



Spring 2018

# Alamitos Heights Improvement Association

## Ring In The Summer - Annual AHIA Community Picnic on June 10th



It's back and more fun than ever. Our annual AHIA picnic, for all our Alamitos Heights Improvement Association members, 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 at Colorado on Orlena Street from 12:00 - 4:00pm on June 10th. All food and activities are **FREE to AHIA members** who have paid their 2018 dues. You will be able to pay your \$35 dues at the picnic check-In booth. For non-members and guests, the cost is \$10/ person. There will be delicious food, soft drinks, shaved ice, fun music, face painting, balloon figures, 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.

### Let's Talk Port! AHIA Community Meeting



Port of  
**LONG BEACH**  
The Green Port

Thursday, May 10, 2018 at  
6:30 p.m.

Please join AHIA at our next Community Meeting. We are pleased to welcome Mario Cordero, the Executive Director, and other Port Executives of the Port of Long

Beach for an evening of Let's Talk Port! There will be an update on current and upcoming projects with the future director and zero emission solutions. There will be a 30 minute presentation followed by a Q & A time. The Port of Long Beach will be hosting food and beverages for attendees.

At the Assumption of Blessed Virgin Greek Church, 5761 E. Colorado Street, Long Beach, CA 90814.

Please **RSVP at [Letstalkport.Eventbrite.com](http://Letstalkport.Eventbrite.com)** or at (562) 283-7722 or email [jocelin.padilla@polb.com](mailto:jocelin.padilla@polb.com). Take this opportunity to gather with your neighbors and discuss the exciting updates that are happening at our legendary Long Beach Port!

### AHIA Community Yard Sale May 19



Spring  
Cleaning  
Time! The  
annual  
community

yard sale is coming up. And, everyone is welcome to participate in the AHIA sponsored event.

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

This year AHIA received a Port of Long Beach Sponsorship, or grant, for \$1000 towards our Picnic, and it represents 23% of the June 10, 2018 Picnic budget. The AHIA Neighborhood Picnic is one of our four yearly AHIA Community Meetings. It is a great social mixer with food, fun, and games. We also mix in a little business as we vote for our Board of Directors too.

At AHIA's last community meeting we hosted Community Leaders Mayor Garcia, Councilwoman Price and LBPD Commander Herzog. We also heard from Gold Flora, the new operators of the medical marijuana dispensary opening at 5630 E. PCH. It was a big meeting with a large crowd and many voices were heard.

We have made a decision to eliminate our 2018 AHIA summer concert at Marine Stadium. When AHIA started sponsoring concerts in the park, it was to fill a void left when the LB Municipal Band reduced their concert schedule due to their budget cut backs. Now that the LB Municipal Band schedule has expanded, and there is a robust summer concert series, we decided AHIA could step away from this event for now.

AHIA isn't in city governance, but we do have an opportunity to communicate with our elected representatives. Councilwoman Price is an AHIA member and lives in our neighborhood. AHIA supported the Councilwoman's Median Safety Agenda Item at City Council meetings. We look forward to seeing the new ordinance addressing pedestrians standing on medians and creating unsafe driving conditions.

In closing, there is more the AHIA Board does and there is more we could do, however, we need the participation of our neighbors who have the time, temperament, and commitment to support and enhance our founding members' goal of creating a stronger community. Please contact me at [president@ahia.info](mailto:president@ahia.info) if you would like to volunteer to support your neighborhood.

Gary Morrison, President AHIA



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# Participate in National Night Out August 7<sup>th</sup>

For 33 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 making connections.



*Alamitos Heights is Great!  
Wish you were here.  
Call now!*

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# Neighborhood Watch: Block Captains Needed!



In an effort to make Alamitos Heights a safer place to live, it would be great to exchange lists of names, contact numbers, and/or email addresses to let each other know of any suspicious activity, or if gates or garage door have been left open, or if a family pet has been found. There are a few groups in our neighborhood that are organized and have had periodic meetings.

Ideally, if we could have one Block Captain per street to coordinate this effort, it could go smoothly and quickly. As an example, there are three blocks on Terraine between Colorado and 7th Street. I created three lists (one for each block) and enlisted two other volunteers to help complete the lists. Once completed, I'll make a copy for each person on their respective block. I hope in the near future to have a Neighborhood Watch meeting. As a Block Captain, you can decide to do what you feel is best for your street. Creating this list is a small step, but an important one. If you are interested in becoming a Block Captain, I'd be happy to generate a template for you of your block(s) with the addresses or help you with anything else to get your group started. Please contact Roberta Smith, at [roberta001@verizon.net](mailto:roberta001@verizon.net).

## Your AHIA Membership Matters



AHIA just completed the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of our 2018 fiscal year. We are grateful for our members who have generously contributed above and beyond the standard membership dues. We have received \$885 in donations so far.

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As of 4/21 our membership total is 245 households. 28% of the 878 households in Alamitos Heights. Our 2017 membership total was 327 households. As of 4/21 we are 77 members shy of our 2017's membership totals.

Your membership matters to AHIA. Your dues and donations are put to work to add value to our community. For example, the June AHIA picnic is funded by 129 memberships. The November Lagoon Tree Lighting Event is funded by 78 memberships, and AHIA's Communications budget needs 75 members' dues. That means need 282 dues members to break even on three budget items. We are 37 members short. And, this just a part of the AHIA's total budget.

The goal of this article is to let our Alamitos Heights neighbors know we value and appreciate them and need your support by joining AHIA.

AHIA's events are unique among Long Beach's neighborhood associations. We need your membership to fully fund the AHIA events as we continue to build a stronger community. Please join your 245 Alamitos Heights Neighbors and join today. Thank you.

## Calling Community-Spirited Neighbors — 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 this information: 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 on the ballot for voting at the annual meeting held on Sunday, June 10th at the annual picnic.



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## Join AHIA — Membership Form 2018

Enclosed is my check (\$35) or sent via PayPal (\$36.20) Please accept an additional donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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 off at 400 Terraine Ave. Or, pay by PayPal.com - account: [president@ahia.info](mailto:president@ahia.info) (Note: Dues are \$36.20 to include service fee)



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**www.AHIA.info**

**Building Community Together**

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**AHIA EVENTS —2018**

<b>Thur. May 10</b>	<b>Community Meeting</b>
<b>Sat. May 19</b>	<b>Community Yard Sale</b>
<b>Sun. June 10</b>	<b>AHIA Community Picnic/Fun Run; Board Elections/Art &amp; Craft Fair</b>
<b>October</b>	<b>Community Meeting</b>
<b>Fri. Nov 23</b>	<b>Lagoon Tree Lighting</b>



**AHIA Art & Craft Fair**  
**Artists & Crafters Wanted**

We know Alamitos Heights has talent. Once again, we are having an art and craft fair at our June 10th 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 is \$40 including lunch. If you’re interested in participating, please email Yesmean Rihbany at [rihbany@outlook.com](mailto:rihbany@outlook.com) with your name, email, and your art/craft. Space is limited.



**Our Own Little Free Library**

If you haven’t noticed, there is a new Little Free Library at the corner of 4<sup>th</sup> and Los Altos. Alamitos Heights owes a big thanks to Holland and Nick Brown for bringing this great addi-

tion to our neighborhood. It’s even solar powered, thanks to Nick’s expertise.

Please feel free to browse, select a book to read, and donate books you are ready to share with others. Little Free Libraries are popping up all around the world to help improve access to books for all.

Thank you Holland and Nick!



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