



NEWSLETTER

FOR A BEAUTIFUL, CLEAN, AND SAFE PLAYA GRANDE

Asociación Playa Grande Sostenible is a nonprofit 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 responsible living within a National Park, as well as strategies that help keep our town safe.

The board of directors and the committees are made up of volunteer community members who, out of their love for Playa Grande, dedicate themselves to coordinating community efforts and demonstrating their commitment to sustainability.

Meet our Board of directors:

<https://www.playagrande.org/en/quienes-somos>

We invite you to take a moment to learn about the nonprofit organizations that support the social and environmental well-being of our town:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1g6Fj8AUQHh3Q2LNYYIZsdmEoiz88P2hesxmzIB-vKQs/edit?usp=drivesdk>



If you are not part of the Playa Grande community WhatsApp chat and you own property or live in PG, please write to info@playagrande.org so you can be added and stay informed.

Below, we share an overview of what has taken place through the Asociación Playa Grande Sostenible since April 2026.

COUNTY ZONING

Departamento de Planificación Urbana
PROYECTO PLAN REGULADOR TERRITORIAL Y COSTERO
La Municipalidad de Santa Cruz informa:
Talleres Participativos del Plan Regulador Territorial y Costero de Santa Cruz
CRONOGRAMA DE LA SEGUNDA JORNADA DE TALLERES PARTICIPATIVOS — ABRIL 2026

#	Taller / Distrito	Lugar Taller	Fecha Taller	Hora
1	Paraiso (Venezuela de Abril)	Salón comunal Paraiso	Lunes 13 de abril	5:00 p.m.
2	Ventisiete de Abril	Salón comunal 27 de Abril	Martes 14 de abril	5:00 p.m.
3	Cajigüel (Marbella)	Salón comunal de Marbella	Miércoles 15 de abril	5:00 p.m.
4	ZMT Marbella (San Juanillo)	Escuela San Juanillo	Jueves 16 de abril	5:00 p.m.
5	Santa Cruz (Buenos Aires)	Salón Comunal de Buenos Aires	Viernes 17 de abril	6:00 p.m.
6	Dirlá (Santa Bárbara)	Escuela de Santa Bárbara	Sábado 18 de abril	10:00 a.m.
7	Ibocón	Salón comunal Ortega	Sábado 18 de abril	2:30 p.m.
8	Tempate (Potrero)	Salón comunal Tempate	Lunes 20 de abril	5:00 p.m.
9	ZMT Tempate	Salón comunal Potrero	Martes 21 de abril	5:00 p.m.
10	Cartagena	Centro catequético	Miércoles 22 de abril	5:00 p.m.
11	ZMT Tamarindo	Catequesis Villarreal	Jueves 23 de abril	5:00 p.m.
12	Tamarindo (Villarreal)	Catequesis Villarreal	Viernes 24 de abril	5:00 p.m.
13	Cabo Velas	Salón comunal Matapalo	Sábado 25 de abril	10:00 a.m.

La programación se organiza en tres sectores para facilitar la participación. ¡Tu voz cuenta!

¿Quién puede asistir?
 Cualquier persona puede participar, sin importar en qué comunidad viva.

¿Cómo funcionan?
 Los talleres se organizan por distrito y abordan temas propios de cada territorio, considerando las necesidades y aportes de sus comunidades.

Rotación de sedes
 Los talleres se realizan en distintas comunidades del distrito a lo largo del proceso del plan, facilitando la participación de todas.

In April neighbors and members of the APGS board of directors attended workshops coordinated by the Santa Cruz Municipality regarding the zoning plans for the county. No further advancement has been taken into action.



PG EMERGENCY PLAN COMMITTEE

As of June 16, our community has an established Comité Comunal de Emergencias to better liaise with the National and Regional Emergency Committee agencies. The committee, made up of community volunteers in its entirety, will work towards mapping local risk, identifying vulnerable demographics in our community and, eventually, developing an emergency plan for Playa Grande to help us better navigate community-wide emergencies ranging from tsunamis and flooding to droughts and earthquakes. This will involve a substantial amount of work and will be developed in stages. If you are interested in contributing to these efforts please reach out to info@playagrande.org.



