



# LIGHTS AND SHADOWS FROM THE DISHMAN HILLS

AUGUST 1993

## MEMORIALS BOOST CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributions for July totalled a big \$905.79, over half of which came from memorials, mostly for Milt Rawlings. Obviously he had a lot of friends, including myself (TR). He was a long time supporter of the Dishman Hills. We will all miss him very much.

Expenses for July were: \$40 for administration and \$116.54 for bulletin printing and mailing. Interest income on our land purchase fund was \$39.16.

Our thanks to the following who contributed cash, recyclables and/or services during July and have given permission to be listed here: Pamela Camp, Claudia Collins, Melinda S. Crandall, Steve Davenport, Lillian De Line, William S. Downey, Celesta M. Frost, Bob Furness, Fred Gage, John R. Gardner, S.R. Gerimonte, Charles/Corrine Gillingham, Mrs. Donald Hagen, Isabel Hawkins, Susan Hendrickson, Helen M. Hoffman, Charles M. Hudson, Mrs. B.H. Jacklin, Sam Linn, John C. Lorang, Jeanne R. Martin, Leo J. Middendorf, Helen B. Miller, William R. Miller, Helen Nelson, Gwen Nienhuis, Northside Garden Club, Margaret M. Porter, Margaret A. Pospisil, Mary M. Rawlings, Richard R. Sandstrom, Richard/Lonnie Schmidt, Edith E. Smith, Cheryl Studer, Florence Thayer, Ed Tietjen, Robert S. Turner, Laura J. Watson, Clodall M. Wilson and Jeanne H. Wilson.

## KEEP ON RECYCLING!

According to Washington Citizens for Recycling, some companies are trying to discourage recycling. Apparently they are ones that manufacture throwaways, and recycling deprives them of profits. Waste is profitable--but only to those whose products are thrown away. To society as a whole, throwing away our resources is certainly a waste! Keep on recycling. Use your blue box or take your things to a recycling center or to places that sell reusable items. (Recycling provides more jobs than the waste-to-energy plant or landfills.) By the way, our recycling pickup service doesn't take corrugated carboard or aluminum throwaway dishes or foil, so they have to be taken to a recycling center. Aluminum takes a lot of electricity to produce so let's conserve it.

We are a nonprofit organization dedicated to saving some of the natural areas of the Spokane area for people to enjoy and learn from.

President: Michael Hamilton, Vice President: Tom Rogers, Secretary: Helen Lininger, Treasurer: David Lentes, Board of Directors: Omar Carroll, Michael Hamilton, Francis Potter, June Potter, and Ray Staley

Our meetings are held every third Monday at 7 P.M. at Opportunity Elementary School, South 1109 Wilbur. During the summer we will be meeting at Camp Caro, 625 South Sargent Road, Dishman but only on call this summer. You are cordially invited to attend.

Please send donations to our box number, shown at top of this bulletin.

## DROP A LINE TO OUR COMMISSIONERS

So far only a handful of letters has been sent to the County Commissioners regarding horses and vehicles in Dishman Hills Natural Area. Our thanks to you who have written but we need many more letters--they need be only a brief note opposing these uses. Please send us a copy so we can monitor the progress in protecting the Hills. A big number of letters should go far in convincing the commissioners that such uses are harmful to the Hills and conflict with people who wish to walk the foot paths.

## SOUTH VALLEY ARTERIAL WOULD DISRUPT

The recent endorsement of the proposed South Valley Arterial by Spokane Valley Chamber of Commerce is a difficult one to understand, especially when a committee of that body recommended against it. Besides destroying part of Dishman Hills Natural Area and making access to it difficult, the arterial would have several other deleterious effects, particularly along the western end of the proposed route, where the county engineers have decided to continue pushing for the arterial. It would continue to impact businesses along Sprague Avenue and displace those in its path, make it difficult to reach areas south of the proposed arterial, notably for emergency services (fire trucks and ambulances), wipe out much affordable low cost housing, encourage more and faster auto traffic, thus creating more air and noise pollution through a residential area, and making us more dependent upon foreign oil imports. Our addiction to the private auto is the basic problem. It seems politically popular for our government and its appointed bureaucracies to continue to pander to our addiction, to stay in power by building more and wider streets and highways. (Most people won't take the bus as long as we make it easier to drive the old polluter.) Apparently we have met the enemy and it is us.

While it is expected that differences of opinion will always exist within a community, we must look at the situation from a broad view and learn to pull together. What are we doing to our Valley? Is it really going to enhance our quality of life to be able to get down town a bit faster while producing many a harmful effect?

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