse space. Remove streateries and create communal table area in Ricalton.
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1	Intra-city public transit to and from existing commercial centers and the train station. Whether it's streetcars, a tram, buses, or greatly expanded jitney service, you shouldn't need a car to live.
1	Inviting more participation
1	Legalize at home businesses broadly. Many people have at home businesses and it would be a shame if they run into insurance or neighbor issues.
1	Let's start doing town wide composting again. In 1995, DPW composted leaves and sold them back to residents. Compost helps grass and other plants better withstand drought AND flooding.
1	Make a park at the Indiana Springfield parking lot.
1	Make the town pool more affordable, especially for single people. It's ridiculous that we pay \$83 more than a couple. We're quiet, clean and use less resources. Create a dog park at Maplecrest.
1	More affordable housing and a diversity of housing options (apartments, multi-family homes, town homes, etc.). This would significantly aid in preserving and growing the diversity of our community
s1	More playgrounds. Bussing and/or fix integration plan to not work against families. Overhaul of preschool registration process and hire someone who knows how to communicate. Expanded after care offerings
1	No 44th dead end!! The current dead ends such as Hillcrest are an eye sore!!! The town needs to add garbage near the end of wawa.
1	No multi-family homes!!!! The town is already overcrowded and parking is an issue. This is not a city, that's why we moved here in the first place.
1	Parking and traffic issues especially during the school year
1	Please can we look into finding a space for a dog park in town. Numerous NJ towns have a membership charge for their town dog parks and this would help to support its upkeep going forward.
1	Please lower the cost of the pool or structure a better per use system for non members who are residents.
1	Provide incentives for attractive infill development on Springfield Ave to eliminate blight and empty lots. Zone that commercial stretch to reduce liquor stores, attract pedestrian oriented businesses
1	Recycle metal street grates. Many are strangling trees, are tripping hazards, or broken.
1	Reduction of horn honking on Prospect and Harvard intersection. Too many speeding cars and large trucks
1	Removing benches on Springfield Ave so homeless don't live there and take away their refrigerator. Place food pantry in senior center.
1	Rename Jefferson school back to original name. teach school children about history of the town
1	Residents should not be allowed to use amplified music outdoors without a permit, signed by their neighbors.
1	Revitalizing the parks and open spaces. They are ok but could be better. Also, for the denser areas to be reexamine as to what is built there.



1	Senior housing or reduced apartment rent.
1	Set a standardized way for people to maintain their curb appeal and enforce the rules like other towns do. Provide grants/loans to those who can't afford it.
1	So many good ideas already - improvements in the parks (dog run, field maintenance, parking, ice rink, pool use) are good. These cannot be done without revenue (e.g. multifamily housing w. parking).
1	Some roads are in HORRIFIC condition.
	The rainbow crosswalk is a nice idea, but it's in terrible shape. Suggest painting it in a better way to be more durable.
1	School landscaping needs LOTS of HELP
1	the sidewalks are so messed up in some areas, it makes pushing a stroller tough sometimes. I'd imagine also having go navigate things in a wheelchair isn't easy.
1	There is a group out of temple u specializing on childhood spaces that puts learning
1	There need to be more charging stations for electric cars and a doughnut shop!
1	Town should purchase 449 Boyden Ave to create a park for the Lightning Brook neighborhood.
1	Truly encourage and facilitate more civic involvement in community. Review how to make service on the Township Committee more equitable and inclusive - expanding it to reduce time commitments?
1	Use methods to slow traffic, particularly on Elmwood, Boyden and Parker.
1	We need regular maintenance of existing tennis courts. Courts in Maplecrest and Borden Parks have gone neglected and are now unusable. DeHart and Walter Park courts often have trash and dog waste.
1	What are the options??
1	What would make it better? Not more speed bumps or light pollution. Keep multi-family housing in clusters; require it to suit the surrounding landscape, with visual appeal and proportionality.
1	Would love to see more emphasis on, arts, music, dance, theater, and art/murals. I wish we had something similar to SOPAC Also, I would like to see civics taught in the schools from elementary to HS.

## Love It or Change It

Love / Change	Latitude	Longitude	Comment
love	40.7368781	-74.268799	"the Goonies" needs to be fixed, cleaned up, monitored, etc. Not a safe place for the kids to hang out.
love	40.7301206	-74.278184	Able Baker is a gem and has literally expanded the Village by a block.
love	40.7401911	-74.273912	Access to nature, peace and quiet. Privacy from neighboring homes.
love	40.7390524	-74.286639	Access to reservation and walking loop.
love	40.72958	-74.274507	Access to the library, calmness of the brook and the water wildlife, walking paths, great place to walk with a cup of coffee with friends.
love	40.7306027	-74.273273	Accessible gathering place for families and residents of Maplewood and surrounding communities
love	40.7504447	-74.289398	Accessible recreation
love	40.7219492	-74.250823	Affordable part of town. Multicultural. Walking distance to libraries and parks.
love	40.7312361	-74.278561	All of Maplewood village
love	40.731041	-74.277332	All of the shops and restaurants and community feel
love	40.7296895	-74.273769	All the green space. The massive old trees, the pond with all the turtles and the great lawn where they host Maplewoodstock, movies, and other events.
love	40.7248618	-74.25873	All types of people use this park. I love the pick up soccer games
love	40.7189277	-74.262514	Amazing location for the Hilton neighborhood. Green space, fields, basketball courts, etc.
love	40.7298151	-74.274315	Amazing park. Conservancy does a great job maintaining, supports incredible diversity of birds
love	40.7271762	-74.250497	Amazing small business that serve the immediate area and Maplewood as a whole. Distributed walkable places like this need to be supported and expanded also Cedar Ridge businesses.
love	40.7222608	-74.251107	Are hubbed around the wawa makes a convenient spot/hub for food/snacks/gas etc...
love	40.7302846	-74.279291	Baker Street has become a go-to place for coffee, shopping and pizza. When music is playing and bumping into neighbors, I appreciate Maplewood's sense of community.
love	40.730464	-74.280271	Baker Street is the closest we have to a shop able destination downtown - variety of stores, parking, etc. and even then, it's lacking.
love	40.7300758	-74.275312	Beautiful memorial park beside both the train station and a public library
love	40.7292716	-74.273953	Beautiful open greenspace near the center of town available to all.
love	40.7274636	-74.278864	Beautiful park - it is my fav place in all of the town
love	40.7441035	-74.275548	Beautiful street
love	40.7300233	-74.273897	Beautiful, central and classic.

