

Greater Shady Grove Civic Alliance
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November 2005 Newsletter

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, Nov 9th 8 p.m. Mill Creek Towne Elementary School

Agenda:

Town Hall Meeting on Shady Grove Master Plan

Speakers:

You! County Council Members Phil Andrews, Nancy Floreen, Mike Knapp and George Leventahl will be there to hear your views on the master plan.

Message from Co-President, Kay Guinane:

The Greater Shady Grove Civic Alliance is sponsoring this event. The event will be video recorded and copies of testimony sent to all Council members. Come and sign up to testify!

- We will go by County Council town hall rules — come sign up to testify.
- 3 minutes per individual, 5 minutes per organization.
- Up to 2 people can give their time to a speaker if they are present.

LET THE COUNCIL KNOW THAT YOU SUPPORT REDUCED DENSITY AND ADEQUATE PUBLIC FACILITIES FOR THE MASTER PLAN.

For detailed information see <http://www.gsgca.org/>

The Alliance Proposals for the Master Plan are:

- Include a community center and library
- Do not put industrial uses on the Casey land by the Giant
- Include a 15 acre Jeremiah park
- Build an elementary school on the Casey-Mill Creek site (purchase the land)
- Reduce the number of residential units on county service park land
- Include a local park for the Amity/Epsilon Drive community
- Protect Legacy Open Space
- Protect Blueberry Hill Park as a park only
- Require uniform streetscaping

Please write the County Council and ask them to support our 9-point amendment to the PHED version of the Master Plan!

The regular address is: County Council, c/o Tom Perez, President
100 Maryland Ave. Rockville, MD 20850

If you want to help stop the ICC — volunteer opportunity!

Contact Brian Henry, ICC Campaign Coordinator
Audubon Naturalist Society, (301) 652-9188 ext. 18

We need help on activist calling:

Monday, Nov. 7, 6-9 PM at Woodend, 8940 Jones Mill Rd. Chevy Chase, MD 20815

We'll be calling friendly Sierra Club activists in Baltimore to let them know about the ICC's high costs and tolls -- and the potential pressure that puts on other transportation priorities.

Please RSVP if you can attend this Town Meeting. This is a great way to build opposition to the ICC statewide, which is essential to stopping the toll-highway politically. Invite your civic groups, friends and fellow activists to get involved -- there will be refreshments provided. Call me -- Kay Guinane, 301-527-8380 -- for more info. Thanks!

Upcoming Event:

Panel: Planning and Development You Can Rely On: Accountability in a Post-Clarksburg World

Saturday December 10 9:30 a.m. Montgomery County Campus, Johns Hopkins University, 9601 Medical Center Drive, Rockville, MD

A diverse panel will discuss strategies to ensure that future county growth is managed, controlled and enforced for the benefit of the community. After the panel there will be audience discussion of ways to improve the planning and development system

Links

Washington Post: *Another Vision for Shady Grove: Density of Urban Village Proposal Raises Concern* — October 14, 2005 at <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2005/10/13/AR2005101302050.html>

Renew or Join the Alliance Now!

It's our annual membership drive. One way to stand up and be counted is to become an Alliance member. Only \$10. Fill out and return the form below:

Greater Shady Grove Civic Alliance Membership Form 2005-2006

Please check one of the following:

- I am enclosing \$10 for my household membership
- I am enclosing \$15 for the following organization
- I am enclosing a separate donation for the Alliance Legal Fund

\$_____ (Please make check or money order payable to: Greater Shady Grove Civic Alliance, c/o John Talcott, Treasurer, 7506 Brenish Drive, Gaithersburg, MD 20879)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

I would like to receive the newsletter via email: Yes No

Local issues that concern me most: _____

I can serve on the following committees:

Stop the ICC_____ Casey Farm development_____

I can help pass out flyers or post signs in my neighborhood_____