



# Alamitos Heights Improvement Association

## Join In The Fun on June 11<sup>th</sup> Annual AHIA Community Picnic

It's back and more fun than ever. Our annual AHIA picnic, for all 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 11th.



All food and activities are FREE to AHIA members who have paid their

2017 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, contests, and games for kids and adults. Also, lots of raffles with a chance to win gift cards and other great prizes. Each family receives a free raffle ticket.



Again this year, we'll hold our Art & Craft Sale showcasing local talent. So, bring your checkbooks and pick up a unique treasure.

### Artists and Crafters Wanted: AHIA Art & Craft Fair



We know Alamitos Heights has talent. Once again, we are having an art and craft fair at our June 11th picnic. This is an opportunity for our local artists and crafters to share their talents

and sell their works. Participation is free to AHIA members. Nonmembers and non-resident's fee will be \$35 including lunch. If you're interested in participating, please email Yesmean Rihbany at [ahianews@outlook.com](mailto:ahianews@outlook.com) with your name, address, email, and your art/craft. Space will be limited.

### Annual AHIA Community Yard Sale Coming Up May 20



Get ready for the annual 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.

For items you don't want to keep or donate, this year, there will be a no-cost dumpster available May 20 - 21 on the corner of 6th and Santiago. Details will be posted on NextDoor.com and through AHIA email News Blasts.

## President's Message

Change is good. Your AHIA Board is committed to making the changes we need to grow and improve. Alamitos Heights has a talented, hard-working Board of Directors that steps up and gets things done. Some of the changes started last year when we introduced the Art & Craft Fair at the picnic, giving our talented neighbors a chance to showcase skills and adding an extra activity. When the lagoon construction prevented our traditional Tree Lighting event, it didn't take long for the creative juices to start flowing. Alamitos Heights Park saw snow, a fabulous snow slide, and the Wilson High School Choir. There were many happy children and adults that afternoon and evening. We kicked off our Facebook page giving us another way to connect and share information. Please visit and check it out.

We've had several firsts this year. Jonathan Grenier donated his time and graphic design skills and new AHIA logo was born. Most recently, we held our first Easter Egg hunt. Gathering generous donations of candy and eggs, Richard Wherry spearheaded the event. It was a huge success. Both children and adults enjoyed a beautiful day and lots of chocolate. We also redesigned our membership drive communications with a colorful new flyer. Don't forget to pay your membership dues. That's something we don't want you to change.

What's coming up? We are rolling out AHIA t-shirts featuring our new logo. Ordering information will be coming out soon. You can proudly show off your great neighborhood. In addition to our Community Yard Sale, there will be a free dumpster that day to get rid of stuff you can't donate. We are continuing to work with LBDP's Comdr. Griffin, Councilwoman Price, and local businesses to address the impact of the homeless folks and unattended shopping carts. Your AHIA board and AHIA volunteers deserve a big tip of the hat for their effort and results. And, we can't forget the many folks who have made very generous donations so we can continue our programs and look for new ways to build a stronger community together. If you want to help us, please contact me via [president@ahia.info](mailto:president@ahia.info)

Hope to see you at our annual picnic on Sunday June 11<sup>th</sup>.

Gary Morrison,  
AHIA  
President



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## Participate in National Night Out August 8<sup>th</sup>

For 33 years, National Night Out (NNO) has been focused on increasing community safety, while bringing back a true sense of connection among neighborhoods. How does it work? It's easy. On August 1<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 and 38 million neighbors from across the US building a stronger community.

## Calling Community-Spirited Neighbors — AHIA Board Nominations

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 this information: Name, contact information, event or projects you are interested in supporting. Deadline for submission is May 31, 2017.

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 on the ballot for voting at the annual meeting held on Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> and the annual picnic.



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## 2017 AHIA Membership Drive -- AHIA Needs Your Support

Please join today. The good news is we have 165 membership renewals towards our goal of 400. We really appreciate the very generous donations from some of our long-time members. However, we need 235 members to meet our 400-member goal. With your membership, we can continue the many community AHIA activities. Now would be a great time to send in our AHIA membership dues. Thanks to everyone who has already joined.

## Colorado Lagoon Ribbon Cutting



**May 20**

The dredging and grading of the lagoon are complete and the planting of native vegetation is in process. The blue fencing and construction equipment will be removed from the site soon. A ribbon cutting celebration is planned for May 20<sup>th</sup>.

## AHIA Membership Form

- Enclosed is my check (\$30) or sent via PayPal (\$31.20)
- Please accept an additional donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Please contact me about how to get more involved in AHIA

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

\*Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Bi-annual newsletter delivery preference:** - Circle one Email-Full Color version **OR** Postal BW Mail/Hardcopy

**Mail this form and check to: AHIA, 6216 E. Pacific Coast Hwy - #372, Long Beach, CA 90803 OR drop it off at 400 Terraine Ave. Or, pay by PayPal.com - account: [president@ahia.info](mailto:president@ahia.info)** (Note: Dues are \$31.20 to include service fee)

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### Help: AHIA Website is in Need

Do you have website expertise? Could you give some time to help AHIA refreshing it's website and provide some guidance? Please contact [board@ahia.info](mailto:board@ahia.info) if you can help.



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### Creating Community Together

#### AHIA T-Shirts Coming Soon!



Check out our new logo. It will be featured on our new, official AHIA t-shirts coming your way! Featuring the newly designed AHIA logo, t-shirts will be available in men's, women's and children's sizes. Information on how to order will be available shortly. You won't want to miss out!

Join us on Facebook: Alamitos Heights Improvement Association

### AHIA EVENTS —2017

May 20	AHIA Community Yard Sale
June 11	Annual Picnic, Art Fair, Board Elections
August 1	National Night Out
August 17	AHIA Sponsored Summer Concert
September	New Board Takes Office
October	Community Meeting
Nov. 24	Lagoon Tree Lighting
December	Holiday Decorating Contest

### AHIA Sponsored Summer Concert - Blue Breeze Band



Marine Stadium Park:  
August 17 from  
6:00-8:00 p.m.

AHIA continues the tradition of extending the summer music fun by providing an additional concert. This year, bring the family and enjoy the award winning Blue Breeze Band. They will entertain us with the finest Motown, R & B, Blues, and jazz to celebrate the final days of Summer. Pack your picnic, put on your dancing shoes, and join the party.



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