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NEWSLETTER

FOR A BEAUTIFUL, CLEAN AND SAFE PLAYA GRANDE

Asociación Playa Grande Sostenible is a non-profit organization founded to improve, protect and unite the Playa Grande Community

Our mission is to promote a balance between coastal development, human well-being and environmental conservation.

The initiatives we coordinate range from environmental education, to living responsibly within a National Park, to strategies that help keep our town safe.

Our board of directors, our administration department and our committees are made up of community members who, because of their love for Playa Grande, are dedicated to coordinating community efforts and demonstrating their sustainability.



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1% COMMUNITY FUND PUSH



Our kind neighbor, Michael Schatz, has volunteered to take on the role as the 1% Community Fund Ambassador. He is reaching out to local and international business owners that have property in Playa Grande to join this fundraising strategy for community initiatives and environmental protection of the Baulas National Park buffer zones.

The main idea behind 1% is to minimize local donor fatigue by giving clients and visitors the opportunity to contribute to optimize their footprint. This fund is open to businesses abroad and can serve as a source of responsible marketing as well. It entails adding a 1% "tax" to the market price of your product or service.

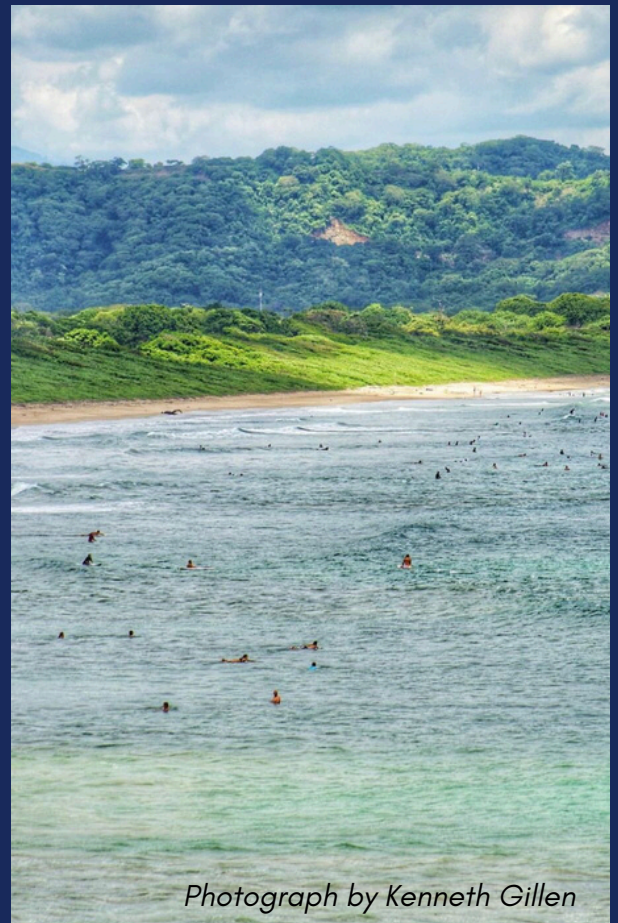
For more information email info@playagrande.org and for our list of members visit: <https://www.playagrande.org/en/negocios>

GREEN CURTAIN PROJECT

The protection of the PG Green Curtain is something close to our hearts since before the foundation of APGS a couple years back.

It has been on the "back burner" because we wanted ADE (Asociación de Desarrollo Específica para la Conservación del Medio Ambiente de Playa Grande) to be formally registered. Nonetheless, we will collaborate as well with SINAC, Mi Bosque, Costas Verdes and others who are passionate about protecting PG's coastal "face". Due to the potential development bordering this area specifically it is necessary to be proactive, educate and do what we can to keep this strip of public land intact. It is a highly valuable biological corridor and ecosystem in the world of flora and fauna.

We are looking for 13k to set a 4km fence line with signage to physically show the Park's boundaries.



Photograph by Kenneth Gillen

PG RECYCLING TRANSFER CENTER

This project is a collaboration between ADE PG, The Clean Wave, CR Makes Me Happy, & APGS. Thanks to Alan, Sara, Henry, Bella, Zohan and Nadia for painting the container and the dedicated project organizing volunteers: Nova, Christian, Gineth, Rodrigo, Andres, Paola, Maria Lurdes and a SPECIAL THANK YOU to Nadia who has been the guiding light every step of the way to make sure this project and so many others become a reality 🙏

¿Cómo funciona el Centro de Acopio? How does the Collection Center work?

- 1. Consiga las bolsas naranja en Matos Surf Shop en \$1.13.**
Get the orange bags at Matos Surf Shop for \$1.13.






- 2. Separe limpios y secos en bolsas: Transparente: Envases reciclables. Naranja: Otros plásticos.**
Separated, clean and dry in bags: Transparent: Recyclable containers. Orange: All other plastics.

- 3. Disponga Martes y Jueves 9 am - 12 pm en el Centro de Acopio.**
Dispose Tuesdays and Thursdays 9 am - 12 md at the Collection Center.


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¿Cómo separar los desechos? How to sort the waste?

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- \$1.13**
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|---|--|---|--|
| Plásticos PET
PET Plastics | Aluminio
Aluminum | Vidrio
Glass | Otros plásticos
Other plastics |
|  |  |  | |
| Cartón
Cardboard | Tetra Pak
Tetra Pak |  | |
- TODO LIMPIO Y SECO ALL CLEAN AND DRY**

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PG SCHOOL SUPPORT

We continue to support several school needs. Funds are being used for general infrastructure maintenance and we are saving funds to install a specific drop off and pick up area to keep kids safe during these periods. This will be a large investment as there will be land movement and re-location of the current parking area.

