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Traffic, Parking and Transportation
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Susan E. Clippinger
Director

Administration	349-4700
Parking Violations	349-4705
Resident Parking	349-4701

Dear Resident,

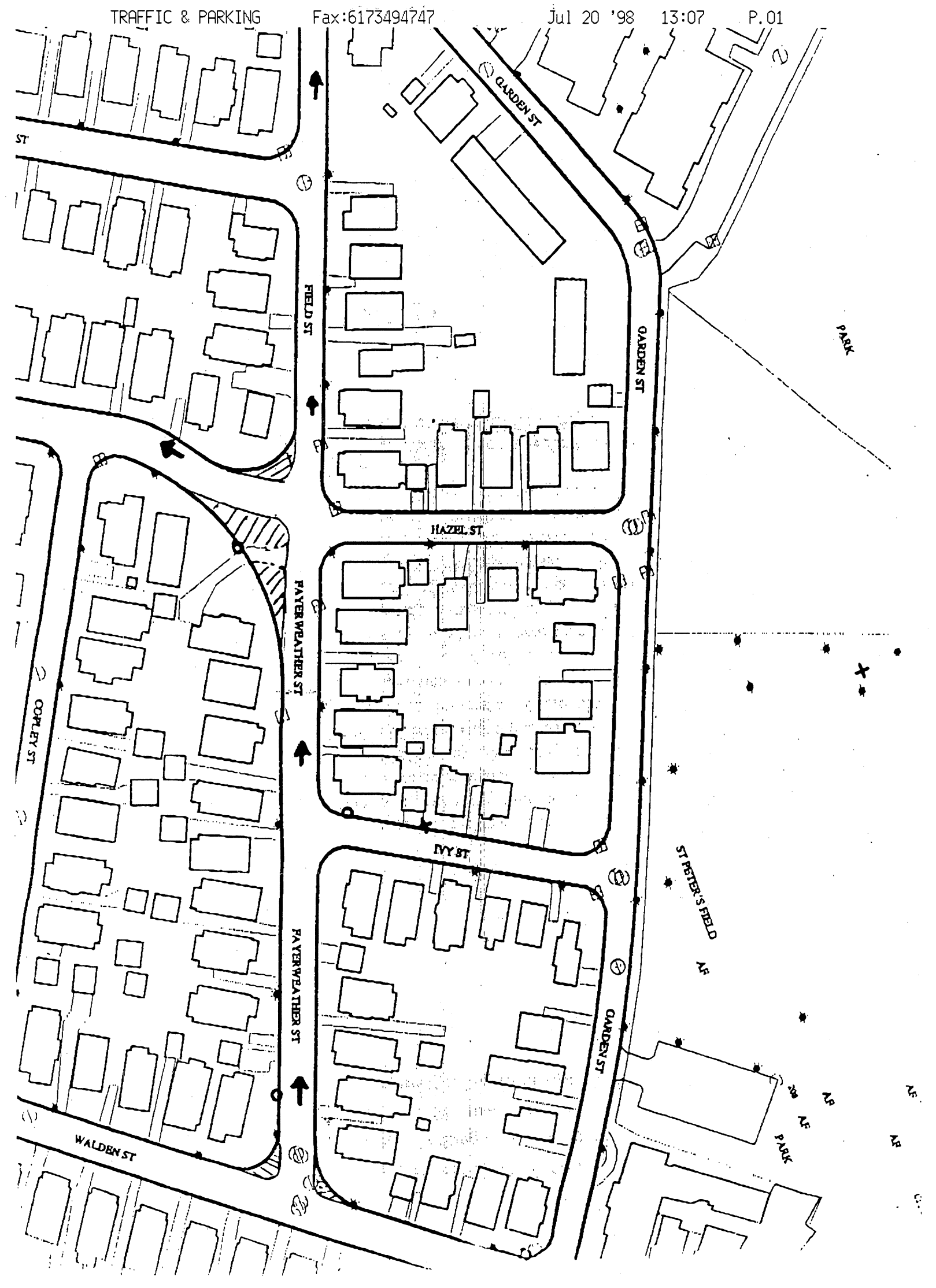
We have been asked by several residents to evaluate the intersection of Fayerweather and Field Streets to reduce speeding traffic. Due to the generous curb radius it is very comfortable for vehicles to pick up or maintain a higher than desirable speed in this area. A highly effective way to reduce speed is to reduce the available travel width. This can be accomplished by moving the curbline towards the center of the street thereby enlarging the sidewalk area. Further work is required on the design of this project and can not be done this summer however we can install an interim plan. This plan is shown on the back of this letter and will work to visually reduce the travel area available by extending the existing curb lines to create a much narrower and sharper turn at the intersection. We are planning to install this in paint this summer to evaluate it's effectiveness. Because we are extending the existing curb lines there will be room for parking along both sides of Fayerweather Street outside of the pavement markings.

I would stress again that this is an interim measure and this does not preclude work that will be done through our traffic calming program. Unfortunately due to the high demand of this program we have already cataloged over 50 project locations including Fayerweather Street.

Please send any comments to myself or Jane Kent. Our e-mail addresses are Sclippinger@Ci.Cambridge.ma.us or Jkent@Ci.Cambridge.ma.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Susan E. Clippinger".
Susan E. Clippinger





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July 27, 1998

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To The Honorable, The City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item No. 15, regarding a report on pedestrian safety issues at the intersections of Vassal Lane and Walden Street, Granville Road and Vassal Lane, Fayerweather Street and Vassal Lane, Saville Street and Granville Road and Fayerweather Street and Saville Street, please be advised of the following:

The Commanding Officers of both the Day and Night Patrol Sections of the Police Department were directed to have the appropriate route and/or traffic units conduct selective enforcement in the area of Vassal Lane, Walden Street, Granville Road, Fayerweather Street, and Saville Street. During the month of June, a total of 36 moving violations were issued on these streets. In order to discuss concerns relative to pedestrian safety and to develop plans for implementation of permanent changes in these areas, neighborhood supervisor Lieutenant Robert Cloran coordinated a neighborhood meeting held on Wednesday, July 15th at the Tobin School. Representatives from the Traffic, Parking & Transportation Department were also in attendance at this meeting. Invitation was extended to all the neighbors who signed the petition and expressed concern on the issue.

At this meeting, the City's immediate actions and future plans were discussed. The Police Department informed the neighbors of the number of citations issued during the first three weeks of selective enforcement and how the number of citations was greatly reduced during the following three week period. Once the Tobin School re-opens in September, the Police Department plans to deploy selective enforcement in the area again. The Traffic, Parking & Transportation Department implemented an interim change at the corner of Fayerweather, Field and Hazel Streets to slow cars at that corner (attached). The Department presented conceptual ideas for permanent changes to the intersection of Fayerweather Street, Gravel Road and Saville Street; these intersections are included in the list of areas to be considered for traffic calming. Before permanent changes are implemented, additional community meetings will be held to further develop plans. All attendees seemed completely satisfied with the City's actions and future plans.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/mec

Consent Agenda #11

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Relative to AR #15 regarding a report on pedestrian safety issues at the intersections of Vassal Lane and Walden Street, Granville Road and Vassal Lane, Fayerweather Street and Vassel Lane, Saville Street and Granville Road and Fayerweather Street and Saville Street.

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