

Residents Get Sign Change

Complaint About Restrictions Gets Results

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Traffic control signs erected in two Bethesda neighborhoods to prevent use of residential streets as commuter shortcuts will be modified to affect only week-day rush hour traffic, the Montgomery County Council decided yesterday.

Citizens had complained that the signs, limiting access to streets in the Edgemoor, Battery Park and adjacent communities, were frequently ignored by commuters and imposed the same difficulties on the residents they had tried to impose on other motorists.

The "Do Not Enter," "One Way" and other signs went up in December, 1972 after residents protested that the use of their streets by commuters to Washington and motorists shopping

in the area had increased accidents and pollution. The new traffic directions within and into the area made traffic circuitous, citizens said.

The area, bounded by Huntington Parkway, Old Georgetown and Arlington Roads and Bradley Boulevard, was the largest in the county ever barred to commuter traffic, and included some 1,335 households.

The signs will be changed to control traffic from 7 to 9 a.m. and 4 to 6 p.m. Monday to Friday, according to Anthony Kaniz, deputy director of the county's department of Transportation.

Susan Safer, president of the Mid-Bethesda Civic Association, representing 1,100 residents of the area, called the decision "equitable and sensible."

Proposed by County Executive

James P. Gleason, the resolution was passed 6 to 1 with Council member Idamee Garrett opposing it, because traffic control decisions are not Council responsibility, she said.

The Council also passed on a 5-to-0 vote a bill yesterday requiring county separation of newspapers from other trash for storage and collection, once the means for such handling have been developed.

A voluntary, 60-day pilot program to collect newspapers separately was begun in the county last month. Recycling of the approximately 350 tons of newspapers delivered in the county each week would result in substantial savings on disposal costs and bring revenues from resale, county officials say.

The Council also voted yesterday to appeal a Montgomery County Circuit Court decision overturning the Council's 1972 downzoning of about 110 acres of undeveloped land near the Great Seneca State Park.

The Council had downzoned the land to block proposed development of garden apartments on the perimeter of the park and light industrial development in a 35-acre enclave within the park.

The action was taken by the Council, the Council said at the time, as a comprehensive rezoning to conform to a master plan for the Gaithersburg area. Judge H. Ralph Miller found that the rezoning was a local zoning change and had not been properly adopted.

The Council voted unanimously to override a comprehensive animal control bill vetoed by Gleason last week. It was the ninth Council override out of 10 Gleason vetoes in his four year term.

Vinyl Chloride Hazard Tested

PERRYVILLE, Md., July 23 (AP)—There is "no significant problem" of vinyl chloride emissions from the Firestone Tire and Rubber plant here, according to state air quality control officials.

The officials cautioned that there is no standard for determining dangerous levels of the poisonous gas and said their measuring techniques may not be entirely accurate.

Vinyl chloride, a gas produced in the manufacture of vinyls and plastics, has been linked to a rare form of liver cancer, angiosarcoma, which is always fatal and is known to have caused 20 deaths in the country in recent months.

Cleveland Nets Sign Woolridge

United Press International

CLEVELAND, July 23 — Joe Zingale, president of the Cleveland Nets, announced today he had signed British doubles ace Winnie Shaw Woolridge to a contract with his World Team Tennis club.

Woolridge joins Nancy Richey Gunter and Laura Dupont as women members of the team replacing Jane (Peaches) Bartkowicz, who left a week and a half ago.

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