love	40.7298888	-74.273769	Being in the park, celebrating community events in the park, and even having the park right by the train station is just wonderful. I wish we had the golf course as part of the park, too...!
love	40.7298822	-74.278108	Best block in town, cool shops and easy to drive and park. Block is at the end of Maplewood Ave which has many restaurants and love the walkability of the Village.
love	40.720422	-74.271119	Best butcher shop in the area!
love	40.7402436	-74.273986	Best Park in Maplewood
love	40.7207131	-74.270607	Blue life karate. Creates a community
love	40.723801	-74.259153	Borden is a great park, nice playground, open field. Lots of trees.
love	40.7303806	-74.250183	Borden Park is a great little park that is well integrated into the surrounding community.
love	40.7209205	-74.267374	Burger King has the only outside dining option on Springfield Avenue and it is nicely maintained.
love	40.7344268	-74.278796	Cars drive too fast- need more enforcement
love	40.7310816	-74.277235	Charming downtown
love	40.735446	-74.267355	CHS can be a great place for all, lots of activities and community events take place here in addition to its main use as the HS.
love	40.7381466	-74.267319	Columbia fosters a great sense of community and is diverse, supporting students in all sorts of fields
love	40.7297308	-74.274933	Concerts. Open parks
love	40.7504035	-74.20914	Convenience of Jacoby street. Just need to reinforce some form of curb appeal
love	40.729767	-74.2744	Cute park and pond -- and a nice community gathering place.
love	40.7412679	-74.274099	Cute shops and little neighborhood haven.
love	40.7186821	-74.261402	DeHart Park and the community center are important to the Hilton neighborhood. More can be done to make the community center available to teens for a safe space year-round
love	40.7180492	-74.261534	Diverse uses allow different populations to coexist
love	40.7306013	-74.278311	Downtown atmosphere. Love Village Ice Cream and Arturo's.
love	40.731171	-74.276668	Downtown is great but could have more retail and higher density
love	40.7313987	-74.277439	Downtown is lovely, small scale, small retailers, friendly
love	40.7310638	-74.275346	Downtown Maplewood, w its diverse restaurants
love	40.7311163	-74.277389	Downtown quaint feel with restaurants and local shops.
love	40.7310838	-74.277289	Downtown village is easy to walk around and pleasant.
love	40.7304925	-74.250115	Easily accessible to my home. Appreciate the track
love	40.7314149	-74.276412	Energy of town
love	40.7240627	-74.259061	Excellent combination of recreation and passive facilities, but needs better bathroom access
love	40.7281781	-74.273624	Fields need serious improvement.
love	40.7184719	-74.145033	fix this area so it serves students and staff of high school better. build on professional/health/education focus of existing businesses. HS campus is one of our greatest assets--support it.

love	40.7300656	-74.279494	Great business in a good location. The lines are not too annoying when they are so long.
love	40.7319464	-74.272043	Great equipment, well-maintained
love	40.7246034	-74.283118	Great gathering place. Beautiful park. Duck race is so cute.
love	40.7223818	-74.258255	Great location and a nice park
love	40.7195331	-74.258598	Great mix of residential and unique businesses.
love	40.7187771	-74.261323	Great park for kids. Would love to see more there
love	40.7306816	-74.278405	great shops, post office
love	40.7303905	-74.274389	Great space for events where friends and community can come together. It's also can be a quiet, peaceful place to walk.
love	40.7312158	-74.277226	Great vibe
love	40.7295126	-74.273781	Green space in town
love	40.7303351	-74.250136	Green space! It's wonderful to see walkers, kids playing on playground, families enjoying the nice space.
love	40.7391066	-74.293584	Green- neighborhood hub!
love	40.7189423	-74.268144	Hilton neighborhood is HOME. Walkable, community, need to fill in the empty storefronts with USEABLE business -- not tax places, realtors, or anything like that.
love	40.7301629	-74.24997	I am glad that there is a local greenspace.
love	40.7184414	-74.261076	I am there almost every day. Walking the track allows me to meet lots of people who I would not know otherwise.
love	40.7420396	-74.27757	I can walk to the park directly from the street. That's awesome. I just don't like feeling like I'm intruding on someone else's privacy.
love	40.7383713	-74.265923	I don't love it -- it is a poorly maintained parking lot that should be an open space and function for stormwater retention.
love	40.7269165	-74.251	I like the small businesses on the corner, as well as the pool and the (sadly temporary) adult library space. The tables outside of True Salvage are a neighborhood meeting spot!
love	40.734423	-74.273067	I love all of it. Just don't mess it up!
love	40.7200156	-74.260884	I love Dehart park! Great place to walk; we have a playground, basketball court, tennis court, soccer games.
love	40.7352758	-74.278908	I love Grasmere Park and the Durand Heddon Historical House. The herb garden is so peaceful and a wonderful place to be.
love	40.7282116	-74.262772	I love looking at the big trees stretching to both directions on Plymouth Ave from the roundabout, in all seasons!
love	40.7253822	-74.278861	I love memorial park and think there could be a few more benches in this southwest corner of the park
love	40.7307158	-74.244147	I love my neighbors and community! The large Maplewood sign at this location is now almost completely covered by a tree/bush! Can something be done?
love	40.7302605	-74.249802	I love that it's the largest green space in the Hilton/Lightning Brook area and super diverse - basketball court, field, and community center bring people there.
love	40.7302224	-74.274791	I love that the town has this space for public events.
love	40.7301458	-74.278105	I love that the Village is small

love	40.734102	-74.27634	I love the creek and the intimacy and privacy the area provides. Its bike friendly.
love	40.7217366	-74.25758	I Love the diversity of people here, people just seem more friendly and this section seems more like a small town than anywhere else
love	40.7303274	-74.278644	I love the downtown spaces where my kids go to hang out with their friends, and where we walk to grab ice cream and coffees and pizza and baked goods. And I absolutely love the library.
love	40.7279189	-74.276461	I love the library
love	40.7296426	-74.276139	I love the library
love	40.7309454	-74.27779	I love the Maplewood Village, as a whole.
love	40.7267745	-74.277603	I love the park. I run through it a couple times a week. I love that Maplewoodstock, summer movies, and other events are held there. For me, this is the heart of Maplewood.
love	40.7264279	-74.277385	I love the park. The variety of spaces, uses, benches, paths, and bridges make it feel accessible and one of my happy places for nearly 30 years.
love	40.7304231	-74.279135	i love the retail stores and downtown vibe
love	40.72948	-74.27435	I love the serenity of Memorial Park.
love	40.7311708	-74.277412	I love the small businesses downtown and the sense of community it creates
love	40.730358	-74.280539	I love the small businesses on Baker Street PLUS the Able Baker around the corner.
love	40.7304719	-74.278284	I love the village area of Maplewood, the small shops, great restaurants, the cute train station, all of it. Plus the proximity to beautiful Memorial Park and the library.
love	40.7209149	-74.269279	I love this lot for its community gatherings such as farmers market and events. Please please do not turn this into apartments! We need the open space for gatherings.
love	40.7252195	-74.280839	i love this park and the library. feels like an important communal space
love	40.7311558	-74.278411	I love to wander into town and browse.
love	40.7435927	-74.286161	I love walking in the reservation, the fresh air, the quiet,
love	40.7175551	-74.266674	I love/hate this place. It's where I live - a dead end with no thru traffic, close to the highways
love	40.7302279	-74.278564	I think downtown Maplewood is one of our biggest draws, we need to be mindful of the parking situation and keep it aesthetically pleasing without participating in NIMBYism.
love	40.7276489	-74.275298	I would love if the country club wasn't a country club, but a shared open space for all and a site for community facilities like an indoor pool, second outdoor pool, and a community center.
love	40.7219236	-74.263148	I've had this idea for a while to turn this lot into an outdoor area for the community. Food trucks can park permanently. Picnic tables with hanging lights and bocce courts. Message me for more...
love	40.7250322	-74.282578	Integrates the library and nature.
love	40.74035	-74.273926	It is a secluded and safe play environment that needs upkeep and upgrading.

