

# WHHO

Woodland Hills Homeowners Organization

April 2008

P.O. Box 6368, Woodland Hills, CA 91365

## President's Message

Spring has arrived along with DWP increases in electricity and water rates plus surcharges.

Spring brings new growth and we have the opportunity to take advantage of what nature supplies and improve how things around us look. We need to be aware of the plants that will make things nicer and the ones that will be not so nice if ignored. With Mother Nature we know she will bring things that make it attractive and protective. Also her protectiveness brings hazards such a fuel for fires, that man is quite good at producing through negligence, carelessness or purposely set. So, we must be involved if we want to protect ourselves.

The same thing is true with government. Government does a lot of things we need to make this City livable, and this too takes money. However, government has its own weeds and we need to help keep them in check. As with the DWP rates, too many who pay the rates sit as spectators and then complain about the growth of weeds. Our elected Councilmember has a vote. How many wrote and told him that DWP is to be controlled and the money taken by City Hall from DWP is not acceptable to balance a pork filled budget that rewards those who take and punishes those who pay. Sad to say that we all need to weed and let our gardener know what is to be kept and what needs to go..

Enjoy the great weather we are having and keep your property to everyone's envies.

GORDON MURLEY  
President

The opinions expressed are those of the President and do not necessarily represent those of the Board of Directors or the members of the Organization.

### **General Meeting**

**April 23, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.**  
**KAISER PERMANENTE HOSPITAL**  
**Auditorium "A", Entrance 5**  
**5601 DE SOTO AVENUE**  
**WOODLAND HILLS, CA 91367**

NOTE: THE MEETING DATES ARE NOW THE 4TH WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH WHICH IS APRIL 23, 2008 AT 7:30 P.M. THE PLACE IS CHANGED. WE ARE MEETING AT KAISER HOSPITAL'S AUDITORIUM "A" AT ENTRANCE 5.

#### **AGENDA:**

High Density and Big Houses next to your House is coming with City Council blessing; so are we going to watch it happen? Come and find out what is being done to try and stop the loss of single family neighborhoods. You need to be involved!

### **THOUGHTS OF OTHERS**

Real difficulties can be overcome; it is only the imaginary ones that are unconquerable.

**THEODORE N. VALE**

There is no mistake so great as that of being always right.

**SAMUEL BUTLER**

Men are not prisoners of fate, but only prisoners of their own mind.

**FRANKLIN D ROOSEVELT**

### **PIERCE PRESIDENT PROMISES GREEN, GROWING FUTURE**

Pierce College President Dr. Robert Garber, gave Woodland Hills homeowners and businesses a peek into the future and showed them a vibrant, verdant learning center.

In a presentation to a large crowd meeting for the Woodland Hills Homeowners Organization (WHHO), Garber began the evening with a look back at the College's colorful 60-year history and then launched into the school's plans for the next decade.

According to the affable educator, Pierce enrollment is

now greater than any time in the past 25 years, and the College is busy putting up new facilities to handle the growing enrollment. "Pierce is now considered the premiere college in the entire Los Angeles Community College system and a lot of people are beginning to refer to us as 'Pierce University', Garber laughed.

The PC President emphasized that even though educational budgets are tight throughout the nation, Pierce is not cutting back on any programs and they would not limit classes this year. "Because we've been very careful with our budgets and expenses, we ended up our last fiscal year with a \$6 million balance in reserve," he noted.

Garber also noted that the Prop A and AA statutes passed by voters a few years ago are now reaching fruition, with \$280 million of projects lined up—including \$100 million currently under construction or just coming off the drawing boards. Pierce College is now improving much of its infrastructure by adding new roads, upgrading parking and putting in new storm drainage systems.

They are also putting the finishing touches on the new Equestrian Center and rebuilding the animal care facilities at the college. Both areas are important aspects of the school's pre-veterinary teaching programs and are also key components in County emergencies when fires, mudslides and earthquakes often require care and boarding facilities for large and small animals in the path of danger.

Pierce is also adding more parking facilities for both day and evening students, with a new 250 car lot adjacent to the Performing Arts Center. A new electrical

infrastructure and new data networking system are also being installed throughout the campus. The Pierce President was quick to point out that all the old 'temporary' bungalows that have long been removed as classrooms for the Pierce student body have now been removed and are being replaced by a 100,000 sq. ft. Sciences building.

