

WHHO

Woodland Hills Homeowners Organization

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



President's Message

It is interesting to hear and read the current opinions about the financial world. As has been stated the reactions have run from Panic, fear, anxiety, caution to perfect time to invest.

The money market is one that affects all, especially since money is a strange commodity in each of our brains. Only we know what the effect is on each of us. Yet, how we respond will make a difference in the end result. This, like so many other things that face us with uncertainty will depend how the decision we make from the amount of knowledge we have to make a decision. I look at this last hurricane to hit Galveston. Those with knowledge of what could happen acted swiftly. Those who thought they knew what would happen and thought they could survive elements that no one could, paid very dearly for their lack of knowledge.

Remember, words have been said over the centuries about finances and how people can help themselves. President Roosevelt in the 30's depression reminded us that the only thing we really have to fear is fear its self. Emerson said, do the thing you fear the most and you have the power. Gandhi got over 300 million in India to walk to the sea and collect salt which was forbidden under English rule. So, stand tall and work to make things work and not rely on the government to make things better.

We have development planned for Woodland Hills. We have those who don't want development and yet they are the ones that want their perfect world formed for them without ever giving anyone what it is that they want. The people with vision are attempting to make things better and need help up front on what will get people to participate in the developments they build. Remember today's Disney Land is not the one in 1957. Things evolve through input from the user. Your car today is not the one in 1908. Input from the user gave you what you have today. You will get development; so come with suggestions and not criticism and we will have a great Warner Center and Ventura Blvd.

GORDON MURLEY
President

General Meeting

October 22, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.
KAISER PERMANENTE HOSPITAL
Auditorium "C", Entrance 5
5601 DE SOTO AVENUE
WOODLAND HILLS, CA 91367

AGENDA:

Jane Usher



President, Los Angeles City Planning Commission
Jane Usher served under former Mayor Tom Bradley as his counsel, policy advocate, and speechwriter. Usher was also a liaison to the city attorney and ethics commission. She also served as the Mayor Bradley's alternate on the transportation authority for the county of Los Angeles. She was the principal force behind the merger of the former Los Angeles county transportation commission and the Southern California Rapid Transit District. Usher, who is also an attorney, just completed her second year as chair of the Annual Fund Drive for the Center for Early Education, a private primary school located in West Hollywood. She also served on the board and as president of the Windsor Square Association, and was elected this June to a seat on the board of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council.

Miss Usher has also garnered some recent criticism over her opposition to growth and specifically density-bonus and affordable housing projects. While the Usher-authored Planning Commission Do Real Planning document includes an emphasis on increased housing and density, this is in contrast to public statements and e-mails obtained by the press where Usher rails against growth adjacent to single-family homes and encourages homeowners to bring lawsuits against the City's density bonus program.

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.

Pierce College President's Column **Harvest Time**

Fall is a special time at Pierce College... our farm is bursting with autumn crops and our classrooms are

overflowing with students.

This year our farm has produced a bumper yield. I hope you had a chance to sample our really delicious tomatoes. I brought three cases to your September meeting and they were easily as popular as the guest speakers (including me!). If you need a Halloween pumpkin, please stop by our Farm Store on Victory/DeSoto and pick your choice from the tens of thousands grown right on our campus. You might want to also stay awhile and enjoy our fourth annual Halloween Harvest Festival. Our 2008 theme is "Grow Your Vote" and is reflected in the corn maze carved with an American Bald Eagle and shooting stars, surrounded by flags from all 50 states, and includes a voter registration booth. Visitors can also enjoy a Haunted House, hay rides, rock climbing, pony rides, petting zoo, a children's train ride, food, entertainment, and more. Proceeds benefit Pierce College and will help develop the educational Farm Center visited by school children all year round.

In addition to our agricultural bounty, Pierce has realized an incredible harvest of students... more than 23,000 enrolled in our classes this semester. This is the highest level in 25 years! And during the next year, new modern facilities will sprout to ensure that Pierce College continues to meet student needs. Stop by for a visit and watch the Center for the Sciences rise to provide cutting-edge laboratories for Pierce learners, witness the Student Services Building spring up to assist the community with "one-stop" educational guidance, and observe progress as the new Child Development Center grows to replace the current temporary modular units.

All faculty and staff feel a great deal of pride in serving a community appreciative of the wonderful educational opportunities and services offered on our campus. Thank you for your support in ensuring such a bountiful harvest at Pierce College.

Sincerely,

Bob Garber
Pierce College President

THOUGHTS OF OTHERS

No man is rich enough to buy back his past.
OSCAR WILDE

Many of us spend half our time wishing for things we could have if we didn't spend half our time wishing.
ALEXANDER WOOLCOTT

You will always find some Eskimos willing to instruct the Congolese on how to cope with heat waves.
STANISLAUS LEC

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

WHHO'S WEB SITE

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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* 07
Feb.	27	04	Aug.	no meeting* 04
Mar.	26	03	Sep.	24 02
Apr.	23	07	Oct.	22 06
May	28	05	Nov.	no meeting* 03
Jun.	25	02	Dec.	03 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.

We have a Web site it is 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

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL -

www.whcouncil.org

CHARTER SCHOOLS - www.charterassociation.org

HUGHES MIDDLE SCHOOL - noonhughes.org

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We invite you to frequently visit the above Web sites for updated information

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NOMINATIONS FOR WHHO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

It is that time of the year for people who wish to be a member of the WHHO Board of Directors or serve as an Officer on the Board to send in their request so the nominating Committee may make their recommendations for the coming year. Send requests to WHHO Nominating Committee, P.O. Box 6368, Woodland Hills, CA 91365

POSITIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Your Board has taken the following positions; We voted to give \$150.00 toward the Dedication of Fire Station 84 which will be Saturday November 1, 2008 from 10:00 to 2:00

We have opposed all requests for Liquor Licenses at gasoline stations which has been since 1990. We are in support of Liquor Licenses proposed for Giovanni's and Soup's Restaurants since they both have volunteered to accept the conditions which are on all the restau-

rants that come under the City's Conditional Use Beverage (CUB) Ordinance since its inception.

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: 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 Parkman Middle School in the Multipurpose Room.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS: They are listed on the website. www.whcouncil.org

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Bank of the West	27.3	★★★	★★★½
CalBank	48.7	★★★	★★★
Dowdory Savings & Loan	11.0	★	0
First Federal Bank of California	4.9	★	★★
Wells Fargo	107.6	★★★	★★★

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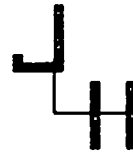
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