

# Fassnight

## Fassnight Neighborhood: History, Tradition And Family

### Neighborhood Assessment Report

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# VISION 20/20 AND NEIGHBORHOOD ASSESSMENTS



The Vision 20/20 *Neighborhoods Plan*, a portion of the Springfield/Greene County Comprehensive Plan, was adopted on July 10, 2000. The *Neighborhoods Plan* outlines objectives and actions that Springfield and Greene County will pursue to stabilize or improve existing neighborhoods and to create sustainable attractive new neighborhoods. The *Neighborhood Assessment* process was adopted by City Council in order to implement a portion of the *Neighborhoods Plan*. Specifically, the *Assessment* process implements the *Plan* by:

Allowing local residents to create an "*Assessment of neighborhood condition*". Helping local residents to identify where "*Targeted neighborhood improvements*" are needed. Identifying where "*Housing services*" and "*Housing assistance*" programs are desired.

Springfield's *Neighborhood Assessment* process mirrors a public input process developed and utilized by the City of Kansas City, Missouri.

With assistance from City staff, residents, business representatives and people who work in local institutions provided input at the Fasnicht Neighborhood Assessment workshop. Participants mapped their community, and identified assets and priority issues in their neighborhood.

# Fassnacht





# CHART NOTES



## Neighborhood Slogans

The attendees listed several slogans to describe their neighborhood. The slogans helped the participants to identify how they viewed their community.

The selected slogan:

Fassnacht Neighborhood: History, Tradition And Family

Other suggested slogans:

- Fassnacht: More Than A Park
- Our Fassnacht Historical Area
- Neighborhood Pride
- A Place You'd Like To Be And Raise Your Family
- Community Is Our Relations



Fassnacht Neighborhood Assessment Workshop participants are seen here voting on their favorite slogan for their neighborhood.

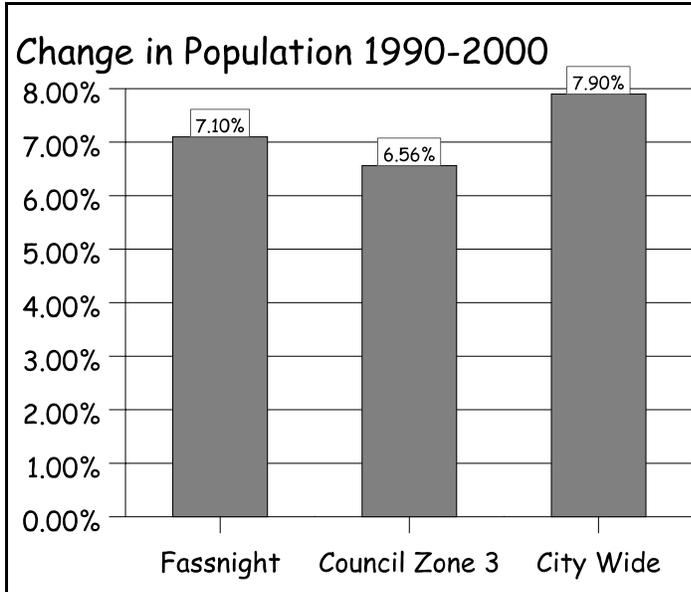
# STEP 1: Facts About My Neighborhood

The data presented at the Assessment workshop was from the 2000 Census, the Police Department, Building Development Services and the Planning & Development Department's Grants and Program Implementation Division. Below are the facts the participants said were surprising or noteworthy.



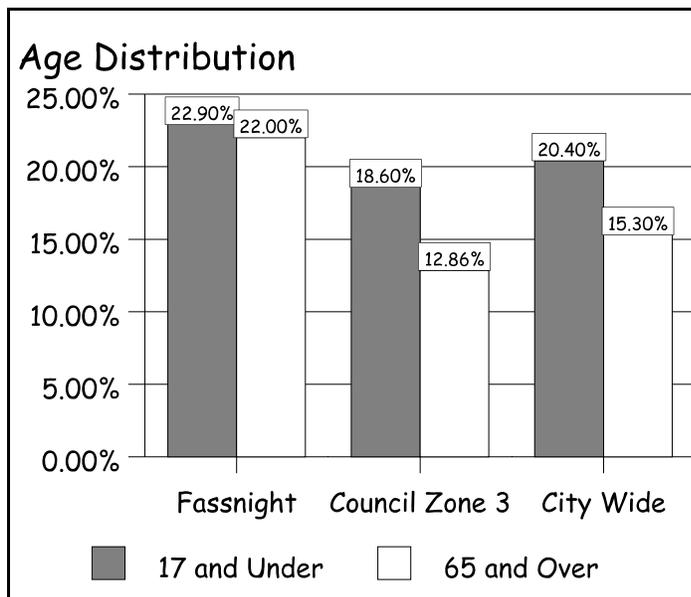
A staff facilitator is seen here working with assessment participants. The charts showing the data for the Fassnacht neighborhood are in the background.

## POPULATION



In 2000, there were 3,905 persons living in the Fassnight neighborhood. Between 1990 and 2000, the population in the Fassnight neighborhood increased by 7.10%. By comparison, the population increased in Council Zone 3 by 6.56% and in the City by 7.90%.

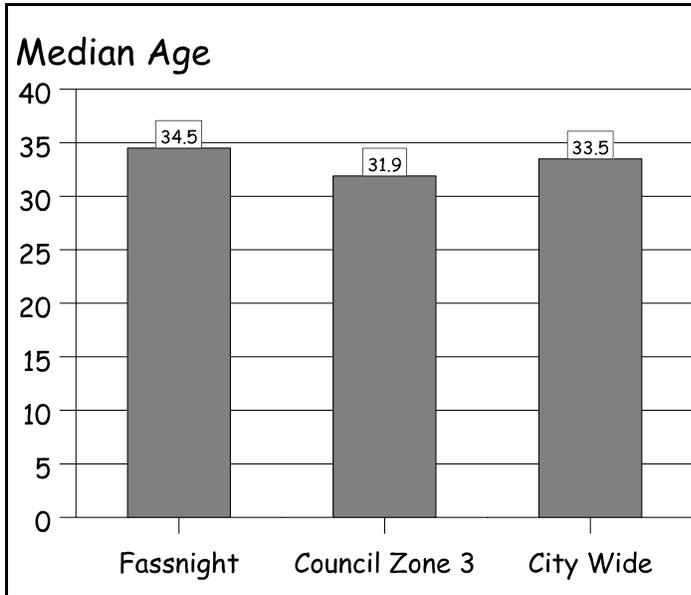
2000 Census



The percentage of people under age 17 in the Fassnight neighborhood is 22.9% and 22% are over the age of 64. By comparison, Council Zone 3 has 18.6% under age 17 and 12.86% over age 65. City wide 20.4% are under age 17 and 15.3% are over age 65.

