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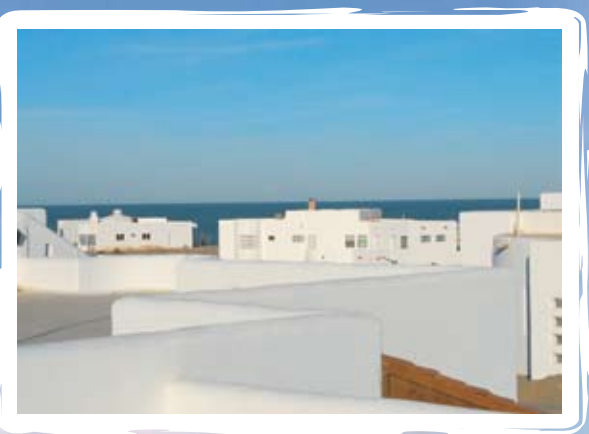
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Plan Your Event at Santo Tomás

An Editorial by Hanna Lowe Hinze

Breath-taking beauty, exotic location, family friendly activities, a vacation to remember. These are just some of the reasons holding a special event at Santo Tomás is so attractive. Weddings, birthday parties, family reunions, and holiday parties have all taken place in the natural beauty of Santo Tomás. In fact, in the last three years, I have personally been involved (in different degrees) in planning all of these events at Santo Tomás.



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New Building

RECENTLY COMPLETED:
Homes on lots 39, 67, and 87 have been finished.

UNDER CONSTRUCTION:
Homes on lots 9, 42, 55, 73, and 90 (Main Residence).

Ground-breaking will begin on 5 more homes soon!

Las Dunas Section 2

A new section of Las Dunas, which includes 20 beachfront and second row estate lots, is being opened this quarter. Six of the lots have already been reserved.

Reservations are now being taken. Please visit www.lasdunas.com for a map and details.

Condominiums

The long awaited commencement of construction on the Estrella Las Dunas Condominiums is underway. Despite a short permitting delay, site construction is now proceeding forward and work on the first building will begin before the first of the year.

For more details visit: www.estrellacondos.com

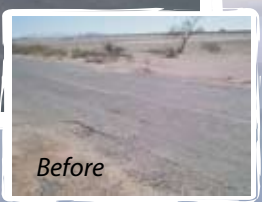
AREA UPDATES: Paved Route to Santo Tomás



The last 7 miles of paved road to the Ejido Alvaro Obregon was repaved in October. The two week project consisted of completely resurfacing the road which stretches from the last turn on the highway all the way to the Ejido. Now the road is much smoother and free of pot holes.

Update on Coastal Highway

The first leg of the Coastal Highway, which connects the Puerto Peñasco/Santo Tomás area to the Southern California market, is well advanced in its progress. It is expected to be completed during the first quarter of 2007. Parts of the road between Puerto Peñasco and Santo Tomás are also scheduled for widening and repaving during 2007.



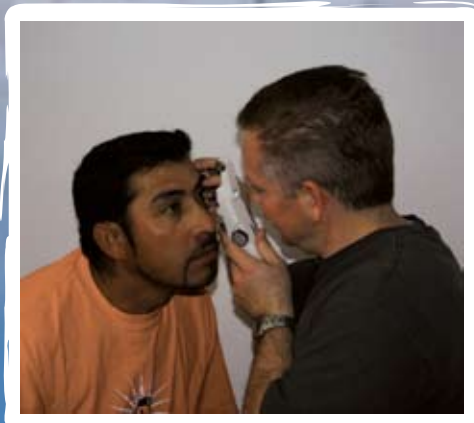
Progress on International Airport & Convention Center

Ground was broken on the new world class International Airport located next to the Mayan Palace development. President Vicente Fox attended the official ribbon cutting ceremony in late September. Construction has been underway for several months, and is expected to be completed by 2008. A convention center will also be built in the area. The new projects will benefit industry and agriculture, as well as tourism in the area. Once completed, the new facilities will be less than 40 minutes from Santo Tomás.

Doctors Give Free Eye Exams at New Clinic in Ejido

At the end of October, three Optometrists from Utah traveled to Santo Tomás with their families for a vacation on the beach. At first glance, the casually dressed men wearing shorts and t-shirts seemed to be typical vacationers. However, along with their beach towels and sunscreen, they brought along some more unusual items, like 3000 pair of glasses, and equipment and medication for diagnosing and treating various eye conditions.

During their stay, Dr. David Jones, Dr. Paul Gooch, and Dr. Russel Miller examined and treated scores of patients at the new medical clinic in the Ejido Alvaro Obregon. For three days the doctors volunteered their services screening vision, identifying eye diseases, and fitting glasses for the men, women and children of the community. Along with the help of translators and other volunteers, the doctors saw over 250 patients.



Although their services were free of charge, they were not without reward. One of the doctors recalled the satisfaction he felt after treating an 87 year old woman, who left with the ability to see her daughter's face for the first time in years.

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Holiday Parties: Long before the new homes and masterplanned community, Santo Tomás was a family getaway where my grandmother owned a beach house. As a child I spent many holidays at Santo Tomás. I have cherished memories of frolicking on the beach while the turkey baked, and enjoying cups of hot cocoa as the cool winter sea breeze kissed my face.

