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Bellamar

Punta Mita Living



Yep, Those filters are downright ugly. Necessary, but ugly. They protect our emergency tanks and cisterns from filling with mud and silt from the new Punta Mita wells. But still ugly.

As you know from the recent email to the community, we also have a storage space issue - in particular location for the garbage cans now that the garage is full of cars.

The question is - what should the longer-term solution look like? Paloma drew this sketch on the back of a napkin.



Ivan suggested that we run the roof the other direction so that the rainwater goes into the street side not into our courtyard. Isaac suggested the floor be pavers so that if and when we need to get to the water lines underneath, we don't have to rip up the floor.



Both Ivan and Isaac agreed that we should leave the "holes" in the exterior wall to allow for ventilation - albeit with some protection so people could not reach in and grab tools from the storage locker inside.

More ideas? Would love to hear them! Meanwhile we are getting bids and will ping folks back when we have full sketches and pricing to decide whether to proceed or not.

Lobby & Storage Thoughts

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

Irving Insider Info

Irving has put a "Sand Mat" in the surfboard area for community use during high season. This mat is designed to be rolled out on the beach sand to create a nice sitting area. Its 6 ft x 10 ft. Please feel free to use it whenever you like. It will be returned to a closet in #7 during rainy season to try and keep it from being destroyed by the storms and rain. But meanwhile, please enjoy!



Local Goings On Pat's Plates

There has been quite a bit of turmoil in the Nayarit auto licensing office. The government appears to have seized the building where the Puerto Vallarta Yacht club used to reside and have moved the licensing office there. Why having a pool and a deck overlooking the marina would be important to the licensing office is not clear, but... ah Mexico!

For those that used Isaac to procure your license renewals this year - you know it was tough. They shut the old office down in the middle of renewal months where you can get a discount for early renewal. Because you know, that's precisely when you want to move the office - when your entire state needs updated registration and you can only process 100 renewals per day even when the office is fully open... ah Mexico!

Next year we will have a new option - for those that are interested. There is a local ex-pat that does auto licensing specifically for ex-pats and has those all important local connections. For those that might wish to use the professional service next February, we've been told the cost is about \$1150 MXN plus your individual registration fee. We can get a 20% discount on that fee for 4 or more registrations. The alternative is to pay Isaac \$450 MXN per hour to try and do it. Thus far we are seeing that it takes as much as 8 hours as Isaac ends up spending all day and sometimes even then having to go back another day... ah Mexico!

When it comes time for car registration renewals next year, we will collect information from folks about what they personally want to do and decide whether Pats Plates is a preferred vendor.

<https://www.patsplatespv.com/>

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MYTHBUSTERS

Today's Myth: You have to just accept that food is going to spoil while you are away for the hot and damp summer months.

This one might be in the category of "jury is still out". But still, who doesn't love a new kitchen gadget! In this case, a sealer that lets you create a vacuum inside of glass mason jars for storage. Since water molecules are larger than air molecules, sealing foods in these vacuum packed jars should ensure they stay dry no matter the weather.

You can get jars as large as half gallon - into which you might even dump all your spice jars before you leave for the season.

<https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B0CJJDSQ8/>