MEMBERS OF THE PLAYA GRANDE EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

Julianne Baker Gallegos, Vanessa Bennett, Maria Cristina Gil Ortiz, Monica Morett, Laura Anna Luisa, Christian Diaz, Mauricio Luna Rodriguez, Kathleen Dow, Lisa Sweetman, Paola Ramirez, Brooks Wilson, Bettina del Rio

NATIONAL EARTHQUAKE DRILL



Costa Rica's 8th National Earthquake Drill took place, Wednesday, August 12 at 10:00 a.m., organized by the National Emergency Commission (CNE).

With recent earthquakes affecting other areas along the Ring of Fire closer to our region, this is a good reminder that earthquakes are part of the reality of living here — and that being prepared matters.

We encourage every household in our community to participate in the National Earthquake drills that take place. Use the drill to make sure everyone in your home knows what to do during an earthquake, where to shelter, and how you would evacuate safely if needed.

How to participate:

- Download the mobile app (OVISCORI - UNA) to register and report evacuation or shelter-in-place.

A few minutes of preparation now can make a big difference in a real emergency. Please participate and help us keep our community prepared.

DAMAGED BUS STOP



APGS followed through with CoopeGuanacaste to remove the abandoned bus stop by the main beach access. The roof was caving in making it a hazardous structure.



PG SCHOOL SUPPORT

We begin by thanking the principal and the school staff who have opened the doors to receive support from the community in such an available and graceful way.

Thank you to the Education Committee (**Jodi Gallant, Bettina del Rio, Paola Ramírez, Stuart Sheldon and Tania Montenegro**) for being dedicated and committed advocates for the improvement of the school grounds for the children. The Playa Grande Public School needs a lot of community support. Since it is in an area so far from the capital, the resources provided by the Ministry of Education are scarce. Please, take a moment to watch our video:

<https://www.playagrande.org/apoyoalaescuelap%C3%BAblica>



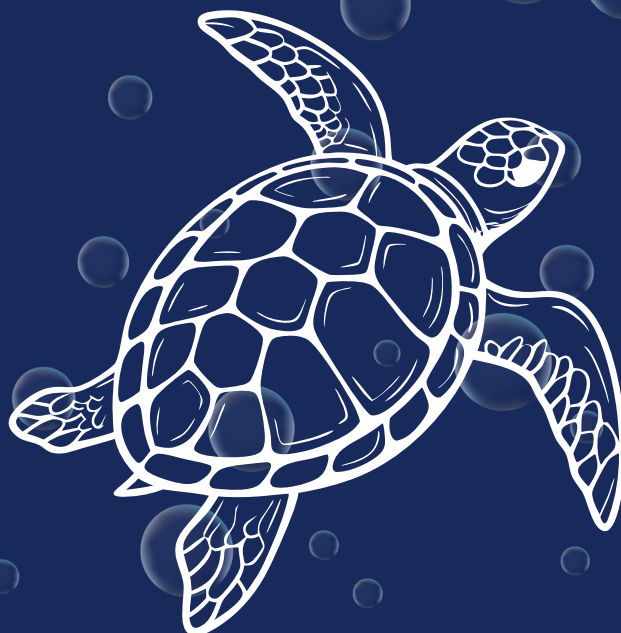
We are incredibly grateful for the generosity and support of our community, which made it possible to complete several important improvements to our school. One of the most impactful this season was replacing the fans in all the classrooms. A School Parents Committee has been formed. We are navigating the distribution of tasks to ensure that the school's student and staff urgent needs are met.

Jodi is looking for more people that would like to join the Reading Club to read one on one with the students. This is an experience that continues to inspire a love of reading and connection. If you would like to be part of this meaningful program, they would love to have you join (Jodi's contact below).

A warm thank you to **Keith Clower** with **Grande Vacation Rentals** and his generous team for keeping the school's green area clean and beautiful.

Thank you to all our generous donors and extracurricular activities coordinators (**CEPIA, Javier de Mezerville, David Gothram, Paola Ramirez, Barrieto Jiu Jitsu, Melanie and Gordon**) for your continued support. We are always looking for additional volunteers and funds to help maintain the school and support programs for the children.

To get involved, please contact Jodi Gallant: **gallant.jodie@gmail.com**.



COMMUNITY SECURITY PROGRAM



September 1st we start collecting for ROUND #10 of our community security program that will run from October 1, 2026 to March 30th, 2027.

