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# Bellamar

Punta Mita Living

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## New AED

## Training to be Scheduled

Our new AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) has been installed. It is located in the garage near the stairs to unit 8. Kelly (trained paramedic) has offered to teach people how to use the unit. He will be at Bellamar from December 22 through January 10. He may also be attending the annual meeting in February, but that isn't yet confirmed. We will schedule the training once we see everyone's travel schedules for maximum possible attendance.

As a reminder, don't forget to let us know when you are coming! Here's the link to [Submit a New Calendar Entry](#). Irving and Ana can get jammed up opening units if too many folks submit their arrival requests late and there is more than one arrival a week as the high season starts up.

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**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.

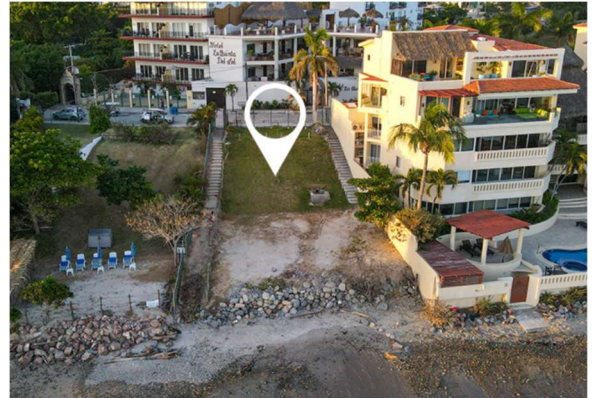
## Irving Insider Info



One of the new tools we bought for Irving was a sander. This came in handy when he went to refurbish our pool chairs. Rather than put new paint over old paint, he's been stripping them down to the wood and refinishing them. They look like new!



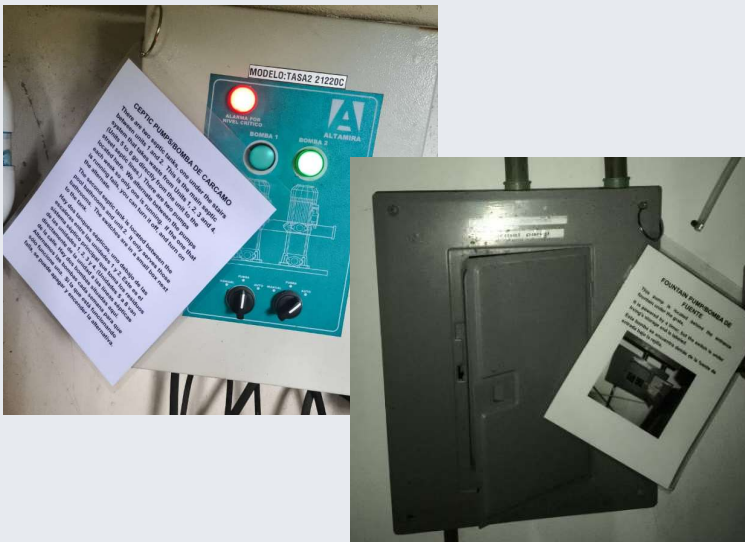
## Local Goings On Price Reduced on Lot Next Door



As previously reported, the lot next door is for sale. There was a deal that fell through last spring, so the price has been reduced to \$975,000. If you know of anyone wanting a great investment property, or who wants to build a house on the beach, be sure to pass this along.

<https://rivierapartnersrealty.com/property/emiliano-zapata-a1-lot/>

## New Emergency Placards



You will notice upon your arrival that there are new placards located in various places around the common areas. These laminated placards have instructions for emergency operation of various pieces of equipment in both English and Spanish - such as water shut off valves, pump shut off, etc. There is no intention that residents try to maintain equipment on a routine basis, but if there is water pouring out somewhere, you might not want to wait the 15 minutes till Irving can arrive in the middle of the night to turn something off. We will also schedule some training to go through these for interested residents - likely in combo with the AED training.

# MYTHBUSTERS

**Today's Myth: Your Cell phone can only have a single phone number.**



Link to reviews of [Best 10 Dual SIM Phones](#)

As you all probably know, Melissa is big into online shopping. We've reported here about how to order from Amazon, Costco, and Grocery stores like La Comer. Those ordering systems are starting to implement Two Factor Authentication (2FA). 2FA is that process whereby a website sends a text message to your cell phone with a code you have to enter on the website to complete your logon. Problem is that many Mexican websites don't allow you to put a country code prefix in for your cell phone number - which forces you to have a Mexican cell phone number to get it to work. La Comer will no longer allow you to create an account without a Mexican cell phone, and will soon enforce 2FA on existing accounts. Costco is also in the process of implementing 2FA.

Problem is - you don't really want to carry two cell phones now do you? The solution? A dual SIM phone!

A SIM is that little chip you put in your cell phone that connects the phone to your phone number (see picture). Some phones allow you to plug two of these cards into a single phone. When you make phone calls, send text messages, even message on WhatsApp - your phone allows you to choose which SIM is used.

Melissa bought a dual SIM phone, went to Telcel and opened a new cell phone account for \$200 MXN per month. They speak English, and the Telcel account can be paid online. She put the Telcel SIM into her phone alongside the SIM for her T-Mobile US based phone number. Voila! A phone that can make calls and send / receive text messages on both phone numbers.

One caution if you decide to give this a try - some phones now support what's called E-SIM where no physical card is needed - but Telcel doesn't support E-SIM yet. So you need to get a phone one physical SIM slot to support the Telcel number, and either a second physical SIM slot or second E-SIM capability depending on which one you use with your US/Canada based phone carrier.

Give Melissa a holler if you want help, she's happy to advise you on phones that will work with both Telcel and your US carrier and get this all set up.