

# A New Kind of Hybrid Beats High Gas Prices

"The days of inexpensive gasoline," admitted a major car company exec, "are gone." Other authorities agree: high pump prices aren't going away.

But the new mini cars are cramped and less safe. Today's hybrid and electric cars are expensive. And cheaper energy technologies are years away.

But there's a solution we've overlooked. It's the subject of *Hybrid Neighborhoods*, the new Carpe Horam ("Seize the Hour") mini-book readable in about an hour.

## The Affordable Hybrids

Living in a Hybrid Neighborhood (HN), says author and urban development specialist John L. Gann, Jr., is like driving a hybrid car. You save gas by burning it only when you need to and not all the time.

A hybrid car makes that possible with an electric motor. A Hybrid Neighborhood does the same thing by putting places closer together.

But as *Hybrid Neighborhoods* shows, HNs aren't those trendy new places you pay through the nose to live in. They're sound but bypassed older parts of our cities and suburbs.

## Money for Kids' College

They're areas we've overlooked for half a century in favor of newer places dependent on something that no longer exists: cheap gasoline.

Walking or driving shorter distances, HN residents burn gas only when they need to, not all the time. And money saved on gas goes toward the kids' college, retirement, a dream vacation, or a nicer home.

So with permanent high oil prices—and bloated home prices in most suburbs--HNs are a smart choice. *Hybrid Neighborhoods* shows why.

## Faster, Easier Reading

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## Here's What You'll Know

*\*9 ways you can save money living in HNs start on p. 26.*

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## Tips from an Expert

Author John L. Gann has done urban development consulting for older cities from Cleveland to Robinson, IL. Formerly with Cornell University, he's been published in *The Wall Street Journal*, *Land Development*, *Urban Land*, and *Real Estate Today*. He's spoken before state and national associations and has lived in HNs in New York, Chicago, and elsewhere as well as in newer suburbs.

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