Please reach out to info@playagrande.org to make sure you get informed and send in your contribution.



MISSION OF THE APGS SECURITY COMMITTEE

To ensure the safety and well-being of the residents of our community through the implementation and management of a proactive, transparent, and effective security program. We are dedicated to coordinating efforts with security providers, fostering open communication, and collaborating on the creation of strategies that protect the property and integrity of each member, maintaining a safe and reliable residential environment.

GENERAL OBJECTIVES OF THE COMMITTEE

- **Prevention** – We work to make Playa Grande less attractive to crime. SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES: Maintenance of public lighting with CoopeGTE, continued patrolling, encouraging community collaboration in spreading messages, and expanding visibility through community cameras.
- **Real-Time Response** – Provide personalized attention within the first 5 minutes of receiving an emergency call. SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES: Maintaining the patrol project with the company GRCOE, raising funds among neighbors to sustain the cost of this project, using the map of contributing neighbors to effectively locate their homes, and following protocols for new patrol officers.
- **Reporting** – Create mechanisms to report incidents and spread alerts among neighbors. SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES: Enabling the management of incident information between contributing neighbors and GRCOE through a WhatsApp group and SoSafe, facilitating the online reporting process, sending and analyzing incident reports from affected neighbors via Google Forms, and formulating community safety surveys to get neighbors' opinions.

The committee has supported us all with security bulletins, integrated communication with the CR Police Force, protocols and safety tips that we continue to organize. Thanks to our committee of volunteers: **Moises, Maria Paz and Jake!**

We have been gathering with leading neighbors of various sectors of the Cabo Velas District and the Public Police Force to draw out existing threats to our safety, root causes, potential security risks, type of resources needed, and working together to plan accordingly.

BUSSINESS WORKSHOPS

Maria Paz coordinated with the Public Police Force to come to town to provide a series of workshops for our local businesses regarding safety. Thank you to the business who participated!

WORKSHOP:

TOURIST SERVICES

— WITH A FOCUS ON —

SAFETY



We cordially invite the community and the business sector to participate in this important workshop.

DATE: June 24

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

VENUE: MINAE Offices

TOPICS TO BE COVERED:

- ✓ Overview of Tourism in Costa Rica.
- ✓ Safety and Protection.
- ✓ The role of the community and local businesses in food safety for tourists.
- ✓ Recommendations from the UNWTO.
- ✓ Theft and robbery: how well are we prepared?

We strengthen safety for our visitors and our community.

We work together for responsible and sustainable tourism.

The community and businesses are key to a safe tourism experience.

A safe destination is a destination we all want to recommend.

PRESENTED BY:
TOURIST POLICE

Your participation makes a difference!

Together for safe, responsible and sustainable tourism.

SECURITY TRAINING FOR BUSINESSES

Strengthening prevention and protection in the commercial sector



Delivered by:
Ministry of Public Security

Dates:

- Monday, **May 4**, 2026
- Monday, **May 11**, 2026
- Monday, **May 18**, 2026

Time:
1:00 PM

Location:
MINAE Offices

Training Content

- Crime prevention strategies for businesses
- Response protocols for high-risk situations
- Best security practices
- Coordination with authorities

