



WHHO

Woodland Hills Homeowners Organization

February 2008

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

President's Message

We held our first meeting of the year at Kaiser Hospital which will be our home for now. As you know we have changed our meetings to the 4th Wednesday of the month and our Board of Directors meeting to the 1st Monday of the month and it meets at the new Fire Station 84 on Burbank Blvd. in the Community Room.

We had Councilman Dennis P. Zine as our guest speaker for our January meeting. He came well informed on what is going on in the Community and brought a lot of valuable information for the residents of Woodland Hills. He also answered questions of concern from the members attending this first meeting at Kaiser Hospital.

Councilman Zine talked about the Westfield Development call the "Village" and spoke to what the process was and how the Community can stay involved to make this a great development in Warner Center. He addressed the need to make traffic move, get the Warner Center Specific Plan properly in place so development will not ruin either the neighborhoods nor Warner Center and surrounding Communities.

At the end he installed the WHHO Board members for the next year. They are listed in the newsletter each month for your reference.

We unfortunately had a computer with all of the email address on it crash it hard drive; so we need people, if they wish, to reconfirm their email addresses at g.murley@worldnet.att.net and note if they want the newsletter sent to them in PDF form instead of by U.S. mail service. We have misplaced some hard copy when sent to us, and to expedite getting our data current we need your help. Thank you for you kind response in this matter.

We have a great program speaker with Pierce College President Robert Garber, so bring your neighbors and friends and support the quality education in Woodland Hills. Next month we will have LAUSD Board Members Marlene Cantor and Tamar Galatzan who will inform you about the vacant schools in Woodland Hills as well as your other concerns about LAUSD.

General Meeting

FEBRUARY 27, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

KAISER PERMANENTE HOSPITAL
AUDITORIUM "A" ENTRANCE 5
5601 DESOTO AVENUE
WOODLAND HILLS, CA 91367

NOTE: THE MEETING DATES ARE NOW THE 4TH WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH WHICH IS FEBRUARY 27, 2008 AT 7:30 P.M. THE PLACE IS CHANGED. WE ARE MEETING AT KAISER HOSPITAL'S AUDITORIUM "A" AT ENTRANCE 5.

Agenda:

WE HAVE A GREAT PROGRAM FOR YOU THIS MONTH WITH "DR. ROBERT GARBER, PRESIDENT OF PIERCE COLLEGE" EDUCATION IS PARAMOUNT TO MAKING THIS COMMUNITY BETTER. COME AND BE INFORMED ABOUT WHAT IS AVAILABLE TO YOU, YOUR FAMILY AND NEIGHBORS AND HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE AND FEEL INSPIRED TO LIVE IN WOODLAND HILLS.

Your participation makes it possible for WHHO to get the leaders of Los Angeles City and County and the State and Nation to come and speak to you rather than just hearing them through the news media.

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

Wise men put their trust in ideas and not in circumstances. **RALPH WALDO EMERSON**

Idealism increases in direct proportion to one's distance from the problem. **JOHN GALSWORTHY**

All reformers, no matter how strict their social conscience, live in houses as big as they can pay for. **LOGAN PEARSALL SMITH**

PIERCE COLLEGE

Pierce College President's Column

Location, Location, Location!

Those three most important words in real estate may also apply to discovering the social, cultural, and recreational center of the West Valley: Pierce College! As our students know, Pierce is not only in the neighborhood, but easily accessible. This ensures that our campus' educational opportunities are close-by... and that valuable community resources are also handy, many, and varied.

Pierce is your location to experience the excitement of live theatre, revel in orchestra, band, and choral performances, meander among original works of art, or be swept off your feet with live dance. The Pierce experience includes a beautiful, air-conditioned, 350 seat Mainstage Theatre with state-of-the-art lighting and sound systems. Our newly renovated Dow Arena Theatre is an intimate and flexible black-box space which seats up to 100 patrons. If you are interested in trying your own hand, our campus offers many non-credit courses in art, craft workshops, and dance.

Pierce is your location to also enjoy or participate in athletics. Our student athletes continue a tradition of excellence, with many transferring to universities and professional teams. It is great fun to enjoy our spring weather and cheer on your local college. In addition, our campus provides facilities for many youth sports leagues, as well as the casual enthusiast. Hikers, runners, and others enjoy our safe, beautiful campus as they keep in shape. Many community members sign

up to take recreational classes with our Extension Program. Offerings in horseback riding, golf, tennis, fitness, and more are available.

Pierce is your location if your community group needs facilities to conduct meetings or hold events. Our Campus Center, gardens, classrooms, and outdoor areas may be just the place to accommodate your gathering. Parking is easy, the campus is freeway close, and our staff is welcoming. Of course, the College also hosts many public events... the annual Farm Walk, for example, is enjoyed by thousands of parents and children who learn about agriculture and view our farm animals.

Our new website is your location to learn more about all these opportunities to utilize Pierce, your neighborly college campus. To discover all the possibilities visit www.piercecollege.edu and click on "Art, Dance, Music, Theatre" or "Athletics - Go Brahmas" (both on the lower left of the page) or on "Community and Foundation" to access the Extension Program and more.

I hope to see you soon on campus!

Robert Garber
Pierce College President

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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.

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 J. 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 Kienle

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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

GENERAL MEETING TOPICS FOR 2008

Program schedules:

March. LAUSD School Board Members: Marlene Cantor and Tamar Galatzan

Ms Cantor is bringing John Creer and Anna Lassa who are Facilities experts to address the tough questions.

