



# Alamitos Heights Improvement Association

## Ring In The Summer - Annual AHIA Community Picnic on June 9th

It's fast, fun, and over too soon. The annual Alamitos Heights Improvement Association neighborhood picnic is Sunday June 9.



Join your friends and neighbors from 12-4 PM in Alamitos Heights Park at Orlena and Colorado. All food and activities are **FREE to AHIA members** who paid their 2019 dues. But, you can still attend and pay your \$35 dues at the picnic. The cost for nonmembers and guests, is \$10 per person. There will be

delicious food prepared by AHIA's very own Board Member, Chef Paul St. Bernard. New this year will be Skate Dogs mobile skate park and a steel drum band, and we still have the best shaved ice, fun music, contests, and games. Don't our forget our raffle-- each family receives a free raffle ticket with additional tickets available for purchase. See you at the park.



**Get in on the fun— May 18**

Spring Cleaning Time! The annual community yard sale is coming up. And, everyone is welcome to participate in the AHIA sponsored event.

COMMUNITY YARD SALE

AHIA takes care of the advertising and posting signs. It's also a great way to meet your neighbors, clear out some stuff, and find some treasures. Remember to get your permit, \$17 from the city for individuals or blocks. You can apply online: [www.longbeach.gov/finance/services-and-permits/garage-sales/](http://www.longbeach.gov/finance/services-and-permits/garage-sales/)

## President's Message



It's not hard to find excuses to go outside at this time of the year. All the rain this winter caused a mini 'Super Bloom' in my

backyard, and a bumper crop of weeds. It's a little overwhelming but I try not to let perfect be the enemy of good, as they say. Focusing on the beauty around us should motivate all of us to work harder to do our part to help the environment in any small way we can.

Our upcoming Community Meeting on May 22<sup>nd</sup> is meant to be inspiring. We will be hosting a representative from Algalita Marine Research and Education and BYO Long Beach to show us great ways to cut down on waste and the impact that can have on our surroundings. We will also have Ben Fisher, a Certified Arborist, presenting information on proper tree selection and care.

We will kick off summer with the Annual AHIA Picnic, it's going to be a great one. We have our resident chef, Paul St. Bernard, providing the food this year so we are in for a treat! Skate Dogs will be bringing their mobile skate park for kids of all ages to try out their wheels. Add some games and tunes, provided by the fabulous Echlin Brothers DJ team, and there will be something for everyone.

We are still working on getting our membership numbers up to our goals, so if you are not sure if you renewed please check. We have a new PayPal link to make it as easy as possible, we really depend your membership dues. As always, if you have ideas for ways that AHIA can promote the improvement of our community please share them with us. Together we can work to create the kind of safe, beautiful, friendly community that we all want to live in.

Leslie Grenier, President

## AHIA Board Nominations Are Open



Would you like to be involved in making Alamitos Heights a great place to live? Consider being an Alamitos Heights Improvement Association board member. You may submit your own name or a neighbor (with their permission) living in Alamitos Heights via email [president@ahia.info](mailto:president@ahia.info) or regular mail to Alamitos Heights Improvement Association, PO Box 6216 E. Pacific Coast Hwy #372, Long Beach, CA 90803 with: Name, contact information, event or projects you are interested in supporting. Deadline for submission is May 31, 2018. All board members are elected or re-elected each year. Interested persons must be residents of Alamitos Heights and AHIA members at the time of election. Names will be placed voted on at the annual meeting held June 9th at the annual picnic.



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# Your AHIA Membership Makes a Difference



Your membership and participation matter to AHIA. Each year we try to increase our neighborhood outreach and improve our signature events. In 2018 we added the Harbor Tour and improved the sound system at the Tree Lighting Ceremony. In 2017 we began improving the food at the picnic. We added the

Easter Egg Hunt In 2016.

Our AHIA social events invest your dues to support AHIA efforts of Building Community Together. AHIA events create opportunities for us to connect with our neighbors and build relationships to support our neighborhood and community.

Please take a minute and renew or join today. Our AHIA Membership is at 188. We are 112 members short of 2018's membership numbers. Please note this year you can drop your check off to the mailbox at 505 Flint Avenue. Or you can contribute you dues via PayPal into the account: [president@ahia.info](mailto:president@ahia.info)

## AHIA EVENTS —2019

Sat. May 18	Community Yard Sale
Wed. May 22	Community Meeting
Sun. June 10	AHIA Community Picnic & Board Elections
Summer	AHIA Harbor Tour
October	Community Meeting
Fri. Nov 29	Lagoon Tree Lighting

## Join AHIA — Membership Form 2019

Enclosed is my check (\$35) or sent via PayPal (\$36.35) Please accept an additional donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Email address is used only for AHIA communication.