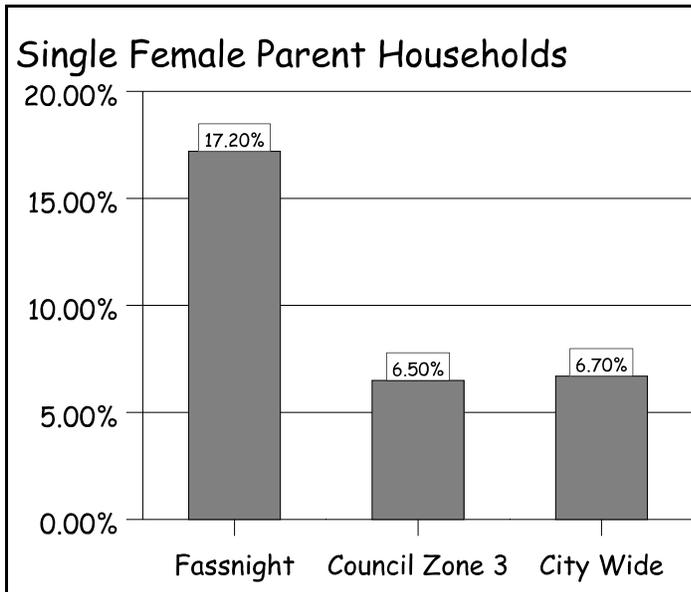
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# POPULATION



In the Fasnicht neighborhood, the median age is 34.5, which means that half of the people in your neighborhood are younger than 34.5, and half are older than 34.5. In Council Zone 3, the median age is 31.9, and city wide it is 33.5.

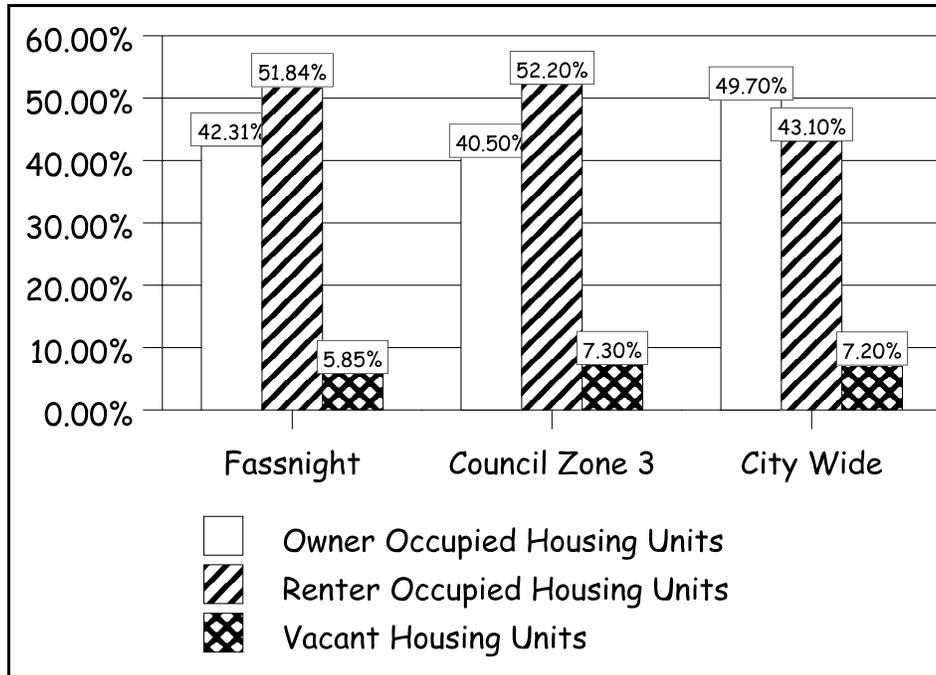
2000 Census



The percentage of single female parent households (with children under 18 years of age) in the Fasnicht neighborhood is 17.2%. This compares with 6.5% in Council Zone 3 and 6.7% city wide.

2000 Census

## HOUSING OCCUPANCY

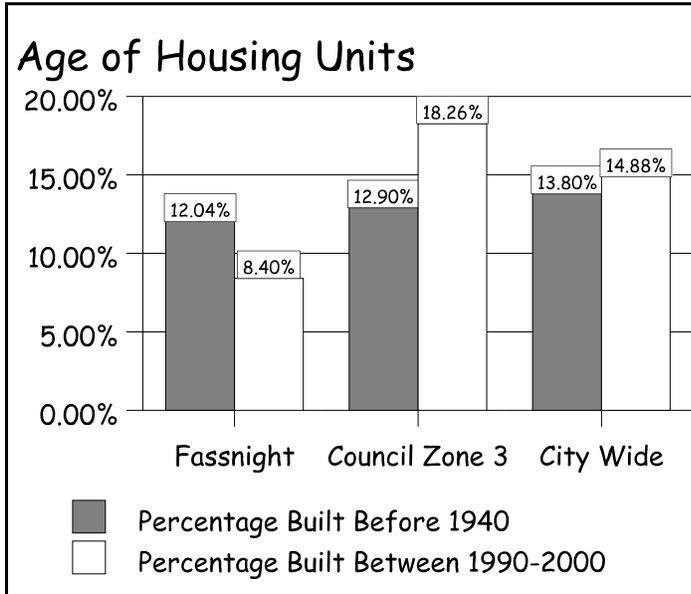


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The housing in the Fasnicht neighborhood is composed of 42.31% owner occupied, 51.84% renter occupied, and 5.85% vacant housing. The percentage of owner occupied housing in your neighborhood is slightly higher than that of Council Zone 3 but it is lower than the city as a whole. The rental housing in the Fasnicht neighborhood is slightly lower than that of Council Zone 3 but higher than the city as a whole. The percentage of vacant housing in your neighborhood is lower than that of Council Zone 3 and the city as a whole.