love	40.7243414	-74.264726	It is my street
love	40.7352857	-74.268414	It's a great little center with some good food and services. Would love to see enhanced with coffee (the high school!), yoga, or something for kids (proximity to the Y).
love	40.7235446	-74.258328	It's a large green space with playgrounds and room for my kids to play, just a block from my house.
love	40.7402577	-74.273618	It's a wonderful playground and community space.
love	40.7224878	-74.25142	It's affordable, diverse, and under revitalization.
love	40.7311573	-74.277064	It's charming, historic, active, and energizing all at once
love	40.7212334	-74.266	It's got potential!
love	40.7303449	-74.25014	It's my neighborhood park and I use it a lot.
love	40.7308784	-74.277599	It's perfect for a daily walk.
love	40.7307483	-74.276074	it's the center, yet maintains the charm of the town
love	40.7312509	-74.276102	It's the heart of Maplewood.
love	40.7305206	-74.275389	It's where I live.
love	40.7309271	-74.277252	It's a great walk to go get ice cream/pastries etc., nice to run into neighbors. Also the markets at different times of the year are fun
love	40.7222961	-74.260047	Jazz at the Gazebo - incredible!!!
love	40.722812	-74.25443	Just recommending a dedicated left turn only green light on both sides of Boyden
love	40.7303004	-74.274859	Library, park, train station
love	40.7423038	-74.287889	Love that we have access to the reservation and its trails and nature.
love	40.7296702	-74.254234	Love the neighborhood, the community, the trees
love	40.7239012	-74.259228	Love the open space, the summer concerts, the walking paths
love	40.7568789	-74.289592	Love the trails and waterfalls in the reservation
love	40.7312361	-74.277101	Love the village and all the local businesses; also enjoy the outdoor dining and entertainment in the streets in the evening.
love	40.7308145	-74.27796	love the village, small town vibe. unique stores, etc.
love	40.7299497	-74.278943	Love the Village. Huge supporter of Words bookstore and Coda
love	40.7305054	-74.273396	Love the vistas from the bridges
love	40.7310784	-74.277362	Love the walkable downtown businesses and vibrancy of downtown.
love	40.7420349	-74.273109	Love this tiny block of shops. Love the atmosphere and the shop owners.
love	40.743491	-74.283727	Love walking and exploring the S. Mountain reservation. It's a treasure and important resource for all.
love	40.7300317	-74.27502	Lovely park with big trees and water
love	40.7316751	-74.275299	Main Street is the backbone of this town. More stores, more restaurants the better
love	40.7241031	-74.258719	Maplecrest is our neighborhood park and I love that its location allows for mingling of residents across most socioeconomic backgrounds in our town.
love	40.7233884	-74.259005	Maplecrest Park is such a beautiful park. I love it because it's not too manicured and I hope it retains that beauty.



love	40.730632	-74.278252	Maplewood Ave in downtown has always been cute, walkable and lively. Now that it's closed to vehicles on weekday evenings, it's even more so. Love the local businesses here. Love the vitality.
love	40.7290084	-74.276332	Maplewood Library--I'm very excited that it is being improved.
love	40.7245284	-74.250508	Maplewood Pool is amazing!
love	40.7311122	-74.276502	Maplewood Village - make it better! More walkable, better parking around the area. Make everyone walk except those who need to park closeby. or shop at Greenway
love	40.7303397	-74.277372	Maplewood Village down trough Memorial Park. There is a verge and energy and friendliness within this area as well as the library.
love	40.7371545	-74.26506	Maplewood Village down trough Memorial Park. There is a verge and energy and friendliness within this area as well as the library.
love	40.7294149	-74.275217	Maplewood village has a great vibe
love	40.7310328	-74.277448	Maplewood Village is a unique place with its small footprint, density of shopping and dining, and charming look.
love	40.7310561	-74.277914	Maplewood's business districts are wonderful. I love the addition of outside seating and hope it is permanent. Would love to see the barriers protecting the street seating be made more attractive.
love	40.7280536	-74.276724	Memorial park - beautiful asset to Maplewood. Trees, river, paths, open space, river, natural concert bowl. I use it every day.
love	40.7273661	-74.278243	Memorial Park - Gathering of sports, casual and play grounds.
love	40.7297131	-74.273912	Memorial park has all a park should have, except maybe a dog run and public restrooms. Playing fields and courts. Nice trees. Space for concerts
love	40.7302289	-74.274012	Memorial Park is a beautiful space.
love	40.7257724	-74.27717	Memorial Park is a refuge. Green space is important for recreation, peace of mind, the environment, etc.
love	40.7295125	-74.274571	Memorial park is beautiful, well maintained, and well utilized for a wide variety of events. It's a true central park.
love	40.7311328	-74.27405	Memorial park is lovely, the playground is somewhat littered but my son LOVES it (the one with the drums) and Maplewood Mercantile is fun and unique
love	40.7297889	-74.275144	Memorial Park is our central park for all the community. Used and loved by so many people for so many different activities. Keep it beautiful and natural with better upkeep.
love	40.7307161	-74.252468	Memorial Park is the crown jewel of Maplewood. Walking along the river. Events in the amphitheater, etc. We should invest in civic house and skate house, and better maintain fields.
love	40.7290572	-74.273928	Memorial Park is wonderful!!!!!! It is a great space that is used well.
love	40.7309109	-74.272596	Memorial Park: central green place for people to play.
love	40.7261657	-74.275794	Memorial park. Trees, pond, space for to walk, river, concerts. This is a wonderful resource.



love	40.7293499	-74.273757	Multi use area, sledding, concerts, dog owners meet there, kids hang out. Pond needs much work -- remove wood borders, remove tar walkway, improve plantings and seating.
love	40.7306321	-74.27826	Mwd Village is the best village in NJ. So much character. The corporate encroachment
love	40.7269182	-74.27565	My community garden is there. It's the best.
love	40.7202927	-74.259138	My neighborhood. Borden Park.
love	40.7294442	-74.273926	N
love	40.7309928	-74.277025	Nice area even better when road is closed
love	40.7237235	-74.258605	Nice community park that is used by a lot of people.
love	40.7296247	-74.274365	nice pond
love	40.7211586	-74.265967	NK Prime Meat, Wine Barrel, Express Yourself Studios, Yale St. Corner, Gen. Store and so much more!
love	40.7202616	-74.276711	Nothing
love	40.7353533	-74.272123	Oh, i thought this was the problem notifier. So many accidents at this intersection. I love that it's on the way to the train and the park.
love	40.7307863	-74.277629	Old town feel
love	40.7310529	-74.27728	One of the best parts of Maplewood is the village. The restaurants and stores create a unique vibe, which is maintained by not allowing chains. Closing the street to cars has been a wonderful addition
love	40.7300653	-74.273866	one of the few tranquil green spaces in town. We need more of them
love	40.7187269	-74.261359	Open green space for families in an area that has little to no green space.
love	40.7273335	-74.276414	Open green space. Can't wait for new library to finish and really invigorate the park even more.
love	40.7295821	-74.273672	Open space
love	40.718712	-74.26171	Open space
love	40.7312867	-74.276848	Our downtown has a sense of community and -for lack of a better term - hometown hygge. I only wish it were a bit larger!
love	40.730561	-74.278111	Our downtown is so inviting, vibrant, I always see people I know. I just wish the movie theater would come back!
love	40.7430664	-74.286805	Our kids go to/have gone to school at Maplewood Outside School at the reservation and it's an incredible park! We love how close we are to this beautiful green space.
love	40.730262	-74.274979	Our Olmsted Park is being preserved.
love	40.7313606	-74.277371	Our village is charming and parks r beautiful
love	40.7312415	-74.272662	Parks. Wish the bathrooms were open and clean
love	40.7348945	-74.275984	Paved, off-street waking paths leading to Bolden school. Do this everywhere possible, please.
love	40.7303905	-74.27452	Playing fields, sledding hill, duck pond, river, open area to play.
love	40.7241476	-74.282745	Preserved Nature so close and so accessible
love	40.7297644	-74.274235	pretty, peaceful, nice to walk around and sit and relax
love	40.7349296	-74.276088	Protected walking paths between properties to Bolden school. More of this, everywhere please.

