

Hi, Neighbor !

WE ARE ALL CHULA VISTA



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Emergency Information

by Christine L'Eduse

Recently I was having a conversation with our excellent office manager, Lucy Fernandez. Lucy told me about a difficult situation she was involved in. One of our Chula Vista residents, a renter, was in a hospital in Guadalajara. Unfortunately he died. Lucy was called by the Administration of the hospital because the gentleman had one of Lucy's business cards. She told the hospital staff that she had only talked to him a few times. They said that it was urgent to get in touch with some family or friends because they needed to know what to do with the remains and the bill of the hospital needed to be paid.

The landlord was not available and no one knew the man. Finally, one of the members of the Board of Directors got in touch with the Lake Chapala Society. Because the man was registered there, they were able to call the family. The lack of readily available emergency contact information made this situation stressful and difficult for the family of the man as well as for Lucy.

We urge every Chula Vista resident to provide emergency contact information for the office. We would only use this information in case of emergency.

Also we encourage you to have a list of your emergency contact information in an accessible place in your home. Often people put their emergency information in a plastic container in the freezer.

The Lake Chapala Society has an excellent life planning packet. It includes information on Notarias Públicas, Mexican wills and Health Care Directives, a list of resources and information for U.S. and Canadian citizens. The website is: <https://lakechapalasociety.com/public/post-life-emergency-planning.php>

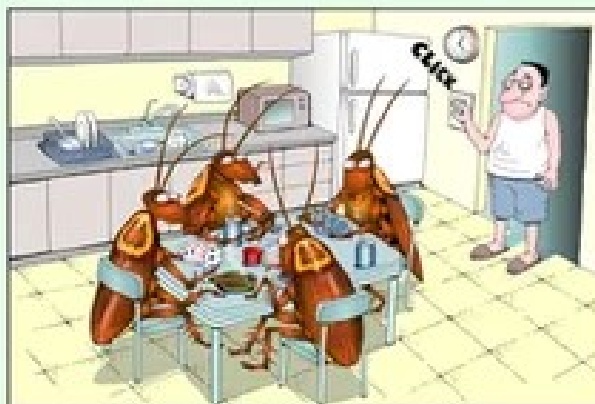
The Chula Vista office has an emergency contact form. Please stop by the office and take a few minutes to fill out the form.

Reviving the Environment Committee

Anyone interested in participating in the Environment Committee to discuss concerns about environmental issues in Chula Vista, please contact Werner, email him at: werner.zuercher@gmail.com.

Pesticides and You

by Thomas Yurista



Gardening is one of the pleasures of living in Mexico. While we love pretty birds and butterflies, we don't enjoy annoying flies or fleas. Many of us look for insecticides to get rid of the pests.

Pyrethrin, a highly effective poison for many types of insects including cockroaches, fleas, mosquitoes, and flies, is commonly used in insecticides. While generally safe for humans and dogs, the use of pyrethrins can have unwanted consequences. Pollinators, like bees, as well as aquatic insects, fish, and cats are highly susceptible to their effects. For example, cats lack an enzyme in their liver to break down or detoxify the pyrethrins. Because of this danger some guidelines for using pyrethrins are:

- 1) spray at night when pollinators are inactive, especially on flowering plants,
- 2) spray during dry weather to avoid runoff into flowing water, ponds, and lakes,
- 3) spray when there is no wind. Wind carries the chemicals to undesired places adjacent to the desired area of spray,
- 4) apply the spray to a limited area,
- 5) give advance notice to neighbors who may want to keep their cats indoors on that day and to protect their aquariums, ponds, or fountains.

HELPFUL NUMBERS

Chapala Police Department -
To report problems, crimes or ask questions:
Luis - 33 21 61 5903

Transit Department - To report the date, time, place and purpose of a stop by a transit officer:
Gerardo 33 15 66 3440

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

CHAPALA POLICE
765-4444 or -4455

CHULA VISTA OFFICE 766-2633 or 766-2667

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