

# WHHO

Woodland Hills Homeowners Organization

January 2010



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

## President's Message

Welcome to 2010 and all the good things that we are about to make happen.

With the support of our Councilman Dennis P. Zine, the WHHO Board, the Neighborhood Council, the Chamber of Commerce and Pierce College we all can get Woodland Hills and the surrounding communities improving all the things that make our lives better. We have the ability and skills to improve the business and work opportunities, the beauty of the streets and the schools.

As we get involved and learn how to become effective with all the various groups, agencies and businesses that offer the chance to take advantage of our skills and work together we will build the area as the show place of what people can accomplish. We are in the process of making Warner Center a destination place for work and enjoyment. The time and effort spend by your community leaders will drive the vision to produce a place that draws all the things that make a community irresistible to others to come and visit and us proud to be a part of all of it.

You, the WHHO members, have been the driving force to make things work in Woodland Hills and because of your support it has made it possible to make Pierce College so successful. We have some of the best schools because of our members concerns. There are a number of WHHO members who sit on the Neighborhood Council and bring their expertise to help Dennis Zine and his Staff to get things done in this tough economic time.

Communication with your Board and the Neighborhood Council when you know of a problem early on will often get you the information and direction to get the right solution.

Thanks for helping and working to keep Woodland Hills the place we love and want to live and work.

**GORDON MURLEY**  
President

## General Meeting

January 27, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.  
KAISER PERMANENTE HOSPITAL  
Classroom #2 Lower Level  
5601 DESOTO.AVENUE  
WOODLAND HILLS, CA 91367

**AGENDA :** Guest Speaker Mark Jones, Battalion Chief, Los Angeles Fire Department Installation of the Board of Directors for 2010. Information from the Council Office and other elected Representatives. Updates on projects and Warner Center Specific Plan

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

All that a man achieves and all that he fails to achieve is the direct result of his own thoughts. JAMES ALLEN

We don't see things as they are; we see things as we are. ANAIS NIN

You are entitled to your own opinion. You are not entitled to your own facts. ANONYMOUS

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

NOTE: The Slate for Officers and Directors

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

- President: Gordon Murley
- Executive V.P.: Herb Madsen
- Executive V.P.: John Walker
- Treasurer: Silvia Anthony
- Secretary: William Evans

**Directors at Large:**

- Shirley Blessing
- Jane Leisure
- Martin Lipkin
- Brian McDonald
- Pat Patton
- Dorothy Smith
- Robert Veeck
- Denis DiBiase
- Kristi Blicharski

**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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- Secretary: William Evans (818)883-7077

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- Kristi Blicharski
- Dennis DiBiase
- Jane Leisure (818) 225-0843
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- Brian McDonald (818)716-6580
- Pat Patton (818)348-6497
- Dorothy Smith (818)887-6028
- Robert Veeck (818) 346-0855

- 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

**Disaster Preparedness: Get Prepared in 2010 With CERT**

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**2010 Meeting Schedule**

GeneralBoard		GeneralBoard			
	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.	27	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..

current schedule, visit [www.cert-la.com](http://www.cert-la.com) <<http://www.cert-la.com>> or call the LAFD CERT Unit at 818-756-9674. The Woodland Hills Warner Center Neighborhood Council has plans to organize a CERT class this year, and will be providing information to WHHO on dates and times.

### 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 the driving this endeavor with support of the Neighborhood Council and the Chamber.

We are following the Ordinance that would limit mansionization on small lots and difficult lots in the Hillsides 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](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

Please Enter

I hope you have noticed that Pierce College has been busy creating new gateways to welcome the community to our campus. While the entry roads leading into the College have not changed from their established locations, each byway has now been upgraded to make visiting easier. And, for those arriving via the popular Orange Line, a paved path ushers pedestrians onto campus.

In just a few weeks, improvements to our main entrance

located on Winnetka Avenue will be completed. If you have the opportunity, please take a few minutes and detour onto campus via this entry. After you pass by the tennis court facility, you will notice a new sheltered drop-off area positioned by the flagpoles. This convenient pull-out provides visitors with easy access to our just-completed Student Services Building, where help and information is available to assist anyone wishing to become a Pierce student. This area also marks the easterly gateway to the pedestrian mall that traverses our campus. This portion of the mall has also been beautifully enhanced with new paving, landscaping, seating, and lighting.

We have been receiving many compliments about the new signage installed at both our Winnetka Avenue and Mason Avenue roadways. The old, decrepit Mason marquee has been removed and both entries now feature monument signage with new landscaping. Better lane markings will also ease traffic in and out of the two locations. If you have accessed the College from DeSoto Avenue recently, I am certain you appreciated the complete reconstruction of this drive through the farm area. Potholes and the too-narrow road are long-gone, replaced with smooth pavement, proper curbs, modern lighting, and landscaping.