Destination Wedding: Inspired by my husband's sunset proposal, several years ago we planned our wedding at Santo Tomás. I reserved homes for guests to stay in, while others stayed in nearby Rocky Point. We reserved horses and boats for daytime activities along with beach volleyball, swimming, and boogie boarding. We utilized the beach clubhouse for daytime meals and hired Ceci's catering services for the reception dinner. As sunset approached I rode in on a horse that my father guided to the top of the staircase at the beach club. Over 120 people watched from the amphitheater as I walked down the beautifully tiled staircase to stand with my husband under a white arch fanned with palm fronds. A flock of birds made their way across the painted sky as my uncle played the keyboard and sang. Our pastor officiated, and we exchanged vows, smiles, rings and kisses. We ate fresh barbecued meat, chicken and fish caught that day, along with fresh salsa, tortillas, and guacamole. We cut a beautiful three tiered cake, then danced to the music of a hired musician from Rocky Point. We visited late into the night and relaxed on the beach the next day.



Birthday Celebration: Last year my family planned a huge 75th birthday celebration for my grandmother, Paulina Reyna Crewse, at Santo Tomás. The event lasted several days, during which over 200 guests came to bestow birthday wishes! The family made an art gallery out of a new home to showcase her paintings, hired professional videographers and photographers to capture the festivities, and provided food and entertainment. A video montage about Paulina's life was shown on a huge outdoor screen. Some highlights from the event included horseback riding, boat rides, dancing to mariachis, and a play about her life performed by family members. The night concluded

with singing, cake and a fireworks display that sparkled like the joy in Paulina's eyes!

Family Reunion: This last May, our family held a family reunion over the course of 5 days. We scheduled a boat ride to Bird Island to marvel at the sea lions and race the dolphins. Spending time relaxing and in an environment with such peace and serenity offered a reunion truly focused on reconnecting with family.

While planning an event as Santo Tomás requires careful considerations, so do events anywhere. With thorough planning and preparation, any event can take place at Santo Tomás and become one of your most amazing, loved memories.

New Requirements for Travelers

The Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 requires that by January 1, 2008, travelers to and from the Caribbean, Bermuda, Panama, Mexico and Canada have a passport or other secure, accepted document to enter or re-enter the United States. In order to facilitate the implementation of this requirement, the Administration is proposing to complete it in phases following a proposed timeline, which will be published in the Federal Register in the near future.

In the proposed implementation plan, which is subject to a period of initial public comment, the Initiative will be rolled out in phases, providing as much advance notice as possible to the affected public to enable them to meet the terms of the new guidelines. The proposed timeline will be as follows:

January 8, 2007 - Requirement applied to all air and sea travel to or from Canada, Mexico, Central and South America, the Caribbean, and Bermuda.

January 1, 2008 - Requirement extended to all land border crossings as well as air and sea travel.

This is a change from prior travel requirements and will affect all United States citizens entering the United States from countries within the Western Hemisphere who do not currently possess valid passports. This new requirement will also affect certain foreign nationals who currently are not required to present a passport to travel to the United States. Most Canadian citizens, citizens of the British Overseas Territory of Bermuda, and to a lesser degree, Mexican citizens will be affected by the implementation of this requirement.

What to Bring to Make the Most of your Santo Tomás Adventure....

Article by Hanna Lowe Hinze

Much like the weather in the Arizona desert, the weather at Santo Tomás is hot in the summer, with cool to warm temperatures the rest of the year. A rule of thumb: Use the Phoenix area weather as a gauge, and then add in humidity from the ocean and mild to strong coastal breezes. Nights tend to cool off quite a bit, so layering clothing is a wise practice.

Here are some recommendations on packing for your next Santo Tomás adventure!

- 1 Remember the 3 C's of Clothing; **Comfortable, Cool, & Casual**
- 2 Santo Tomás invites you to dip in its swimmer-friendly waters, walk on the beach, hike in the desert or just watch the sunset from your private patio. With these activities in mind, you'll want to bring these things.....



Top 20 Items to Bring...

- Swim wear • Sandals • Sunglasses • Hat or Visor • T-shirts • Shorts • Jeans or Pants • Light-weight Jacket or Windbreaker • Tennis/Hiking Shoes • Undergarments • Sleepwear and Loungewear • Beach Towels • Beach Toys • Recreational items • Personal Hygiene Items • First-Aid Kit • Food and drinks for the duration of your stay • Drinking Water • Important Papers (Vehicle Registration, Driver's License, Mexican Insurance Papers for your Vehicle) • Electronics

Play and Stay at Santo Tomás

Article by Robby Crewse

Santo Tomás truly offers the peaceful "get away" from the crowds, however, some may ask, "What if I need to buy food or gasoline? Do I need to drive to Rocky Point or Caborca?" Thankfully, the answer is closer than you may think!

There are many options to choose from if you are looking for groceries, or even wanting to eat out for the night, while visiting Santo Tomás. The nearby village of Ejido Alvaro Obregon (only 7 miles to be exact), called "El Ejido" for short, has several offerings. Along with 3 grocery stores, called "abarrotes", there are delicious Mexican style hot dogs, and a tasty shrimp cocktail restaurant to visit. If in need of fuel, you can drive to the edge of town to pick up a few extra gallons at a local distributor, and pay just a few pesos more than normal.

If you travel half of an hour towards Caborca, you will arrive at the town of Plutarco Elias Calles, better known as "la igriega" or "the Y." This town offers a selection of authentic restaurants off of the main road to choose from. Several grocery markets offer a wide variety of foods, and there is also a full service PEMEX gas station.

While maintaining the serene escape from the masses, there are a number of ways to help your stay at Santo Tomás be a comfortable and convenient one too.

Visit www.lasdunas.com for a map of Ejido Alvaro Obregon.