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## Alamitos Heights Improvement Association



## Our Neighborhood

"It's a beautiful day in the neighborhood" quoting the opening line of TV's 'Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood'. It's true. Every day in Alamitos Heights is a beautiful day. We are surrounded by tree lined parks, the Colorado Lagoon, Marine Stadium, a world-class golf course and a community overflowing with generosity and kindness.

- A quick wave, eyes smiling – it's the neighbors that make a neighborhood special. Daily, we engage in friendship, support, camaraderie and revelry with hearty and warm-hearted conversation. We welcome you to become an AHIA Member. What membership offers:
- Community Connection: Being involved has a huge impact on our health and well-being as a community. It increases our awareness of our surroundings and improves safety for all of us.
- Volunteering: Volunteerism is a crucial element to the success of the beautification, safety, and community events. Imagine the effects if we had no-one volunteering.
- Investment: Investing time in our community brings family and friends together more frequently. AHIA Annual Picnic, Park Concerts, Wine Down Fridays and the Holiday Tree Lighting Celebration are just a sampling of how we facilitate kinship.

Offer a skill, learn something new, build friendships or simply follow your passions and join by renewing (or becoming a member). Every day is truly a beautiful day in Alamitos Heights.

**"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, what are you doing for others?" – Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

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## AHIA Membership

### Creating Community Together

The Alamitos Heights Membership Drive is on! We look forward to you joining us in 2022. Most of our events are free, making your membership very important. The \$35 dues help our community volunteers achieve a goal of **Creating Community Together**. We thank you!

#### 2021 Board of Directors:

- Paul St Bernard: President
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## Beautification Projects

The median between Manila and Bellflower has been an ongoing challenge. With significant volunteer support, we have held several major cleanup events including coordination with CCLB and LBPW. We have also completed replanting of the 6th street traffic circles and organized a campaign to replace the sick Magnolia Trees. We plan on continuing these efforts in 2022.



## Open Channel Project

The Long Beach Public Works department has been working for several months to streamline and simplify the Colorado Lagoon Project bid package, and plans to re-advertise the project for 30 days starting in early December. Assuming the project receives qualified bids, the city hopes to select a contractor and seek city council approval in early 2022. Work could begin soon after.



Project duration is estimated to be up to 24 months, but that too is negotiated with the contractor and could be 12-18 months.



All trees will be replaced by mature native trees as part of the project. This work has been approved by the Coastal Commission and is being overseen by a qualified biologist with observance of bird-nesting season.

## Wine Down Fridays



In the midst of the pandemic we shifted our Wine Down Friday format to an online wine tasting via Zoom, including a way to purchase the wines we were tasting at a great price.

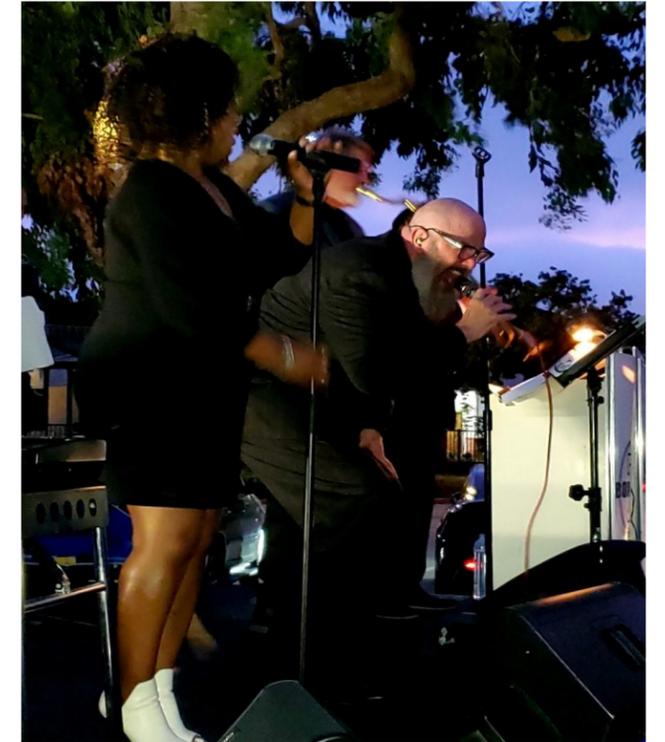
As fun and successful as that was, we were happy to return to our original front yard, in-person events this Fall. These events are BYO beverages, AHIA provides a gift card to purchase a few nibbles to serve. It's a great way to meet your neighbors. If you are interested in hosting let us know.

## Holiday Traditions

We've had to make some adaptations to our traditional tree lighting ceremony last year and this one, but we still welcomed Santa and supported the Trees in the Lagoon as we have for many years. The Tree Lighting is one of our signature events.



## Concerts in the Park



### Boxcar 7

We were able to host two Concerts in the Park this Summer. The first one in July featured The groovy sounds of Boxcar 7.



### Barefoot Rider

In September, Barefoot Rider got us on our feet dancing and singing along with the likes of The Pretenders, Badfinger and The Zombies!