WHHO'S WEB SITE

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.woodlandhillscouncil.org

CHARTER SCHOOLS - www.charterassociation.org

HUGHES MIDDLE SCHOOL - noonhughes.org

OSO SCHOOLS - no-oso-highschool.org

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

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(818) 756-8848

Chief Deputy – Cliff Ruff – City Hall

Field Deputy – Octaviano Rios

Planning Deputy – Jonathan Brand

POSITIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Your Board has taken the following positions; 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.

COUNCILMAN ZINE ADDRESS FEBRUARY 27 MEETING

Councilman Zine draws line in sand about Warner Center residential, area traffic and crime.

During an open discussion at the January 23 meeting of WHHO, Councilman Dennis P Zine emphasized his positions on a number of key issues that are currently impacting or will soon impact Woodland Hills residents and businesses.

Answering questions and addressing a list of points he brought along, Councilman Zine took a hard stand against further residential building within Warner Center, revealed his plans to unravel the area's growing traffic problems, and made it clear that he was tired of City agencies giving citizens the run-around or ignoring their needs completely.

Councilman Zine was adamant about his opposition to new residential housing being shoved into an already over-crowded Warner Center area. "As far as I'm concerned the 'No Vacancy' sign is out for any developers proposing any more apartments or condo projects in Warner Center until a new Warner Center Specific Plan is created and can go into effect," the Councilman stated.

He pointed out that the current and out-dated Warner Center Specific Plan envisioned a total of 3,000 new residential units added by 2010. "That number is already up to 8,000 new apartments and condos, and there are still more scheduled," he emphasized. "we're maxed-out with residential. Catalena Yachts is leaving their site and we need to bring in more industry, commercial and high-tech. You can't keep replacing jobs with apartments and condos—you've got to give people places to work, as well as places to live. Otherwise, we'll be at a standstill with all the traffic."

The Councilman also noted that he is adamant that the Northrop-Grumman site on Burbank and Canoga not be allowed to split into four parcels. Noting that this is the second largest single site in the Warner Center area, he stated that he will support a 2-way split, but noting more, and that he will do everything in his power to assure that no residential units are built in that area. He was also critical of the idea of changing the Boeing/Pratt-Whitney site zoning from commercial/ industrial to residential or mixed-use when the aerospace giant finally closes up shop at its Owensmouth Avenue location.

In shifting his focus to the new Westfield Village project, Councilman Zine noted that he still wasn't satisfied with the proposals that Westfield has submitted and commented that the final site plan as well as the architectural styles

need to come before a citizen's review committee before he'll sign off on it. He also is demanding that Westfield put a senior citizen/community center in The Village project, and that Westfield fully fund it. The Councilman added that he told Westfield that he expects the Center to be large enough to hold major community meetings and contain a kitchen and other meeting/social rooms.

When asked about the mounting traffic problems within his District, the Councilman stated that he was establishing a citizen's traffic committee to study the worst traffic problems throughout Woodland Hills, and to advise him on what kind of solutions might work. He added that he wasn't satisfied with the way the Department of Traffic has addressed traffic issues and said that he had higher hopes for action now that the DOT has a new manager that he helped install. "We want reasonable solutions on how we can make the traffic flow in this area, and I think that may take some thinking outside of the traditional box that DOT traffic engineers keep working in. I'm going to the Director of the DOT and have her get her staff off their keesters."

He was also quite forceful in addressing a number of other issues that he felt City departments and agencies weren't addressing, such as street maintenance, ticketing and removal of RVs and cars parked longer than 72 hours and building enforcement and oversight. "The people in these Departments are eating at the City trough and they're not delivering the service they're being paid to do. If they can't get it done, they need to find a new profession," he underscored. The Councilman said that he wanted to be made aware of any situations when City Departments did not perform their duties or did not provide adequate services. "I'll be all over them," he said. "If they get paid, I expect them to do the job."

In answering questions posed by the audience, Councilman Zine noted that he and his staff were trying to figure out the best uses for the now-abandoned firehouse on Canoga Ave., and that he has given \$26,000 to an alliance to fight graffiti in the area. "We're not just going after the kids," he pointed out. "We're going after the parents."

He was also asked about the traffic fiasco between the shopping centers on Victory Boulevard near Fallbrook. "We have stop lights approved for that area," he stated. "In fact, the lights have already been delivered and there is a trailer in the parking lot for the workmen. But what's holding it up is we can't get the cooperation of some of the property owners. The people at Burlington Coat Factory have been real impediments in solving this problem, and if we can get people to bombard their main office with letters and phone calls complaining about the situation, maybe they'll live up to their civic responsibilities."

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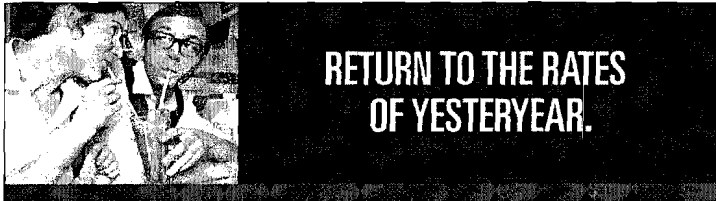
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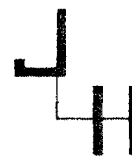
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