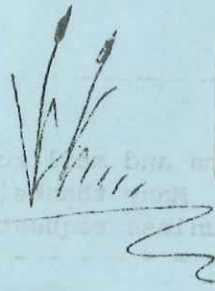


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LAWSUIT AWAITING TRANSCRIPTS OF
HEARINGS ON "THE MEADOWS" DEVELOPMENT

LITTLE SPOKANE RIVER PARK ON BALLOT
FOR ONE-TIME LEVY NOVEMBER 6

County personnel are hard at work on transcribing to paper the tapes of the several hearings on "The Meadows" development proposed for the west edge of the Dishman Hills south of 18th Avenue and the south end of Park Road. The work will cost our association between \$750 and \$1000 but we believe it will be money well spent if we can stop this "foot in the door" threat to the hills.

Adding 800 acres to Little Spokane River county park will be accomplished if voters approve a one-time levy Tuesday. The levy would amount to 40 cents per \$1000 assessed property valuation. An owner of a \$55,000 house would pay a total of \$22 to save the scenic, meandering river stretch extending from Griffith Springs Fish Hatchery to the river's confluence with the Spokane River. In addition to providing ideal canoeing, the area is excellent for close-in hiking, horseback riding, fishing, picnicking, swimming and cross-country skiing.

RETURNABLE BEVERAGE CONTAINER INITIATIVE
61 ON BALLOT TUESDAY

Initiative 61, the Returnable Beverage Container Act, will be on the ballot November 6. Similar to Oregon's law, it would require a minimum five cent deposit on alcoholic and carbonated soft drinks sealed in airtight containers by the manufacturer. The deposit would be returned to the customer, either by the retailer or by a recycling center designated by the retailer.

The area is home to many species of birds, including ducks, geese, a great blue heron nesting colony and the uncommon pileated woodpecker and canyon wren. White-tailed deer, beaver, muskrats and coyotes frequent the area and painted turtles bask on floating logs in the backwaters. Big ponderosa pines tower overhead near the rocky cliffs that store the sun's heat and give the little valley warmth during fall, winter and spring. Many attractive flowers and shrubs enhance the area's beauty and the curving, birch- and alder-lined stream affords a pleasant picture at every turn.

Efforts to pass the initiative focus primarily upon the large energy and resource savings that can be accomplished by recycling as against throwing the containers away. Aluminum companies say it takes only 5 per cent as much energy to make a can from recycled metal as from raw ore. Glass companies apparently prefer their product to be thrown away so they can sell some more. We have heard of one soft drink company complaining that it costs more to sell its product in returnable bottles than in throw-aways, (continued on page 2)

This is truly a last-chance opportunity, one that, if missed, will be gone forever, to the loss of all of us, now and in the centuries to come. Please get out and vote November 6!

No word has been received yet of any progress toward the county's purchase of the 140 acres south of The Nature Conservancy's preserve.

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 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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You are cordially invited to attend both.

INITIATIVE 61 (cont. from column 2)

As for depriving some individuals who pick up cans and bottles, of a source of income, these persons could make more money collecting and selling newspaper, junk mail, phone books, etc. By far the most of our association's recycling income comes from paper, not cans and bottles. We are for conserving energy and materials, and for a cleaner, more enjoyable environment, that is, the world we live in.

yet it has had returnables for decades and still uses them. A comparison of this same company's prices in a local store revealed the price of 32 ounces of pop as 48 cents (bottle to be returned) and their same product in throwaway plastic to be \$1.27 for 67.6 ounces (two liters). Box score for 32 ounces of drink: RETURNABLE BOTTLE, 48 cents; THROWAWAY, 60 cents! You pay 12 cents for the non-returnable, non-recyclable plastic container, presumably made from petroleum, which we should be conserving.

The contention that Initiative 61 will put recyclers out of business looks quite unfounded. Several recycling centers are endorsing the initiative, as have a multitude of organizations including the Washington State Sportsmen's Council, League of Women Voters of Washington, Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs, Spokane Retired Teachers' Association, Washington Association of Churches, Washington State Parent-Teacher-Student Association and numerous others, including of course a large number of conservation and environmental organizations. The initiative ought to increase the recyclers' business, for many stores supposedly appear unwilling to take back the containers and so would designate recyclers to handle the job for them.
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The price you get for paper for recycling has never been higher. Check with CCI (Climate Control Insulation) and Spokane Recycling Products for details.