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ASSOCIATION'S SUIT AGAINST COMMISSIONERS' HILLS DECISION BEFORE SUPERIOR COURT

ATTRACTING WILDLIFE IS WORKSHOP THEME

How to attract wildlife is the theme of a workshop Saturday, October 6 at the County Agricultural Building, N. 222 Havana. The session, sponsored by the Soil Conservation Service, is free to the public and will run from 9:15 a.m. to at least 3:30 p.m. It is aimed primarily at people living in rural areas but should be of interest to city dwellers as well.

Personnel from the SCS, State Department of Game, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and three members of Spokane Audubon Society are scheduled to speak, show slides and lead discussions. The workshop is scheduled early enough in the fall to allow ample time for fall planting of trees and shrubs for wildlife. The coffee pot will be on, according to Ben Castilla, who is heading up the workshop.

WHO OWNS DISHMAN HILLS NATURAL AREA?

We wish to correct some statements printed in the Valley Herald two weeks ago. Dishman Hills Association owns no land in the Dishman Hills but The Nature Conservancy holds the title to the originally acquired 80 acres. About another 240 acres is owned by Spokane County. The county, our association and The Nature Conservancy are involved in buying another 140 acres just to the south of the Nature Conservancy 80.

We hope we can get back to telling you more about the beauty of the Dishman Hills but the battle to protect them is taking up most of our time and energy!

TESTIMONY WILL BE REEXAMINED

Dishman Hills Association's suit against Spokane County Board of Commissioners for their decision to approve "The Meadows", a 70-unit housing development in the Dishman Hills area south of 18th Avenue and Park Road moved ahead with the presenting to Spokane Superior Court a writ for review of findings in the case, according to the association's attorney, Jack Montgomery.

A news story in the September 12 Community Press confirms what our association has said all along, that the present proposal is only the toe in the door to developing much more land in the Dishman Hills area. Peter Rayner is quoted as saying he is "looking at 200 more acres" which he says he owns or has options on. He said he plans to build a popo field, a pony track, tennis courts and a catch basin for water to irrigate parts of the development.

Pending the court's decision, we will be examining our options for action. We are far from conceding that Dishman Hills Natural Area is to become a cramped little island pressured on all sides by too high density housing, trampled by too heavy use by people, motorcycles, dogs and cats and we believe the Spokane community is solidly behind us. We have just learned that, in addition to \$1500-2000 for attorney fees, we will have \$750-1000 expense for a transcript of past hearings. While donations to both our land fund and the legal defense give us reason for optimism, we need a continuing flow of donations in the struggle to stop the encroaching development and enable us to add more land to the natural area.

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

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Dishman Hills Assoc. annual dues (\$5 per person) New? \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal? \_\_\_\_\_  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ LEGAL DEFENSE FUND --URGENT!  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Dishman Hills Land Fund  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Memorial gift to Land Fund in remembrance of \_\_\_\_\_  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Bulletin expense (\$1 or more)

Please make checks payable to Dishman Hills Natural Area Assoc. 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.

LIGHTS & SHADOWS FROM THE DISHMAN HILLS

SPEAKER ADVOCATES PLANNING START

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WITH PEOPLE OF LOCAL COMMUNITIES

We are a non-profit organization  
dedicated to the preservation of some of  
the natural environment of the Spokane  
area for people to enjoy and learn from.

Land use planning should start at the  
community level and work up rather than  
be imposed from above, a speaker at a  
"Short Course in Local Planning" at the  
Broadway Centre Building said recently  
Ron Clark of Washington Planning and  
Community Affairs Agency, Olympia said he  
has faith in people having the good judg-  
ment to make decisions for their communi-  
ties and should be allowed to do so on  
purely local matters such as housing  
density and compatibility of development  
with surrounding areas, thus building  
the neighborhood plan into the larger  
one. However, when the situation in-  
volves greater than local impact, such as  
protection of the aquifer, larger units  
of government must come in.

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Clark said an inventory should be made  
of lots available for building, to see if  
it is in the public interest to create  
another subdivision, which would require  
more tax money to provide services. We  
should be a little nervous about letting  
"the dead hand of the past" govern the  
future, he said.

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It appears to us that if the county  
had been guided by Clark's approach, we  
would not now be suing the county com-  
missioners for their decision to approve  
"The Meadows" development next to the  
Dishman Hills Natural Area.

Monthly meetings are at Kiwanis Camp  
Caro, S. 625 Sargent Road, Dishman.  
Board meeting is at 7 p.m. and general  
meeting is at 8 p.m. the fourth Wednes-  
day. You are cordially invited to  
attend both.

RETURNABLE BEVERAGE CONTAINER ADVOCATES  
RAISING MONEY FOR INITIATIVE 61

Raffle tickets are now being sold to  
publicize Initiative 61, aimed at  
reducing the energy and material waste  
involved with the use of throwaway pop  
and beer containers. Winner of the  
drawing, to be conducted October 4, will  
receive a trip to Hawaii for two, or  
\$1000 cash. Of course, we consumers will  
all be the winners (next column, please)

if the Oregon-type law is passed. It  
will make us the seventh state to adopt  
such a measure. Check the cost of buy-  
ing beverages in returnable versus  
throwaway containers and see for yourself!