



WHHO Newsletter

March, 2025

Woodland Hills Homeowners Organization

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Wednesday Night:

March 26th

Guest Speaker:

LAPD



**LAPD SLO Brittney Gutierrez
And
Officer Parrillo, Community Traffic
Services Unit**

***Come with your questions and
suggestions!***

WHHO General Meeting

**Wednesday, March 26, 2025
7:30 PM- 9:00 PM on Zoom**

**Webinar Virtual Meeting – Register to attend
by going to www.whho.com**

WHHO invites you to our meeting to hear from Captain Lopez and Senior Lead Officer Brittney Gutierrez and Officer Parrillo, Community Traffic Services Unit.

Your safety, your family's safety, is at stake.

Our community is facing escalating threats. Do NOT rely on rumors - get the FACTS directly from LAPD experts. Please join the WHHO this Wednesday March 26th at 7:30 PM.

Senior Lead Officer Brittany Gutierrez will speak about the ALARMING surge in burglaries, revealing the criminals' latest tactics - cutting power, disabling alarms - and equipping you with CRUCIAL crime prevention strategies. Time is of the essence. We also NEED to understand the LAPD's complex encampment clearing process, especially in the notoriously dangerous "41:18" zones. (What are they? You MUST find out!) Learn how to establish a Neighborhood Watch NOW - your safety depends on it.

Officer Parrillo, Community Traffic Services Unit, will deliver SHOCKING statistics on the rising tide of speeding, traffic fatalities, and the times/locations where YOU are most at risk. The new 2025 traffic laws are coming - are you prepared? Ignorance is not bliss, it's dangerous.

This is NOT just another meeting. This is a SAFETY ALERT.

Come with your questions and ideas.

Go to www.whho.com to register. Be sure you have the most recent zoom app.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Next month speaker – Rams

Members of the WHHO Board met with the principals from the Ram Organization and the developers of both the Promenade and Anthem property and there are some big things in store for us in the coming future in the Warner Center.

We will have a representative from the organization to make a presentation at our next meeting regarding what you can expect to be built at the Promenade and the Anthem Properties. This is just a preliminary proposal of what they want to build, and they want your input and ideas.

You will not want to miss this one. You will get to see the visuals of what they intend to build at these locations. The Rams are here but more is coming!

Home invaders targeting older residents in Woodland Hills.

In the past weeks, two separate robbery invasion crews have targeted Woodland Hills homes in their desperate efforts to find and cart off collected valuables and any money or weapons they could find.

The most recent home invasion and robbery happened just before 11:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 23 on the 23300 block of Erwin Street where two men clad in black and wearing masks entered the home and one or two others apparently waited outside for the get-away.

According to the LAPD, the men broke into a Woodland Hills home and zip-tied one resident before taking off with a safe Sunday night. One elderly victim was sleeping in a bedroom when they were approached and was bound by wire restraints put on by the intruders. The second victim—the elderly man’s wife--was in the laundry room at the time of the break-in, and she was held in the home for several hours as the intruders rummaged through the house.

According to the Los Angeles Police Department, the suspects woke up a resident who was sleeping, zip-tied him, and then questioned him about a coin business he once owned. A woman, who reportedly confronted the thieves, was locked in the bedroom with the zip-tied victim. The home was ransacked, and a safe was stolen from the premises. The LAPD noted that the victims were not certain what they had stored inside the safe.

In another break-in home invasion incident on March 4 (less than three miles away) an LAPD spokesperson said that three people were at home when the thieves broke in and bound and placed them into a closet during that home-invasion robbery. The extent of any injuries to the victims was unclear. It was also unclear how much was taken during that robbery, or if the suspect was ever caught.

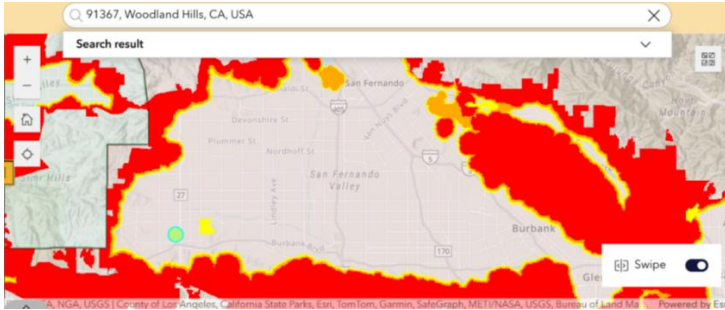
NEW FIRE HAZARD SEVERTY ZONE MAPS

The Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, known as Cal Fore (fire.ca.gov) has published its most comprehensive Fire Hazard Severity Zone Map. The State Fire Marshal is mandated to classify lands within State Responsibility Areas into Fire Hazard Severity Zones (FHSZ). Fire Hazard Severity Zones fall into one of the following classifications:

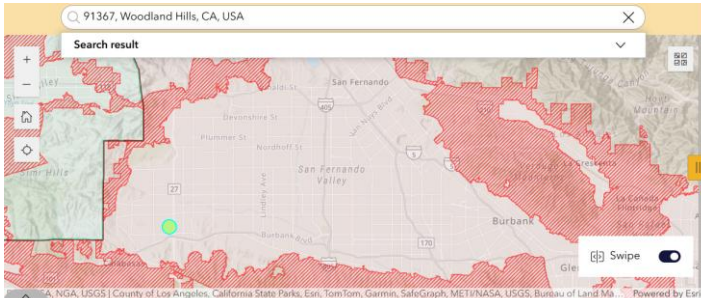
Moderate, High Very High

“Hazard” is based on the physical conditions that create a likelihood and expected fire behavior over a 30 to 50-year period without considering mitigation measures such as home hardening, recent wildfire, or fuel reduction efforts. “Risk” is the potential damage a fire can do to the area under existing conditions, accounting for any modifications such as fuel reduction projects, defensible space, and ignition resistant building construction.

Here is a comparison of the New and Previous Map



New



Previous

If you go to www.fire.ca.gov you will find more information.

At Long, Long, Long, Long Last: The Junkyard, Garbage-Filled Rv On Valley Circle Has Finally Been Towed-Away By The City!!!!

After more than five years of asking, pleading, threatening, begging, legal maneuvering and facing almost every conceivable and many inconceivable excuses by City officials, homeless departments, legal authorities and anyone who thought they had a magical answer to removing the garbage, waste and vermin-filled RV parked near El Camino Real Charter High School, has at long last been removed by the City of Los Angeles.

First appearing at the Valley Circle Blvd. location at the time of the Covid epidemic, the homeless woman who lived in the RV has steadfastly ignored, waved-aside, disobeyed, fought, and dug-in her heels against every effort to move her out of the crumbling RV and away from the garbage and waste strewn area that has served as a magnet for rats,

mice, coyotes and anyone who wanted to toss away their garbage quickly.



After all the years of fighting to stay in the RV and “in her spot,” the woman was finally coaxed to move out of the garbage heap that blocked the public sidewalk, the bike lane, and at times some of the automobile lane. She finally accepted City-provided housing and was taken to an undisclosed location by City homeless officials on March 17th.

POTHOLES – WALK AND LOOK AND CALL THEM IN



Potholes – while you taking that Spring walk in your neighborhood, keep an eye out for those pesky potholes. If you find one, dial 311 and tell them the location. Better yet, download the app **MyLA411** from the app store (its free). You can do many things here like report a “Service Request” that includes things like bulky items, containers, illegal dumping pickup, animal complaints, loose animals, dead animal removal requests, nuisance barking dogs, park homelessness and security, homeless encampments, private property violations, graffiti removal, or even pay a DWP bill here and get news from City Hall. If you do not have it, get it.

It is a must to report problems in your area.

Oh, yes and there is a section for Pothole – small asphalt repair section too. So, when you are out on a walk, please use the MyLA311 App and report the potholes so our roads are safer. It is easy, you give them the location (address is the best), some details and take a photo and upload it. There are dropdown menus to assist in the notification. Help us all by getting these potholes repaired.

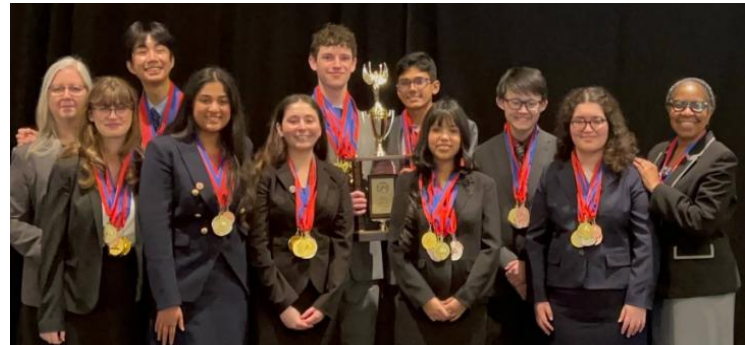
It’s brains over brawn *again!!!* El Camino Real Charter High School wins third consecutive California Academic Decathlon!

What can you say when one High School wins the competition for California’s Academic Decathlon again and again? (Or make that again, and again and again.)

