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Crime Prevention Office

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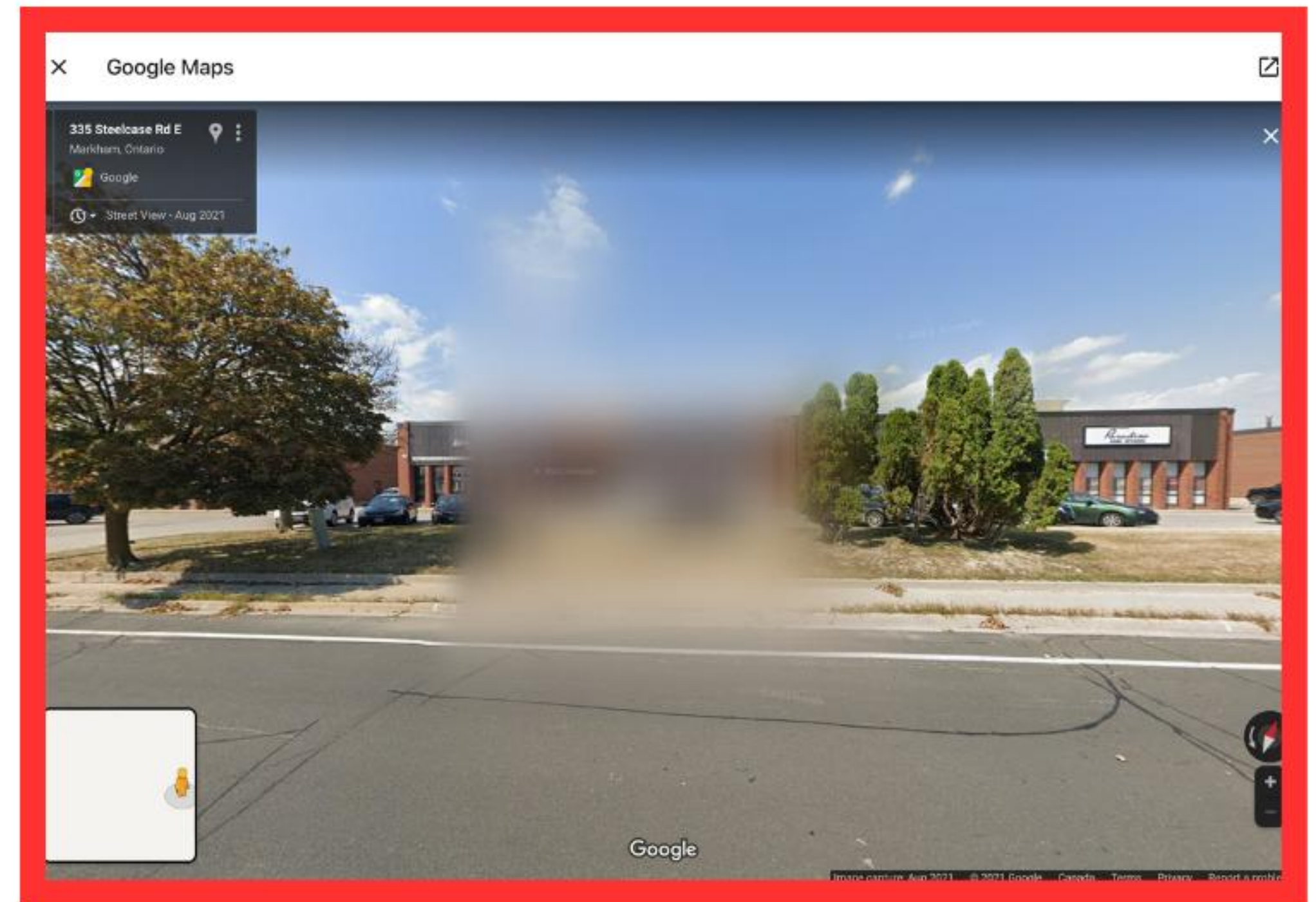FAIRFAX