Two major buildings that are scheduled to be added are a Child Development Center and a Technology building. Future plans also call for a Digital Arts & Media building and possibly a Green Technologies Building to be added to the campus map.

In addition, all classrooms at the school are now being up-dated and retrofitted to remove all asbestos and create a 21st century learning environment for the 25,000 students expected to utilize the campus this year.

According to Garber there will also be a major improvement in the botanical garden that's planted along the South edge of the campus. "We've made our botanical garden a real experience for students and visitors," he said. The gardens now extend 3 acres between buildings and a host of new specimens have been planted throughout. Dr. Garber was quick to point out that water consumption has now been reduced by 70% throughout the garden, and that tours will lead visitors throughout the new grounds.

One area of on-going concern that the Pierce College President addressed was the "Farm" acreage that occupies the western portion of the campus. Because of the deluge of new apartment and condo development happening in adjacent areas, many Woodland Hills

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2008 Meeting Schedule

	General Meeting 1	Board Meeting 2	General Meeting 1	Board Meeting 2
Jan.	23	07	Jul.	no meeting*
Feb.	27	04	Aug.	no meeting*
Mar.	26	03	Sep.	24
Apr.	23	07	Oct.	22
May	28	05	Nov.	no meeting*
Jun.	25	02	Dec.	03

- (1) All meetings are held at Kaiser Hospital on the 4th Wednesday 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise notified.
- (2) All Executive Board meetings will be on the 1st Monday at 7:30 p.m. at Fire Station 84 Community Room on Burbank Blvd. unless otherwise notified.

homeowners and drivers are concerned that the school has plans to sell off this "excess" acreage to developers.

The Pierce President also said that he wanted to impress on everyone that the new apartment complex near the Southwest corner of the campus on De Soto was not built on college land. "We have never sold off any of our campus for residential development, and we have no plans to do so in the future," he said strongly.

"Let me assure everyone that neither the Governing Board nor I have any plans to sell off Pierce property or even lease it out," Garber emphasized. He noted that the proposal for turning the property into a golf course or adding a driving range was nixed when it was first proposed. "They put in a driving range at City College near downtown because they were promised there would be big profits that could be applied to educational needs," he recalled. "The profits never materialized, the driving range resulted in dozens of law suites, and the whole thing has turned into a blight and a headache for both the school and the community. I can promise you, we're not going to have that here."

What Garber did emphasize about the "Farm" was that the school believes it has a "public trust" to maintain the character of the land, and to use it to augment academic pursuits at the school. He stated that there are plans to build both a Horticulture and an Animal Science Center somewhere on that area of the campus, and to possibly even create some public education facility that would present agricultural products and growing techniques in a way that the general public could benefit from them. "Right now, we're trying to work something out with one of the food chains to create a "farm store" that would not only sell fresh agricultural products, but also help educate the public on how that product was created," he commented.

According to Garber, Pierce will continue to grow and adopt its curriculum to meet the on-going needs of the community. "It is critical to the community and to our students that this college fulfill its potential as center for higher learning and excellence for generations to come," he concluded.

## PIERCE COLLEGE

### **Pierce College President's Column**

#### **Come Talk to the Animals**

Feeling a bit overwhelmed by all the political chatter this election season? Need a rejuvenating break from shopping malls and the whole urban scene? Pierce College can provide you with a fun respite... our annual Farmwalk is enjoyed by thousands who stroll our green pastures and are greeted by our very sociable farm animals. Many of the animal residents are eager for human visitors to admire newly arrived offspring. (The goats, for some reason, always seem the most prolific and proud!) And our students and staff savor the opportunity to provide a relaxing "day in the country" to the community. This unique event delights all, from toddlers to active seniors, and is not to be missed.

The first Pierce Farmwalk was organized in 1993 as an open house to showcase our agricultural programs and was immediately popular with the public. The College's animals have remained the star attractions during the ensuing years, but share the stage with demonstrations such as sheep shearing, wool spinning, and cow milking. From time to time, the day's festivities have included everything from bug zoos to rodeos to animal rescue helicopters. This year's Farmwalk will feature hayrides, a wonderful country music band, bullwhip exhibitions, a live bee display, equestrian drill teams, horse roping, affordable barbeque food, fire engines to climb on, farm equipment to ponder, and much more. Attendees will even have a chance to play "KowChip Bingo." And, of course, animals, animals, animals will be around every corner. Mini horses and exotic animals will be on display, along with all our regular farm residents. A petting zoo will be crowded with youngsters, both the two- and four-legged varieties!