Target Audience

Business owners and commercial administrators

Hosted by:
Playa Grande Security Committee

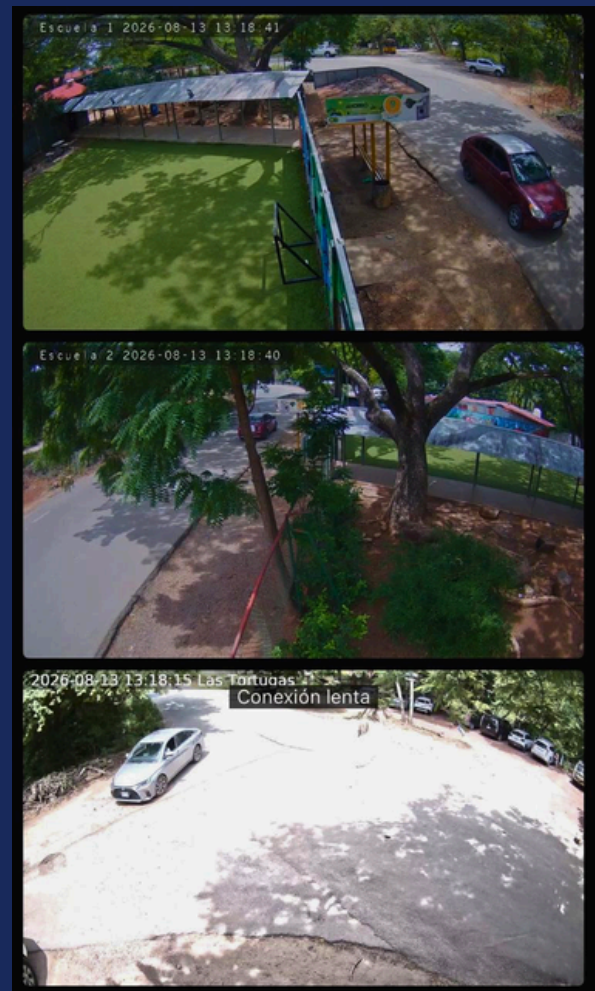
COMMITTED TO A SAFER COMMUNITY

COMMUNITY CAMERAS

We have now joined forces with **PARACLETE SECURITY SOLUTIONS**- U.S.-BASED COMPANY (+506 8805-1171 • info@paracletesecurity.com) with highly professional standards and local Costa Rican service. They provide HOME AUTOMATION to control your home from anywhere (lights, locks, cameras and more), LOCAL INSTALLERS with fast response and knowledgeable local technicians and top quality TAILORED SECURITY SYSTEMS.

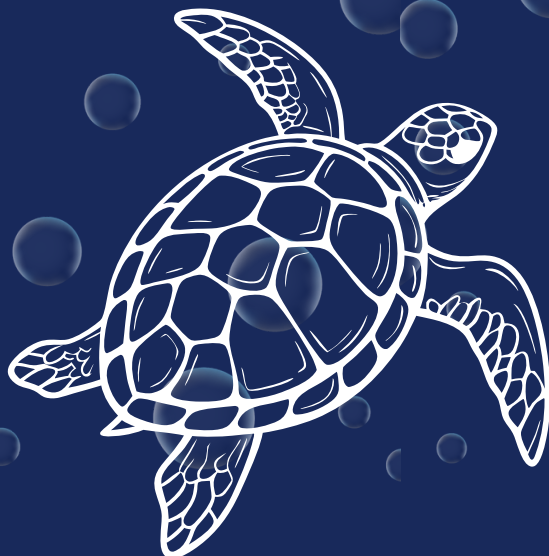
For every qualifying system installation (defined as an alarm/automation system or a standalone video system), Paraclete will donate one [Alarm.com](https://www.alarm.com) camera to the community.

To ensure the community receives credit for each installation, homeowners will simply need to mention a designated referral code (I Love PG) when contracting from the company. Paraclete has already been providing- since 2025- the cost of monitoring, instalation and equipment of the two community cameras we have set up at the PG School, which look onto the main road. We look forward to continue this collaboration with them and appreciate their support.



PLEASE NOTE THAT:

- The way we prevent crime through fundraising as a community is by having the presence of patrollers to make it uncomfortable for criminals on the prowl and to have more immediate assistance in case of an incident.
- 911 can answer calls in Spanish and English.
- Please file reports, as they can bring more government resources for Playa Grande's security. The Police Force in Brasilito can come pick you up and take you to their office to file a report if necessary. Phone number: 2600-2086.
- For anonymous reports regarding drugs, dial 1176.
- The APGS Security Committee is continually working to establish an online reporting process with OIJ in Playa Grande.
- Here it is very likely that criminals will not be incarcerated for stealing. For this, practice prevention by applying the suggested security tips that we post.



