

# Alamitos Heights



## Join Your Neighbors June 12th for the Annual AHIA Community Picnic

It's back and more fun than ever. Our annual AHIA picnic, for all of our 800+ Alamitos Heights residents, is just around the corner. Join us for an energy-filled afternoon with family, friends and neighbors, old and new.

The picnic will be at Alamitos Heights Park by the Colorado Lagoon between Colorado and Vermont on Orlena Street from 12:00 - 4:00pm on June 12th.

All food and activities are FREE to AHIA members who have paid their 2016 dues. You will be able to pay your \$30 dues at the picnic check-in booth. For non-members and guests, the cost is \$10/person.

There will be a delicious BBQ, soft drinks, shaved ice, fun music, face painting, balloon figure souvenirs, laser tag, contests, and games for kids and adults. And, lots of raffles with a chance to win gift cards and other great prizes. Each family receives a free raffle ticket and a chance to win.

And bring your checkbooks, because this year we'll hold our first Art & Craft Sale at the picnic. AHIA residents or their relatives are welcome to share and sell they fine wares. Space is limited, so contacts us today.



## Perfect Rockin' Summer Evening - Jumping Jack Flash Concert Aug 18



Once again, AHIA is bringing back the wildly successful Jumping Jack

Flash, Rolling Stones tribute band. Last year's concert gave us an unforgettable evening of entertainment. So grab you blanket, picnic, dancing shoes and join us. And, don't forget to bring your friends. You're not going to want to miss this.

**AHIA Sponsored Summer Concert, Marine Stadium:  
August 18, 6:30-8 p.m.**

## Treasure Hunt Time - Community Yard Sale is Back May 21!



Need to make more space in your home? Enjoy finding hidden treasures? Let's have a yard sale! On **May 21**, join in the Alamitos Heights-wide Community Yard Sale. It's a great opportunity to clear some space in your home and make some extra money.

AHIA will be advertising and posting signs. What do you have to do? Aside from gathering your sale items, don't forget to apply for a yard sale permit from the City. Check their website for details. You're address is also be listed on their website, so even more publicity for your sale.

### President's Message

Personal safety, property safety, and traffic safety are common topics AH residents talk about with increased awareness. You and I can have a positive impact on each of them. I suggest we ask ourselves the following, "what can I do" and "what can we do" to make a difference. Here are some suggestions.

- Pay attention to the transient population and strangers' in AH, and be aware of the burglaries that happen around us. Never be afraid to call 911. They are like the home shopping network with operators standing by to take your call.
- As a community, get to know our neighbors. Go for a walk, talk to people, and welcome new neighbors.
- Join AHIA – your dues support our community. Attend AHIA's community meetings and signature events.
- Join or start a community watch group on your block. Participate in National Night Out.
- Join [nextdoor.com](http://nextdoor.com) (a neighborhood website) to learn what happens in AH, and share what you know.
- Drive 25 MPH through AH and come to a complete stop at the stop signs. California Rolls are for sushi joints.

We live in a wonderful neighborhood with great people. Every time we do the small things we make a difference. As a community, we can work together to support and build awareness. I double dog dare you to Drive 25 MPH for the next 52 weeks through the streets of AH.

Gary Morrison, AHIA President

### Alamitos Heights 6 Annual 5k Run/1K Kids Fun Run



Calling all runners, joggers, walkers, and bike riders. Sunday, June 12, 2016 is this year's 5K run, and we would like to see people out on their bicycles cruising the

route. So get off the couch and join neighbors for a run/bike through our beautiful neighborhood! Jogging strollers and dogs on leashes are always welcome. The 5k route will be available on the day of the run or by email (see below). We will also have direction markers on the route. No pre-registration... just show up and be ready to run/walk/bike! The 5K run/bike starts at 9 a.m. and the 1K Kids fun run starts at 11:30 a.m. to finish before the picnic begins. Meet at the corner of Orlena and Vermont, at the northeast corner of Alamitos Heights Park or look for our running banner. We could use volunteers to help runners throughout the route with water and which way to go. If you would like to help the 5K run (8:45-10:30 a.m.) and/or the 1K Kids fun run (11:15-12 p.m.), please email:kelliahia@gmail.com for more information.

### Connecting Neighbors – August 8

National Night Out is designed to increase



safety, while bringing back a true sense of community. The purpose is to connect with neighbors, exchange ideas, and show a visible presence on the street to those looking for a target. How does it work? It's easy. On August 8<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 doing it. Be one of 16,124 communities from across the US building a strong sense of community.

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## Colorado Lagoon Restoration "Phase 2B" Update



A meeting was held on March 16, 2016 to inform the public on next steps for the restoration of the Colorado Lagoon. City of Long Beach Tidelands Division

staff provided an overview of what has been accomplished at the lagoon so far (Phase 1) and what will be done in the next phase (Phase 2B).