We continue to collaborate with CEPIA on the hire of the extra teacher and the children's clubs such as English, Swimming and Girls club.

Thanks Solo Good landscaping for keeping the outside areas clean and safe. Thank you to all the volunteers that helped us paint inside the classrooms and to our generous neighbors who continue to donate funds so that we can keep implementing changes for the students to have a better quality learning experience all around.

Also, thank you to our committee leaders Bettina, Jodi and Silvia who have spent hundreds of hours volunteering their time and energy to this cause.



CHILDREN'S PARK

We are all looking forward to the Children's Park becoming a reality and we are very close. The fundraising stage began at the end of March. With enough funding, the project will be complete by the end of this year. With all the permits and permissions signed, sealed, and delivered, there is nothing that can get in our way. Kudos to this committee for all the years facing bureaucratic obstacles and transcending them: Matthew, Federico, Pablo, Felipe, Alex, Jake, Mariana and the whole crew involved.

The goal is to raise \$120,000 by the end of July. Due to the incredible benefits that a park presents to the community, we are sure that with your support, we will reach our goal and surpass it. We want to make this fundraising campaign a worldwide event, and in doing so, we need your help in raising the necessary funds.

Share this link with your family and friends and stress to them the importance for healthy child development that comes from playing in parks. It defines the whole story and gives numerous ways to donate.

Remember to type "PARK" in the message.

Either one of these links will allow your donations to arrive to fund the park:

<https://givebutter.com/ccxWaJ>

<https://www.playagrande.org/elparquedeni%C3%B1osyni%C3%B1as>



PG CENTER PRIVATE SECURITY

Foremost, THANK YOU to such a great team of volunteers in our present day security committee! Fede, John, Mike, Brendan, Maria Paz and Melissa were key to lifting this program back up after some bumps we had with a less pricey hire due to lack of funding. Price compromised quality and we appreciate all of your neighborly patience as we went through that rough patch in January. In February we hired GrCoe with 2 night time patrollers:

One patroller 5pm - 5am

Second patroller 8pm - 4am

Monthly price 3,500,000 colones + IVA.

This is the company that ADI Tamarindo has been contracting for 5+ years. They have 14+ years experience in private security and the most experience in the area in regards to community patrolling.

They have more efficient internal strategies and measures, are in communication with the public police force, have a strong presence, monitor the SoSafe App communication, are proactive and go the extra mile by not only following through with crime procedures but also map out crime patterns to pin down root causes. We reached our goal to keep 2 nighttime patrollers until September. If more funds come in we can roll them into the next round or hire a daytime patroller when needed if cost permits. To hire a day time patroller for 6 months we would need to raise another 20k.

Thanks to all of you neighbors who support this service by contributing to its cost and who helped us collect along the way.



ROAD SAFETY UPDATE

We had our meeting with MOPT this month. Highly productive and we have a great team: Anne, Fernando, Steven, Leandro, Oscar and Melina.

OBJECTIVES ACHIEVED:

- We established a face-to-face relationship with CopeGuanacaste and MOPT in collaboration with ADE Ambiente PG and the ASADA of PG.
- MOPT was impressed with our organization as a community and goal oriented strategies.
- We presented the problem, the need and possible solutions (including the study developed by the UCR Engineering department).

NEXT STEPS:

- Review in more detail the study of the UCR - guided with laws and with Leandro's perspective as an engineer - to see if there is a pre-design or guidelines that we can take into account.
- MOPT will analyze the study as well.
- MOPT: will consult with CONAVI about the right of the road (private property line vrs public road line) from the main beach entrance to Pots & Bowls.
- MOPT: will put us in touch with CONAVI.
- We will maintain a relationship with COPE in case some posts need to be relocated.
- In the design also take into account drainage of river water and water pipes: ASADA and AyA.



EPILOGUE

We've all witnessed and supported many other community initiatives, beach, road-side and river clean ups in the past couple of months organized by individuals with a passion for keeping our town and oceans clean. Gratitude fills our hearts each time we see people volunteering their most valuable asset (time) to minimize our human "footprint". Thank you Stuart, Paola, Christian, Nova, Nadia, Andres, Alfredo, Ema, Jose Pablo, Allan, our lifeguard volunteers, students from all the schools, Reserva Conchal staff and so many more caring neighbors that are ready to be hands on the ground to show their support. We are truly blessed to live in connection in such a spectacular place on Earth!

RELEVANT LINKS THAT HAVE BEEN SHARED

APGS History- How, why, who, when, where:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/123p-Bqw0mamTqVoSusqAwiQHjicBz4ecNAyPX1r7-Zg/edit>

Important phone numbers:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1-D4Xk3jMd8qzj7kdHozq48uLvgtNcTdJbIT3n27ZZyw/edit>

PG initiatives and organizations to donate to, to keep PG beautiful, clean and safe:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1g6Ej8AUQHh3O2LNYYIZsdmEoiz88P2hesxmzLB-vKQs/edit>

PG Private security support service details:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/10Ejfv1uvF-7ar81bFcvdIXjhQLWM6tKN88wPk34L9hE/edit>

Weekly security incident reports:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1vWbc3m4-ig0i3TI2X54ybgB7PWGY4utzV6xTE6AW-vk/edit>

PG Group chats & admins:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/10aE_sa1cZgh39sZnGYyw9ZmQ78Chgrupwu7URlXpRFQ/edit