WE NEED YOUR COLLABORATION WITH:

- **PROPERTY CLEANLINESS:** We kindly ask owners of empty lots to keep their lot clean. Keep the area around the houses as clean as possible of weeds; this allows for a better view for the patroller and prevents the possibility of hiding places for potential criminals.
- **PROPERTY LIGHTING:** As much as possible, install lights with a motion sensor around the properties for a better view of the external part of the properties. (Please use downward-facing lights to avoid light pollution).
- **SPECIFIC INFORMATION:** Report all general information when making an incident report (theft, assault, disturbance, loss of belongings) clarifying the location where the event occurred, as well as the characteristics of the person or people involved, this is an extremely important example: (color of clothing, shoes, physical characteristics, tattoos, type and color of the vehicle).
- **ALARM SYSTEM:** Urge different owners to install an alarm system.
- **CAMERAS:** Keep your property under surveillance.
- **PREVENTION:** Make sure doors, windows and gates are well locked.
- **KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOR:** Invite them to community chats and contribute to the cost of the community patrol service.
- **COMMUNICATE:** Each PG neighborhood has a representative and a WhatsApp group chat. If you don't know your representative or the neighborhood WhatsApp chat, send an email to info@playagrande.org.



GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOR

Please take 10 minutes of your day to introduce yourself to your next door neighbor. If there is an empty lot, find out who owns it. Invite them into ❤️ PlayaGrande & your neighborhood group chats.

WHY?

- Because we need to get everyone involved to make the PG private security program stronger.
- Because we want our neighbors to stay, establish roots here and continue building community for all.
- Because we want Playa Grande to be a united, participative community where we all support and help each other out. Where we know everyone in town allowing more freedom and safety for our families.

Thank you for your cooperation & support!



SAFETY TIPS

- Keep your doors and windows locked.
- Place bars or rods inside the tracks of sliding glass doors.
- Install cameras, motion-sensor lights, and an alarm system on your property.
- Store valuables in a safe.
- Do not leave valuable items visible.
- Do not allow strangers to enter the property.
- Store ladders or tools that could be useful to thieves.
- Leave your house under the supervision of someone you trust when you are traveling.
- Enter and leave your house at random times so criminals cannot predict your routine – most incidents happen at sunset.
- Keep a copy of your passport/ID (not the original).
- Park your car in safe areas with security guards and do not leave valuables inside.
- Avoid wearing jewelry or carrying large amounts of cash.
- Do not walk alone at night, especially in isolated areas.
- If you wish to contribute to our community security program, your help not only supports the entire community but also allows us to cover more areas where residents cannot afford to contribute financially.



SECURITY PROTOCOL

- Call the GRCOE patrol (5pm-5am) at +506 8821-5775
- Call 911 to officially report the incident to the authorities
- Report it in your neighborhood chat to alert your neighbors
- Report it on the SoSafe App to alert the wider community
- File a report at the Brasilito Police Station - Tel: 2600-2086
- Drug trafficking - Report anonymously by calling 1176

Please share what is posted in the community chat with other PG neighbors and invite them to join by sending their contact to **info@playagrande.org**.

– Instruct all the people in charge of caring for the different houses, businesses, and premises to report any suspicious person or vehicle as soon as possible through SoSafe, neighborhood chats or the **GRCOE patrol emergency number: +506 8821-5775**.

GET THE SOSAFE APP:

<https://links.sosafeapp.com/eBY8> Then join our community group:

<https://links.sosafeapp.com/Fs19EV8bRR11Xt4s8> And send an email to

info@playagrande.org to get a code. We need to make more use of this SoSafe application. Thanks to those of you who do! Use it for lost items (pets), for road problems, environmental situations, anything the community needs to be alerted about.

THIS REQUIRES A UNITED FORCE. PLEASE BE AN ADVOCATE FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR COMMUNITY. THANK YOU!



PLAYA GRANDE COMMUNITY PARK



A Dream Built Together

If you've lived in Playa Grande for any length of time, you've probably heard someone ask,

"How's the park project coming?"

The answer that I have always given is,

"Slowly."

What many people haven't seen are the countless hours, meetings, phone calls, permit applications, redesigns, and conversations that have happened behind the scenes over the past several years.

We've worked alongside the municipality, government agencies, architects, engineers, builders, volunteers, neighbors, and many others, all while navigating obstacle after obstacle.

It often felt like every time we solved one problem, a bigger one appeared.

There were moments when it would have been easy to give up.

But every time someone on the committee felt discouraged, someone else stepped forward with fresh energy.

That's been a beautiful part of this journey.

This project has never rested on the shoulders of one person. It has been carried by a group of people who simply refused to let the dream die.





Over the last couple of months, we'd especially like to recognize the incredible leadership of **Felipe Volio**.