COUNTY VIRGINIA
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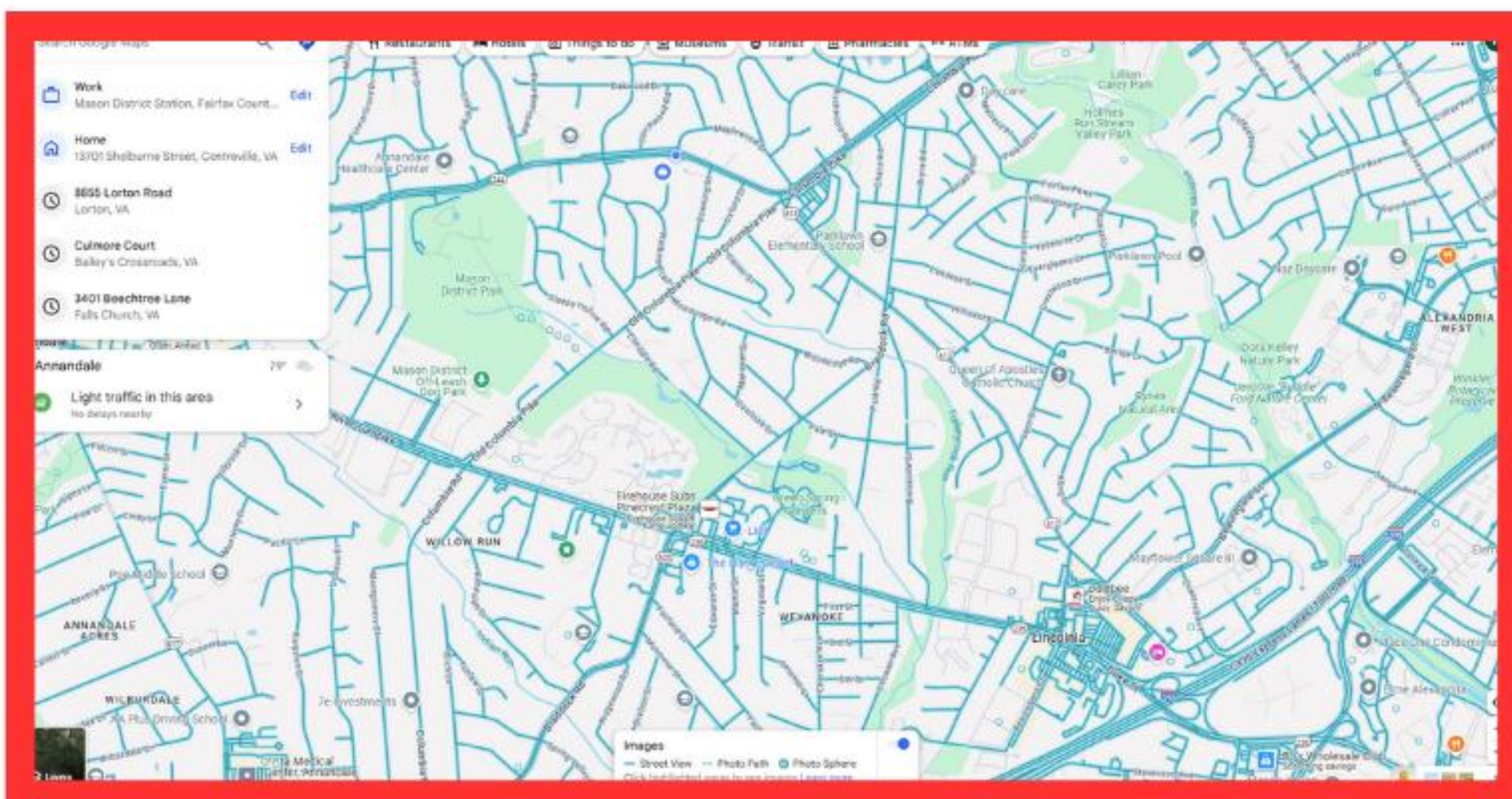# Don't Let Criminals Case Your Home or Business