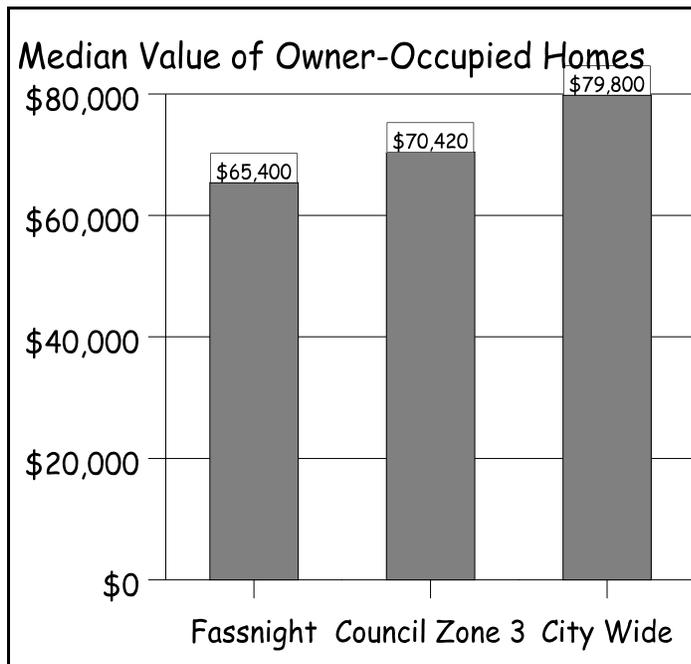
## HOUSING

A housing unit is a house, an apartment, a mobile home or trailer, a group of rooms, or a single room that is occupied as a separate living quarters, or, if vacant, is intended for occupancy as a separate living quarters.



The percentage of housing units in the Fasnight neighborhood built before 1940 is 12.04%. This compares with 12.9% in Council Zone 3 and 13.8% city wide. In addition, the percentage of housing units built in the Fasnight neighborhood between 1990 and 2000 is 8.4%. This compares with 18.26% in Council Zone 3 and 14.88% city wide.

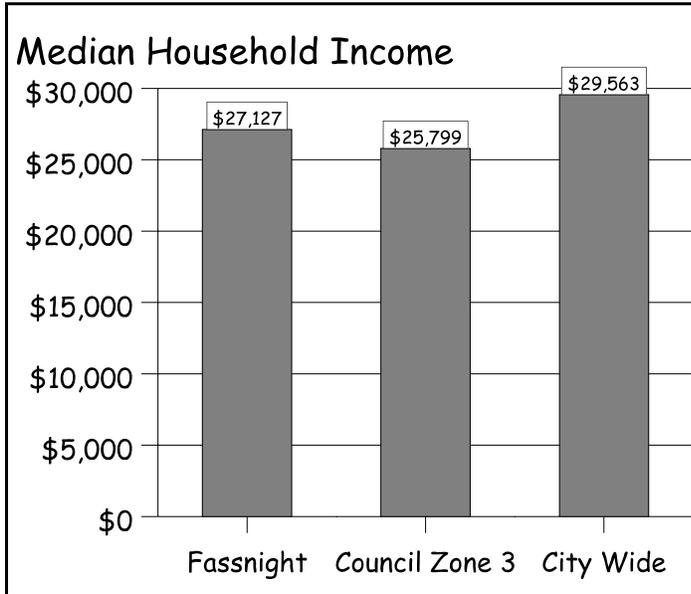
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In the Fasnight neighborhood, the median value of an owner-occupied home is \$65,400. This means that half of the owner-occupied homes in the neighborhood are valued at more than \$65,400, and half are valued for less. The median value of owner-occupied homes in Council Zone 3 is \$70,420 and city wide is \$79,800.

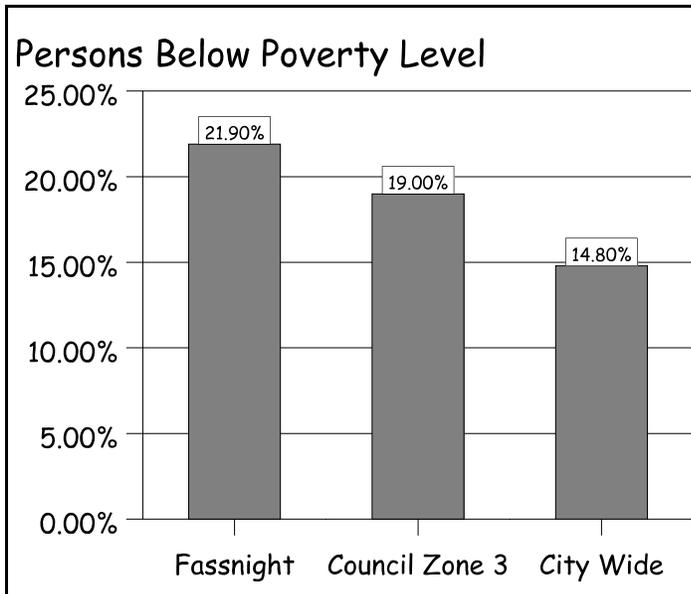
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## INCOME AND EMPLOYMENT



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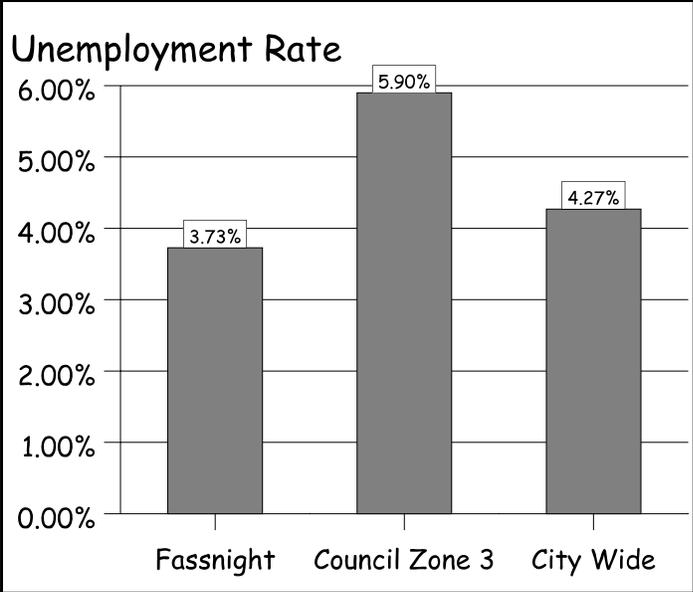
The median household income in the Fasnicht neighborhood is \$27,127, which means that half of the households in the neighborhood have incomes of more than \$27,127 and half have less. This compares with median household incomes of \$25,799 in Council Zone 3 and \$29,563 city wide.