The spark for this latest phase began with an idea shared by one of our community members, **Daniel Eduarte**. His vision resonated deeply with Felipe, who saw not just what the park could become, but what it could mean for Playa Grande.

Instead of letting the idea remain just another conversation, Felipe got to work.

He brought the concept to the committee, reached out to people with the right expertise, coordinated meetings, brought in earth movers, solved problems in real time, and, most importantly, kept pushing the vision forward.

Ideas are powerful.

But ideas only change communities when people are willing to do the work to bring them into reality.

And on Saturday, August 8, we saw exactly what that looks like.

More Than 40 People Showed Up

Our Playa Grande Park Work Day was a screaming success.

More than 40 volunteers showed up, children, parents, neighbors, friends, and community members, ready to work.

And work we did.

We sanded and painted tables and chairs that were made from a sick tree we cut down in the park.

Volunteers moved dirt for the pump track. Others cleaned up the lot and cleared the surrounding jungle.

People got dirty as they worked with their hands blessing the earth. We dripped sweat onto the park as an offering to this sacred place for the community.

And together, we transformed a municipality lot into a safe, outdoor space for everyone in the community to enjoy.

One of the most meaningful moments of the day was putting up the new Playa Grande Park sign.

It may seem like a simple thing, but for those of us who have been involved with this project for years, that sign represents something much bigger.

It feels like the door starting to open after being shut for so many years.

A transition from talking about the Playa Grande Park as something we're trying to build...

...to see it become a real place that our community can begin to call its own.

Phase One Isn't Finished Yet

Saturday was a huge step forward but we still have a few more things to complete before we can officially call Phase One finished.

Our goal is to keep the momentum going over the coming weeks and, hopefully, have a fully functioning Playa Grande Park ready by Costa Rica's Independence Day on September 15.

And we'd like the community to be part of that next chapter too. We're hoping to organize another community work day before the park officially opens, giving everyone who couldn't join us on August 8 another opportunity to come out, lend a hand, meet their neighbors, and leave their own unique energy in the park. We'll share more details as soon as we have them.

For now, we simply want to say,

Thank you.

Thank you to the more than 40 people who showed up on Saturday. Thank you to everyone who has donated money, materials, equipment, expertise, time, encouragement, and energy over the years.

Thank you to the people who kept believing in this project when progress seemed painfully slow.

And thank you to the Playa Grande community for reminding us what can happen when people stop waiting for someone else to create the community they want and start building it together.

There is still work to do.

But after Saturday, the Playa Grande Park no longer feels like just a dream.

It feels like our reality.

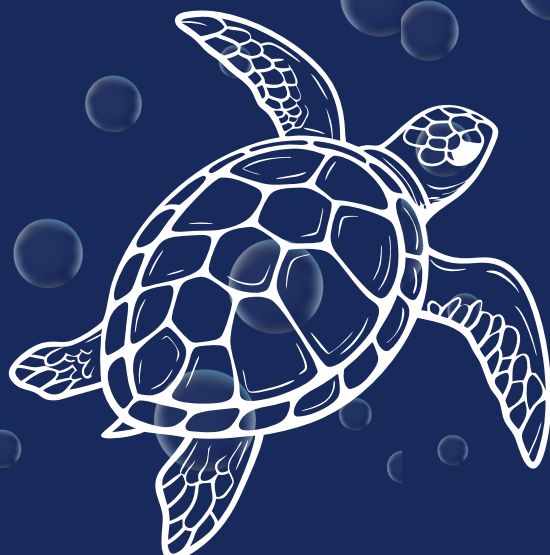
And we can't wait to see you there.

With enormous gratitude,

The Playa Grande Park Committee

Alex, Federico, Felipe, Gonzalo & Matt

If you have any questions regarding the Community Park, please contact:
matthewlaskowski@gmail.com



APGS ROAD SAFETY COMMITTEE

PAVING THE WAY TO A SAFER PLAYA GRANDE WITH SIDEWALKS!

Our most urgent and impactful current project is the construction of sidewalks throughout Playa Grande – along with the construction of The Children's Park.

For too long, our beautiful community has lacked safe pedestrian pathways, forcing residents, children, pets, and visitors to navigate busy roads shared precariously with vehicles and speedy construction machinery.

MOPT completed the topography study for the first stage of the route. Their crew was hosted for several nights by **Nova & Otto** and **Dan & Yvonne** (we keep you in treasured memories- thank you).



