Alamitos Heights Improvement Association

TIS THE SEASON COLORADO LAGOON TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY Friday, November 27 6:00 - 7:30PM

oin your neighbors for the Colorado Lagoon Tree Lighting Ceremony. It's an Alamitos Heights tradition you don't want to miss. Bring your friends and family to celebrate the start of the holiday season. Friends of Choral Music will entertain us by performing holiday carols dressed in Dickens' style beginning at 6:00PM. Be there by 6:30 to join in the countdown to light the Lagoon Christmas trees. Station 14 will deliver Santa by fire engine and children (of all ages) can visit Santa and our fire local fighters.

AHIA will sweeten the entire evening with cookies and candy canes. Polly's Coffee generously provides hot cocoa. Want to be part of the fur—we need volunteers. Please contact: events@alfia.info.

AHIA Decorates at Bembridge House

In keeping in the holiday spirit, for the first time AHIA volunteers will decorate a space in the historic Bembridge House. Each room is decorated by a different neighborhood association to support the Bembridge Annual Holiday Tour. The Bembridge House (1906) is a magnificent and ornate example of late Queen Anne Victorian architecture, exemplifying the finest accomplishments of turn-of-the-century architectural designers and craftsmen. The Bembridge House is an important example of this architectural style in Long Beach today. Step back in time and tour this grand old dame decked out in holiday splendor. Holiday tours start on December 5th. For more information, visit http://www.lbheritage.org or call 562 -493-7019 for a reservation

2015-2016 AHIA Board

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Volunteers Welcome & Needed—events@ahia.info

President's Message

The AHIA Board is dedicated to providing opportunities to bring our community together and build stronger connections. It's with pleasure I took office as AHIA President this year. I have the opportunity to work with a great Board, each member committed to Alamitos Heights. We are grateful to Roberta Smith for three consecutive years of leadership as President. We appreciate Damian Medina, Annemarie Sauer-Hale, and Bill Thomas's continued service to AHIA. Welcome to new Board members Holland Brown, Kim Garvey, Loretta Hawley and Erica Robinett. Special thanks go to our outgoing Board members Tanya Wannamaker, Yesmean Rihbany, Chris York and Annette Dhein for their hard work and dedication, past and present. By the time you read this, Mayor Garcia will have addressed AHIA members at our October 26 Community Meeting. And, we want you input on future meetings. Our Colorado Lagoon Tree Lighting event is fast approaching and we look forward to seeing you there, at the AHIA Summer Picnic, and at the AHIA Summer Concerts. Safety is important, and we are working to build an even stronger Community Watch program this year. We can't do any of this without your support, so please join in on our 2016 membership drive and send your check in today. See you around the

> neighborhood, Gary Morrison

Staying in Touch



Communication is at the heart of a community, and we have many ways to stay connected. Here are the different options, you take advantage of.

Email Blast: AHIA wants to

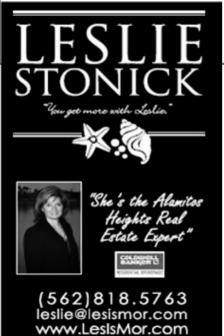
provide timely communication. Every 4-6 weeks you can receive an email covering up-to-date information. If you know of friends and neighbors who are not receiving emails, encourage them to get on the distribution list by sending their email address to Damian Medina - ahiatreasurer2012@gmail.com. Don't miss out on what's happening in your community and city.

Hard Copy Newsletter: All residents receive a hard copy newsletter twice a year focusing on events.

Website: Check out our web site for information, resources, calendar of events, past newsletters, photos of past events, and much more. www.ahia.info

Nextdoor.com: If you haven't joined nextdoor.com, do it today. It's free. It is a website dedicated to connecting communities. You'll be connected to other AH residents allowing you get news updates, share resources, ask for help, advertise goods for sale, and learn about

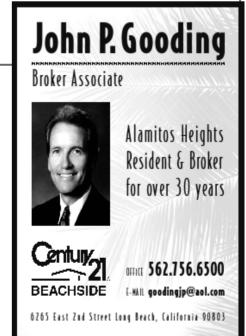
events.



Website Support Needed

Do you have website expertise? Are you interested in helping AHIA with their website?

If you would like to learn more and share your expertise, please contact Yesmean Rihbany, Communications Chairperson, ahianews@outlook.com. We are looking for volunteers to help with website updates and design.



Be an AHIA Member—Join Today

2016 Membership Drive is On

AHIA exists to support our community, providing Alamitos Heights with special events, Community Watch, AHIA Community Meetings, the Annual Picnic, Fun Run, Lagoon Tree Lighting, extra summer concerts, the website, and newsletter. All for only \$30 per household. Please send in your 2016 dues today with the information sheet below. It's also available on the AHIA website: www.AHIA.info

Alamitos Heights Improvement Association (AHIA) - 2016 Membership Form

Enclosed is my check for \$30.00Please contact me about how to go	Please accept an additional donation of \$ et more involved in AHIA
Name:	
Address:	
Fmail:	Phone:

Important: provide an email address to receive up to date AHIA news, events, safety, and meeting information! It will only be used for AHIA communication.

How would you prefer to receive AHIA's biannual newsletter?
Email - Full Color version or Postal Mail - Hardcopy B&W version

Return this form and your check to:
AHIA, PO Box 14571, Long Beach, CA 90853 or drop it off at 387 Manila



Holiday Decorating Contest

Join the Alamitos Heights neighborhood for our annual 2015 Holiday Home Decorating Contest. Every house is eligible. All you have to do is decorate! No entry form needed. The judges will be out the third week of December and leave a sign in the winners' front yards. It's a fun surprise to come home and see that you have won! Categories are: Best Use of

Lights, Originality, Humor, Best Yard Display, and Most Traditional Use of Lights. If you want to make sure we see your house or need additional information, please email the head elf at califciceris@gmail.com.





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AHIA EVENTS —2016

January

Membership Drive

Community Meeting Membership Drive **February** Community Meeting April May AHIA Community Yard Sale June Annual Picnic & Fun Run **Board Elections** Extended AHIA Summer August Concerts September New Board Takes Office October Community Meeting Lagoon Tree Lighting November December **Holiday Decorating**

*≫*Local Harvest*≪*

Certified

Farmers' Market

Every Wednesday from 3 p.m. - 7 p.m. Marine Stadium Appian Way and Nieto Ave



-Farm fresh fruits and vegetables-

pure raw honey – free range eggs – dried fruits – nuts baked goods – specialty foods – flavored kettle corn fresh field cut flowers – handmade & unique items

Enjoy a variety of hot, fresh food made to order In our Food Court Lee Ostendorf 562-449-9299

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