2000 Census

Poverty level is based on the income, age and number of people in the household. The percentage of persons living below the poverty level in the Fasnicht neighborhood is 21.9%. This compares to 19% in Council Zone 3 and 14.8% city wide.

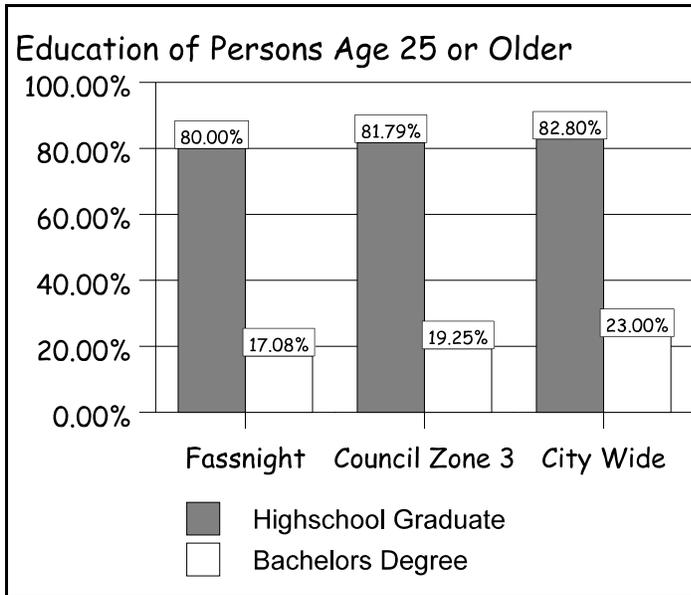
# INCOME AND EMPLOYMENT



In the Fassnacht neighborhood, 3.73% of persons are unemployed. In Council Zone 3, the percentage is 5.90%, and city wide the percentage is 4.27%.

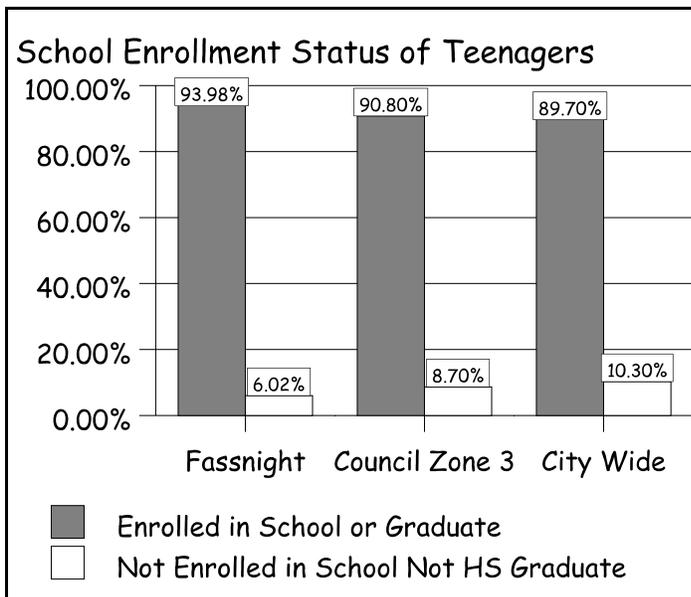
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## EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT AND SCHOOL ENROLLMENT



Information shows highest level of educational attainment by persons 25 years of age or older. The percentage of persons within the Fasnicht neighborhood who have attained a high school diploma as their highest level of education is 80%. In Council Zone 3, it is 81.79% and 82.8 city wide.

2000 Census

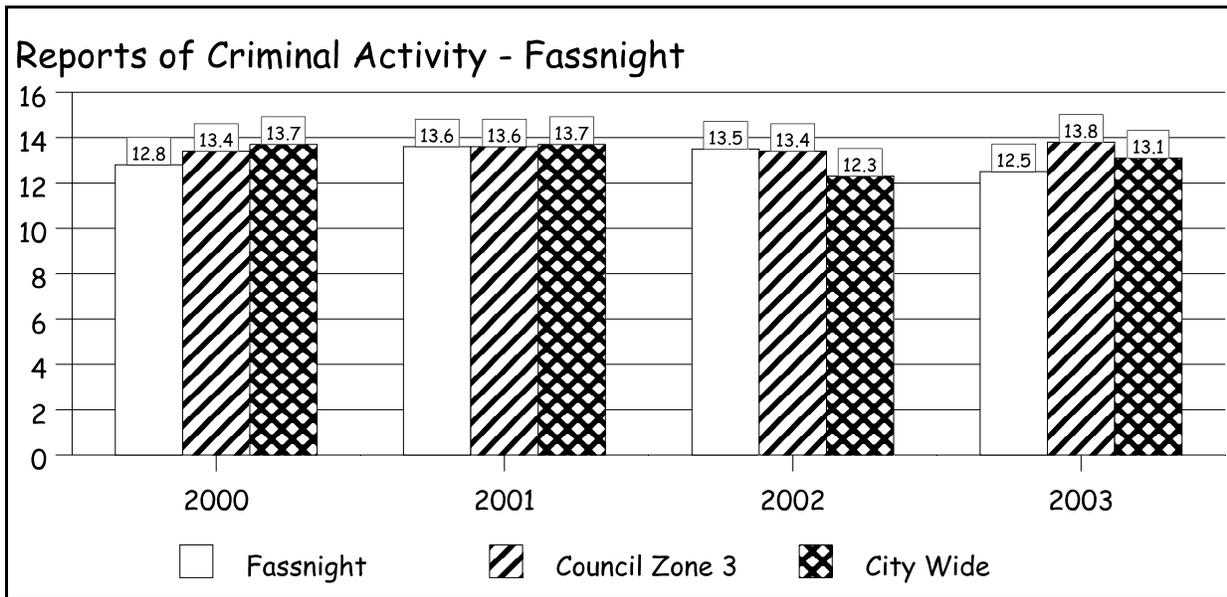


The percentage of teenagers within the Fasnicht neighborhood who are enrolled in school or have graduated is 93.98%. In Council Zone 3 it is 90.8% and 89.7% City Wide.

