



# WHHO

Woodland Hills Homeowners Organization

April 2009

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

## President's Message

We all wish to win Big. Often we do because a few take to time to support their neighbors. Because Pat Patton and Marty Lipkin take their time to attend the Mulholland Design Review Board on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays when there are properties in Woodland Hills on the agenda the people living next to the development have benefited. This last month the neighbors on Ensenada Drive who attended for the third time on two properties won big time on what will be built. All because they finally listened to the seasoned advocates on how to address the DRB Members and make sensible recommendations. Marty and Pat give up a lot of time to make sure that there is support for the area and those who lives are affected by developments that are too large, don't fit the character of the neighborhood and in fact are detrimental to Woodland Hills. Some nights they are there from 6:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. and neither one lives where the development in the Mulholland Corridor is taking place. Your Board works hard to make Woodland Hills a great place to live. Unless you work with us it is difficult to help you and your neighbors make it what you would like it to be.

On another similar note of attempting to make government work, we had hoped we could give you recommendations on the Ballot measures that will be on the May ballot. We gave you recommendations on the last ballot. From what little information we have seen on the current crop we are leery that they will benefit anyone but the government. You have passed similar measures before in hope that this would keep government more honest. The Legislature is a spend, spend into more debt junkie. They could have avoided much of the shortfall if they had built up a reserve fund rather than create more programs that required massive funding of new employees. Remember, when you pass these seemingly good programs you have put the hand of government into your wallet because you are now required to make sure that their benefit and retirement are there for them. It is not like private industry that if you don't have the money, tough luck to the retired employee. Here, they will make the non government personnel pay because you authorized the

### General Meeting

April 22, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.  
KAISER PERMANENTE HOSPITAL  
Auditorium "C", Entrance 5  
5601 DE SOTO AVENUE  
WOODLAND HILLS, CA 91367

#### AGENDA:

Walt Young, Chief Ranger Mountains Recreation Conservation Authority  
"What wonderful experiences await you when you visit the Parks you have acquired over the years"  
Come and find out what most of us don't know is just out our back door.

government to make sure that government employees get what you voted.

We have said before that Federal, State, County, City, Colleges, School District employees have become the elite aristocracy thanks to the public giving them automatic pay raises well beyond what the private sector pays for the same job, and then look at the health benefits, retirement at far younger ages and many less working years with very little put in by the employees.

It is your money they are spending because the majority votes for all the wonderful sounding programs on the ballot. One question! How many are moving to Socialized countries versus how many from socialized countries are moving here?

#### **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.

#### **THOUGHTS OF OTHERS**

We don't see things as they are, we see things as we are.

**ANIAS NIN**

The past is a foreign country, they so things differently there.

**L.F. HARTLEY**

It was beautiful and simple, as all truly great swindles are.

**O. HENRY**

**Pierce College President's Column**

**In Transit**

With over 23,000 fellow commuting classmates, each Pierce College student faces the challenge of traveling to campus and arriving on time. Of course, worries about traffic congestion delays and transportation costs confront all of us...community members and students alike. Pierce has undertaken several measures to address the transit headaches we all share in the West Valley.

One program the College has initiated is aimed at increasing ridership on the MTA Orange Line. As you know, the Orange Line is conveniently located right across the street from our campus and is an inexpensive and dependable alternative to automobile travel. Pierce has been able to offer students discounted Orange Line passes. This has been a huge success! Now, literally thousands of our students utilize this opportunity to travel to classes without driving their own vehicles. The popularity of the Orange Line seems to be contagious, with many Pierce staffers and visitors using this service to access campus and downtown District meetings. As a result of using public transportation, our Pierce commuters save money and our surrounding neighbors experience a bit less traffic congestion.

Pierce College will soon be constructing improvements to encourage even greater use of the Orange Line. You may have observed that commuters must walk across the campus' athletic fields to access the Winnetka/Victory Orange Line station. This can be a hot, or sometimes muddy, hike! To transform this trapeze into a pleasant stroll, a new "Gateway" will be built on our corner, along with a paved pathway leading to the academic buildings. This new pedestrian entry will feature a small plaza area shaded by trees and new signage. The three-sided sign has been architecturally designed with an attractive stone base and will be able to display digital announcements about campus events. To ensure that the sign is restricted to campus messages and is not a distraction to drivers, offsite commercial advertising and moving, animated displays will be prohibited. The Gateway will be a wonderful, informative "welcome mat" inviting students and the community to our campus.

Sincerely,

**Bob Garber**  
**Pierce College President**

**APRIL WHHO MEETING AGENDA**

Many members of our community are not aware of the spectacular recreational opportunities available to them in the West San Fernando Valley.

For the WHHO April General Meeting, Walt Young, Chief Ranger for the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, will give an overview of the

2009 Meeting Schedule

General Board		General Board			
	Meeting 1	Meeting 2	Meeting 1	Meeting 2	
Jan.	28	05	Jul. no meeting*		06
Feb.	25	02	Aug. no meeting*		03
Mar.	25	02	Sep. 23		07
Apr.	22	06	Oct. 28		05
May	27	04	Nov. no meeting*		02
Jun.	24	01	Dec. 02		01

(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.

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State and National Park resources near Woodland Hills.

His focus will be on:

- Upper Las Virgenes (formerly known as the Ahmanson Ranch)
- Big Wild (dirt Mulholland)
- King-Gillette Ranch

This presentation will be of interest to birders, naturalists, hikers, and those interested in learning more about the history and geology of our region.

Walt will also discuss safety and fire control issues which affect the communities adjacent to the parks and describe the volunteer groups supporting the parks such as the interpretive docents, mountain-bike and equestrian units.

As a preview, members are encouraged to check out the website [www.LAMountains.com](http://www.LAMountains.com)

Hikers, bird-watchers and dirt bike enthusiasts are encouraged to attend.

NOTE:– IF YOU WISH TO BE SURE THAT WE CAN CONTACT YOU BY EMAIL TO INFORM YOU OF HAPPENINGS BETWEEN NEWSLETTERS – PLEASE SEND US AN EMAIL SO WE CAN BE SURE YOU ARE IN OUR DATA BASE.

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)

### 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)  
 NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL - [www.whcouncil.org](http://www.whcouncil.org)  
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We invite you to frequently visit the above Web sites for updated information

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### POSITIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

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.

We continue to try and support the neighbors with developments in the Mulholland Corridor and we take positions both at Mulholland Design Review Board and scheduled hearings. All the hearings are supposed to be posted with large yellow ( 14x24) poster with the Hearing Notice attached. Pat Patton and Marty Lipkin attend most of the hearings and they work with the interested neighbors to help them get development that well work.

### NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS

Officers: Chair: Joyce Pearson, Vice Chair: Steven 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 Woodland Hills Academy (formerly Parkman) in the Multipurpose Room. Agendas are available 72 hours in advance [www.whcouncil.org](http://www.whcouncil.org)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS: They are listed 72 hours in advance on the website. [www.whcouncil.org](http://www.whcouncil.org) Many of the Committee meetings are held at the New Fire Station 84 at 21050 Burbank Blvd.

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