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We reported in an earlier email about the cell phone and seat belt laws now being enforced through fines beginning in January. Another new law to be aware of is the sweeping anti-smoking law that affects the entire Republic of Mexico. This law prohibits all public smoking, including beaches and parks. Smokers may only legally light up in their homes and on their private property. More information can be found at this [link](#).

Work begins on the "Bienvenidos" sign by the police station welcoming residents and visitors into our community. The plan is to duplicate the sign that was knocked down back in September by a visitor in a Jeep wrangler. Fortunately, our police officer, Juan Pedro Ruiz, with help from Aron "Benji" Brown identified the driver and an insurance claim was processed. It took some time and a lot of "hoop jumping" by Vecinos President, Pat Sledge to get the actual payment, but the payment was received in December and work will start shortly.

It's been a long time coming, but our former Treasurer Helen Dahlstrom was sentenced on Monday, January 23. She faces 5 years in prison, probation and restitution. We are fortunate that Rick Dahlstrom stepped up and signed an agreement to reimburse our Association for the \$175,000 (US) embezzled from our bank account. The reimbursement will come from the sale of his Cholla home on Tiburon. Recently, the price was reduced and hopefully traffic will pick up as the weather warms up. If you know anyone interested in a Cholla home, a sales brochure can be found at this [link](#).

There are only a few days left to take advantage of the 25% discount on your annual property taxes. Those who choose to wait until February, will receive a 20% discount. March will still include a 15% discount, but there is no discount offered after March 31, 2023. To pay your taxes online, [click here](#).