love	40.7189423	-74.261652	Provides green space for the community as a whole and specifically to those in the Hilton/Lightning Brook neighborhood.
love	40.7313278	-74.275449	Proximity to train and town.
love	40.7265258	-74.277608	Public local and central parks.
			Quality of life could be better. Stop 24-hr operation of Wawa and QC. Add Welcome to Maplewood sign on Chancellor Ave. Build wall along brook on 44th and Jacoby. Repair roads in 44th/Jacoby.
love	40.7222133	-74.251458	
love	40.735013	-74.275999	quiet and rustic with good walking/biking path
love	40.7374218	-74.269166	Repave the road.
love	40.7211582	-74.281346	Residential area is quiet and is a safe area to live.
			Ritzer Field at Columbia High School is important green space which could however be improved by planting trees around the field periphery and making a green theater for outdoor student performances.
love	40.736496	-74.265488	
love	40.7314008	-74.249544	Small business shops across from the park.
			Small cluster of retail. Excellent local cafe, floral shop and ice cream. Would love to see more of this throughout Maplewood.
love	40.726973	-74.250937	
love	40.7480679	-74.284221	South Mountain Reservation is an easy access to a real nature experience.
			Springfield Avenue - We need to make this a cultural / commercial hub by improving the curb appeal with an urban artistic downtown vibe.
love	40.7207637	-74.26971	
			St. George's Episcopal Church is a powerful part of our community that supports various support groups and local community groups. Very beautiful outside/communal space.
love	40.7332436	-74.279788	
love	40.7301629	-74.276162	Stores, restaurants, train
love	40.7318708	-74.268413	Super cool "secret" pathway
love	40.728252	-74.283206	Super cool secret passageway
			Sweet little neighborhood park that feels safe with a sense of community.
love	40.7403725	-74.273628	
love	40.7210642	-74.268696	Test comment
			The Bread Stand! Incredible breads, pastries, and coffee. A great outdoor or indoor eat-in experience. Friendly staff.
love	40.7181603	-74.255429	
love	40.7292189	-74.274971	The bridge and water in memorial park
			The Burgdorff Center is my second home. I do a lot of theater there.
love	40.7324298	-74.276114	
love	40.7297949	-74.277899	The businesses, the park, and the library.
love	40.7470098	-74.287275	The clean quite and waterfalls
			The crosswalks on Irvington Avenue are rarely respected by drivers. Kids have to cross here to get school busses or go to the park. It's not safe.
love	40.7383688	-74.252007	
love	40.7398542	-74.286715	The dog park, the trails, and the reservation.
love	40.7312668	-74.276943	The downtown is a great place for the family
love	40.7244065	-74.28062	The green, natural beauty

love	40.722198	-74.261009	The Hilton Branch Library is an amazing oasis that quietly provides a safe, peaceful place to learn or escape into a book.
love	40.7297401	-74.275572	The Library and new library will be one of my favorite places in town.
love	40.7294801	-74.27588	The library is a welcoming place for all ages, a place to feel a sense of community, attend a program, and get do research, sit and relax, and get great books.
love	40.7314369	-74.2766	The movie theater is a great potential asset
love	40.7257655	-74.280037	The open space that is tucked right into the fabric of our community, where we stroll and gather and play!
love	40.7308716	-74.27289	The park is a great place
love	40.7271488	-74.27634	The park is beautiful and the center of Maplewood.
love	40.7301489	-74.274645	The park is beautiful!
love	40.7297293	-74.274413	The pond is a nice place to relax! The turtles and ducks keep things interesting and the spot adds overall variety to the park.
love	40.7249611	-74.253089	The pool is a great spot for families/friends/etc. However, the facilities are subpar...bathrooms especially. Moreover, the pool should be open earlier in the season, and close later in the year.
love	40.7315563	-74.277027	The programming of entertainment and dining options is superb
love	40.7449488	-74.28635	The reservation is a huge asset to the community and I love getting outdoors there
love	40.7440479	-74.288864	The reservation is an incredible place/resource/option in the area for people to access nature nearby.
love	40.7436041	-74.286881	The reservation should be as accessible as possible for all, and well-cared for.
love	40.7447957	-74.286869	The rex is my favorite place
love	40.7297873	-74.276732	The shops here are incredible and we need more retail and small businesses like the ones on Baker street. No more CBD places!
love	40.7422669	-74.273069	The small shops in walking distance
love	40.7267156	-74.276506	The space dedicated to nature, walking paths, variety of trees, plants
love	40.7311663	-74.27672	The stores and the quaint atmosphere of Maplewood Village
love	40.7240487	-74.280765	the train station, the dogs and humans playing, AND CHS students gathering there after school.
love	40.7260326	-74.277621	The trees, river, various recreation activities, entertainment, train station, and library!
love	40.7459987	-74.286888	The views, the ability to walk or run in such a peaceful tranquil setting with no development nearby.
love	40.7307468	-74.277368	The Village is our town center and a precious asset to be managed with care
love	40.7307957	-74.277387	the village is super cute and everyone we bring into it makes note of it, it would be great to replicate that on Springfield Ave.
love	40.7310963	-74.27723	The Village is the heart of Maplewood

love	40.7473317	-74.285001	the village, springfield ave could be more of a draw with planning and expanded restaurant and shops, few hair salons, more food and beverage
love	40.7313799	-74.277261	There is a lovely little cut-through from Jefferson school to the town. It goes over the creek and is full of trees, flowers, and plants. Kids play there. Parents sit and talk. Quiet and peaceful.
love	40.7356262	-74.273415	There needs to be a cross walk from Walton across the street.  Jefferson Ave is also incredibly unsafe and needs additional stop signs and radar detectors. Kids almost get hit here daily in walking
love	40.7291713	-74.284846	These are a great asset to our town. We should keep these forever! People could learn more about plants and keeping our planet healthy!
love	40.7206565	-74.270257	This intersection has potential. I love the dense historic character of Springfield here, and it should be replicated down the avenue.
love	40.7233418	-74.258635	This is a great park with so much open space.
love	40.7221837	-74.259007	This is a great pedestrian area right off the park and merging of neighborhoods. With the gazebo, library, and picnic tables it's a community meeting place and event spot for music, poetry, reading.
love	40.7167632	-74.256224	This is my block. I love that the town planted a ton of new trees here, I love that there are no tall buildings here. I love that there are mom
love	40.7301954	-74.250155	This is my local park where I meet neighbors and enjoy a little time outdoors. It's important to me!
love	40.7239951	-74.258524	This park is near my home and I spend many hours a week here with my kids.
love	40.7401623	-74.273666	this park is right by my house and it's only accessible by foot, which makes it safer and more park-like.
love	40.7227782	-74.255508	This park serves communities of different economic backgrounds. We need to protect diversity and access to green spaces, particularly in areas that share a connection with Irvington and Newark.
love	40.7307158	-74.277624	This town is small, quaint, beautiful and charming. It has a quality that is unique among surrounding towns. It is special and one of the reasons I moved here.
love	40.7304231	-74.276331	train station has such potential but isn't being utilized to its full potential
love	40.730543	-74.278452	Unique, quality businesses on Baker Street, Baker Street Market, City Workshop, Brave Floral, enhance the town and add character and vitality.
love	40.7330595	-74.27055	Valley street has huge potential as a new business district. This used to be a trolley line - it could be again with a dedicated bus lane along with abolishing parking minimums in this district.
love	40.7298052	-74.277449	Very charming downtown area. Could use more restaurants and fewer gift shops, but overall it's a nice downtown.
love	40.730293	-74.278134	Very cute stores and feel (Baker street)

