

# **Welcome New Homeowners of Loreto Bay**

The Loreto Bay Homeowners Association would like to welcome you to the neighborhood and to Loreto itself. The following is information that we hope will prove to be useful. Please be advised that information and links to that information are always changing - so let us know if something is incorrect or no longer available. Also, let us know if you believe there is something that would be useful to add here.

We would like to thank the Surveillance Committee of Sub Regime A, who developed this packet of information for the benefit of new homeowners in Sub Regime A and are now kindly making it available to all new homeowners.

## Where to look for Loreto Bay information:

#### **Loreto Bay HOA website**

The Loreto Bay HOA website is a prime source of useful information: <a href="https://www.loretobayhoa.com.mx/">https://www.loretobayhoa.com.mx/</a>

If you are interested in reading the HOA Web Site Privacy and Security Policy, it is available at this link: Website Privacy & Security Policy

We strongly advise all Loreto Bay homeowners to make use of the HOA website. We recommend that you go into your profile settings on the webpage and enable the function to automatically receive notification emails. These emails alert you to the fact that a post or a comment has been published on the Home Owners Forum or on your Sub Regime's private forum and they also contain the full text of that post or comment.

The link below will take you to a page that explains exactly how to do this: How to change website contact settings

In order to be sure that you can receive emails from the HOA and prevent them from being blocked or going to your Spam folder, we suggest that you specifically add this address to your email contacts:

"no-reply@www.loretobayhoa.com.mx"

In the Documents section of the website, you will find the rules of the HOA

- 1. Master Rules
- 2. Administrator Rules
- 3. Design Rules

It is important to follow the design guidelines when considering any renovations to your casa. You will need to apply for permission for any changes to the Design Review Committee. The forms and process for this are outlined on the website. **Be sure to check this section of the website before proceeding with any changes.** 

You will also find the casa number, email address, and [often] a phone number for any other member of the HOA in the Contacts section of the website (Home Owner and Residents Directory).

The Home Owner and Residents Directory section of Contacts is a Search box. By entering the name of any other member of the HOA, you can find their casa number, email address, and [often] a phone number.

**NOTE**: You can also enter a casa number in the Search field, which will produce a list of several casas with homeowners' names – the casa of interest will be somewhere on that list.

The Contacts Section will also have lists and contact information for HOA leadership:

- Managing Agent
- HOA Board Members
- Master Representatives
- Sub-Regime Surveillance and HOA Committees
- Pet Directory

Under the heading "HOME OWNER QUICK LINKS", sub-heading 'Amenities, Maps, Rules", you will find a lot of useful information, including:

- Golf course no-access rules
- Marine Park fees
- Waste removal
- Recycling
- Parking
- Noise reduction
- Phone numbers for Area Supervision and the HOA Manager
- Registration with Area Supervision
- Maps of the HOA and the area
- Miscellaneous links including information websites and much more.

## **Medical Care**

Medical care in Loreto is another important sub-heading under HOME OWNER QUICK LINKS. This page contains extensive information on medical care options in the area. Link to the page <a href="here">here</a>.

A second link here contains useful public health information to help you stay healthy while you enjoy your time in Loreto Bay. Link to the page here.

## Associa website (TownSq)

The website used by the HOA Managing Agent is TownSq (app.townsq.io/).

All official HOA notifications and documents are published there.

As a service to homeowners, many important or relevant documents or posts to TownSq are also reposted on the HOA website Home Owners Forum.

TownSq also has a homeowners directory and a forum of its own.

HOA dues can be paid online through TownSq if desired.

#### Information on local news and activities:

#### <u>Websites</u>

- www.Nopolonews.com
- www.Visitloreto.info
- www.Loretolocal.com

#### Facebook groups

- Loreto Bay Community Engagement
- Voices of Loreto
- Ads Voices of Loreto
- Loreto Fish Report
- Loreto Bay Ladies Social Club
- What to do in Loreto
- Loreto Music Community
- Conserva Loreto

You can also obtain helpful advice by posting about a problem or a question on one of the Facebook group pages.

Although not Loreto-specific, <a href="https://www.mexperience.com/">https://www.mexperience.com/</a> is a fact-filled website with invaluable tips & insights.

#### **How the Loreto Bay Homeowners Association is organized:**

The Loreto Bay HOA has a very complex organizational and governance structure. These are some materials to help you understand how it works:

Link to HOA organization description

Link to HOA organization flowchart

The HOA held an education session in early 2024 to educate newly elected HOA leaders about the complex organization of the HOA. The contents of this session may also be useful for you. You can access this session in a number of ways:

Link to Powerpoint slides of HOA Leadership Education session 2024

Link to video presentation of Leadership HOA Leadership Education session 2024

Use this access code: Y7?9Ek#?

Written minutes of the Leadership Education session 2024

## Who to contact for your concerns:

If you are unsure who to contact about a particular issue, talk with any of your surveillance committee members first and they can point you in the right direction.

The members of your Sub Regime's Surveillance Committee and your master Representative are listed on the HOA website under **Contacts** >> **Sub Regime and HOA Committees.** 

#### Other useful contact information:

- Associa Mexico Area Supervisor: Victor Zavala vzavala@associamexico.com
- Area Supervision: FN348 +52 (613) 104-5790
- The HOA Communications Committee has compiled a document <a href="[Link here]">[Link here]</a> summarizing how to decide who you should contact for a specific issue.