Blurring your location on Google Maps is a smart step toward preventing crime.

How does blurring your location prevent crime?

- Reduces the chance of criminals scouting entrances, exits, and blind spots
- Hides vulnerable areas like doors, windows, cameras and security systems
- Protects your family's or employees' privacy from public view
- Reduces risk of targeted break-ins based on visible assets or layout
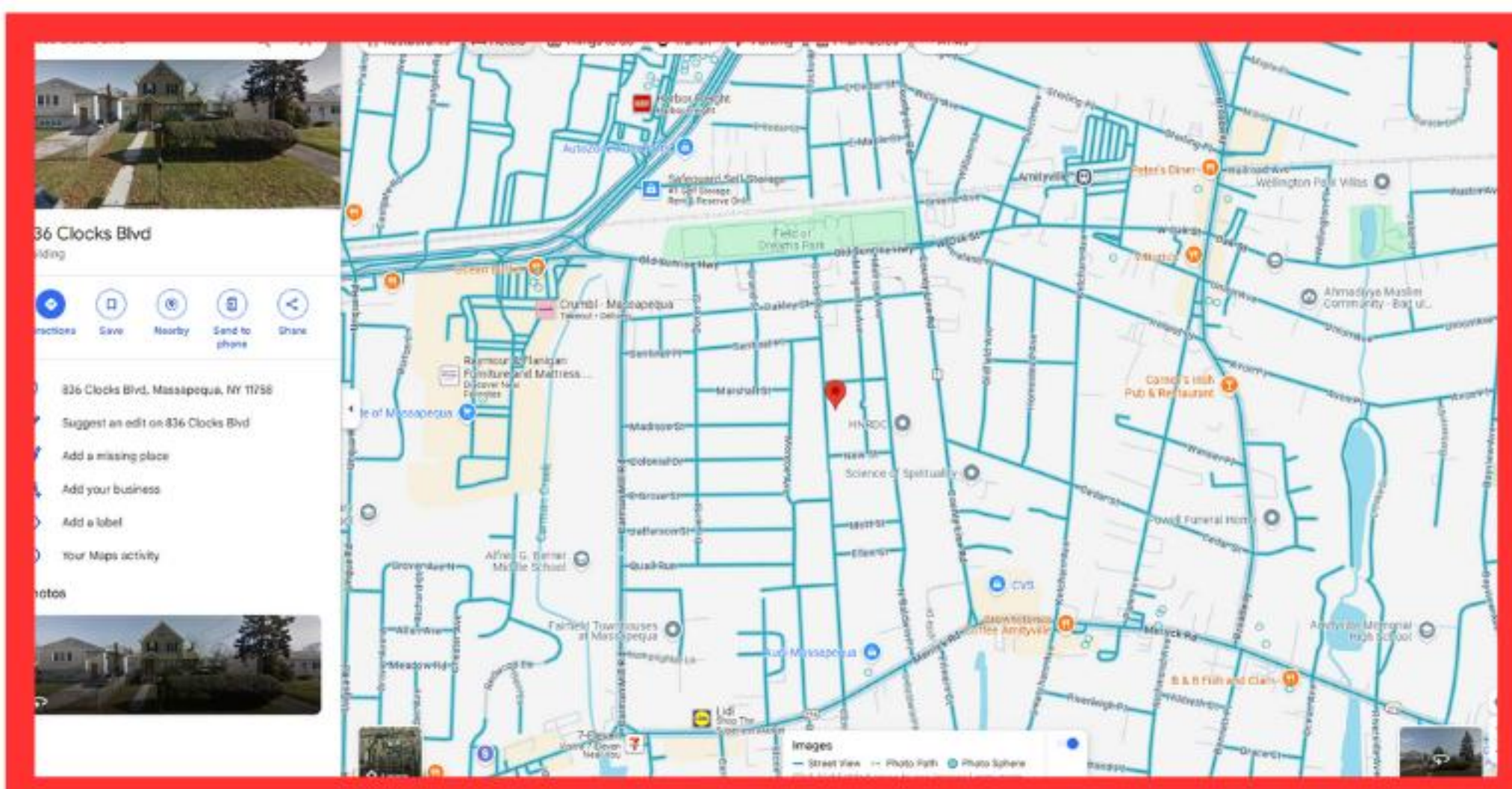- Adds an extra layer of security without costing a dime

Protect Your Location in 6 Easy Steps.

