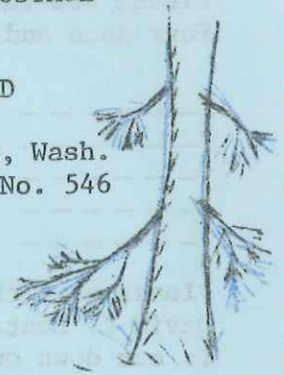


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TOWER MOUNTAIN DEVELOPMENT DECISION
APPEAL SET FOR FEBRUARY 20

Appeal of the Hearing Examiner Committee decision approving four houses on seven-eight acres on the west side of Tower Mountain at Jamieson and KHQ roads over a mile from any other houses will be heard February 20 at 1:30 p.m. by the Board of County Commissioners at the Court House. This proposed development lies within the area identified by satellite and ground studies as part of the Dishman Hills-Tower Mountain ecosystem and is included in our plans for preservation. Approval of this spot development will be another "foot in the door" precedent for continued development intruding into the mountain ecosystem. Please come to the hearing and help us stop this intrusion.

We have been saying for years that the Dishman Hills-Tower Mountain area is too good an area and too accessible to Spokane to allow development to lock it up from public use. The skyrocketing price of gasoline makes preservation of close-in natural areas even more imperative as it insures greater and greater demand for outdoor experiences close to home. And we suspect the Dishman Hills area is becoming the most-used natural area for environmental education for school classes and for other groups, both children and adults, in the Spokane area. We have something very good in our own back yards and we intend to keep on fighting for it!

We are revising our mailing list. If you don't get a bulletin in March or April and want to be kept on our list, please let us know.

NINETEEN SEVENTY-NINE THREATENED
DISHMAN HILLS--AND BROUGHT MORE SUPPORT

Last year was both a bad one and a good one for the Dishman Hills. Bad because the Board of County Commissioners by a two to one vote upheld the Hearing Examiner Committee's two to one approval of "The Meadows" development in the pine woods next to the Dishman Hills and about a half mile from any other houses, clearly a case of spot zoning, we believe. Incidentally, Abby Byrne, who cast the disapproving committee vote, was not re-appointed by the commissioners.

Our lawsuit against the commissioners for their decision is still being held up by inability to make a satisfactory transcript of the hearing tapes, which were of very poor quality. The whole hearing process may have to be repeated, according to our attorney, Jack Montgomery.

On the good side, the year's donations to the Dishman Hills project were among the highest ever, thanks to you loyal supporters who responded to our appeals. Gross income was nearly \$12,000 and expenses nearly \$2000, our highest ever because of legal expenses and higher newsletter costs. Interest income was over \$2500. Our total assets are just over \$40,000. We expect that most or all of this, along with state and federal matching funds, will go to buy the 140 acres adjacent to The Nature Conservancy's land at the south end of the natural area. There are indications of continuing slow progress toward this purchase, which appears to hinge on action by the land owners' attorney.

Attend your neighborhood meetings and hearings on the County Comprehensive Plan. The county's future is at stake!

Please use this form when sending contributions to save the Dishman Hills.
Your dues and/or gifts are income tax deductible.

\$ _____ Dishman Hills Assoc. annual dues (\$5 per person) New? ___ Renewal? ___
\$ _____ Dishman Hills Land Purchase Fund
\$ _____ Dishman Hills Legal Defense Fund
\$ _____ Memorial gift to Land Fund in remembrance of _____
\$ _____ Bulletin expense fund (\$1 or more)

Please make checks payable to Dishman Hills Natural Area Association and mail to
David E. Lentes, Treasurer, E. 10922 23rd Ave., Spokane, WA 99206. Many thanks!
To cut down on expense, no receipt or acknowledgment will be sent unless requested.

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meeting is at 8 p.m. the fourth Wednesday.
You are cordially invited to attend both.

RECYCLING HAS NEVER PAID BETTER

Aluminum cans, foil and plates are bringing 30 cents a pound at Spokane Recycling Products, E. 3407 Main. Climate Control Insulation (CCI), E. 5113 Railroad St., is paying \$52.50 per ton for newspaper, junk mail, cereal boxes, brown paper bags, ditto, mimeo, etc. (NO plastic or waxed); it need not be sorted.

Spokane Recycling is paying \$60 per ton for mimeo, ditto and similar paper and \$40 per ton for newspaper.

We have an account at both places. If you turn in your recyclables for Dishman

WILD THINGS ARE ACTIVE IN DISHMAN HILLS

Winter in the Hills has been a mild one but as always, fluctuations in animal populations occurred. Winter counts showed good numbers of chickadees and nut-hatches but a scarcity of other birds, particularly red crossbills, completely absent, probably because of a poor cone crop. The usual coyote and red squirrel tracks criss-crossed the area but cotton-tail rabbit numbers seemed down and the mouse population apparently crashed after a very high density the winter before. As a result the coyotes and owls may have gone a bit hungry.

No more than five inches of snow persists in the lower hills now but Tower Mountain has over a foot of it yet. Our annual Buttercup Hike will be in late March or early April. Watch the newspaper for the date, in case our next bulletin isn't out before then.

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Hills, please leave your name so Dave, our treasurer, will know to whom to give credit for the donation.

Save your clean cotton rags--we can sell them.

There seems to be a backward trend in packaging beverages, with more throwaway plastic containers--your pop will cost you more because there's no bottle refund and no recycling value either. Also the plain white cans labelled only "Beer" are an iron-aluminum alloy and so are not recyclable but just add to the garbage and the waste of metal and energy. A million dollar campaign last fall told us that recycling is doing very well in Washington! ? ? ? ? ?