# Where to shop for groceries:

#### In Loreto Bay

- La Cholla
- Pedro's Delicatessen General Store
- La Tiendita

## In Town (Centro)

- Bodega Aurrera
- Super Ley Express
- Supermercado el Pescador
- Pedro's Delicatessen
- Juarez Mercado

#### In Town (Miramar)

- Pescaderia Mariscos Alvarez
- Carniceria Drew

#### **Banks and ATM's:**

- Intercam Bank on the Highway
- Bancomer Bank on the Town Square
- Azteca Bank on Independencia & Benito Juarez
- Santa Fe Hotel has an ATM
- Loreto Airport has an ATM
- Pedro's General Store in Loreto Bay has an ATM
- Wise.com (low-cost international money transfers)

## Link to map showing supermarkets and ATMs in Centro

Link to map showing food stores in Miramar

#### Where to Store your Boat or Trailer:

(this list is not comprehensive and provides suggestions only)

Loreto Storage +52 (613) 111-9219

Silver King +52 (613) 135-2159
Eulogio Davis +52 (613) 114-6826

Gecko Storage +52 (613) 105-4397
The Marina +52 (613) 131-8097

at Puerto Escondido

• Tim Yarborough +1 (310) 756-5742 or +52 (613) 135-1533

## **Property Managers**

(this list is not comprehensive and provides suggestions only)

- CasaGo
- Agua Viva Management
- Ronival Real Estate
- Oceano Rentals
- Bahaia Management
- Ramon Property Management (RPM)

- Momentum Property Management
- Baja Boss
- E&E Associates Property Management

## **Utility Payment Options (if you choose to not retain a Property Manager)**

Gaspasa: (across street from Pescador beside the pharmacy - at the back of the mall)

<u>Oomsapas</u>: (pay on-line or visit in person their office on the right side of the street as you enter the town.

<u>CFE</u>: (located across the arroyo in Zaragoza). You can pay this through <u>ulinkremit.com</u> or with the CFE app.

<u>Property Taxes</u>: (Town Centre Square municipal Office, right hand door)

<u>Telmex</u> (internet): 613 132 4300 or 613 132 3299 to hookup service. Pay online through ulinkremit.com

<u>Telcel</u> (phone): You can purchase a SIM card with a Mexican phone number at several locations indicated by Telcel signage, in Loreto. Then pay monthly at that location or online at <u>telcel.com</u>

# Where to fill your propane tank:

**Gaspasa** on the Highway, left as you drive into town before the airport & on the opposite side of the road (west side of highway).

## Where you can and cannot walk:

- **NOT** on the golf course property. This is strictly prohibited by the owners & misuse could result in retaliation with high fences obstructing our views.
- Circle the neighborhood by walking towards the highway from the Wine Cellar. Turn down the street just before the highway to the corner where it curves towards Agua Viva and follow the Paseo up to where you started.
- Beach walks to Nopolo Rock or left towards the airport and town.
- The website https://www.discoverbaja.com/ offers information on many hiking trails
- The book "Hiking Loreto" details hike walks in Loreto & the Sierra Giganta.

#### Farmer's Markets:

Jorge's Nursery & Garden Market open Wednesday & Saturdays, 9-1 pm. Heading north to town on Hwy. 1, cross the tope in front of the hospital. Take the first left through the median and cross to southbound MEX 1, then onto an unmarked gravel road heading west. Go approximately ¾ km to the first recognizable intersection. Turn right & go approximately 250 meters to an oasis looking farm on the right-hand side with a large Mexican flag.

**Nopolo Market**, behind the Fonatur commercial buildings (turn on Mortier) Wednesday and Saturday mornings 9-1.

Cecilia Fischer organizes a **Community Supported Agriculture** (CSA) basket of fresh vegetables selected by the farmer – supplied directly to your casa weekly. Sold for a set fee per week or the season in advance. Ceci.fischer023@gmail.com

#### What to do/Activities:

Check calendar posted outside the library and various other locations.

Check <u>www.loretobayhoa.com.mx</u> under Clubs and Activities for Calendar, and the Activity Centre for many activities, including quilting, language classes, yoga, Pilates, aquafit classes, cards, and other games.

Loreto Bay Pickleball Club

**Tennis** 

Golf

## Kayaks and Paddleboards

The Loreto Bay Kayak Group has adopted several rules for safe and appropriate use of watercraft, regardless of whether the craft are stored on the HOA racks:

- 1. Kayaks and Paddle Boards cannot be stored on the beach.
- 2. Kayaks or Paddle Boards shall not be stored near the beach during the hurricane season (June 15<sup>th</sup> through October 15<sup>th</sup>).
- 3. Kayakers shall have a pass to navigate the national park (temporary or permanent Mexico residents do not need a pass).
- 4. Boaters shall have a life jacket with them on their kayak.

The Group has also developed regulations for use and assignment of watercraft racks.

<u>Link to regulations for the use of Kayak/Watercraft racks</u>

A requirement that all watercraft must be registered at the Loreto Port Captain's office is now voluntary, rather than mandatory, for watercraft less than 5 meters long that are for personal use. You are required, however, to carry a copy of the bill of sale for the craft onboard.

Be aware that every time you are on the water, you are accessing a Marine Park. If you are not a resident or a citizen of Mexico, you must have a pass to be on the water.

Day Pass wrist bands can be purchased in Loreto Bay at the Casago office (FN399C) or La Cholla market; or in town, at the Marina coffee counter.

Yearly passes can be purchased online at the Park National Bahia de Loreto website.

Link to obtaining a Park Pass

# Restaurants in Loreto Bay:

Note that some restaurants are only open seasonally.

- The Wine Cellar
- Le Bistro
- Ocotillo (in the Cordelia Resort & Spa)
- La Sirena (breakfast & lunch)
- Dos Lobos
- El Nectar de Loreto
- Señora Delicias
- Maya Restaurant
- Pan que Pan Bistro and Bakery
- Pedro's Place
- Gastroteca Azul
- Loreto Bay Golf Resort and Spa (two restaurants)