Mail this form and check to: AHIA, 6216 E. Pacific Coast Hwy - #372, Long Beach, CA 90803 OR drop it at 505 Flint Ave.

Or, pay by PayPal.com - account: [president@ahia.info](mailto:president@ahia.info) (Note: Dues are \$36.35 to include service fee)



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Under the leadership of the Board of Harbor Commissioners and Executive Director Mario Cordero the POLB is in hot pursuit of being the greenest, most modern, efficient and sustainable seaport in the world.

In addition to moving cargo, the POLB is invested in Long Beach neighborhoods. The POLB's commitment includes community outreach to support family friendly events. By example, in 2019 Alamitos Heights Improvement Association is the recipient of two community grants, or as the Port calls them Sponsorships. With your dues and the Sponsorships AHIA will fund two major neighborhood events. One is the Annual AHIA Picnic and the other is our Lagoon Tree Lighting Ceremony. The POLB Sponsorships are strong statements of support and acknowledgement that neighborhoods and building community matters. It is exciting to know AHIA's goal of building community is in line with the POLB's commitment to neighborhoods and organizations like ours.

AHIA's relationship with the POLB began in 2018 when we received our 1st Sponsorship for the Picnic. It continued when we co-sponsored a Let's Talk Port presentation where Mario Cordero rolled out the Port's Strategic Plan. And then we had our 1st neighborhood POLB Harbor Tour.

There are many ways the POLB connects with the community, including sponsored events, speakers for organizations, educational programs, internships for high school students, scholarships for local college students, and harbor cruises. To find learn more about



# Harbor Tour

## Coming this Summer—AHIA Harbor Tour

If you missed last year's Port of Long Beach-AHIA Harbor Tour, make sure you're on the AHIA email list as we are planning another one in 2019. Watch for announcements on the date and how to sign up. Priority will be given to AHIA members and their families. The Harbor Tour is a very fun way to see our Port and enjoy a couple of hours on the water with your neighbors. Refreshments will be provided by the Port of Long Beach.

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## Another Fun Filled Day by AHIA—With Chocolate

The AHIA sponsored Egg Hunt on April 20th brought out children of all ages. They found eggs, got some candy, and had a ton of fun. A big thanks to board member Richard Wherry who secured candy and decorations to make the event a huge hit.



### Join Your Neighbors for National Night Out August 6<sup>th</sup>



It's time to have some fun connecting with neighbors.

For 34 years, National Night Out (NNO) focused on increasing community safety and building a true sense of connection among neighborhoods. How does it work? It's easy. On August 7<sup>th</sup>, let your neighbors know you'll be sitting outside, or go for a walk and meet neighbors. But no need to wait for NNO, with the beautiful weather, start the ball rolling and host a gathering—build community, increase safety, and have fun too. Plan on joining in and growing your connections.

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**Building Community Together**

## **Come to the AHIA Community Meeting—May 22**



Since every day is Earth Day, AHIA will honor our Earth and discuss topics to help improve our neighborhood and protect our planet. Our evenings topics and presenters will be:

Arborist Ben Fisher of LB Holistic Tree Care will cover proper tree selection as well as strategic pruning, feeding and protection of trees. Given our drought and recent rains there are a lot of questions about tree health and care. Q and A to follow. [www.lbholistictree.com](http://www.lbholistictree.com)

Alamitos Bay based Algalita Marine Research and Education is the pioneer in the study of plastic pol-

lution and its impacts on marine life and ecosystems. Algalita's founder, Captain Charles Moore, discovered what is commonly known as the Great Pacific Garbage Patch. A representative will be discussing their work. [algalita.org](http://algalita.org) — To support their work, 'BYO' Long Beach's Julie Darrell will present some creative ways to cut down on plastic waste including package free soaps and body care products. Bring your own containers and try it out. [www.byolongbeach.com](http://www.byolongbeach.com)

**AHIA Community Meeting Details:**

May 22nd, 2019 @7 PM (doors open at 6:45)

Greek Orthodox Church 5761 E. Colorado ST.

Snacks and refreshments will be provided.

See you at this interesting & informative meeting!

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