2000 Census

## REPORTS OF CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

Reports of criminal activity have been compiled from the year 2000 to 2003 for comparison with your neighborhood, Council Zone 3, and the city as a whole. These reports include calls for service to the Police Department for the following activities: assault, drugs, general disturbances, noise disturbance, loud parties and residential burglaries. The chart below reflects the number of calls for police service per 100 people in each area.



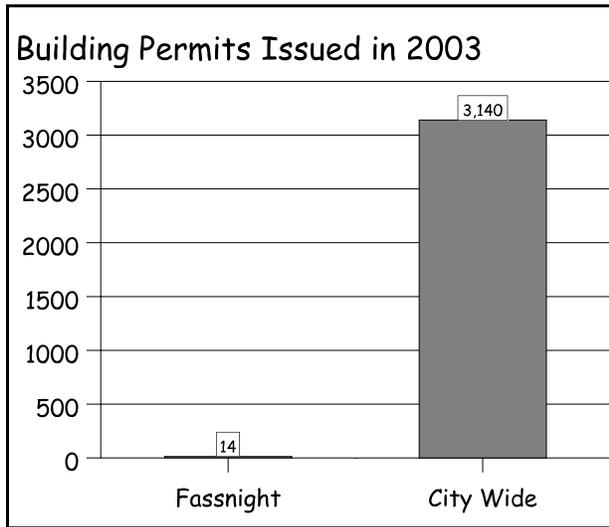
Types of activities are: assault, drugs, general disturbances, noise disturbance, loud parties and residential burglaries.

The Fassnacht neighborhood shows a similar concentration of police service calls as Council Zone 3 and the city as a whole over the last four years. 2003 marks the lowest number of reported crimes for the Fassnacht neighborhood with 2001 having the highest number of reported crimes.

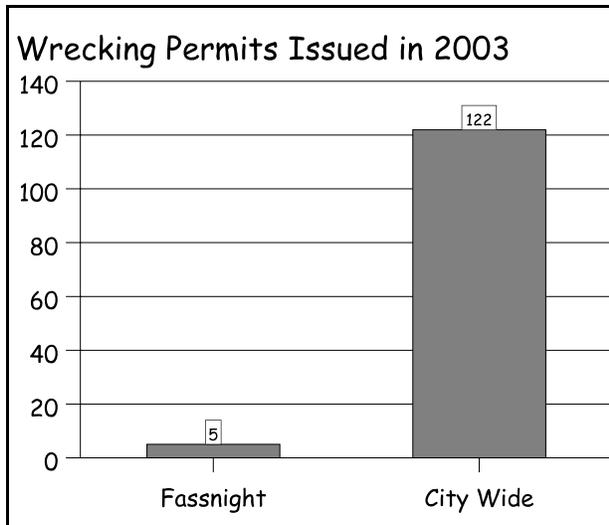
# DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY

## Building and Wrecking Permits

Building permits are issued by the city for activities including the construction of new buildings, additions to existing buildings, remodeling, damage repair, etc. Wrecking permits are issued for any type of demolition activity - whether for part of a structure or an entire structure. This information was retrieved from the City of Springfield, Department of Building Development Services.



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## STEP 2: My Neighborhood Is

Workshop participants identified how they experience their neighborhood, and considered those things they want to protect, preserve or enhance. They thought about the landmarks, paths, activity centers, districts, edges or barriers, and features. These were noted on a wall map.

- △ *Landmarks* — significant physical objects, like buildings or signs
- +++ *Paths* — routes people use to get places
- *Activity centers* — gathering places to do some activity
- *Districts* — areas of recognizable character
- \\ \\ *Edges or barriers* — a limit or boundary that prevents people from enjoying the neighborhood or something in it
- ✕ *Features* — things people like and would like to preserve or enhance

### Landmarks:

- Wickman Gardens
- Bass Pro Shops
- Elfindale
- Federal Prison
- Fassnight Creek
- Fassnight Park Pavilion
- KY3
- Parkview High School
- Portland
- Cornerstone Church

### Paths:

- Pedestrian Bridges at Fassnight Park
- Fassnight Creek

### Activity Centers:

- Price Cutter
- Wickman Gardens
- JFK Stadium
- Fassnight Creek Farms
- Fassnight Park Pavilion
- Fassnight Soft Ball Park
- Portland Open Space - Soccer
- Parkview High School
- Portland
- Skate Park
- Cornerstone Church

### Districts:

- Elfindale

## Features:

- Bryan College
- Thelma/Minota Intersection
- Fassnight Creek Flowerpots
- Genealogical Center
- Springfield College
- Pedestrian Bridges at Fassnight Park
- Elfindale
- Trees, Wooded Areas In Neighborhood
- Federal Prison
- Maple Park Cemetery
- Fassnight Creek Farms
- Fassnight Creek
- Fassnight Park Pavilion



## Landmarks and Activity Centers:

Assessment participants consider Wickman's Gardens a landmark and activity center within their neighborhood.

# Neighborhood Images



## Landmarks, Activity Centers & Features:

Pictured to the left is the Fasnicht Park Pavilion which assessment participants considered to be a landmark, activity center and a feature.

## Activity Centers:

Workshop participants consider the Skate Park as one of their neighborhood's activity centers. They also considered the Skate Park as an asset to their neighborhood.



## Paths and Features:

Pictured to the left is a pedestrian bridge that Fasnicht Neighborhood Assessment participants described as a path and a feature of their neighborhood.



**Landmarks and Activity Centers:**

Here is a picture of the Cornerstone Church which assessment participants consider to be a landmark and an activity center.

**Landmarks, Districts and Features:**

The picture to the right shows Elfindale, which assessment participants consider a landmark, district and a feature.



**Features:**

Pictured here is the intersection of Thelma and Minota. Participants of the Fasnicht Neighborhood Assessment considered this intersection to be a feature of their neighborhood.