I would love to see you at our 16th annual Farmwalk. Please join the festivities on Sunday, May 4th anytime between 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Enter the campus at the intersection of Victory Boulevard and Mason Avenue. Parking is free and plentiful. Sunscreen and comfortable shoes are recommended, but please leave your pets at home for this event.

Sincerely,

**Robert Garber**  
**Pierce College President**

## WOODLAND HILLS SIGNS FOR VENTURA BOULEVARD

The following have sent in money earmarked for the signs. Robert & Kathy Gross, Harry & Laura Hope, Jay & Rochelle Zukerman, David Gorton, Save the Oaks Savanna, Charles & Betty Salverson, Betty J. Williams, Rose Goldwater, Eugene & Ellen Dow, Silvia & Gordon Murley, Robert & Shirley Blessing, Howard & Devin Millstein, D.M. & G.B. Schnaid, Gary S. & Tut Howe Platt, Lee Armen, Richard & Marilyn Bennet, Joan Blackmer, Paul and Amy Lawrence, Dave & Ronna Breliant, Morris & Lieux Repass, Richard Oppenheim, William Mir, Don Whittemore, and Lynn Kiehle

**NOTE: WE HAD THE DISK CRASH ON THE COMPUTER. WE MAY HAVE LOST SOME EMAIL ADDRESSES - IF YOU WISH TO BE SURE THAT WE CAN CONTACT YOU BY EMAIL - PLEASE SEND US AN EMAIL SO WE CAN BE SURE YOU ARE IN OUR DATA BASE. WE APOLOGIZE IF SOME DID NOT GET THEIR NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL.**

So, if you want to help us get started you can email us and we will put you in the WHHO address directory. Email to: [g.murley@worldnet.att.net](mailto:g.murley@worldnet.att.net)

## General Meeting Topics for 2008

### Program schedules WHHO'S WEB SITE

We have a Web site it is [www.whho.com](http://www.whho.com)

There are links to other web sites for information on Government and Schools. It will greatly enhance the speed for finding important information for those wanting to interface with various government agencies.

## USEFUL WEB SITES FOR OTHER INFORMATION

WHHO - [www.whho.com](http://www.whho.com)  
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## POSITIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Your Board has taken the following positions; We oppose "Red Square" in its request to legitimize a unauthorized patio and a DJ. This is not a Bonafide Restaurant since they rent it out for evenings and all is included in the rental price including liquor. They don't have code required parking, they use adjacent residential streets for Valet parking. It appears they are in violation of their current license and they have become a public nuisance with the conduct of their patrons. We would look forward to conditions imposed on this establishment that meets all the other in Woodland Hills.

We are opposing a request for a cellular Tower on the SW corner of Serrania and Dumetz. The Council office is also opposed to this location.

We are opposed to the proposed 4 lot parcel map for 22674 Cass Ave. The hillside is too steep and the road is too narrow for this subdivision to take place.

We have not taken a final position on a proposed development on the north side of Mulholland, across from Louisville High at Mulholland Highway that wants an exception to the Mulholland Scenic Parkway Specific. The Draft Environmental Impact Report has been released and we are looking at what we need to do.

## NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS

**Officers: Chair: Joyce Pearson, Vice Chair: Stephen Naczinski, Treasurer: Dorothy Koetz, Secretary: Scott Silverstein, Parliamentarian: John Anderson**

GENERAL MEETINGS: The second (2nd) Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at Parkman Middle School in the Multipurpose Room.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS: They are listed on the website.  
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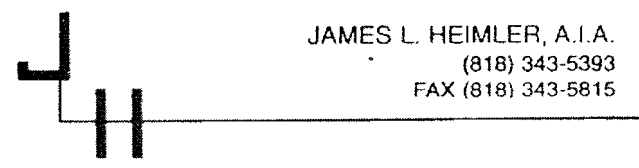
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**16TH ANNUAL FARMWALK**  
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 piercecollege.edu then click on  
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