The newest portal to campus is continuing to take shape at the southwest corner of Winnetka Avenue and Victory Boulevard. Featuring a small plaza area and a paved, tree-lined, lighted pathway leading to our academic buildings, this project will encourage even greater student ridership on the Orange Line. Traipsing across a muddy soccer field, stumbling along in the dark, or sweating out a hot, unshaded hike to classrooms will be best-forgotten experiences. Currently, an architecturally-designed sign with an attractive stone base is being erected at the corner. The completed sign will highlight campus events, but off-site advertising and animated, moving displays will be prohibited.

All of us at Pierce want the new gateways to serve as inviting "open doors" to the campus, welcoming visitors and students alike. Please visit soon and enjoy all your community college has to offer.

Sincerely,

Joy McCaslin, PhD  
Pierce College Interim President

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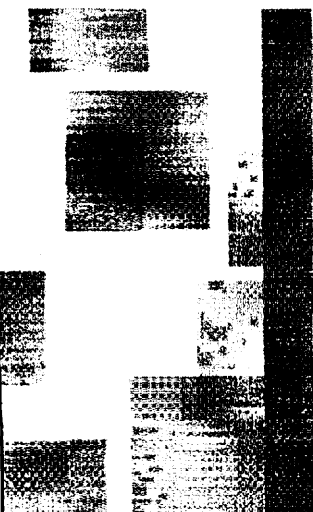
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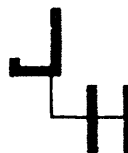
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**Candidate Name Filing Date For  
elections in March 2010**

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JOHN M. ALDERSON 12/24/2009  
JAMES B. ANDERSON 01/04/2010  
SHANI S. SIMMS 12/29/2010  
SEAN C. MCCARTHY 12/30/2009

### **Business Representative of Area 2**

PAMELA S. ARONOFF 01/04/2010

### **Business Representative of Area 4**

SCOTT A. SILVERSTEIN 01/04/2010

### **Business Representative of Area 6**

SHAWN ABDI 01/04/2010  
GORDON MURLEY 01/04/2010

### **Business Representative of Area 7**

SHERMAN GAMSON 01/04/2010  
PAUL SHIVELY 12/18/2009  
LILLIAN J. FLETCHER 01/04/2010  
COLLEEN MARMOR 01/04/2010

### **Community Based Organization Representative of Area 1**

JIM DAWSON 01/04/2010

### **Community Based Organization Representative of Area 2**

JOYCE J. PEARSON 01/04/2010

### **Community Based Organization Representative of Area 3**

WILLIAM A. ANDERSON 01/04/2010

### **Community Based Organization Representative of Area 4**

ROBERT S. FEDOR 01/04/2010

## **Woodland Hills-Warner Center**

### **Community Based Organization Representative of Area 6**

KRISTI M. BLICHARSKI 01/04/2010  
AUGUST O. STEURER 01/04/2010

### **Community Based Organization Representative of Area 7**

KARLA KULESZA MURRAY 01/04/2010  
JOEY BENGHIAT 01/04/2010

### **Residential Representative of Area 1**

DENNIS T. DIBIASE 12/07/2009  
ANTHONY F. MELIS 01/04/2010

### **Residential Representative of Area 2**

KELLY KIM 01/04/2010  
CHRISTOPHER P. BOSCARINO 12/30/2009  
ANNE H. DO 01/04/2010  
JOHN J. STRAND 01/04/2010

### **Residential Representative of Area 3**

KAREN L. KOE 01/04/2010  
ROBERT J. TAYLOR 12/24/2009  
ARUNACHALAM VISWANATHAN 12/24/2009  
ALAN W. NOVAK 12/29/2009  
ALI FARASSATI 01/04/2010  
HERBERT E. MADSEN 01/04/2010  
CHRISTOPHER P. MOYNIHAN 12/12/2009

### **Residential Representative of Area 4**

ALBERT J. SAUR 01/04/2010  
STEPHEN A. SANTEN 01/04/2010

### **Residential Representative of Area 6**

HENRY A. HERRMAN 01/04/2010  
PAT PATTON 01/04/2010

### **Residential Representative of Area 7**

JONATHAN E. KRAUSCHE 01/04/2010  
ROB ROTH 12/30/2009  
CHARLES BOGUSZ 01/04/2010  
LEE R. SOWERS 12/31/2010  
MIKE PROPHETE 01/04/2010  
ANITA J. MARTIN 12/24/2009  
MARGOT MANDEL 01/04/2010