love	40.7306868	-74.277795	Very nice town
love	40.7268782	-74.278045	Walkability
love	40.7313752	-74.277308	Walkability, cute businesses.
love	40.7298052	-74.277106	Walkability, safety, independent thriving businesses
love	40.7300328	-74.275128	Walkable from our house. Beautiful. And often run in to people I know!
love	40.7306182	-74.273587	we love our park. keep it clean and make a place for dog owners
love	40.7307971	-74.277526	While it has changed over the last 25 years, we love that the village still has plenty of locally owned businesses.
love	40.7404362	-74.27379	Wonderful family area
love	40.7294823	-74.273725	Wonderful park, used so well for community activities. Love our libraries too!
change	40.7215845	-74.263413	*CONTINUE* changing. I support the ongoing development of retail and apartment buildings on Springfield, and hope someday to see a complete continuous modern urban low-rise streetscape
change	40.7217575	-74.263517	A weedy cement desert. Transform it into a 22nd-C. ULTRA-ECO multi-use building w/butterfly garden: a model for the GREEN future of Mwd! See Clichy-Batignolles dvlpmnt, Paris for ideas. It can be done!
change	40.7302866	-74.249857	Absolutely have to improve the public restroom maintenance strategy. The restrooms spend most of the time befouled when they are open to the public.
change	40.7312042	-74.26508	Address traffic issues
change	40.7213436	-74.27008	Being a pedestrian here is INCREDIBLY UNSAFE. I see street signs knocked down from other cars veering into the sidewalk. Children walk here all the time to go to Middle School, we need to improve this
change	40.7240666	-74.259052	Better baseball fields and a basketball court
change	40.7285694	-74.267257	Better enforcement to stop speeding
change	40.7313824	-74.278742	Better signage to direct people to highland parking lot. when Maplewood ave is closed, non-local residents don't know that they can access highland lot through the woodland or from Ridgewood road.
change	40.7208288	-74.266033	Better stores, more interesting store fronts
change	40.7212	-74.25267	Better streets, public safety, less traffic, and tree maintenance.
change	40.736721	-74.266753	Blight the abandoned, dilapidated properties and find developers to build a taxable asset.
change	40.7211728	-74.26751	Build up Springfield ave to make it a destination. with restaurants and stores. It has such potential
change	40.7244687	-74.282129	Can we buy the golf course and put in a corporate park? Only kinda joking. That's a lot of land. Do we know how that business is doing? It should be on the town's radar, in case an opportunity arises.
change	40.7253134	-74.252198	Cars drive too fast, it can be dangerous
change	40.7376677	-74.26933	Chezowich Park clean up and improvement
change	40.7405786	-74.266687	Chyzowotz fried can be used for sports and community
change	40.7262278	-74.276686	Clean out the duck pond and make the far half more friendly to wildlife - and the channeled river is not wildlife friendly

			and leads to flooding - maybe take one section of the wall out and allow fo
change	40.7319221	-74.245151	Clean up trash on sidewalks and improve walkability
change	40.7451858	-74.287491	continue to support south mountain
change	40.7311585	-74.277514	Continue with weekend evening temporary closure, but add vital parking spaces
change	40.728005	-74.267919	Convert Prospect west parking lane to 2-way protected bike lane. This would serve students of Tuscan and HS, commuters to Maplewood Sta, and more. It would relieve traffic esp. during school hours.
change	40.7246169	-74.2361	create additional pedestrian "hubs" similar to prospect and springfield to help tie together separated strips along springfield ave.
change	40.7356912	-74.273715	Cross walk and additional stop sign
change	40.7226473	-74.253202	Definitely more police presence, I've seen numerous quality of life violations that I feel could be averted if there was a stronger police presence
change	40.719235	-74.262171	Dehart Community Center is not a community center! It needs to be replaced with a large center that includes senior housing and a center for activities for all, including daycare.
change	40.7185123	-74.261342	Dehart is a disaster. Bathrooms are vandalized constantly, playground equipment is broken and fields are trash.
change	40.7309698	-74.276769	Demo this ugly building
change	40.7318073	-74.244338	Develop better walkable and viable businesses that fit the community.
change	40.7314336	-74.250642	Dissuade thru-traffic along Boyden and Parker coming in/out of Irvington and points north/south. (Speed bumps?) Feels like drag-race speeding from, presumably, nonresidents, especially after dusk.
change	40.7209585	-74.267629	Diversification of businesses (too many dollar stores, beauty supply shops, nail salons, etc.) Clean up the buildings and the vacant lots. Create a second downtown!
change	40.7264892	-74.276554	Do we really need an 18-hole golf course only accessible to the wealthy taking over so much wonderful green space in our town? Couldn't this be turned into open green space, accessible to everyone?
change	40.7232104	-74.251602	Dodgy area. Too many gas stations. Could use some major beautification. Needs more assets like Cornbread.
change	40.7251928	-74.258053	Dog park is desperately needed. The section of Maplecreek, where I placed the dot, is unused and would be a perfect location.
change	40.7240111	-74.281914	Don't understand the continuation of gentrified green space for use by only the elite of the elite.
change	40.735565	-74.272394	Drivers don't seem to understand how to deal with this intersection. I don't think it's necessarily the town's fault. Maybe a sign that reads, " Wait for cross traffic to be clear." or "Jefferson
change	40.7296751	-74.279976	Eliminate street parking on Ridgewood Rd, anytime, anywhere, except where there are physical carveouts. This is a safety hazard to cars, pedestrians and bicyclists.
change	40.7212516	-74.265883	Empty lots gone
change	40.7291824	-74.262836	Enforce speeding laws - it's getting more



change	40.722881	-74.253571	feel safer, look nicer
change	40.7185439	-74.261747	Fields need major improvements
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change	40.7235154	-74.278407	Get rid of traffic lights. Making right turn from S Pierson on to Valley requires hitting curb
			Great location and a nice park, but this area seems neglected, especially the buildings on Springfield Avenue going towards Boyden. There are lots of empty lots with no stores or businesses.
change	40.7223005	-74.258203	
change	40.7178446	-74.259723	Greater focus on pedestrians and street safety.
change	40.7371874	-74.268002	Greenway should run along the waterway
change	40.7272296	-74.275206	I already answered it for the places I love question - I don't love the country club - it takes up a significant percentage of town land for wealthy people only.
change	40.7375035	-74.267559	I don't love it -- it is a poorly maintained parking lot that should be an open space and function for stormwater retention.
change	40.7210077	-74.268862	I feel like this area has just as much draw in terms of retail capability, but has a lot of gaps in retail/grocery/bar type space. I personally would love this to rival the village for a destination
change	40.736375	-74.265689	I know it is school board property, but would be awesome to have a formal track. The community uses this and a track would be an asset to both community and the school.
change	40.7208216	-74.267728	I live in Hilton section and I feel like we need more interesting business around. It has a great potential to become a hip, urban space with Brooklyn feel. Residential area needs more trees.
change	40.7333499	-74.253116	I live in this area and it is starting to feel unsafe at all times.
change	40.7310394	-74.275335	I love the building and would not change that but more parking is needed and more accessibility. It is difficult for short and elderly people to get on and off train. Also no wheelchair access
change	40.7313662	-74.272513	I love the park
change	40.7243567	-74.283275	I love to golf, but if the country club ever went up for sale I'd hope the buyer (ideally the town) puts it to a more public use...
change	40.726947	-74.250963	I think the crosswalk across Boyden isn't working properly.
change	40.7321994	-74.278292	I think the Woodland should be renovated with technology and interior design updates.
change	40.7240975	-74.258791	I think this park could be used for a lot more programming opportunities
change	40.7324068	-74.272746	I think we could build up more apartments and businesses here. Seems like one of the only places for increased housing density near public transportation.
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change	40.7183238	-74.260998	I think with some creativity, and consultation from ecologists, we can make DeHart a park that supports both our kids AND our ecosystem. Please don't turf - the flood risk is too great.



