

WHHO

Woodland Hills Homeowners Organization

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



President's Message

While this year has had a lot of controversy throughout the world it certainly added a lot of conversation in Woodland Hills. Being part of this country, the state and the City of Los Angeles puts us at the end of the line when it comes to making decisions and what we are going to do about things that affect our lives.

As those, who attended our October meeting, found the City has wandered in search of a solution to the marijuana dispensary problem and they are still lost. That leaves the citizens unable to solve the problem because the police have no tools to protect the residents from the festering problem other than other laws on the books. This means until the person breaks another law they may create unsafe conditions for others. Until they are caught selling without a license, to someone without a doctor's recommendation letter or illegal purchase of marijuana they may abuse others walking or living in the area. Young teenagers can buy marijuana with a letter from a doctor even if they legally can't buy cigarettes or alcohol. As of this writing the City Council still can't figure out what other cities and counties have done so they don't have the marijuana dispensary problem we have. Councilman Zine understands the problem but the other 12 or so members that don't, create a problem. It takes at least 8 members to pass legislation. The Mayor needs to step in and support his police who would like to remove this problem but have no legislation to give them the ability.

We have other decisions that need to be made if Woodland Hills is to remain a great place to live, work and shop. The Warner Center Specific Plan and upgrading Ventura Blvd.

We need to get the zoning fixed so we know what will be built where so traffic and infrastructure will work. We need to make sure that type 1 construction will take place in Warner Center so open space and great architecture can take place together and make it a wonderful pleasing place for people. We need to set the LEEDS requirements for all new buildings to Platinum so they are very efficient in resource use. We

General Meeting

December 2, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.
KAISER PERMANENTE HOSPITAL

Auditorium "A" Entrance #5

5601 DE SOTO AVENUE

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AGENDA : Introduction of the proposed Board of Directors and election of the new Board for 2010. Information from the Council Office and other elected Representatives. Updates on projects and Warner Center Specific Plan

need to make sure that there is an efficient public transportation infrastructure that cannot be dismantled, and will encourage its use by those working, living and shopping in Warner Center. We need a great landscaping plan that will be maintained.

All of this is easily doable if we start supporting those things that will work. We need all of the landowners and business people to get involved and participate so the community will spend their time and money here rather than other areas that have and are making their areas attractive to live and shop. We need to create jobs for those who live here in manufacturing, research and development, Home Offices, services as well as retail outlets.

We are a community and we can by working together make this a continuing great place to live by working with the community leaders to continue to be the leading edge in all things. Making our schools great by demanding the school staffs do their jobs excellently, keeping our support for Pierce in its outstanding endeavor to provide a quality far above the average 2 year institution, get involved not only with WHHO but the Neighborhood Council which follow the City planning that says what may happen in this community. Learn about what is proposed rather than find out what happened when you see it.

Look forward to seeing you at the Election meeting for the WHHO Board of Directors on December 2,

2009.

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

Perfections of means
And confusion of goals
Seem, in my opinion, to
Characterize our age.

ALBERT EINSTEIN

It is a happy talent to know how to play. RALPH
WALDO EMERSON

Boldness becomes rarer, the higher the rank. KARL
VON CLAUSEWITZ

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PENINGS BETWEEN NEWSLETTERS – PLEASE SEND US
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Email to: g.murley@att.net

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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 want-
ing to interface with various government agencies.

NOTE: The Slate for Officers and Directors

The following are the nominations for the WHHO Board
of Directors for 2010

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Kristi Blicharski

USEFUL WEB SITES FOR OTHER INFORMATION

WHHO - www.whho.com

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL - www.whcouncil.org

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.

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Council District -3- Dennis P. Zine, Councilman (818) 756-8848

Chief Deputy – Irma Pomposa

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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. The promotion to do this was on November 5th and Councilman Dennis P. Zine and his staff are the driving this endeavor with support of the Neighborhood Council and the Chamber.

We supported the enlargement of Smart and Final so they could offer a greater variety of items in Woodland Hills.

We are following the 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.

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS

Officers: Chair: Joyce Pearson, Vice Chair: Steven Naczinski, Treasurer: Dorothy Koetz, 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

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.

Pierce College President' s Column

Pierce' s Treasured Farm

As one of the last remnants of open space in the Valley, the farm at Pierce College naturally draws a lot of community interest and speculation. To keep you informed, I have summarized the history of the farm and our current efforts to protect this cherished asset.

Dr. Clarence Pierce founded Pierce College as an agricultural school to train future farmers. That was in 1947, when the college had an enrollment of 70 students, and most of the San Fernando Valley was farmland.

Sixty-two years later, Pierce College is surrounded by a vibrant high-tech, metropolitan area. We now serve more than 24,000 students who are pursuing more than 100 fields of study. Still, within our 426 acres, we have preserved half the land as practically the only farmland remaining in the Valley, and we continue to treasure our agriculture and animal science programs.

These programs continue to receive extensive financial and personnel support from the college. Unlike other departments subjected to significant class cuts necessitated by California' s fiscal crisis, Pierce' s agriculture programs have been protected from reductions that would constrain students' ability to complete their studies. In addition, the college recently hired new full-time professors in horticulture and horse science, the strongest example of a long-term commitment to an academic program. New facilities are being built for the cattle, chickens, and exotic animals. The college' s equestrian facilities have been upgraded and new horticulture facilities will soon be built.

Finally, new state-of-the-art classrooms and laboratories for the animal science programs are being constructed in the Center for Sciences, a \$40 million, 100,000 square foot building located near the farm. This beautiful facility was designed to faculty' s specifications and will be the most sophisticated and advanced academic building on the campus. It will allow for collaboration between all the sciences and will enrich opportunities for both students and faculty.

Facilities and curriculum change, but our commitment to the farm and its programs remain stronger than ever. The old Agricultural Science building will be renovated for our popular Community Services program, allowing thousands of children to benefit from the farm experience. As

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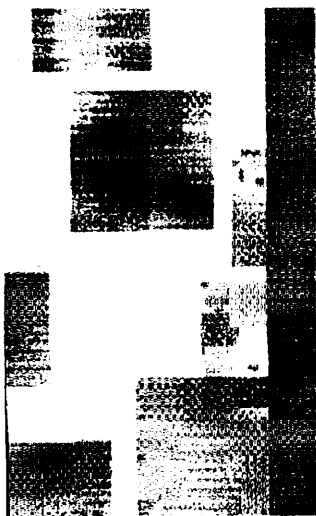
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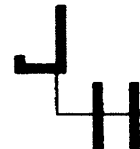
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