



LIGHTS AND SHADOWS FROM THE DISHMAN HILLS

MARCH 1991

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Our income from donations of money and recyclables during February totalled \$1,312.86 plus \$49.78 interest on our land fund reserve. Expenses came to \$211.68. Our thanks to those listed below who contributed and have given permission to be named here (If we missed you, please let us know at 926-7949): Lundy Benshoof, Kathryn Bernard, Helen Blackwell, L.A. Boutwell, Pat Brown, Helen Bucknell, Ruth/Cecil Cunningham, Ferne E. Dahlstrom, Verna Dolphin, Reece Ennesh, Gil/Myrt Erickson, Helen Ferguson, June Helen Foote, Marshall/Peggy Gillingham, Nicolin Gray, Louise A. Hance, Evelyn/Russ Harmon, Dorothy Harting, Millicent Havlick, Eris A. Heggen, Ivy/Ken Hendrix, Emma Jacklin, Jane Kirk, Mrs. F.L. Knechtel, Myrtle Lang, Jack/Alice Malone, Jay C. McDowell, Bonnie Moss, Northside Garden Club, Frank/June Potter, Bonnie/Oren Randles, Thomas H. Rogers Sr., Tom/Trudy Rogers Jr., Dennis L. Sanders, S. Schrimshire, Bill Schuh, Linda J. Siverts, Hazel Smith, Al/Phyllis Stagman, Kenneth C. Swedberg, Ivan M. Talbot, Lawrence Thieman, James L. Valentine, Jane/George Van Meter, Mrs. William E. Vogt and Jeanne H. Wilson. (A few more will be included in the April bulletin.)

The proposal to change the freeway exit in Dishman so that it feeds into Second Avenue instead of Sprague bodes ill for the area to the East, all the way to Pines Road. Besides impacting homes and businesses, it threatens the north end of Dishman Hills Natural area. Ponderosa pines, notoriously sensitive to auto exhaust pollution, would likely be damaged or killed by more auto traffic at the entrance to the Hills. Of course the \$17.5 million price tag isn't peanuts. Traffic counts indicate that Sprague Avenue could easily handle much more traffic than it does now. We hope county government will listen to citizen concerns and choose a wiser course: leave things as they are; don't mess things up.

continued from column 2....Junk mail is probably not worth the bother of separating into recyclables and "waste", but it can be used for building paper--better than putting it into the landfill! Car batteries are saleable and dry cells (flashlight, hearing aid and similar "batteries" are received at a few places. Plastic shopping bags may be turned in at Pay and Save Drug Stores, Tidyman's (and perhaps at other places?). Thanks to the many people who save recyclables for us.

A wildflower identification class is again being offered by Washington Native Plant Society. It is set for six Wednesday evenings, April 10 - May 15, 7 - 9:30 p.m., at Ferris High School. Use the registration form in the Community Colleges Spring schedule bulletin and send it in early to assure a place in the class. For more information call Nicolin Gray, 467-8995.

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COME TO THE BUTTERCUP HIKE

Our annual Buttercup Hike into the Dishman Hills will be held Sunday afternoon, March 24 at 1:30 p.m., starting at Camp Caro, S. Dishman Road. Hopefully we will find buttercups and grass widow. (Has anyone found any yet?) The Rufous-sided Towhees are back. You'll know them, if you are lucky enough to see one, as a nearly robin sized bird with a black head, a black back sprinkled with white, pure white undersides and rusty sides. They will place their well hidden nests in dense brush. (No nests have yet been found in the Hills, yet they surely nest there.) More likely to be seen and heard are the year round residents, chickadees, nuthatches, a raven or two and possibly a ruffed grouse. Flickers and robins likely will be moving back in but jancoes probably will bide their time for a while, preferring to continue to frequent Valley feeders. The tree frogs should be noising it up at the ponds. Red squirrels should be about, though the scarcity of pine cones may have taken their toll this winter. We hope it doesn't rain, but if it does does, if you dress for it the hike will be pleasant anyway. See you there.

Our income from recycling appears to be increasing this year. Prices are fairly steady. As for plastic containers, so far we have found that only white jugs with a 1 or 2 in the little triangular emblem on the bottom are acceptable. Other numbers and colors seem not to be as yet in our area. Don't forget that the two liter plastic pop bottles, tin cans (remove labels, cut out the ends and flatten) and glass jars (no need to remove caps or labels) are acceptable, as well as the usual aluminum cans and foil, corrugated cardboard and newspaper (you don't need to remove the slick stuff). Be sure to keep each kind of recyclable separate, particularly the paper. White paper of good quality (and not slick) is acceptable. continued in column 1

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