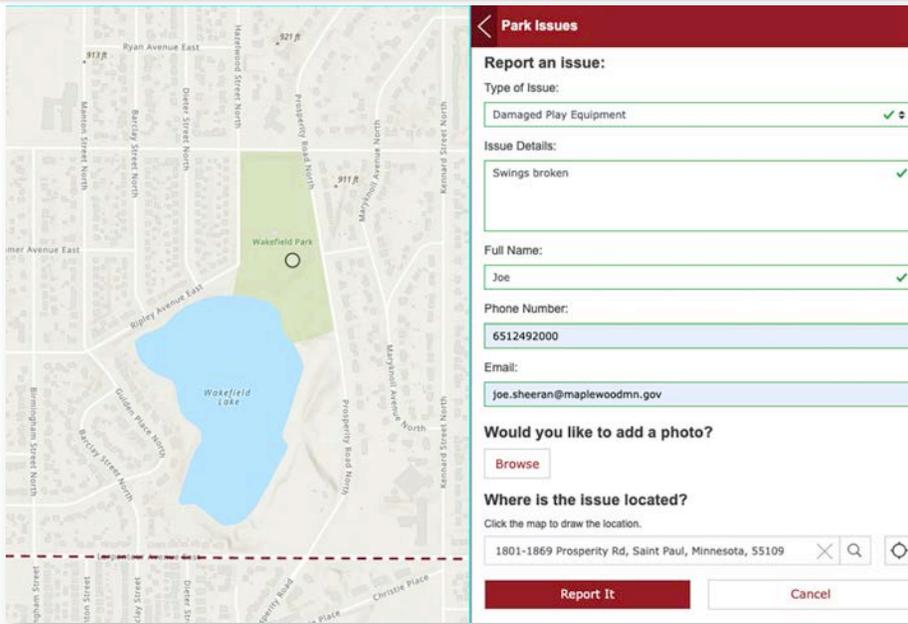


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# Help improve our response to mental health issues

## Take our survey

Over the past four years, the Maplewood Public Safety Department has improved our response to people experiencing a mental health crisis.

We've done this by forming the Mental Health Outreach Team and have recently begun working with a Ramsey County embedded social worker.

We and our Ramsey County partners want to hear from our community on ways to further enhance outreach before, during and after mental health emergencies.

Please be honest in your responses. Your answers will be anonymous, even if you provide contact information.

## Scan to access survey:



Or go to: [Ramseycounty.us/CommunityMentalHealthSurvey](https://ramseycounty.us/CommunityMentalHealthSurvey)

# Council Corner

By Rebecca Cave, Council Member

Walking around our south fire station for the October Open House, it's easy to be awestruck with the scale of the equipment—the shiny engines, ladder trucks reaching several stories, water rescue gear and well-equipped police squads. However, when I listen carefully, I'm even more impressed with the relationships both our fire/EMS crews and police officers have built with Maplewood's diverse communities.

This community-building has been very intentional, starting with mandated outreach for police officers that then extended to firefighter/paramedics. Initially, the departments hosted a few informal community coffee events and progressed to more coordinated citywide events that included specialized outreach to seniors, people in multi-family housing, and school-aged children.

Two factors make this accomplishment significant. One, it was done in conjunction with several other initiatives, including the formation of the Mental Health Outreach Team (M-HOT), crisis intervention and medical cross training and establishing Maplewood as a Heart Safe Community. Each has progressed past the pilot stage to full implementation, with the M-HOT now embedding a Ramsey County social worker.

Second, police and fire/EMS worked together. That's not always common. In some places there's a rivalry, making this level of coordination difficult. Most places there's comradery but not the right leadership to integrate overlapping roles. Maplewood is different because our police and fire/EMS truly merged into a public safety department while maintaining the core values and skills that make each unique. This is only accomplished through great leadership and professional staff.

In a time when first responders, especially police officers, are under public scrutiny, it's important to recognize and thank our public safety professionals for their dedication and selfless service to our community.



# Provide input on the city's proposed 2022 budget

Monday, December 13, 2021 at 7:00 PM  
Maplewood City Council Chambers

The 2022 budget funds new public safety vehicles, a playground replacement and modest pay adjustments for staff to keep competitive in a robust job market.

The proposed preliminary property tax levy for 2022 is up 5%. This follows a zero percent levy increase last year, meant to provide property tax relief to people struggling through the pandemic.

If adopted, Maplewood's median value homeowners (nearly \$270,000) will pay about \$75 more per year in property taxes. The increase is partially due to median home values rising three percent.

City taxes account for about 32% of the total tax bill. The property tax bill also includes taxes for the county, school district, and special districts, such as the Regional Rail Authority, Watershed Districts, Metropolitan Council, and Mosquito Control.

Only the city budget and tax levy will be discussed at Maplewood's December 13, 2021 public hearing.



County	City	School District	Special Districts
36.57%	32.19%	24.38%	6.86%



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