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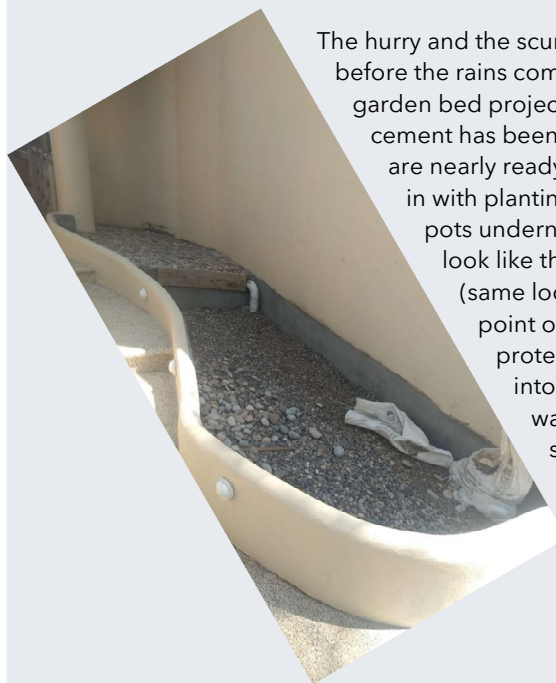
Punta Mita Living



Fighting the Tides of Time



As you can see in the above photo, the raised wall is looking great! Just in time for us to get news that the owners of the property next door - that was supposed to be built out into the beach club area - is now for sale. Coconut telegraph rumor is that they could not get the permits for the connection to the fresh water supply from the city and hence got stuck in their building plans. Unclear why that permit might have been declined, but caution to anyone looking to purchase. That having been said, we would all hate for a new tower to be built on that lot, so if you know anyone who might be interested in developing a small condo complex or house, please let us know!



The hurry and the scurry to get projects completed before the rains come in continues. The lobby garden bed project is nearly complete. The cement has been put back in place, and we are nearly ready to start filling the bed back in with plantings. Plantings will be done in pots underneath some gravel so that they look like they are planted in the dirt (same look and feel from an aesthetic point of view), but with the added protection that plant roots can't dig into the waterproofing and let water in that can damage the structure.

Tip: Have a concern about a neighbor or their guests that you want addressed? [Please use this form](#). Betty and the VC will be instantly notified so they can take appropriate action as needed.

Irving Insider Info

We had a few reports of high Chlorine levels in the pool. Stinging eyes and itchy skin. So we did a little detective work to figure out what is going on. You probably already figured this, but Melissa is a total gadget freak. So she bought Irving a new toy - an electronic pool PH and Chlorine level tester. With Dario's help, we did a friendly "competition" between Irving's old style chemical tester where you have to put the drops into the water and judge the color the water turns, vs the new snazzy electronic meter. We wanted to verify that the new meter matched the readings Irving gets from the older style tester. And indeed, they did! Irving loves the new toy which makes his job easier, and cost less than one refill on the chemicals.



What we found was that the PH level was spot on, but the Chlorine level was very high. Irving explained that he adds chlorine every three days and he adds enough chlorine to keep it above the minimum for the full three days - which then means its super high especially on days he adds it. Plus the old style chemical meter doesn't have a good "this is too high" reading. We are now going to add chlorine daily and try to keep it in the "ideal" range. That will give us a better idea of how much chlorine is actually needed. We might be able to go back to every other day when people are in residence once we get the levels better figured out.

Restaurant Review Zicatela

We have a new restaurant here in Punta! Right next door to Mercedes. Zicatela is the brain child of Hector of famed Hector's place. As you would expect the food is fabulous. And they have done a great job with the decor - which is modern and fresh while still warm and inviting.



The menu ranges from salads (the blue cheese wedge was amazing) to burgers, tacos, and steaks. Alan had the grilled chicken and it was lovely. Nice wine list, and of course amazing beach sunsets.



Menu and other information is available on their website here: <https://www.zicatelarestaurante.mx/>

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Fun Facts Even Those That Live Here Might Not Know About Mexico!

Who said Mexico is a third world country? Here is some fun trivia to amaze your friends?

Museums: Mexico City is second only to London in the number of museums in a single city. Mexico City sports 170 museums, to London's 200. Here's a list of the top 10 if you make it there for a visit:

<https://www.timeout.com/mexico-city/museums/best-museums-in-mexico-city>

Taxi Cabs: Mexico has more taxi cabs than any other country in the world. With 60,000 registered cabs most of which make their home in Mexico City.

Coca-Cola: Mexico consumes 163 liters per individual annually - a consumption rate not seen in any other country in the world. It comes as no surprise that such consumption can also be seen in people's health for diabetes and overweight are above average in Mexico. Punitive taxes to foodstuff with high fat or sugar contents were introduced in 2013 as a countermeasure to general health problems.

Color TV: Bet you didn't know that color TV was invented by a Mexican. Guillermo Gonzalez Camarena is the inventor of color television and was born not far from us in Guadalajara. In 1940, the then 23-year-old requested a patent for the first color image transmission system, which was later on used in the Voyager 1 spacecraft.

Mexico City Is Sinking: Not unlike Venice, Mexico City is sinking. It was built on a lake (called a cenote) and the city sinks about 12 cm every year. The Texcoco Lake is nearly dry nowadays, however; some of the city buildings are not unlike the Leaning Tower of Pisa for the capital city underground is muddy and is constantly sinking. By comparison, the Italian City of Venice sinks only about around 2 mm annually.