

# WHHO

Woodland Hills Homeowners Organization

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



## President's Message

Let's look at the bright side of what we can do to get a handle on the problems that face us at all the government levels that tax us for their economic survival.

We still have the ability to put our money where we wish to invest, we can invest it wisely in real estate, stocks, bonds and institutions such as banks etc. We can negotiate the terms under which we will let them use our money or we won't give it to them.

We still have the ability to vote on whether we want to pass bonds that we will have to pay for, raise taxes by a 2/3 margin of the voters and the ability to vote people out of office even by recalling them.

We currently have a lot of strengths in our form of government that so far we haven't given up even though there are those who are always looking for the free lunch but not for you the one who has to provide their free lunch.

Isn't it wonderful that so far we have kept our freedoms we all say we cherish! It is our decision whether we vote or don't vote. Those who exercise their vote usually get what they want. All members of our families need to register and vote. We have the ability to register as independent rather than be part of political party. We vote so no one can look over our shoulder to see how we voted. Because we have the right to vote as a citizen of the United States we can work with others to make sure the elected representative does what we wish done. We have the ability to not vote, take no interest in what happens, and then live with great freedom or great loss of freedoms we now have.

As a Homeowners Organization we attempt to interface with the elected officials to keep them informed of the needs of the community. We speak out on infrastructure needs, zoning and planning practices, and protection against runaway government expenses. We are only successful when we have a large voting membership. Votes count at all levels of government. You can help the Homeowners Organization by belonging or turn over the running of government to the Unions

## General Meeting

September 23, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

KAISER PERMANENTE HOSPITAL

Auditorium "A", Entrance 5

5601 DE SOTO AVENUE

WOODLAND HILLS, CA 91367

### AGENDA:

We will have people from the Fire Department to help us understand how to use the services provided and any curtailment the City may impose on certain services. They will also tell us about CERT training and the need for neighborhood involvement and participation in training for disasters that will come, be it earthquake, flooding via DWP or mother nature and fire due to arson or Santa Ana winds. Remember when the disaster strikes you can get immediate training.

Find out what resources there are to help solve neighborhood problems.

who make sure their members vote for the Unions goals and wants and not the general populations needs.

We need to make sure we do not create an Aesop's fable of "the citizens who cried wolf". We will remain vigilant to address legislation that either reduces freedoms or raises taxes without producing for the good of the communities.

### **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**

The world is full of willing people, some willing to work and the rest willing to let them.

**ROBERT FROST**

We do not deal much in facts when we are contemplating ourselves.

**MARK TWAIN**

It is always with the best intentions that the worst work is done.

**OSCAR WILDE**

**Pierce College President's Column**

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

I am deeply saddened to announce that I will be leaving my position as president of Pierce College and retiring effective August 1, 2009. This was not an easy decision for me, but the overwhelming personal circumstances relating to the serious illness of my son make this difficult choice necessary.

Jesse, my younger son who was born when I worked at Pierce in the 80's, has been diagnosed with acute liver failure resulting from his reaction to a prescription medication he began taking several months ago. Unfortunately, Jesse is now on the waiting list for a liver transplant at UCLA. This process is filled with uncertainty and it could be days, weeks or months until he gets the call. During this waiting period, Jesse needs full-time care and monitoring. Once he receives his transplant, it will take an extended period of time until he's able to live independently, work and attend school again.

Rebecca and I are committed to doing everything we can to help Jesse while he waits for a donor and then

continues his recovery. He is home with us now, but on-call for UCLA when a liver match is found. Given the daily demands and unknown duration of his care and treatment, it has become clear that I can't possibly support Jesse and, at the same time, maintain the level of engagement that is necessary for me to serve Pierce as president.

Pierce, with its amazing history, beautiful campus, exceptional faculty and staff, and outstanding students has always been a unique gem among community colleges. In recent years, we have made significant progress returning Pierce to a standard of excellence that has earned recognition and respect from the communities we serve. Together we have grown Pierce to its highest enrollment levels in years, selected outstanding new faculty to continue our excellent educational traditions, and maintained a positive budget at a time when other colleges have struggled with deficits. We have also made significant progress in realizing the promise of our construction bonds. New and remodeled buildings are taking shape and turning our campus into the modern learning environment that our students deserve. Simply put, Pierce has always been the best, and together we've been doing the work that will guarantee that the college will continue its tradition of excellence.

I have spent more than 23 years of my life at Pierce, and I truly love this campus and the amazing people who make it such a special place. In particular, it has been the highlight of my career to serve as Pierce's president for the past 3 1/2 years, and I am truly distraught about leaving at this point in this way. I hope all of you will know how painful it is for me to give up

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**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.

this position and will understand how it would be even more disturbing for me to stay and not do my best for either Jesse or Pierce.

I genuinely appreciate all that you have done to support me over the years, and I know that you want the best for my family as we face the challenges ahead. Rebecca and I both feel that it has been an honor to be part of such a magnificent community, and we are so grateful for your caring and friendship. Thank you!

**Most sincerely,  
Bob**

We are all greatly affected by this resignation. We would have preferred he take a leave of absence, but alas it is his decision and we honor it and wish good health and active life for his son and that his decision was the best for all.

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](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)  
CHARTER SCHOOLS - [www.charterassociation.org](http://www.charterassociation.org)  
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### **POSITIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD**

There was a hearing on the Subdivision on June 4th. We are awaiting the decision from the Hearing Officer. The hearing officer gave them 19 homes and there were three maps presented of possible configurations. We have not taken a final position on the 3 proposals on the development on the north side of Mulholland, across from Louisville High at Mulholland Highway that wants an exception to the Mulholland Scenic Parkway Specific.

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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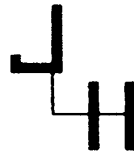
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