



Smile! You could be on Google's candid camera any day now!

Last night my friend Floyd sent me an e-mail containing a screen capture of his home from a street level view and asked if it looked familiar.

It sure did and I wondered why the photo contained so much of the street going toward his home.

He then suggested I take a look at Google Maps.

I went to Google and clicked on the Maps tab in the upper left corner of the screen.

The screen changed revealing a map of the United States with a little window at the top left where I could type in an address.

I typed in my home address followed by the city and state separated with commas and clicked the orange "Search the map" tab.

Wow! Suddenly a map appeared with a small white box with a little thumbnail image of my home – impressive!

I next clicked on the "Street view" link under the little photo.

Up popped a larger view of our home.

I soon discovered I could move up and down the street by clicking on the little white arrows.

Amazingly I could also rotate the view a full 360 degrees.

Just a word of caution.

If you don't find a photo of your home yet, don't be upset.

This may be a helpful stimulus to get your spouse to clean the yard and keep the grass cut.

Today you need to make your home more presentable to the whole "WORLD" since you have no idea who may be watching in the future.

It's too late if you are a privacy advocate since we could already see your home from Google Earth.

Now we can see your home from street level.

I'd suggest you relax and just enjoy it.

On a positive note.

The next time someone wants directions to your home – send them to Google maps so they can get the map, with directions and a photo.

Combine this with a cell phone and GPS coordinates and there will be no excuse for anyone ever getting lost coming to your home.

Have Fun!

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