



LIGHTS AND SHADOWS

FROM THE DISHMAN HILLS

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MORE HEAT AND DROUGHT - WHO WANTS IT?

The Earth has been called the "water planet" for it is apparently the only one in our solar system that has water. And life, "as we know it" cannot exist without it.

This summer's drought has made us acutely aware of water's importance. While the total amount of water on the earth remains about the same, it's its distribution that can be the problem. The earth's temperature is gradually increasing, at least partly because of the "greenhouse effect" caused by the burning of so much fossil fuel (petroleum, coal, natural gas). If this trend continues, drought and forest fires will become regular, deserts will move farther north and ocean levels rise, flooding lowlying coastlands and cities.

Are we going to wait until the situation is absolutely intolerable, or will we be smart enough to cut down on our driving of private autos, a principle offender, in order to prevent disaster caused by too much carbon dioxide in the air? (A well-tuned car gives off less of poisonous carbon monoxide and unburned hydrocarbons, but more carbon dioxide, more or which is required to pass the emission test.) Are all of those trips with our cars really necessary? And why not use the bus system more? And why build more and wider streets so it will be easier for us ("We have met the enemy and it is us.") to drive? Let's ask ourselves -- and also our local, state and federal government leaders. We need some sensible answers and soon!

ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL TO MEET HERE

The Washington Environmental Council, a leader and coordinator in environmental concerns, will hold its board meeting and a get-acquainted gathering the weekend of Sept. 17-18 at Holy Names Center, Ft. Wright Academy, W. 4000 Randolph Rd. The public is invited to all events. The board meeting will begin at 1 p.m. Saturday and resume at 9 a.m. Sunday. The informal get-together with refreshments will be Saturday evening at 8 p.m. Representatives and members of eastern Washington environmental groups will be present and Department of Ecology director Christine Gregoire and regional manager John Arnquist as well. Come and air your environmental concerns.

One issue sure to come up at the W.E.C. meeting is Initiative 97, the Toxic Waste Cleanup proposal. It will be competing with Alternative 97B, a weaker bill which will allow toxic waste dumpers to avoid much of the expense of cleaning up their own toxic, waste putting more of the cost on the general public. Be sure to become well informed about this choice.

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: Larry Thieman Secretary: Helen Lininger
Vice-President: Tom Rogers Treasurer: David Lenten

Board members (in addition to officers): Doris Allgood, Gary Brewster, Omar Carroll, Margaret Haggin, Francis Potter, June Potter, and Ray Staley.

DONATIONS LOW IN AUGUST

Donations of cash and recyclables amounted to \$622.11 during August. Income from recyclables has now exceeded \$1100 and is projected to reach over \$1600 this year. By the time this reaches you, we will have made the quarterly payment of \$1670.37 on the 140-acre addition to Dishman Hills Natural Area, thanks to you supporters of the project.

Those who donated cash, recyclables and/or services during August and have given permission to be listed here are (if we missed listing you, please let us know): Kathryn Bernard, Vera Carpenter, Dee Davis, Pamela J. Dixon, Frieda Foth, John Gardner, Russ/Evelyn Harmon, L. K. Hatch, Mrs. J. L. Havlick, Eris A. Heggen, Mrs. F. L. Knechtel, W.M. J. McDougall, Margie Middendorf, Joy Peterson, Bonnie/Oren Randles, Thomas H. Rogers, Dennis L. Sanders, Linda J. Siverts, Larry Thieman, Alice Tiffany, Mary Ann Wilharm and Jeanne H. Wilson.

Our monthly meetings will resume September 19, when we meet at Camp Caro, but since construction of new facilities there are under way, you will have to park below the playground and walk the last two blocks or so. In October we will be starting our winter meetings at Riverview Terrace on Upriver Drive again.

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