The Colorado Lagoon Phase 2B activities will include:

- Creating shallow subtidal and eelgrass habitat through grading and excavation (eelgrass is a marine plant which provides habitat for juvenile fish);
- Extending the footbridge to span the new subtidal area on the north shore;
- Removing the asphalt road and constructing an ADA-compliant trail beginning at 6<sup>th</sup> Street;
- Creating a bioswale (natural filtration system) between the golf course and the lagoon;
- Removing non-native trees and plants, and replacing with California native plants; and
- Installing informational kiosks, benches, and log seating.

The work is being done to create, restore, and enhance aquatic resources at the Colorado Lagoon. Part of the work is being done specifically to satisfy the regulatory compensatory mitigation requirements of the Naples seawall project and to comply with the Regional Water Board's "Total Maximum Daily Load" requirements for sediment and water quality.

City staff reported that the Phase 2B construction is planned to start in September and be completed in December 2016. The lagoon will be closed during construction and a temporary construction fence will be installed around the Lagoon. Unfortunately, for our neighborhood, this also means the Christmas trees will not be out in the Lagoon this year. AHIA is already brain storming alternative "tree lighting ceremony" ideas for this year to replace our usual post-Thanksgiving event.



## Calling AH Artists & Crafters - Join in First AHIA Art & Craft Fair

We know Alamitos

Heights has talent. This year, at our Annual Community Picnic on June 12<sup>th</sup>, we're giving our local artists an opportunity to share and sell their arts and crafts. To participate, you need to be an AHIA resident or family of an AHIA resident.

If you're interested in participating, please email [ahianews@outlook.com](mailto:ahianews@outlook.com) with your name, address, email, and your art/craft.



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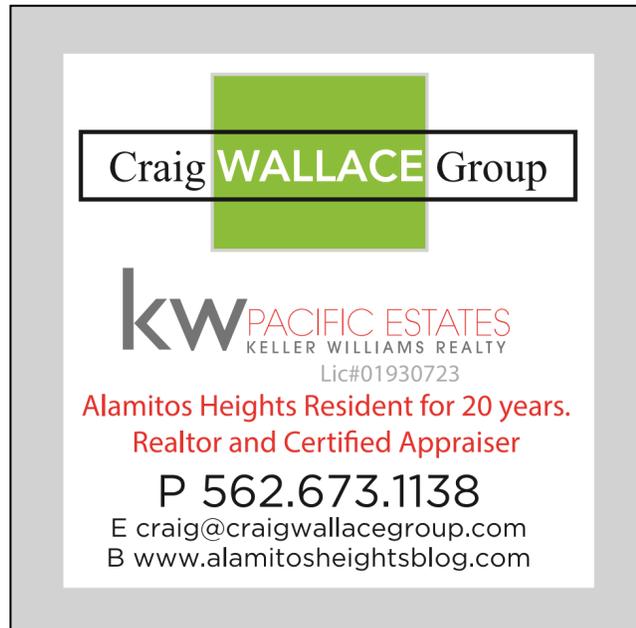


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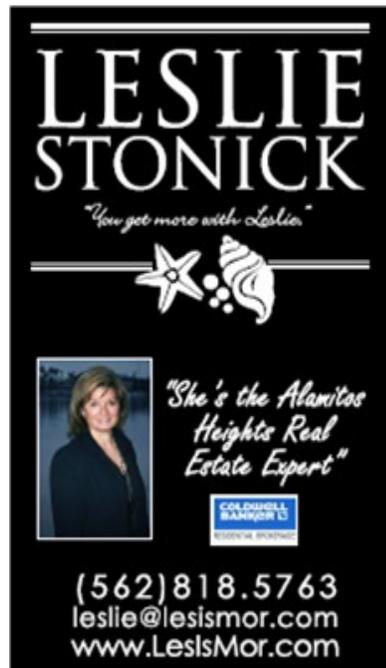
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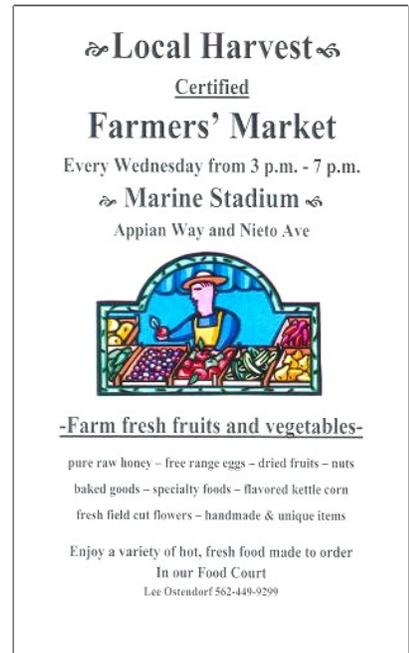
May	Community Meeting
	AHIA Community Yard Sale
June	Annual Picnic & Fun Run
	Arts & Crafts Fair
	Board Elections
August	AHIA Summer Concert
	National Night Out
September	New Board Takes Office
October	Community Meeting
November	Lagoon Tree Lighting
December	Holiday Decorating Contest
	Bembridge House Decorating



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