# STEP 3: My Neighborhood's Assets

Workshop participants identified assets that add value to their neighborhood. The assets include places, groups, organizations, equipment, skills, abilities and any other asset that adds value to the neighborhood. These assets are listed in random order.

Portland Brownie & Girl Scouts  
Portland Soccer  
Korean Presbyterian Church  
Mix of Young and Old  
Summer Youth Program at the Park  
Wickman Gardens  
Cornerstone Church Groups  
Portland Elementary PTA  
Mix of Housing Stock/Style  
Parkview Clubs & Organizations  
Fassnight Creek Farms  
JFK Stadium Events  
Price Cutter  
KY3  
Perkins Restaurant  
Bass Pro Shops  
Elfindale  
Federal Prison

Fassnight Creek  
Fassnight Park Pavilion  
Parkview High School  
Portland  
Cornerstone Church  
Pedestrian Bridges at Fassnight Park  
Fassnight Soft Ball Park  
Portland Open Space - Soccer  
Skate Park  
Bryan College  
Thelma/Minota Intersection  
Fassnight Creek Flowerpots  
Genealogical Center  
Springfield College  
Trees, Wooded Areas In  
Neighborhood  
Maple Park Cemetery



Workshop participants consider JFK Stadium one of their neighborhood assets.



Maple Park Cemetery is considered an asset to the neighborhood according to the assessment participants.



Pictured above is Parkview High School which is an asset to the neighborhood.

## STEP 4: If I Could Fix One Thing

In every neighborhood there are some things that need to be changed. These issues can prevent residents from enjoying their neighborhood and from doing the things they like to do. Below is the list of “fixes” that workshop participants said they would like to see in the Fassnacht neighborhood.

- Sidewalk improvement on Catalpa, Grant to Weaver
- Install a stop light at Portland and Campbell
- Install sidewalks on South Thelma around Portland Elementary
- Flooding in 600-700 Block of University - Flooding businesses
- Flooding throughout the neighborhood
- Traffic control on Idereen, Minota and Thelma
- Traffic control throughout the neighborhood - speeding, noise
- Right turn lane going south on Campbell needs to be widened
- Traffic control around Parkview High School
- Sidewalks from Portland connecting neighborhood
- Limit paving/stormwater runoff from new development
- Eliminate 4-way stops
- Problem with on-street parking on Portland
- Expand DARE Program
- Sidewalks on Campbell are too close to the street
- Stanford & Campbell bottleneck - need turn lane on Campbell
- Redesign intersections of Thelma, Minota, Idereen and Linwood
- Need for city wide cleanup.
- Better Police response on calls - problems with crime, drugs, etc.
- Increase Police presence in neighborhood
- Back up traffic at Fort & Sunshine
- Yellow to red timing on stoplight at Grant & Grand
- Enforce front yard parking
- Increase owner occupancy
- Make streets more people friendly (bike lanes, sidewalks)
- Drainage problem (Fort & Stanford)
- Traffic on Broadway between Grand & Catalpa - issue with on-street parking
- Curbing on Brookside, Idereen and Overbrook



Pictured above is an example of sidewalks too close to Campbell Avenue.

# STEP 5: Describing My Neighborhood

The *Neighborhoods Plan* recognizes that not all neighborhoods in Springfield are the same. The character and condition of where we live varies according to age, history, type of housing and other factors. Each community has different strengths and opportunities. Each has different assets and priorities that drive unique strategies for improvement. The *Neighborhoods Plan* developed four unique Neighborhood Types that generally describe Springfield neighborhoods. Each Neighborhood Type suggests what actions are required for an area to become or stay healthy. These four types (assigned the colors Blue, Orange, Purple and Green in the Neighborhood Assessment workshop) are:

Developing      Conservation      Stabilization      Redeveloping

The Assessment is a beginning point from which the community can move forward and achieve quality living environments through a commitment to continuous improvement. The descriptions for these four Neighborhood Types are contained in the Fasnicht Assessment Workbook.

In the workshop, participants defined the tools, actions and strategies for improving their community. They will use this information to strategically apply public and private resources in a way that is based on existing conditions, trends, opportunities, strengths and needs. Once other neighborhoods identify their type, then similarly "typed" Springfield communities can connect and partner around common issues and projects while assisting each other in developing their organizations.



Those who attended the workshop were asked to vote on the Neighborhood Type that best described their neighborhood. Their choice was **Stabilization**.

My neighborhood has been developed for some time. Several of the businesses and institutions located in the neighborhood may be changing, either recently expanding, scaling back services, just moved into the neighborhood or considering moving to another location outside the

neighborhood. Places of worship, schools, recreational and entertainment facilities, and businesses provide opportunities near my home.

Tree-lined streets, historic structures or qualities, public art and/or other amenities characterize the neighborhood and give it a sense of place. Due to age, several of the streets and sidewalks need repair or replacement and the water and sewer services may also need to be upgraded. Many houses, businesses, and public areas appear to lack routine maintenance (painting, yard upkeep, tree trimming, awning repair, etc.) or are vacant. Such conditions are impacting the value of my property and I don't know if I want to invest more money in the property.

Problems are starting to add up and are becoming harder to fix through our neighborhood association, a call to the City, or neighbors getting together to help one another. There are good aspects to the neighborhood but there are also problems that need to be addressed if the neighborhood is going to continue to be a place I want to live.



Workshop participants are seen here voting on their neighborhood type. The participants chose the color "Purple" which stands for "Stabilization." Above is a description for stabilization.

## STEP 6: Making My Neighborhood Better

The Fasnicht workshop participants talked about specific actions their community can take to address the issues and challenges identified earlier in the assessment. They brainstormed ideas, concentrating on those actions that can be performed by the community to improve the neighborhood.

Below are the lists of all the ideas mentioned by workshop participants. They voted on the ideas that they most want implemented to make their neighborhood better.

Things we can do with a **Partner**:

- Work with the City and/or Caring Communities to form a neighborhood association.
- Work with the City and/or local community service providers to fund and conduct a neighborhood clean-up.
- Work with the Springfield Police Department to create a Neighborhood Watch to address crime issues.
- Work with area realtors and lenders to market homes in the neighborhood to increase home ownership.
- Start a partnership with Parkview High School, the Parkview High School PTA and the Skate Park in order to create a "Safe Driving in Residential areas" educational campaign for young drivers.
- Identify and implement needed sidewalk improvements throughout the neighborhood through a partnership between the Portland Elementary PTA and the Springfield Public Works Department.
- Create a landlord training program.