change	40.7206252	-74.270558	I would like Springfield to be more aesthetically pleasing. There are some great shops, but in all it is not a road that I want to spend time/money on. Some shops have old and dilapidated store fronts
change	40.7304424	-74.250054	I would like the bathrooms to be usable! They are either locked or filthy. I would like the tennis court and surrounding fence to be repaired so the tennis courts could be used!
change	40.7210792	-74.269374	I would like the farmer's market to be more accessible to people who don't get home until after 7 pm regularly. Maybe have it during the weekend. This space also could be programmed regularly
change	40.7183484	-74.261015	I would like to see a bocce court added to Dehart Park for seniors to play and gather. All the focus is in kids but adults need to play too.
change	40.7294153	-74.273586	I would like to see a dog park.
change	40.7340538	-74.269295	I would like to see bike lanes and better connectivity on valley to the Maplewood Village area.
change	40.7443491	-74.281674	I would like to see more regular maintenance of our parks. Litter attracts rodents, which then spread to neighborhoods. Park bathrooms should also be open more often, and cleaned.
change	40.7285834	-74.275079	I would like to see more restaurants open in downtown Maplewood. Perhaps commercial zoning can be expanded to the streets off of Maplewood Avenue to allow for this.
change	40.720726	-74.26866	I would love for Springfield ave to feel more accessible parking-wise, etc. It feels under-utilized.
change	40.7187882	-74.26121	I'd like a bigger community center with more going on -- a gym, a place to offer cooking classes, babysitting classes, first aid, etc. A hangout for tweens with open hours for ping pong, foosball, etc.
change	40.7218644	-74.261894	I'd like to see Springfield grow to be more like the Village - more local shops and eateries. Coffee/bagel shops. Stores or spaces you want to spend more time in.
change	40.7215118	-74.269156	I'd like to see Springfield transformed into an active, walkable, friendly, maybe edgy part of town - artists, musicians. cool vibes :)
change	40.7244384	-74.281205	I'd like to see the ways the country club is good for the vast majority of those in town who are not members.
change	40.7355189	-74.267877	I'd like to see Valley St., especially at the intersection of Valley and Parker, be made hospitable to cyclists and foot traffic. Right now it is built for cars and foot traffic is merely incidental.
change	40.7239837	-74.258309	I'd love to see Hilton branch modernize and enjoy the same spotlight that the main branch gets.
change	40.7226647	-74.256295	I'd love to see us prioritize Springfield Avenue's business mix. I'd love to see more destination stores (e.g., clothing restaurants) for the community, esp. given our smallish downtown.
change	40.7270248	-74.275608	Improve access to lower-income communities in Maplewood Village and Maplewood Country Club. Purchase and return

			Maplewood Country Club to town residents as a community space.
change	40.7320166	-74.27656	Improve traffic flow and stop illegal parking from Lenox Place to Beach Place along Maplewood Ave
change	40.7212896	-74.26557	Improved public transit from Maplewood village to this area - parking is spotty and it keeps it from feeling as vibrant as it could.
change	40.7175298	-74.259619	Improving Newark way with zoning for hospitality, shops and restaurants is an opportunity to revitalize lightening brook area of town.
change	40.7241252	-74.277749	In general the traffic along Valley is pretty awful.
change	40.7185115	-74.261212	Install shade cover on the playground. Improvements to Community Center. Better landscaping and pest control around the walking path. Update Newark Way entrance. Remove or repair shuffleboard court.
change	40.7356912	-74.266722	Intersection of Valley and Parker gets congested and I find myself avoiding it for safety reasons, particularly when students will be entering or leaving the area. Community asset!
change	40.7249809	-74.254584	Invest in the pool, expand into winchester gardens, enclose for year-round usage of pool, renovate building for community space, improve food options, add parking deck at the lot, and eliminate fees.
change	40.7302279	-74.249906	It could use some improvement regarding safety.
change	40.7218835	-74.262938	It is an unused and uncared for lot. Would love spaces like this on Springfield Ave used for a business, community centered program, or community garden.
change	40.7310638	-74.275389	It would be great to the village's commercial center extend to the other side of the train station. Someone mentioned that a restaurant could occupy the space, which would generate additional revenue.
change	40.7218101	-74.263301	It's an empty lot. We need retail, restaurants, community space, green space here. Maybe a multi use building with green space on the roof.
change	40.7209612	-74.267488	Keep revitalizing Springfield Ave and encourage more diverse shops
change	40.7288295	-74.276677	Love the Woodland and that it is so accessible to residents, and is used as a real community hub.
change	40.722402	-74.250921	Make 2 way street
change	40.7308347	-74.277957	Make Maplewood Ave one way going east. People can use the Village Lot and Ricalton Lot for going west, making a loop. Possibly make a permanent pedestrian mall between Baker and Highland or Inwood.
change	40.728164	-74.275578	Make the park larger. can the Maplewood Country club become part of the town so we get access to better pool and all that green space for our taxes
change	40.7311021	-74.27544	Make the station more of a community hub, including bike/scooter storage and services, appropriate food and drink, buskers, co-working, a community/meeting space.
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change	40.7303519	-74.277658	Maplewood Village--more parking
change	40.7377428	-74.269301	Make Chyzowych field a well maintained, usable resource. Multi purpose sports field with properly paved driveway and parking.
change	40.7248293	-74.281623	more benches, areas clearly inviting people sitting on blankets. Maybe a coffee machine available.
change	40.7355015	-74.268635	More business development. Great location for coffee (near the HS!), yoga, kids services (close to the Y!)
change	40.7212928	-74.26044	More businesses
change	40.7220742	-74.261571	More charming and cohesive identity for this part of town
change	40.7213348	-74.263423	more consistency, build on empty lots and attract retail
change	40.7370095	-74.266954	More desirable businesses
change	40.7214582	-74.265495	More Drive-thru options on Springfield Ave! It's crazy we have a drive thru pharmacy but no food or coffee option especially for young parents. #carnap #iykyk
change	40.7220413	-74.259889	more food and beverage so it we build energy in this area, not all residents want to go to the Village, we need a local grocery store in Springfield
change	40.7239812	-74.258518	More formalized grounds keeping for the ball fields. Other towns have it- why can't we? I've seen seating, branding, concessions stands, lighting, grounds people on site at other towns.
change	40.7264277	-74.27706	More funds allocated to preserve and nurture existing resources: trees, bushes, landscaping along the river.
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change	40.7204486	-74.270225	More greenspace
change	40.7413177	-74.285239	More information for residents about the Reservation- better access to maps and guides.
change	40.7212334	-74.265893	More outdoor dining options with alcohol as well. A neighborhood watering hole, if you will.
change	40.7205761	-74.270428	more parking for shops/businesses
change	40.7211499	-74.2665	More parklets/pocket parks, better maintained/cleaned. Businesses other than nail and hair salons. More places to eat and congregate. Less multi-unit buildings.
change	40.7226502	-74.253586	More policing. We have started see an increase in crime here, which is sad because it is near an elementary school.
change	40.7219492	-74.250678	More security. Irvington/Newark people commit crimes on our properties. Remove 24hrs from Wawa/Quickchek. Need retaining wall for brook. Put powerlines underground. Fix road on 44th St not a patch up
change	40.7219425	-74.262713	More shops, bars, restaurants
change	40.724278	-74.263544	More shops, more empty storefronts being rented to business.
change	40.7306043	-74.278539	more street parking
change	40.7308673	-74.277633	More stuff to do!