Open Google Maps
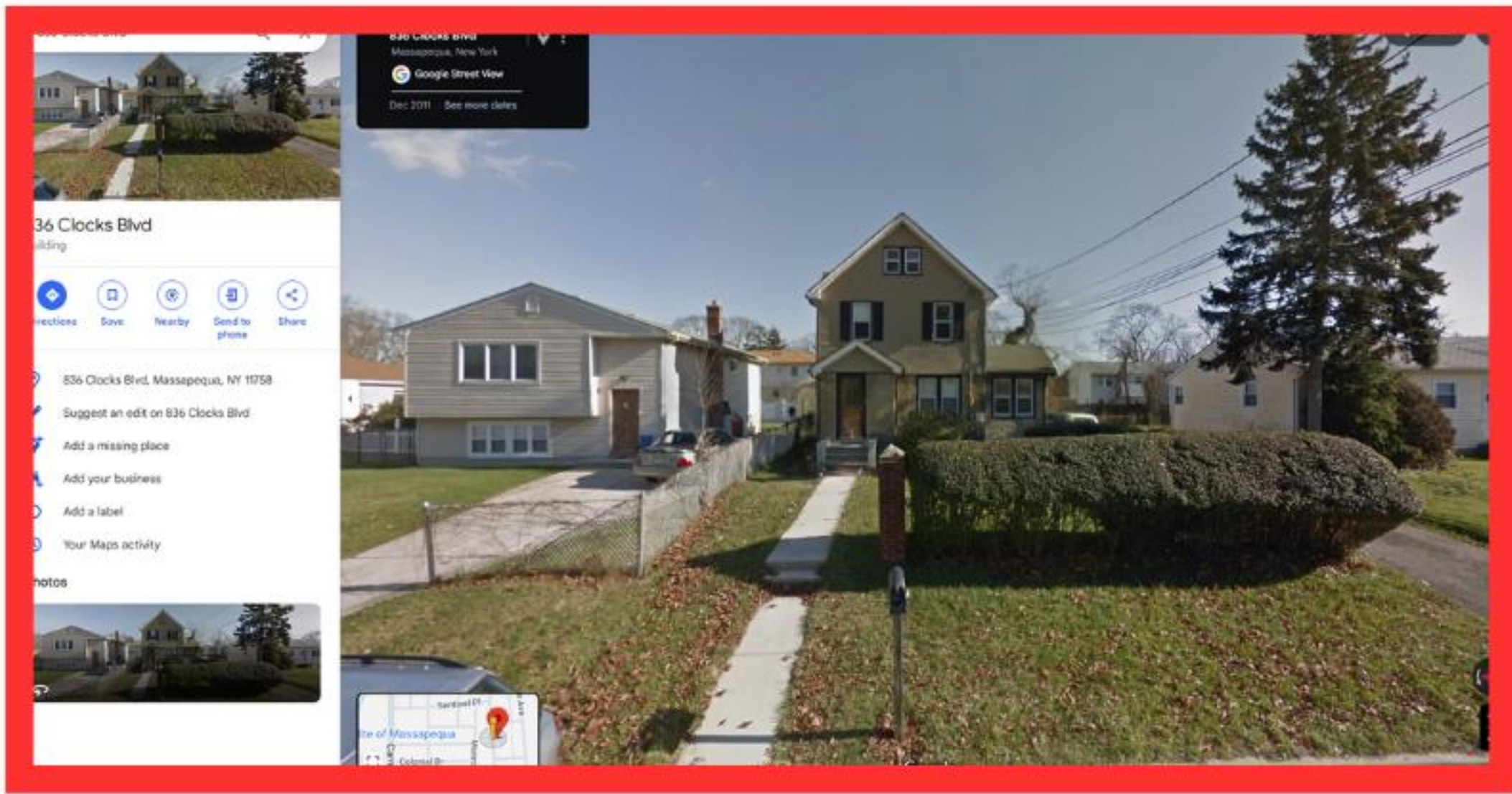Go to maps.google.com
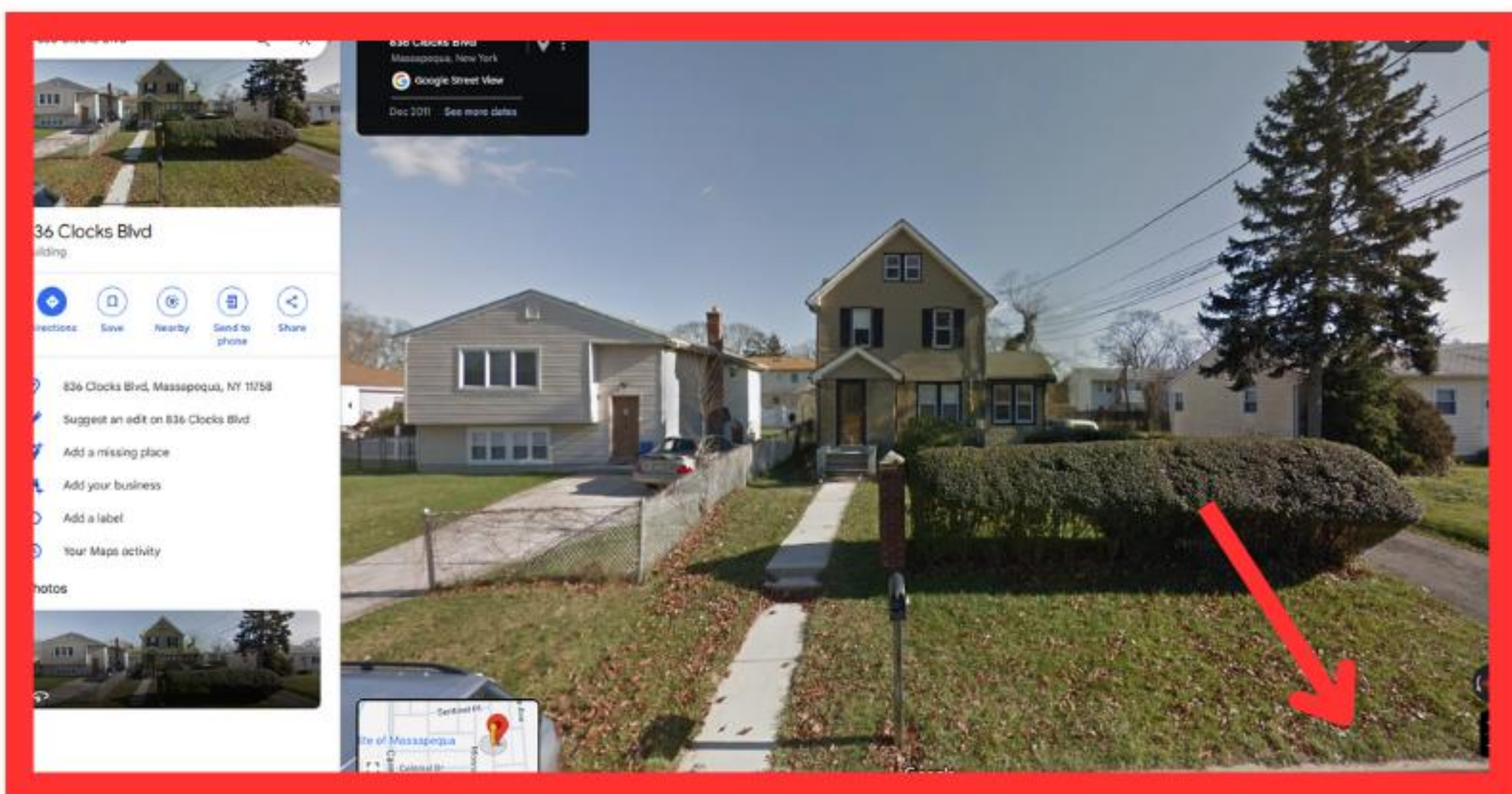and type in your address.

Enter Street View
Drag the yellow Pegman (bottom-right corner) to your location on the map

Find the Right View
Adjust the image to show your home or storefront clearly in the frame.

Click "Report a Problem"
In the bottom-right corner of the Street View screen, click "Report a problem.

Request Blurring
Fill out the form. Select what you want blurred (e.g., home, car, face) and explain your request.

Submit the Request
Check the preview image, complete the CAPTCHA, and click "Submit."