Things the **City** should do:

- Increase pedestrian safety on sidewalks located along S. Campbell Avenue and S. Fort Avenue by realigning them so they are separated from the street by a grassy parkway strip.

- Implement better controls on rental property in order to improve property maintenance.
- Eliminate ponding of stormwater at the intersection of S. Fort Avenue and W. Stanford Street.
- Improve traffic signal timing for traffic traveling on S. Fort Avenue at the intersections with Sunshine Street and Grand Street.
- Increase resources to the DARE program.
- Add bike lanes on S. Fort Avenue to connect with the South Creek Greenway Trail.
- Add curbing to the 1400 block of S. Overbrook and the 1300 blocks of W. Brookside Street and W. Idereen Street.
- Enforce front yard parking.
- Increase enforcement of traffic laws on residential streets.
- Reduce speeding and drainage problems at the Idereen, Minota, Thelma & Linwood intersection by incorporating traffic calming measures and stormwater improvements.
- Reduce impervious surfaces in new development to help control stormwater runoff.
- Convert 4-way stop intersections into 2-way stop intersections in order to facilitate traffic flow on some neighborhood streets.
- Install speed limit and "Children Playing" signs on W. Portland Street & S. Broadway Avenue.
- Improve the intersections along S. Campbell Avenue and W. Portland Street; and S. Campbell and W. Stanford Street (by adding items such as traffic signals and turn lanes) in order to better facilitate motorists' turning movements.
- Build a detention pond along Fassnacht Creek and adjacent to the Skate Park in order to alleviate drainage problems.
- Remove on-street parking from one side of W. Portland Street & S. Broadway Avenue.



Workshop participants are working with staff facilitators to identify ways of making their neighborhood better.

# CITY ACTION PLAN

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## PRIORITIES

During the Neighborhood Assessment workshop, Fassnight residents identified 23 actions that they could do “themselves”, “with a partner”, or actions the “city” could take. Following the workshop, attendees voted for the actions that they felt were the most necessary to improve their neighborhoods. Fassnight area residents chose the following actions as their top priorities:

1. The Portland Elementary PTA should **partner** with the Springfield Public Works Department to identify and implement needed sidewalk improvements throughout the neighborhood.
2. The **City** should reduce speeding and drainage problems at the Ildereen, Minota, Thelma & Linwood intersection by incorporating traffic calming measures and storm water improvements.
3. The **City** should remove on-street parking from one side of W. Portland Street and S. Broadway Avenue.
4. The neighborhood should **partner** with the City and/or local community service providers to fund and conduct a neighborhood clean-up.
5. The **City** should improve traffic signal timing for traffic traveling on S. Fort Avenue at the intersections with Sunshine Street and Grand Street.
6. The neighborhood should **partner** with the City and/or Caring Communities to form a neighborhood association.
7. The **City** should add curbing to the 1400 block of S. Overbrook Avenue and the 1300 blocks of W. Brookside Street and W. Ildereen Street.
8. The **City** should build a detention pond along Fassnight Creek and adjacent to the Skate Park in order to alleviate drainage problems.
9. The **City** should improve the intersections along S. Campbell Avenue and W. Portland Street; and, S. Campbell Avenue and W. Stanford Street (by adding items such as traffic signals and turn lanes) in order to better facilitate motorists’ turning movements.
10. The **City** should install speed limit and “Children Playing” signs on W. Portland Street & S. Broadway Avenue.

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## CITY ACTION ON PRIORITIES

Fassnight area participants were told throughout the Neighborhood Assessment workshop that the city could only focus on a few activities in the short term. Based on the input and review of the priorities identified by Fassnight residents, various City departments and other organizations have committed to taking the following 4 actions in the Fassnight Neighborhood Assessment Area:

**Issue:** The Portland Elementary PTA should **partner** with the Springfield Public Works Department to identify and implement needed sidewalk improvements throughout the neighborhood.

**Response:** The City of Springfield will construct some new sidewalk segments utilizing Neighborhood Assessment funds and/or a portion of 1/4 cent sales tax funds (if any remains from the School/Sidewalk program). The exact amount of sidewalk to be constructed is undetermined because the City does not yet have the school's list of needs. As soon as the list of needs is received, a determination will be made by Springfield Public Works on where new sidewalk segments will be constructed.

**Responsible Department: Public Works**

**Issue:** The City should reduce speeding and drainage problems at the Idereen, Minota, Thelma & Linwood intersection by incorporating traffic calming measures and storm water improvements.

**Response:** The Storm Water and Traffic Engineering Divisions are collaborating on short term improvements to this location. Traffic Engineering will be removing pavement and creating a "T" intersection where Linwood terminates at Thelma. Similarly, pavement will be removed and Minota will be rerouted so that it forms a "T" intersection at Idereen, rather than intersecting Idereen and Thelma at a diagonal. Concurrently, new storm water grates and pipes will be installed at the Idereen, Minota and Thelma intersection. Traffic Engineering's rerouting work will slow traffic merging at both intersections by requiring drivers to make more deliberate turning motions at the applicable stop signs. The work will be supplemented by targeted speeding enforcement at this location at the beginning of the school year. Storm Water's work will address ponding during minor rain events at the Idereen, Minota and Thelma intersection.

In the long term, remaining speeding problems along Linwood and Thelma may be addressed once the City has established a residential traffic calming program. More costly improvements to the Ildereen, Minota and Thelma intersection will be necessary to address major flooding events in the future. Long-term storm water improvements at this intersection are already included in the City's "unfunded needs" list and may be added to the Capital Improvements Program in the future.

**Responsible Department: Public Works**

**Issue:** The neighborhood should partner with the City and/or local community service providers to fund and conduct a neighborhood clean-up.

**Response:** Upon formation of a neighborhood association, Fassnight area residents should coordinate with Caring Communities to conduct a neighborhood clean-up in Fall 2004 or Spring 2005. Because a neighborhood clean-up event has not previously been conducted within this assessment area, any request made by Caring Communities on behalf of the Fassnight neighborhood will be given priority for City of Springfield neighborhood clean-up funds.