JOIN US IN BUILDING A BETTER FUTURE!

This committee (**Oscar Venegas, Fernando Ortuño, Anne Roberts, Sebastian Artiñano, Steven Molina, and Leandro Fernandez**) has been in talks with politicians, public officials, and government entities to secure allies who will support us with the legal sidewalk construction project in Playa Grande. **MOPT** made their way to Playa Grande last week of March to work on the inspection. The agreement draft is in final stages and it is a collaboration as follows:

- The PG community (**APGS**) raises the funds for the construction.
- **MOPT** signs the permits and supports with providing most of the materials.
- **CONAVI** grants the maintenance.

We are joining forces with The Children's Park Committee to fundraise as one through the **JUNTOS SOMOS GRANDE** campaign. A special thanks to **Eugenia Barth** who has been donating all the proceeds of **Alma Pilates** Studio and Jiu Jitsu to this project, believing in its importance from the start.

The success of the sidewalk project and all our initiatives hinges on the collective support of our neighbors. Your involvement, no matter how big or small, makes a profound difference. Let's collaborate to transform Playa Grande into an even safer, more walkable, and sustainable paradise for generations to come.

Asociación Playa Grande Sostenible Email: **info@playagrande.org**
More Information & Get Involved: **<https://www.playagrande.org>**



PG GREEN CURTAIN PROTECTION COLLABORATION

The green curtain is one of the phenotypes responsible for the scenic beauty of Playa Grande and Playa Ventanas, characterizing their wide desolate and green coast. It is of great ecological importance because it:

- **Protects the dune as a nesting site for sea turtles.**
- **It is a biological corridor for coastal species such as birds, iguanas, crabs, among others.**
- **Reduces noise and light pollution directed towards the beach.**
- **Mitigates erosion and the effects of climate change (high tides, strong winds).**

This coastal vegetation system is part of the Las Baulas Marine National Park, but it requires the control of everyone to protect it from possible deforestation due to forest fires and future development in search of personalized beach access trails. We have opened the 2.5 km firebreak trail, delimiting the perimeter between private property and the National Park/protected area. The goal is for this firebreak to be used as a shaded trail for pedestrians and bicycles for its maintenance and to provide signage to inform locals and visitors about the protected area and where the nearest beach access is. In support of the reforestation and coastal restoration plan of ADE Ambiente de Playa Grande, SINAC, Mi Bosque and Costas Verdes, we protect the "green curtain" with a firebreak that runs parallel to the beach along the 50-75 meter line between The Taco Star and Casa Verde, Palm Beach Estates (2.5 km).

This project requires everyone's commitment to maintain it if we want to continue enjoying it. We appreciate your support and collaboration in keeping the trail clear. For more information, visit:

<https://www.playagrande.org/protecci%C3%B3ndelacortinaverde>

PG GREEN CURTAIN PROTECTION COLLABORATION

A warm thank you to **Matthew Roche** who has been proactively volunteering for stump removal duty.

Also, the way we keep the trail safe for all of us is to use it! Create healthy traffic. The more we walk it, the safer it will remain.

We are also grateful for the reforestation campaigns in collaboration with Costas Verdes, ADE Ambiente PG, Sostenibilidad en Grande, BRICA and SINAC.

PLEASE, IF YOU HAVE BEACH FRONT PROPERTY, don't cut the vegetation to make your own beach access. Instead, walk the beautiful, shaded trail to the nearest access. As neighbors, let's be advocates to make sure there are no more illegal accesses being opened. Reach out to ADE Ambiente, SINAC, or write to info@playagrande.org immediately if you spot illegal cutting. If every property makes its own access the Green Curtain will disappear creating devastating consequences for wildlife and the respective property owners.

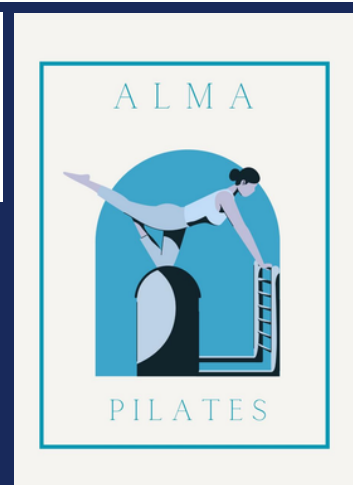


1% COMMUNITY FUND



The main idea behind 1% is to minimize local donor fatigue by giving clients and visitors the opportunity to contribute through their purchase of goods and services. This fund is open to businesses abroad and can serve as a source of responsible marketing as well. It consists of adding a 1% "tax" to the market price of your product or service and transferring that amount to APGS for community initiatives.