It is now three straight years where the Woodland Hills brain factory has claimed the State’s top academic prize with its Academic Decathlon wins in 2023, 2024 and now 2025. Of course, the academic team is now hard at work in their efforts to try and claim an even bigger prize: The National Academic Championship which El Camino Real has won 10 different times: 1998, 2001, 2004, 2005, 2007, 2010, 2014, 2018, 2023 and 2024.

With a dominating score of 53,071 points, ECR soared past its nearest competitor by 3,137.7 points. And you don’t need to be an Einstein to recognize that’s a lot of brainpower. Now the team is studying up for the National Championships in Des Moines, Iowa in an attempt to raise an 11th overall, National Championship banner in its hallowed halls.

The El Camino Real Charter Academic team is coached by Mrs. Evens, Mr. Dalsass, Mr. Jones and Ms. Franklin. Team members are: Darren Du, Brendan Luna, Yash Singhal, Ashley Acosta, Enoch Chan, Zarah Zuhair, Bahar Mirzajanzadeh, Emily Simms, and Leanne Warren.



Congratulation from the WHHO. Well done!

IT IS NEVER TOO LATE TO TAKE COLLEGE CLASSES

The WHHO wants to let you know about a wonderful program at Pierce College called ENCORE.

ENCORE is a Pierce College Program designed specifically for older adults in our community. ENCORE offers free noncredit classes. The courses are geared to the needs and interests of older adults, often focusing on topics that promote independence, advocacy, community engagement, growth and development, physical and cognitive health and computer literacy. The ENCORE classes usually meet for 2 hours each week for 15 weeks during the Fall and Spring semesters, often online.

The classes are free and are funded through Sacramento.

Students enrolled in Encore noncredit classes are considered Pierce College Students. You can enroll any time during the semester as long as there is space.

The Spring Semester is from 2/10 to 5/30, but you can still enroll! There are classes focusing on yoga, dance, sports, film, history, music and computer skills. This term there is a course on popular music, the plays of Shakespeare, and even the history of our Vice Presidents. The choices are incredible and there will be one that peaks your interest. It is never too late to have fun and learn something new!

You can call the ENCORE Office at 818-710-2561
EMAIL- lapc-encore@piercecollege.edu
WEB PAGE- lap.edu/encore

WHHO SURVEY

We'd love to hear your thoughts about the future of Woodland Hills. The WHHO is dedicated to strengthening our community, and your input plays a key role in guiding our efforts. By sharing your ideas, concerns, and hopes, you'll help us focus on what really matters and work toward meaningful improvements.

Please take a few minutes to complete our survey here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfXXAUeO4xtooXDyZg2Z5CVV7z9cb7Y5f2xDWI6Nnr_b0oDTA/viewform

Feel free to share the survey with friends, family, and neighbors so everyone's voice can be included who live within Woodland Hills. Each response makes a real difference.

Thank you for your commitment to making Woodland Hills a wonderful place to live. Together, we can shape the future of our community.

Neighborhood Council Elections – Soon-

As you probably already know, the neighborhood Council reviews action that are pending in our area and advises our Councilman, Bob Blumenfield, about the concerns and interests of our community.

Elections will be held for Residential, Business, and Community Based Organization (CBO) representatives for the following areas: Area 2, Area 4, Area 6 and an At-Large representative.

The application date has passed, and the candidates that are running will be listed on April 4th. For more information can go to:

<https://neighborhoodempowerment.lacity.gov/elections/>

Key Deadlines

- April 4, 2025 – First day to request a mail-in ballot
- May 27, 2025 – Last day to request mail in ballot
- June 3, 2025 – Election Day (all ballots need to be mailed by this date)
- June 18, 2025 – Certification of Election results

A list of qualified candidates should be out by the first part of April.

Be sure to know your candidates that want to represent you and our area of the community and be sure to vote. An informed voter helps our community by selecting good, qualified members of the Council.

THE WHHO NEEDS YOU TO BE PART OF US IN 2025.

The WHHO wants to be your voice as well as your eyes and ears into what's going on in our community and our City that will affect your lifestyle, your property and your neighborhood.

We try to bring you discussions with important City, County and State figures that can have an impact on your home, your neighborhood and your community.

We encourage you to attend our Zoom meetings (they're free - just register for them), and we're anxious to hear your comments on how we can be even more effective in our efforts to protect and advance our neighborhoods. Have a story for the WHHO news? Please email it to us. The more everyone knows, the better for our community. Or, if there's something you think needs to be covered, let us know.

At the bottom of the first page of our web site, www.WHHO.com you can register and pay for your membership using PayPal (it accepts any credit card). So, join us today. We look forward to having you part of our family.

It is only \$25 a year for an *entire household* to belong to WHHO, and your membership helps to sustain us by covering taxes, insurance and other legally required fees.

Help us help you!

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