**Responsible Department: Planning**

**Issue:** The neighborhood should partner with the City and/or Caring Communities to form a neighborhood association.

**Response:** The Springfield Planning Department and Caring Communities are in the process of forming a neighborhood association for all, or a portion of, the Fassnight Neighborhood Assessment area.

**Responsible Department: Planning**

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## CITY RESPONSE ON PRIORITIES

Some of the priorities identified on page 27 can not be undertaken by the City at this time. City action is either not recommended, or can only take place with further involvement and/or information from neighborhood residents. The following list provides some suggestions which neighborhood residents can use to increase the chances that these issues can be better addressed in the future

**Issue:** The City should remove on-street parking from one side of W. Portland Street and S. Broadway Avenue.

**Response:** W. Portland Street and S. Broadway Avenue have been constructed to the City of Springfield's design standards for local residential streets, providing for parking on both sides. If parking is removed from one side of the street, it would result in two open lanes for traffic, which may encourage an increase in vehicle speeds on these streets. This would be contrary to other priorities listed in this report regarding the reduction of vehicular speeds throughout the neighborhood. For this reason, the Springfield Public Works Department's Traffic Engineering Division does not recommend removal of parking on local residential streets of standard width.

**Responsible Department: Public Works**

**Issue:** The City should improve traffic signal timing for traffic traveling on S. Fort Avenue at the intersections with Sunshine Street and Grand Street.

**Response:** Fort Avenue is considered the minor street at both intersections. Signal timing is set to provide coordination of traffic flow along Grand Street and along Sunshine Street. This type of operation ensures a maximum amount of green time for the major street and requires motorists on the minor street to wait until a specific time within the cycle when Fort is given a green light. Although motorists on Fort Avenue may incur some delay, the programming provides for less overall delay at each intersection and minimizes the number of stops for the major flows of traffic along Grand and Sunshine.

In the long term, the intersection at Sunshine and Fort will be reconstructed to provide for separate left turn lanes and right turn lanes for northbound and southbound traffic. Design of this improvement is included in the recently approved ¼ Cent Sales Tax Capital Improvements Program with possible construction as early as 2007.

**Responsible Department: Public Works**

**Issue:** The City should add curbing to the 1400 block of S. Overbrook Avenue and the 1300 blocks of W. Brookside Street and W. Idereen Street.

**Response:** Capital Improvement Funds are earmarked for high-priority capital needs subject to voter approval. These limited funds have primarily been expended on the major thoroughfare system (arterial and secondary arterial roadways). While funding is currently not available for upgrading local streets to curb & gutter standards a local street may be upgraded to address flooding concerns with priority given to projects that address home flooding. This

neighborhood request will be added to the City's "unfunded needs" list. The City utilizes the "unfunded needs" list when determining which projects to add to the next series of capital improvements projects.

**Responsible Department: Public Works**

**Issue:** The City should build a detention pond along Fassnacht Creek and adjacent to the Skate Park in order to alleviate drainage problems.

**Response:** A detention basin at this location will not provide any storm water benefits to the Fassnacht area. A detention basin serves as a temporary collection point for storm water but does not control the overall volume of water that flows downstream. Much of the area adjacent to Fassnacht Creek and the skate park has been purposely left undeveloped so that natural flood plain can accommodate the flow of excess water in a major storm event. There is not adequate space in this vicinity to create a regional detention basin large enough to provide any benefit for downstream property owners above and beyond what is provided by keeping the natural flood plain clear of obstructions.

**Responsible Department: Public Works**

**Issue:** The City should improve the intersections along S. Campbell Avenue and W. Portland Street; and, S. Campbell Avenue and W. Stanford Street (by adding items such as traffic signals and turn lanes) in order to better facilitate motorists' turning movements.

**Response:** The Springfield Public Work's Traffic Engineering Division uses federally adopted guidelines in determining the warrant for a new traffic signal. The intersection of Campbell Avenue and Stanford Street had 6 traffic crashes in the past 4 years (3 -2001, 2-2002, and 1 in 2003) and has a very low side street traffic volume. Although Portland Street carries far more traffic than Stanford Street at Campbell, the intersection of Campbell Avenue and Portland Street does not meet the volume levels normally required for signalization. Signalization at either location would be a magnet for more traffic through the neighborhood, which would be undesirable. With the combination of the traffic signal spacing, low crash history, and low side street traffic volumes on Stanford Street and Portland Street, Traffic Engineering does not recommend the installation of a traffic signal at either of these intersections.

**Responsible Department: Public Works**

**Issue:** The City should install speed limit and "Children at Play" signs on W. Portland Street & S. Broadway Avenue.

**Response:** The Springfield Public Works Department's Traffic Engineering Division does not use "Children at Play" signage on city streets. This is an unauthorized sign that may provide a false sense of protection. Motorists are expected to realize that children may be in the area when driving on residential streets. There is currently a "Speed Limit 30" sign on Broadway Avenue south of Grand Street. The Traffic Engineering Division will install "Speed Limit 30" signs on Portland Street east of Fort Avenue and west of Campbell Avenue.

**Responsible Department: Public Works**

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## CITY ACTION ON OTHER ISSUES

Other actions, while not determined by Neighborhood Assessment participants to be priorities, were proposed that might require City involvement to be undertaken. Of those actions, the City will commit to or has completed the following:

**Issue:** Pre-assessment staff tour of the Fassnight assessment area.

**Response:** Prior to the Fassnight Neighborhood Assessment workshop, City staff conducted a tour of the assessment area. Based on this tour, the Springfield Public Works Department conducted the following maintenance:

- Blocked drainage inlets at the corner of Idereen and Fort were cleared.
- Asphalt was added in a low area at the intersection of Fort and Stanford in order to reduce the amount of ponding at the intersection during storms.

**Issue:** The City should enforce front yard parking ordinances.

**Response:** Springfield City Council recently modified zoning regulations which relate to front yard parking. From February 2004 through June 2004 City staff conducted a public education campaign regarding the re-institution of pro-active front yard parking enforcement. Pro-active front yard parking enforcement was re-initiated on June 28, 2004. Pro-active enforcement means that some Springfield Police officers have been directed to ticket front yard parking violators on their own initiative (as their workload allows) rather than waiting to receive a complaint from a citizen. Front yard parking violations can always be reported to the City of Springfield by calling 864-1011.

**Responsible Department: Police (Parking Services & Community Services Sections), Building Development Services**

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