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DYING IN LA CHOLLA

A subject that no one enjoys even thinking about, dying in La Cholla. Let's face it, no one gets out of this life alive. In the last year, we have had three natural deaths right here in La Cholla. In all three cases, thanks to Mexican friends and neighbors, the realities of dealing with the situation were cared for. The first step is to call Red Cross (638-383-2626). They will send an ambulance with the personnel to declare the death. At that point, the local police will investigate for any signs of foul play. After a natural death was determined, the funeral home of your choice should be contacted. It has been reported that if a contact has not been made with a funeral home, a very stressful bidding war may begin over possession of the deceased. There are two mortuaries in Peñasco that handle local cremations as well as transporting a body back home.

Funeraria Santa Cecilia: [Click here](#) to go to their facebook page.

Funeraria Mi Angel: [Click here](#) for google search results.

Both businesses offer pre-planning to take some of the stress out of the death of a loved one.

Another important step must be made when the death of an American occurs in a foreign country. In the case of a death in Cholla Bay, the American consulate (631-311-8150) in Nogales, Sonora must be contacted. This step is important to receive an American death certificate to handle financial affairs back home.

American Consulate in Nogales: [Click here](#) to visit the website.

The Mexican authorities will issue a death certificate, but this document will not be valid to handle many of the final financial affairs.

OOMISLIM UPDATE/BOARD MEETING

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held on Sunday, March 19, 2023. We apologize to the Vecinos attempting to monitor the meeting through Zoom. Due to "pilot error" the meeting was not scheduled correctly. So this error doesn't occur again, the Board voted to pay for a professional Zoom membership. We have committed to practice scheduling Zoom meetings in the future. One important issue from the meeting was the sales of Oomislím (Trash) stickers. In order for this program to be a success, we need to sell 520 stickers. At this point, we are only half-way there. We are committed to Oomislím for 2023; however, we will not financially be able to subsidize this program in 2024. Please get your sticker! They are available through the Vecinos Association at Info@VecinosDeLaCholla.org for \$150.

Minutes from the March Board meeting are available at this link: [Click here](#).