change	40.7158341	-74.268333	More trees at dehart park
change	40.7318187	-74.248607	More trees!
change	40.7209307	-74.26925	Mural on building, planters and benches on yale corner and more events. A pop up beer garden, movie nights, etc.
change	40.7327693	-74.270861	Naturally very nice but always full of litter and other unnatural and not nice things
change	40.7202927	-74.259138	Need beautification of streets. Repaving, better street lights, slower cars.
change	40.7208599	-74.271841	Needs to be a more integral part of our community. Needs more of a community feel. The fast Avenue is a problem and people from other side of town don't even know of the businesses.
change	40.7325498	-74.282371	New single fam. home being built on a double lot on Curtiss. Why would we allow this development? If we are going to pave over the land in a mature neighborhood, it should be for affordable housing.
change	40.7320792	-74.273499	Newer buildings with the Village and on Dunnell across from the park are an aesthetic abomination. New construction must be made to conform to the historical aesthetic standards of our housing stock
change	40.7309557	-74.261696	No park for blocks
change	40.7349467	-74.275981	none
change	40.7240487	-74.28294	None
change	40.7382926	-74.2677	None
change	40.7284144	-74.275346	Not a fan of golf courses or country clubs, especially in an area so close to where there could be transit-oriented development
change	40.7218055	-74.262868	Not just the new building, fix up the WHOLE LOT! Greed is unfair from this developer who is starting one building and leaving the rest of the lot. Make something for the community!
change	40.7321975	-74.279277	Not playing this game!! Next question
change	40.7372008	-74.277519	Not this exact place, but people drive like maniacs on Ridgewood and Wyoming. We need traffic calming measures.
change	40.7306826	-74.264055	Parker/Maplewood ave - most dangerous intersection. Make 4 way stop.
change	40.7203734	-74.265926	Parking along Springfield Ave. is often tricky. A green, landscaped, median strip in the center of Springfield Ave. would make the area more accessible, attractive, pedestrian friendly.
change	40.7305911	-74.277457	Permanent outdoor dining.
change	40.7208298	-74.26373	please add a 4-way stop sign at this dangerous intersection
change	40.735874	-74.273615	Please add a cross walk!!!
change	40.724457	-74.254302	pool - better bathrooms, open earlier in year, and close later in year
change	40.7249268	-74.254896	Pool needs to be more accessible to everyone in the community and MORE SHADE PLEASE!!
change	40.7239012	-74.259228	Public restroom vs port-a-potty, tree canopy is aging
change	40.7222133	-74.251458	Quality of life could be better. Stop 24-hr operation of Wawa and QC. Add Welcome to Maplewood sign on Chancellor Ave. Build wall along brook on 44th and Jacoby. Repair roads in 44th/Jacoby.

change	40.7353768	-74.254869	Recreation space abounds, but would like to see a quiet parklet for sitting, reading, meeting for conversation with neighbors of all ages in our diverse neighborhood.
change	40.7311101	-74.257172	Remove the streetlight, it's too bright. Please add speed bumps, the street is a cut through and I have seen many kids close to getting hit by speeding cars
change	40.7374218	-74.269166	Repave road
change	40.7242313	-74.258678	Replace overgrown tennis courts with basketball courts that would be used by neighborhood residents.
change	40.7340978	-74.270579	Retaining wall fixed with cooperation from township.
change	40.7186632	-74.261712	Revitalize and expand the park
change	40.7169185	-74.263658	Revitalize the light industry zone in this area. Bringing some clean tech companies in? More retail commerce? The lesser affluent side of Springfield could use some love and new blood.
change	40.7312245	-74.276287	Rework this space so that it is a multiuse, inviting gathering place.
change	40.7367456	-74.265732	Ritzer Field -- Plant native trees and shrubs around the field to cool the area and stop wind erosion. Make a green theater area here for outdoor student rehearsal and performance.
change	40.7219714	-74.262309	SA needs an overhaul and an influx of new construction and varied businesses. It's completely disjointed, not pedestrian friendly, mostly service-oriented, aesthetically bleah, and not a destination.
change	40.7231985	-74.254028	Safety
change	40.7192271	-74.272645	Safety issues
change	40.7179912	-74.260908	Since no turf was voted there should be a real and lasting upgrade to that park as well as Maplecrest.
change	40.7221187	-74.259485	Since this is such a community asset with the park, library, and gazebo as event spots... let's encourage more retail nearby and less apartment buildings. There are so many giant apt buildings here.
change	40.7349662	-74.278919	Slowing down traffic here would be nice.
change	40.7338864	-74.267962	So much emptiness.... makes it an area that divides our two towns (SOMA) instead of bringing them together
change	40.7306417	-74.244701	Some attention/assistance from the town and community in revitalizing these businesses. Locally owned business make for stronger communities.
change	40.7308727	-74.275194	Speed bumps or something else that would reduce speeding in front of the train station by drivers who are en route to Baker Street.
change	40.7251267	-74.266059	Speed bumps. There was briefly a "check your speed" sensor at this location and the overwhelming majority of cars speed down this road. Speed bumps may encourage cars to slow down.
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change	40.7320262	-74.271551	Speeding all the way down Valley Street. Need traffic calming measures. Check out Hoboken.

change	40.718999	-74.261631	Splash pad for kids to help cool off in the summer, dog park
change	40.7220671	-74.257213	Springfield Ave can and should become similar to Maplewood Ave/Maplewood Village with even more independent businesses/restaurants supported.
change	40.7211882	-74.267512	Springfield Ave corridor is a mess. Impossible to find parking, dangerous to cross the street, and not visually attractive compared to other parts of town.
change	40.7200807	-74.268179	Springfield Ave is a missed opportunity. We need better / more restaurants, shops, and businesses that folks from all over town will use. Too many liquor stores, dollar stores and beauty stores
change	40.7217927	-74.26182	Springfield Ave is becoming a tunnel of luxury apts. More housing is not always better as these enrich developers at the expense of net worth growth and accessibility to mid-lower income residents.
change	40.7219003	-74.261672	Springfield Ave is being built up, but there are not many retail, stores, etc. to draw people to the feel. Feels like living in the city here versus the wealthier area of town by the reservation.
change	40.720593	-74.270597	Springfield ave is filthy. always covered in trash. especially by the bus stops.
change	40.7200731	-74.271186	Springfield ave is unsightly, full of unused, downscale or closed businesses. Revitalization is needed. It doesn't represent the town and is depressing to drive through.
change	40.7207238	-74.269193	Springfield Ave. more pedestrian friendly
change	40.7342894	-74.269241	Stop light
change	40.7311084	-74.277317	Streets closed to cars, open for pedestrians and outdoor dining
change	40.7182003	-74.260961	Take care of the grass field. More gardens. Natural spaces for the neighborhood.
change	40.7184475	-74.26134	Take this land for public recreational use!
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change	40.7234997	-74.257563	Tennis courts have been neglected for years. Like to see them converted to pickle ball courts or a rink to replace the one taken away from DeHart
change	40.7358345	-74.265652	The area around the high school is declining. The school grounds are not kept up and the zoning seems incompatible with a high school. CHS is an architectural gem and that area needs improvement
change	40.7324164	-74.276064	The Burgdorff needs a lot of TLC - fix the downstairs
change	40.7218386	-74.261451	The commercial stretch of Springfield Ave is filled with too many liquor stores, empty lots, and businesses that are not pedestrian friendly (e.g., car repair). Need more restaurants, shops, etc.



