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Woodland Hills Homeowners Organization

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President's Message

To paraphrase Mark Twain " One's land, house, money jewelry and freedom are not safe as long as the Legislature and City Council are in session".

It is interesting to look at the elections that just took place on March 3, 2009 for the City of Los Angeles.

When you look at the results of the number of people who voted and the results of the various races and ballot measures there seems to be a trend that perhaps the public should be concerned.

For the most part it appears that there are more Union people voting per number of members than members of the public that are not part of the Unions. This should be of concern if you wanted someone other than the one that got elected for that particular office. There seems to be a direct correlation between the one's endorsed by the various Unions and the one' that got elected. Even where there are runoffs, you find that the one's backed by the Unions garnered the most votes. This means that it is highly possible for the Unions to essentially control both the City and County because Union votes count just like the non-Union vote.

It is interesting in measure B, that there were a number of Unions that opposed measure B because it left them out of the sweetheart deal that was cut to put to that measure on the ballot. The vote was so close that if those Union had not voted against measure B we would have seen it easily passed. At this point, it still is possible with uncounted ballots to get that 0.7% and pass.

It is your call on whether you bother to vote, but those who vote still have to live with what passes or fails because someone didn't bother to take the time to vote. I have found that complaining about government does not change the minds of those we elect. The elected officials get a lot of attention from people paid to get their attention. You, the public, have spokes-people who could be affective if you supported them with letters and told them what you want. You too are

General Meeting

March 25, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.
KAISER PERMANENTE HOSPITAL
Auditorium "C", Entrance 5
5601 DE SOTO AVENUE
WOODLAND HILLS, CA 91367

AGENDA:

Ways to get action on problems and concerns in Woodland Hills. We will have People who can answer and help you get your concerns resolved.

a special interest group, but how often do you back the people who are trying to make this democracy work for your good and your neighbor's good.

I would advise that we all work to get all of our friends and neighbors to vote, come to the Homeowners and Neighborhood Councils and find out the facts so we vote in favor yourselves and have a better City, County, State and hopefully Country with freedom.

P.S. There will be another election in May for the run-offs for those candidates who got less than 50% in the Primary in March. Because of this, there will be ballot measures that will probably attack your wallet directly or indirectly or make changes in what people can build without you having any say on what goes on next door to you. We will try and keep you informed.

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

"When I use a word," Humpty Dumpty said in rather a scornful tone, "it means just what I choose it to mean - neither more nor less". **LEWIS CARROLL**

The best minds are not in government. If they were, business would hire them away. **RONALD REAGAN**

Education is a better safeguard of liberty than a standing army. **EDWARD EVERETT**

Pierce College President's Column

Spring Break

This time of year is always wonderful to experience at Pierce College. Our campus landscaping and agricultural areas are sprouting with new growth. Or, to borrow an observation from Emily Bronte, the "brown hills have melted into spring." This seasonal greening contributes to an overall atmosphere of renewal and optimism. Faculty and staff seem extra full of energy. And students, naturally, are happily anticipating their traditional spring vacation break!

Of course, the Pierce rites of spring would not really be complete without the return of our Farm Market. This very popular market features fresh produce grown right on our campus, supplemented with fruits, vegetables, and other products furnished by local farmers. This year the farm stand will be expanded, as will the number of official "Grown at Pierce" items. Every season, the Pierce tomatoes are a delicious hit. They will, of course, be making a return appearance! Campus-nurtured corn, cantaloupe, zucchini, eggplant, basil and more will also be available. Most of these home-grown treats will not be available until near summer, but regionally produced strawberries, avocados, and citrus fruits will make an earlier appearance, along with jams, jellies, honey, and olives. The Farm Market is located on the southwest corner of DeSoto Avenue and Victory Boulevard and will be open every day from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. begin-

ning March 21st.

Why not treat yourself to a Spring break from those routine trips to the grocery market produce aisles? Visit our Farm Market for a healthy and fun alternative. Sorry, no shopping carts and crowded check-out lines...but we do promise fresh air, friendly folk, and very tasty fruits and vegetables!

Sincerely,

Bob Garber
Pierce College President

Closed Campuses Update

GALATZAN GAZETTE

Last week the District offered a timetable for placing new tenants on three closed LAUSD campuses – Oso, Highlander, and Platt Ranch – located in the west San Fernando Valley. At the monthly meeting of the Woodland Hills Homeowners Organization, John Creer, the District’s director of planning and development, said that beginning April 1, the District will be assessing requests for proposals offered by charter schools for the various sites. Creer’s remarks came after Tamar provided background about the closed schools policy, which was approved by the board last year. The evaluation takes approximately four months and will involve studying a charter’s proposal for operations, school grade levels, construction funding strategy, development strategy, community use and other qualifications and considerations. Creer said the next step consists of the Board of Education voting on the proposal, and if

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2009 Meeting Schedule

GeneralBoard		GeneralBoard			
	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.

approved, authorizing staff to enter into development and lease agreements. This process should take around 60 days. The following phase, which could last for one year, involves CEQA providing its assessment, and drawing of the actual design. Finally, Creer estimated that construction could take anywhere from nine to 30 months, depending on the scope of work and the availability of funds. Should the Woodland Hills Homeowners Organization or any other community group want to share input during the approval process, Creer suggested they speak to the board when a particular charter is being considered or submit a formal statement to the district prior to the anticipated vote to set forth the priorities of the community.

Your WHHO newsletter arrived after the meeting ! This because of the election and the Post Office has an edict that all campaign literature must be delivered. This means that the carrier can choose to not deliver bulk rate mail when he/she wishes to. The newsletter was mailed a week and a half before the meeting. We apologize. That is why we offer it by email for those who wish. If we don't have your email address we can't mail it as we did when we realized that the Postal service took the lighter route and waited until the campaign volume was light. President, Gordon Murley

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

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
 OSO SCHOOLS - no-oso-highschool.org

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

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Planning Deputy – Jonathan Brand

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 will 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

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

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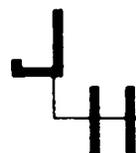
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