



# WHHO

Woodland Hills Homeowners Organization

May 2010

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

## President's Message

We were all so honored to have City Controller Wendy Greuel as our guest speaker at WHHO's April meeting. For those who attended got a very clear picture of the financial problems facing Los Angeles. She made it very clear that the City, to get back on a sound fiscal basis, must face the reality of sound fiscal responsibility. The City cannot, like any other business, leave unfunded Pension plans, nor can they give pay raises when the actual money is not there. She said the City elected officials who control the money played the "as if game". It is as if we have the money we think we will get. They have found that projections are not hard cash in the bank. It is no different than you or I saying I think I will get a raise or a bonus, so therefore I am going to buy this now because with what I think I am going to get I can afford it. So, I buy the car, house or whatever and then I don't get the raise or bonus. Two things happen then. (1) We try and get friends and relatives to help us save our purchase or (2) we try and get the loan company to modify our payments. Either way it puts a burden on others. Of course, we usually rationalize we deserve this and the others can afford to give us something we haven't really earned. We all came away with a clear picture that government must govern more responsibly at all levels. Property owners have become responsible to pay for the lack of fiscal responsibility of our elected officials, who have become beholden to the Unions, that funded their election campaigns. We the voters can change that if we desire when and if we vote.

We also are reading a lot about having to fix our sidewalks which have become hazardous. Interesting when one thinks of all the ramifications of all the proposals. If it now becomes the property owner's responsibility then where does the liability fall? Currently the City is sued for trip and fall. If it now becomes the responsibility of the property owner does he now become the one that is liable? Also, if it is now the responsibility of the property owner, can he prohibit others from using the side walk in front of his property since he is now deemed liable for people using what is considered public property. Currently

### General Meeting

May 26, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.

**KAISER PERMANENTE HOSPITAL  
Classroom #2 lower level  
5601 DESOTO AVENUE  
WOODLAND HILLS, CA 91367**

**AGENDA :** We will be discussing Sidewalks, DWP, mobile signage and what we can do to make them all more attractive to our neighborhoods.

there is the ability to have the City and the property owner split the cost 50/50 to get nice flat, safe sidewalks, but the City is still the one that can be sued. It might be nice if those who propose the new ordinance to spell out who is liable and how public access works somehow not to the advantage of people looking for the fast buck to sue and make certain attorneys much more prosperous. Also, since the City plants, trims and controls street trees perhaps planting trees properly so roots don't become the culprit will lessen the need to repair sidewalks. In a less litigious world this might work, but until the courts change the current right to sue on an unsubstantiated claim with no documentation and the way settlements are handled, it is highly unlikely.

As in all things it takes a focused effort to get things that are fair and work. That is why the WHHO has always been there to help lead the fight to make things work for the good of our community. We look to the future, the long term needs and not the quick fix because things will need to be done right. We are here to help and thank each of you the members for your support in doing things well and right.

**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 leaders of the French Revolution excited the poor against the rich: this made the rich poor, but it never made the poor rich.

**FISHER AMES**

Sow good services; sweet remembrances will grow from them.

**MADAME DE STAEL**

General good is the plea of the scoundrel, hypocrite, flatterer.

**WILLIAM BLAKE**

**Great Music**

For those who like the Great Band Music of the 40's and 50's you can get it LIVE at the Woodland Hills American Legion Post on Fallbrook the first Saturday of the month. June's Big Band performance with dancing will be June 5, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. for a mere \$15.00 per person. Join in the great music of American dance bands. They will be doing Glenn Miller tribute followed by other greats. Join in the Valley's only Saturday Night Dance Band with your friends and have a bite to eat and a relaxing cocktail and listen or dance the night away.

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@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)
- HUGHES MIDDLE SCHOOL - [noonhughes.org](http://noonhughes.org)
- OSO SCHOOLS - [no-oso-highschool.org](http://no-oso-highschool.org)

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

**COUNCIL OFFICE PLANNING AND COMMUNITY PERSONNEL**

- Council District -3- Dennis P. Zine, Councilman (818) 756-8848
- Chief Deputy - Irma Pomposa
- Field Deputy - Octaviano Rios
- Planning Deputy - Jonathan Brand

**POSITIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD**

We support the three block improvement of Ventura from De Soto to Canoga. This will be a challenge to get the merchants and property owners to work together to make it a walk able interesting and well landscaped section. Councilman Dennis P. Zine and his staff are driving this endeavor with support of the Neighborhood Council and the Chamber.

We are still inputting our recommendations on an Ordinance that would limit mansionization on small lots and difficult lots in the Hillside and will go to the hearings when they are scheduled to be sure the proper protections are there.

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**2010 Meeting Schedule**

General Board		General Board			
	Meeting 1	Meeting 2	Meeting 1	Meeting 2	
Jan.	27	04	Jul. no meeting*	05	
Feb.	24	01	Aug. no meeting*	02	
Mar.	24	01	Sep. 22	06	
Apr.	28	05	Oct. 27	04	
May	26	03	Nov. no meeting*	01	
Jun.	no meeting	07	Dec. 01	06	

(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 took a stand to oppose two Cell Towers that were not good for the Community. 1. At Dumetz and Topanga on the southwest corner and at the Mosque being built on Platt Ave. between El Camino High and Hale Jr. High. The Companies need to better design these sites so they blend with the surrounding neighborhoods. They were both denied by the South Valley Area Planning Commission.

### NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS

Officers: Chair: Karen Koe, Vice Chair: Kristi Blicharski, Treasurer: Paul Shively, Secretary: Scott Silverstein, Parliamentarian: Jim Dawson

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.

### Pierce College President' s Column

#### Cutting the Ribbon

Hardly a week goes by without someone asking what that "new building near Mason and Victory" is all about. I love that question and am gratified that community members follow the progress of improvements at Pierce College. As you may already know, there are actually two construction sites near our Mason Avenue entrance: the large Center for the Sciences and, closer to Victory Boulevard, the Child Development Center (CDC). The Center for the Sciences project will be complete during the summer, but the Child Development Center is ready for its debut..and you are invited to welcome this new facility to our campus!

As you might recall, a few years ago the CDC was actually located where the Orange Line parking is now available on the northwest Winnetka/Victory corner. Relocated onto our main campus in temporary "move-ons," the Center will finally end its odyssey by moving into modern, permanent quarters. In addition to contemporary classrooms, the 17,000 square foot, Mission-style building will include unique play yards designed to create an education link with the adjacent farmland. The outdoor areas emphasize the role of the environment in a child' s development. Instead of being solely occupied with manufactured equipment found in standard, paved playgrounds, the design includes natural landscaping and manipulative materials for active recreation. Research has indicated that creativity and imaginative play by young children are increased by this richer environment. In a nod to historical roots, the Center also includes a traditional school bell to welcome the CDC' s young charges.

All of us on campus appreciate the public' s support for

this vital new construction and hope you can join us in the inaugural scheduled for Thursday, June 3rd at 10 a.m. Please stop by and enjoy the short speeches, refreshments, and tour of this wonderful new facility.

Sincerely,

**Joy McCaslin, PhD**  
**Interim Pierce President**

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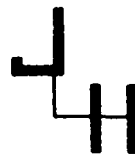
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