change	40.7261627	-74.277673	The country club is an environmental disaster. I would love them to be encouraged to avoid all pesticides and open their space to more public use.
change	40.7295302	-74.274357	The creek within the park is a really special place. My kids love it there. It would be great to preserve it.
change	40.7348338	-74.269707	The current YMCA either needs to expand to include a pool and robust athletic center to properly serve the community, or it needs to move to a new central location where it can properly do so.
change	40.7214467	-74.261654	the development on Springfield seems to mostly target neighboring communities, not the residents of Maplewood
change	40.7271457	-74.27692	The Duck Pond is in major need of maintenance.
change	40.7196734	-74.275425	The Dunkin' Donuts building always seems to attract litter/panhandling and not sure why it's sitting vacant so long
change	40.7239442	-74.283642	The golf course is a bit ridiculous. It should be transformed into something like a community land trust for affordable housing And other public amenities.
change	40.7262765	-74.276736	The golf course owners need to do better in using LESS pesticides. These effect everyone's health adversely and is contrary to the Maplewood values.
change	40.7353476	-74.264976	The High school is a hot mess. Landscape trampled, chain link fence makes it look like a prison yard. parking lot out front is just tacky. Valley/Parker intersection congested and dangerous
change	40.7173232	-74.257759	The Hilton area has the potential to be quaint like the Village. The small homes could be picturesque.
change	40.7218979	-74.257946	The little stores in this section look shabby, messy and uninviting.
change	40.7313158	-74.277157	The Main Street is boring. We need better stores, better food options, more outdoor dining. Having a vibrant town center makes for a vibrant community.
change	40.730541	-74.278475	The rate of turnover/quality of businesses/empty spaces on Maplewood Ave is sad and distressing. Better businesses!
change	40.7209495	-74.268938	The Springfield Ave shops could really be built up
change	40.7370123	-74.266514	The streetscape on this section of Valley is very different from almost everywhere else in Maplewood. There are few trees and it doesn't look like a good place to walk.
change	40.7221057	-74.261883	There have been a lot of crimes / thefts around this area and it could use more revitalization of the empty lots.
change	40.72343	-74.254012	There is an abandoned or undeveloped property here and it is really unpleasant.
change	40.7188341	-74.262476	There is no shade for the playground and the equipment sucks. It looks rundown.
change	40.7354441	-74.267974	There is no way to safely cross town on a bike. My son's placed across town and to not clog traffic we'd like to use a bike. We have to use this street and it is treacherous for bikers.
change	40.7307763	-74.277998	There should be a playground built closer to town
change	40.7366662	-74.266595	There was a Blimpies years ago in this vacant building. Since then, nothing has taken over the lease. There are empty



			commercial buildings close to the high school that could be rezoned for a pool.
change	40.7310519	-74.275181	These large steps are inaccessible for strollers and wheelchairs, and walking around to a different tunnel is time-consuming. Can we work on a ramp?
change	40.7211907	-74.28147	This area of Maplewood needs posted speed limit signs and in some areas "speed bumps". On the streets coming up from Valley Street. Cars attempt to beat the traffic light on Millburn and Valley St.
change	40.7310379	-74.272049	This field used for girls softball is ridiculous. Show the inequitable distribution of sports space for girls softball vs. boys baseball.
change	40.7354526	-74.272073	This is a horrible intersection and very dangerous. A stoplight may be what is needed, but it needs to be fixed.
change	40.7303789	-74.250115	This park is a disgrace. Field is extremely poor. Playground is OK, but dated. There's a completely unusable tennis court here.
change	40.7299765	-74.278517	This part of town isn't working - there's limited parking and the businesses don't draw people except for the bakery.
change	40.7261139	-74.274074	this road is an eye sore and sits next to our park and festivals. semis on a county road not zoned for 102" trailers...check out: N.J. Admin. Code -B 16:32-1.4
change	40.7350327	-74.250075	This section of Irvington Ave - is it Maplewood? It's pretty gross here.
change	40.7210221	-74.268959	This stretch of Springfield Ave is woefully unkempt, underutilized and abandoned even though it's some of the most prone real estate to turn this area into a secondary retail / dining destination
change	40.7258375	-74.274861	This whole section of Valley St. is a traffic nightmare.
change	40.7289081	-74.273655	Too much aggressive driving and double parking in the village.
change	40.7362374	-74.270007	totally underutilized open playing field. Needs attention
change	40.730979	-74.267172	Traffic calming measures. People fly down the hill toward the light creating safety hazard for those walking to park or train
change	40.7355324	-74.267479	Traffic here is only going to get worse with the apparently approved dense housing at the former Gleason site
change	40.7242014	-74.252945	Traffic is too busy, greater traffic enforcement and safety measures
change	40.7217999	-74.255357	Traffic pattern changes to address school arrival and dismissal times. Currently it's very unsafe
change	40.7358678	-74.273654	Traffic regulation: crossroads, traffic light, better lighting, signal to slow down, curb to wait before crossing ,Ä¶
change	40.722703	-74.257802	Traffic relief. It's a nightmare getting down Springfield Ave and nowhere more so than Burnet
change	40.7186633	-74.261657	Turf. Year round playing surface as Maplewood has limited space for team sports and all are over used.
change	40.7202616	-74.276711	Turn into green space or add more trees.
change	40.7241137	-74.264827	Tuscan road is a dangerous road. Drivers are constantly speeding. And the town says nothing to do because it's a roadway for fire dept. I won't accept that, something must be done. a kids gonna get hit

change	40.7231052	-74.260583	Unnecessarily wide pedestrian crossings encourage speeding across the street from a park
change	40.7236652	-74.258993	Upgrade playground with a splash pad
change	40.7262928	-74.274101	Valley st should have sidewalk in both sides to get better and safer access to Tuscan. I know that it is a county issue but Maplewood town should pressure to get it done.
change	40.7354327	-74.267918	Valley street has huge potential. Abolish parking minimums and institute dedicated bus lanes along this stretch to re-create an urban street scene.
change	40.7323905	-74.270132	Valley street is overused. Too much traffic
change	40.7353533	-74.272123	Very hazardous intersection. I'd like to see it safer.
change	40.7220487	-74.25112	WaWa
change	40.7228986	-74.252408	Wawa is open 24/7 and is extremely disruptive to the people who live behind it. We have had multiple crimes committed there. Wawa is an asset but not 24/7 and it needs additional police presence.
change	40.7293225	-74.27797	We need to address the parking issues. While I enjoy the outdoor eating it has reduced even more the limited parking
change	40.7213492	-74.264231	We are struggling to keep anchor businesses, safety with frequent robberies e.g. Walgreens, needs vitalization - maybe a restaurant row concept?
change	40.7252358	-74.2503	We need better drainage. The community at Maplewood Village is flooding on the regular because the town drainage on Meadowbrook is inadequate and much of the areas is paved causing excess run off
change	40.7207136	-74.270378	We'd love to see Springfield Ave get more charming. Yeah, lots of cars travel across it to Irvington and Newark but there are other paths can be followed if we were to slow things down.
change	40.7354994	-74.267945	Worst intersection in town. Needs to have alternating turn lights
change	40.7210564	-74.257599	You can see dilapidated crumbling buildings and lots of space between Boyden, Tuscan and Burnet. Would be great to see a public space or market for small businesses to operate there as an attraction