



# POPOTLA HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

Fall September 2009

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This homeowners association was founded in 1962 by park residents as a Civil Association. Let me exactly quote from the founding document.

***"The object of the Civil Association is:***

- 1. To promote culture and the diffusion of activities such as cultural, touristic and sports with take place at Popotla, Delegation of Playas de Rosarito from that Municipality, wich will be address of the Association, promoting activities at Rosarito and Tijuana, and always in accordance's with the laws and applicable regulations to matter in this municipality and city.***
- 2. To create positive living together as well as creative between the associates and society generally, and help the Mexican Red Cross for a better providing services.***
- 3. Provide information to the associates about cultural activities and meetings of the Board of Directors of the Association.***
- 4. To inform to the Associates about activities and meetings taken place between the representatives of the association and the providers of services at the Delegation Playes de Rosarito, Municipality of Tijuana, for a better way of living."***

The reason I quoted from the founding document is to remind the membership that this association was founded as a social activities club. We raise funds for a number reasons; for parties at little cost for those who attend, for supporting the local Red Cross and other local charities, to build a protection fund, and work with park management for the betterment of the park. **YOUR ASSOCIATION DOES NOT NEGOTIATE RENT LEASE CONTACTS WITH PARK MANAGEMENT.** However, at the last General Meeting your officers agreed to review the rent lease contacts regarding an admitted clause which states *"Also the monthly rent will increase*

Tickets will be going on sale, November 1<sup>st</sup> for the HOA sponsored "**New Year's Party**" being held at the restaurant/bar December 31st, doors open at 7:30pm. \$25 per person, if you get your ticket(s) after December 13<sup>th</sup>, the price goes up to \$30 per person. HOA will provide Ham, Roast Beef, Turkey, and DJ Music will be provided, each family should bring a dish to share and their own drinks. This will be the first year your HOA will be sponsoring this party, a fund raiser, so please plan on being there.

Do not forget the General Membership Meeting on Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup> 10:00am at the bar/restaurant.

Regards,

*Glenn Buraw*

**P.S. In this issue I have included a few news articles that may interest you.**

**Treasurer's Report as of July 5, 2009**

Well Fargo Checking Account Balance =	\$5,030.87
Franklin Fund =	\$32,955.68
Petty Cash =	\$107.00
Small Change for Parties=	\$100.00

## Nasty staph bug found at Wash. beaches

By Marilyn Marchione

ASSOCIATED PRESS 2:00 a.m. September 13, 2009

SAN FRANCISCO — Dangerous staph bacteria have been found in sand and water for the first time at five public beaches along the coast of Washington, and scientists think the state is not the only one with this problem.

The germ is MRSA, or methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus — a hard-to-treat bug once rarely seen outside hospitals but that increasingly is spreading in ordinary community settings such as schools, locker rooms and gyms.

The germ causes nasty skin infections as well as pneumonia and other life-threatening problems. It spreads mostly through human contact.

Finding it at the beach suggests one place that people may be picking it up, said Marilyn Roberts, a microbiologist at the University of Washington in Seattle.

She presented results yesterday at an American Society for Microbiology conference in California. Last year, her team reported finding a different type of bacteria, enterococci, at five West Coast beaches. Earlier this year, University of Miami researchers reported finding staph bacteria in four of 10 ocean water samples collected by hundreds of bathers at a South Florida beach.

Many communities commonly restrict bathing at beaches because of contamination with fecal bacteria.

In the new study, researchers tested 10 beaches in Washington along the West Coast and in Puget Sound from February to September 2008. Staph bacteria were found at nine of them, including five with MRSA. The strains resembled the highly resistant ones usually seen in hospitals, rather than the milder strains acquired in community settings, Roberts said.

No staph was found in samples from two beaches in Southern California.

People should not avoid beaches or be afraid to enjoy them, scientists said. "It's probably prudent to shower when you come out" to lower the risk of bacteria staying on the skin, said Dr. Lance Peterson, a microbiologist at NorthShore University Health System in Evanston, Ill.

"Make sure you get all the sand off," and cover any open cuts or scrapes before playing in the sand, Roberts said. Digging in the sand or being buried in it seems to raise the risk of infection, she added.

# Mediation centers on rise in Baja

## Sites seek to ease burden on courts

By **Sandra Dibble**

UNION-TRIBUNE STAFF WRITER

2:00 a.m. September 6, 2009

### OVERVIEW

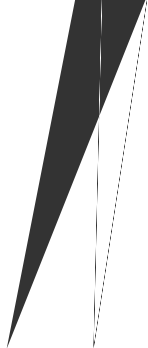
*Background:* Disagreements between neighbors and other minor legal disputes often end up in the Mexican judicial system, clogging up the courts. *What's changing:* As part of an overall reform of the judicial system, Baja California is opening mediation centers, including one in Rosarito Beach staffed by people who speak Spanish and English. *The future:* Mexico hopes the centers will resolve minor disputes that have frustrated residents, including the large U.S. expatriate community in Rosarito Beach. **ROSARITO BEACH** — With Rosarito Beach's large U.S. expatriate community in mind, state officials are preparing to open a mediation center staffed by English-speakers trained to address a range of legal disputes.

The idea is to find rapid resolution to many minor issues — including disputes between motorists, neighbors and complaints against local businesses — that up to now have often either languished in Baja California's overburdened criminal justice system or resulted in unnecessary prison sentences. "The key is reaching an agreement," said Rommel Moreno Manjarréz, Baja California's attorney general. "People will be able to come and sit down and find a structure where they can seek a solution." Five mediation centers are operating in Mexicali, Ensenada and the farming community of San Quintin, where the staff members speak Mixtec and Triqui to communicate with the large indigenous population. The Rosarito Beach center is one of four set to begin operating by late October or early November, including two in Tijuana and one in Tecate.

Known as Centers for Alternative Criminal Justice, the offices are opening as Baja California prepares to change to a judicial system based on oral trials next year in Mexicali, 2011 in Ensenada and 2012 in Tijuana and Rosarito Beach. States across Mexico are moving away from an inquisitorial system that relies heavily on written documents, hoping to increase efficiency and transparency. Baja California prosecutors say that by channeling lesser crimes and issues to the mediation centers, investigators will be able to focus on major crimes such as homicide, kidnapping and armed robbery. While Rosarito Beach's mediation center will address legal disputes affecting all of the city's 90,000 residents, prosecutors are especially eager to use the center as a vehicle for resolving disputes involving its 14,000 foreign residents, most of them U.S. citizens.

"I've had some come up to me and say, 'Nobody cares,'" said Rafael González Cervantes, the state's top prosecutor for Rosarito Beach. "'They stole a hose from my patio, and no one is paying attention.'" The Rosarito Beach center will be staffed by three mediators who speak Spanish and English. The mediation centers would address a range of issues, including child support, fraud, shoplifting and ~~deramation, [see 3/1](#)~~

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Your Association now has its own mailing address:

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If you have a HOA question, concern, or maybe a suggestion please contact any HOA officer:

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