Thanks to our valued members of 1% Community Fund for their support and belief it: **Onda, Villas Kalei, Alma Pilates Studio, Señorita Casitas, Quatro Legal, Las Ventanas de Playa Grande y Eko Art.**



If you want your business to also be part of this fund to support all that we do, send an email to:

info@playagrande.org and you can visit:

<https://www.playagrande.org/en/negocio>

SAILBOAT

OUR COMMUNITY ACTED TOGETHER IN A MATTER OF DAYS!!!



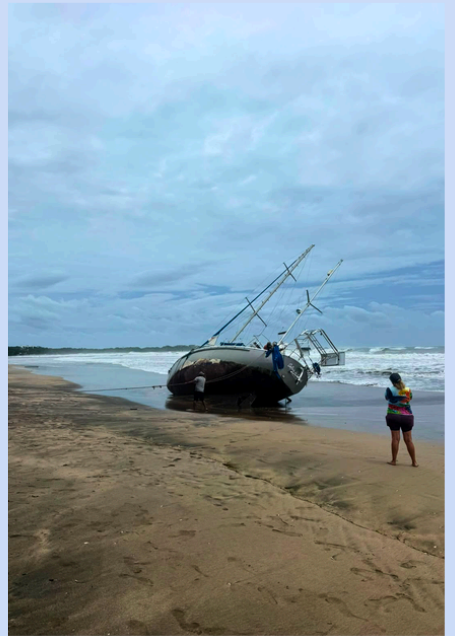
Much appreciation for the immediate reaction and the work of the volunteer neighbors who helped with their hands to take out and sort the waste to be recycled.

Thanks to **Gabriel (Pana) and Jonathan Yonkers** who were there from start to finish until the last residue was collected. To the neighbors who sent us refreshments and to SINAC for their participation and permission to enter the beach with machinery.

Thanks to the members of the **1% COMMUNITY FUND!** Due to the existence of this fund we had the **\$4,500** required to invest in hiring the machinery and loaded trips to the official dump in Santa Cruz.

Playa Grande is an example to follow. **Let's continue like this: proactive, reliable, efficient and UNITED.** Proud of the community we have built!





THE REIGN OF CORN



In the recently passed Fiestas of the Apostle Santiago in Santa Cruz, the Cabo Velas District Council reached out for our support to outfit our district's candidate (Miss Natasha Portugués Quintana) for the Queen of Corn tradition. She became a finalist, coming in second place!

Remembering our roots and cultural background are part of what connects us to one of our core values as an Association: **BELONGING**. When we each allow ourselves to engage, we open space for the opportunity to belong. Belonging weaves us together as a community and gives us the certainty to settle and call it home.

We are proud to honor our traditions of this Chorotega region that we have the blessing to call our home.

You Are Missed

Honoring our beloved friends who we have lost in the
passed couple of months-

May you rest in peace and the memory of you live on
within the bonding threads that weave together the
fabric of our community.



Yvonne Amrine



Caroline Heaviland





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Thanks to our highly trained collaborators, who are behind the scene and always available when we need legal advice or help with graphic design: **Sonia Aragón, Don Oscar Venegas, Fabrizio Venegas, Lisa Simpson and Catalina Figueres.**

Please do not hesitate to contact [**info@playagrande.org**](mailto:info@playagrande.org) if you have concerns, ideas or if you have any special skills that you want to offer – especially if you are willing to give your time for community initiatives. We seek to create spaces where neighbors can get involved and become active members of our projects.

We are truly lucky to live in connection in such a spectacular place on the planet. Let's keep joining forces to keep it that way!

RELEVANT LINKS

APGS – Our story: who we are, what we do, and why we do it.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/123p-Bqw0mamTqVoSusqAwiQHjicBz4ecNAyPX1r7-7g/edit>

IMPORTANT CONTACTS:

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PG GROUP CHATS:

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