



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.



NATIONAL SECURITY

3rd MEETING OF NATIONAL SECURITY STRATEGIES

- Command and Control Center (CMC) communications Integrated Closed Circuit Television (CCTVI), Intelligence collaborated by Municipalities, Communal Organizations, Cope Guanacaste, Public Police Force, OIJ, Embassies, others. The monitoring center of the province of Guanacaste will be in Santa Cruz. Cost at a national level: \$7.5 million (\$5 million will come from USA).
- Preventive programs- Sembremos Seguridad (Fuerza Publica CIR SOCIAL coordinating with IMAS, PANI, ICD, IAFA, MEP, Health, others)

PROCESS:

- COPE has land, licenses and technology, plans of the monitoring center's infrastructure that will be ready this coming year.
- Governance- COPE handles the profiles of the monitoring OIJ officers and protocol to prevent and detect infiltrations between them- via 911 communication is given to the rest of the official security bodies.
- Motorcycles are missing for the tactical force (patrollers). It will be necessary to connect the national security forces with the private security forces in each sector. The issue of privacy is a legal obstacle because it is illegal to use facial images of cameras for complaints.

UPDATE:

- Costa Rica is very backward in C2 issues (The Command and Control Centers are the regional stations in charge of monitoring video surveillance cameras)
- Investment in servers and licenses- legal (300k)
- They work on the design so that in the future they can connect to the USA
- Cameras will help establish routes to see where more patrol cars are required

LOCAL SECURITY

The APGS Security Committee is actively looking for volunteers to join the committee. Please email info@playagrande.org if interested.

The committee decided to switch security companies due to:

- ALTATEC was not staying on top of their patrollers and we have been telling them for months that there were sometimes 6-8 hour gaps of them not covering their routes at night.

- We couldn't afford Altatec's price. **We are still 6k away from our goal to the 6 month quote. Please contribute to this service if you have not yet.**

- Ventanas de PG also did not renew with ALTATEC.

The new company - Pacific Security patrol on motorcycles and in a white car. We have shared the new phone number in case of needing immediate assistance by email to the neighbors who have contributed to the payment of this service. If you contributed and did not receive the email, please write to info@playagrande.org.

The number of the previous company - Altatec - will no longer be used.

Note that these authorities and neighboring communities are actively using the **SoSafe app** we shared with you all last year. Lets each make sure we are taking some time to learn how to use this app effectively.

Sign up to the App: <https://links.sosafeapp.com/eBY8>

Then join our community group:

¡Hola! Únete a mi grupo SOSAFE llamado Comunidad de Playa Grande. Solo toca este enlace <https://links.sosafeapp.com/FsI9EV8bRR1IXt4s8>

For more information about the PG private security collection process go to:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/150pCZxB1wk725udYwVs84MKSDb3koJEXt2oEJhLUMc8/edit>



REGIONAL COMMUNITY EFFORTS

Coastal Union: The leaders of the ADI's and coastal associations of Avellanas, San Jose de Pinilla, Tamarindo, Playa Grande, Brasilito, Flamingo, Potrero and Costa Rica Regenerative have been meeting monthly and preparing our union with a single

MISSION: To represent together the strength of the coastal union, to ensure the common well-being and interests, representing before public and private, national and international authorities.

In January- united we will present to the municipal council what we require in terms of security, mobility infrastructure, environmental support, waste management and more.



LOCAL COMMUNITY EFFORTS

DONATE HERE:



KEEP PLAYA GRANDE
BEAUTIFUL, CLEAN & SAFE

POR UNA PLAYA GRANDE
BELLA, LIMPIA Y SEGURA

Please send confirmation email for all donations to
info@playagrande.org



NGOs UNITED

We have met with all the local non profit organizations and have come together to fundraise through a QR coded poster so that you can please print and place in your businesses and airbnbs to help the different non-profit organizations with initiatives in Playa Grande to raise funds from the people who visit us. We ask for your support please in printing and placing the image in your businesses so that the full weight of fundraising does not fall only on the residents.

In this link below you can see the information reflected by the QR code:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1g6Fj8AUQHh3Q2LNYYIZsdmEoiz88P2hesxmzIB-vKOs/edit>

Email info@playagrande.org if you would like to receive the poster to display it.

In the future we can load up this news letter with updates from our fellow NGOs as well.

PG RESILIENTE (THE CLEAN WAVE & SALVEMONOS)



In October we raised the money to make the 20 monkey bridges needed in Playa Grande according to the SALVEMONOS study executed in June.

Thank you for your support with this cause! We are still looking to raise 5k for the yearly maintenance of these bridges.

APGS EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Playa Grande school committee has continued to work hard to fix and improve the school. Current projects include building a wall to keep the children safe and installing a new soccer field (projected to be complete in 2 weeks). We've recently replaced gutters, fixed leaky classrooms, and purchased and installed air conditioning and new fans in the classrooms. The new teacher that was hired has been providing much needed support and is a huge asset (there had previously been only one teacher for all 30 students)!

Moving forward, we are looking to make further improvements to classrooms, kitchen and school yard. We plan to add solar panels to the school, a new vegetable garden, and move the existing parking area from the front of the school where children play to behind the school. We'd like to update our school library with new/used books in English and Spanish for grades K-6. Finally, with the help of CEPIA, a new series of fun and educational field trips have been planned as well as the launch of a new English language club, swim lessons and music club for all Playa Grande School students. This has all happened as a result of your donations. **Thank you!**



ROAD SAFETY

In January we will have our first meeting with the Ministry of Public Transportation to start a conversation on collaborating to build sidewalks in town and bike paths to Matapalo.

Please note that it is illegal to put commercial signs on the side of the roads. MOPT will take them down and confiscate them. Signs on the road don't only take away from the beautiful scenery that surrounds us but they block visibility when driving they distract drivers and when one is up they multiply quickly. Let's work together to keep our town free of billboards and "in your face" advertisements.

We will be working on a PG map and a wooden uniform signage system with the ADE Ambiente de Playa Grande for those business owners in need to reflect the existence or location of their establishment.

For more information on APGS please visit our website www.playagrande.org
You can view our financial reports at: <https://www.playagrande.org/en/copy-of-boletin-informativo>

We wish you all

HAPPY
Holidays