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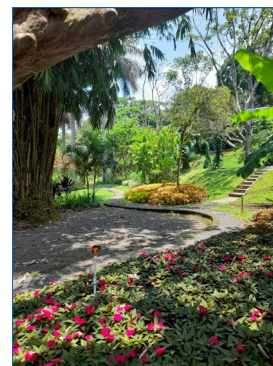
QuePasa Grecia Update #9 September 2024

What's New in Que Pasa Grecia

Since our last Update, Joe Cahill has listed a bunch of [items for sale](#), and we have a classical dining room suite just listed, plus there's a newly-listed 4 bdr./3 ba. [rental](#) on the road to San Roque. Check out the free [Lounge Lizards concert](#) Wednesday, 25 September, 12:00 to 3:00 PM at El Chante Gastro Bus in Grecia. We have two new [restaurant recommendations](#), including *Sal y Pimiento*, just east of Pali in downtown Grecia, and one in Sarchi's botanical garden open for lunch weekdays (closed Tuesdays) and a very affordable Saturday and Sunday buffet breakfast (an early brunch) plus lunch. When you are there, say "hola" to area mainstay headwaiter, Roy Castro. If you are in the market for a [new home to buy or rent](#), we have a long list of real estate independents and agencies.

Big Medical News

The Costa Rica government has announced that CAJA will be offering a broad-spectrum respiratory vaccination that includes a COVID and RSV booster. We just heard from a subscriber



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that they were able to receive a COVID booster last week at their local EBAIS near Palmares. There is currently no specific information available about if or when these vaccinations will be available at your EBAIS. Stop in to your EBAIS and ask. QPG will also be on the alert to let you know when we learn more.

Finally!!!

It's about time that Costa Rica finally got around to fixing a conflict in policy between two ministries. From now on, new freshly minted temporary residents with their new DIMEX will not have to wait until their current visas expire before they are allowed get their Costa Rica driver's license in order to drive legally in Costa Rica.

In the past, once a DIMEX was first issued to a temporary resident, their home nation's driver's license that had been required to drive and get auto insurance would become invalid for driving in Costa Rica. This caused many foreign drivers to decide to drive illegally and uninsured or stop driving altogether until their valid visa expired.

Be sure to inquire about the procedure to get your Costa Rica license at the time you are completing the DIMEX application process.

Miscellaneous News

Are Fireworks, a Cultural Staple of Costa Rica, a Thing of the Past? To protect pregnant women, the autistic, and pets, the Costa Rica legislature has moved to ban all fireworks over 85 decibels. Fireworks for the people of Costa Rica have long been an important cultural element—like many of us having a direct line to our happy place. Your editor completely understands the benefit such a ban will mean to many Ticos and their pets, but a certain part of me will be sad not to watch the fireworks displays in the valley and across nearby ridges.

5G Cellular is Finally Available in Costa Rica Currently it has only been rolled out to Liberty subscribers in the GAM, but it will soon be available in a wider area. Among its benefits, 5G offers much faster transmission of data and videos and in much larger bundles helping to eliminate buffering and crashes on cellular and remotely connected internet devices.

Dengue warning There have been almost 20,000 reported cases of the dangerous, even deadly, dengue fever so far this year. That's already more than double all of the cases of last year. It's no longer just a mosquito-borne disease of the coastal tropical zones. Check your abode for areas of standing water, including where it collects at the base of plant leaves.

Cartel Crime Still Ticking Up The government is dedicating more resources to thwart the increase in cartel-based gang crimes and is getting help from the U.S. Coast Guard and other outlets. Cartel bigwigs have been apprehended and large quantities of drugs have been intercepted, but now the cartels seeing Costa Rica as not only a hub for distribution of



The Restaurant at Sarchi Botanical Gardens



Avenue 3 in Grecia, look for the Big New Imperial sign!



Almost new! - Cenizaro wood dining set



Vintage White brand Sewing Machine for Sale!



The characteristic symptoms of mild dengue are sudden-onset fever, headache (typically located behind the eyes), muscle and joint pains, nausea, vomiting,

traditional drugs worldwide, but also as fertile ground for fentanyl. Crude submarines are using our national parks as landing zones, where the drugs are offloaded, warehoused and packed in fruit containers bound for Europe and the U.S. We've seen gunfire and gang violence in our formerly safe local neighborhoods. Be very careful out there.

August Rain Gauge Irina reports 32.04 cm (12.6") of rain in El Cajon de Grecia and Tom recorded 41.14 cm (16.6") in San Juan de Sarchí. No matter where you reside in our area, it's the Green Season, September, and wet.

U.S. Citizens: Please Plan to Vote

It's time!!! General election ballots are going out in many states already. My ex-county sent out ballots via email on Saturday. Become an informed voter (as fast as you can), get your ballot, and vote. Go to: votefromabroad.org to request your ballot for the November election, required annually.

Continuing to Make a Difference

We're active and focused on changing lives. Please consider volunteering or making a donation to the **Caribe Sinfónico** project. Fundacion SONAR wants to offer more self-awareness workshops, as well as continue to develop and offer gender-equity, job-preparation and life-skill workshops to serve Afro-descendant and indigenous peoples in Limón Province. We have made two presentations since the last "QPG Update" to the ambassador and staff at the U.S. Embassy. **Check out the new webpage:** <https://caribesinfonico.com> or visit my GoFundMe page: <https://gofund.me/32e8dcc0>.

"Consultar con la almohada"

Literally: Consult with the pillow
Actual Meaning: to sleep on it.

*Thank you, Isabel Arguello, for your continuing contributions.
Isabel teaches Spanish and does translations.
Find out more about Isabel on the QuePasaGrecia website.*

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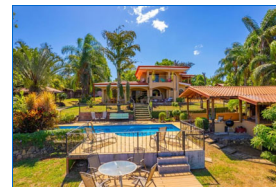
swollen glands and a rash. If this progresses to severe dengue the symptoms are severe abdominal pain, persistent vomiting, rapid breathing, bleeding gums or nose, fatigue, restlessness, blood in vomit or stool, extreme thirst, pale and cold skin, and feelings of weakness.



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