

## VECINOS DE LA CHOLLA UPDATE

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If you have paid by Zelle or PayPal, you should have received a receipt, no-debt letter and stickers. If you snail-mailed your check to our Lukeville PO Box, it's possible we have not processed your payment yet. Please remember, all 2022-23 dues will be transferred to the bank account established by the new Civil Association when we have the RFC number. If you would like to wait until the new Association and bank account are established, that's acceptable as well. Late charges (\$5/month) begin September 1, retroactively to July 1st. Depending on when the new Association is official, the date for charging late fees may be postponed. We are keeping track of all dues paid for past fiscal years (2021-22 and prior). These dues will be used for community enhancements. The enhancements will be recommended by a committee made up of current Board members, future Board members and Association members in good standing. Many Association members who have withheld dues for past fiscal years, have stepped up to negotiate a payment and now are in good standing with the original Association and the future Association. This is a good sign we are moving in the right direction. New Vecinos President, Pat Sledge has been handling each case individually. If you would like to become a member in good standing of both Associations, email Pat at <u>TucsonRedRocker@gmail.com</u> to negotiate payment of past dues.

You may have noticed a change in the Mexican border security over the last few months. One comment I have heard frequently is, "there sure is a lot more camo at the border". Here is a link to <u>Military at the</u> <u>Border</u> in an article on this change from Mexico Daily News. This Mexican news service is in English and you may subscribe to their daily email news update. AMLO (President of Mexico) continues to use the military to replace civilian agents to battle corruption. His previous move was to abolish the Federal Police and establish the National Guard. In general, surveys of the Mexican people have revealed there is far more trust in their military forces than public service agencies. AMLO continues to use these surveys to justify transferring security responsibilities to the Mexican military.

Many Cholla Vecinos leave Cholla for the hot, humid Summers. These Chollans make up what the cooler climate residents call "sandbirds". But, it is surprising how many Vecinos continue to use their Cholla homes throughout the "dog days" of Summer. I'm sure many of the sandbirds think that Puerto Peñasco and LaCholla fold up and there are tumbleweeds rolling down the streets until October. It is true many of our favorite bars and restaurants give their employees government-mandated vacations all at once and shut down for 2 - 3 weeks in August. What is surprising is the huge numbers of Mexican tourists that come to our beaches in the Summer. Cities like Caborca, Mexicali and Hermosillo are brutally hot during the Summer, making Peñasco seem not so bad. The local hotels and stores find that Summer is one of their busiest times of the year!

I know we are all looking forward to our beautiful Fall weather coming in October.