



Grupo Pro Sayulita Meeting

Noon - 1:30 PM, February 4, 2010

Rear, Blue Iguana Restaurant

“Making Sayulita a better place for everyone to live and visit”

Approval of Minutes: Janet Anderson moved to accept the minutes of the last meeting. Barbara Rudd seconded the motion. Carried.

Special presentation by Peter Wilson; Making Your Home More Secure. (20 minutes)

Peter Wilson is a locksmith working in Sayulita and is familiar with recent robberies and methods of entry into homes.

Here are his recommendations

- If you have only a door knob on your door you are vulnerable.
- Another weak spot is latch type windows but the solution is a simple padlock.
- Steel doors have latch and bolt so don't just pull the knob and forget the bolt lock.
- It is disconcerting to think you are being watched from the shadows and bushes but you could very well be part of a sting operation.
- Light the dark places of the house and the gardens. Use the motion sensors which come on near the door so as not to violate the peace with the neighbours.
- Prybars and big screwdrivers are tools of choice. If you see anyone in your neighbourhood with these secreted, be aware and tell the police.
- Make it difficult for them to get in. Don't leave anything open even when you are away for a short time and don't trust your gate being locked to keep them out.
- For rental casitas, the check in time is a vulnerable time as they watch where taxis go and when people are all elated to be in Sayulita and head out for food or the beach before putting things away or locking up, they are perfect targets. Go over this precaution with your guests.
- Safes-“Sentry” brand from Home Depot has had some definite problems. Even with an electric solenoid lock they are being entered. There is considerable involvement to get keys for this safe so it does not seem to be the problem. Try a hidden safe for extra safety.
- Padlocks that are less easy to cut are ones with a short horizontal bar and ones with a short rounded shaft.
- Put exposed wires for lights inside conduits and seal well to avoid cutting. Don't make light bulbs easy to unscrew to shut off light to your house.
- If you live here, a dog is a good option-one big enough to make a good impression and bark at strangers.
- Pete is willing to quote you a fee if you want him to do a Home Security Audit. Perhaps you have not had a robbery but are not too sure if there are extra precautions you can take. Contact information: 322-147-0537 petewilson101@gmail.com

Committee Updates:

1. Education (Cheryl)-The processing of the library books for the Primeria is up and running and the library will be open soon.
2. Safety and Medical Response (Mike) We are working with the Municipal police only for now but could consider working with the Tourist Police in the future. We are looking for items for the office set up-see below. If we can't get items through donations we will have to put forth a budget for some final purchases.

These items are needed for the new Police Station in Sayulita. Please email jmt@tuck-id.com for donations.

Small sofa(s)

Twin bed frame (wooden kind) that can be a sofa if we can't find a sofa

Fabric to put on top of something (tablespread, etc)

3 sets of small curtains

Used toaster oven(s)

Used hotplate (single burner fine; electric)

Any office supplies (like office trays to put papers in, pen holders and pens/pencils)

Extra pads to write on

Any small side tables

Any lamps

Any extra towels

3. Trash and Recycling (Monica)-No report
4. Traffic and Streets (Jeff) Discussion is ongoing to put together the merchants association.
5. Beach Preservation (Jose Luis)-No report

Remainder of meeting for Fiesta Committee (Janet, Leslie) (45 minutes)

Next meeting, noon-1:30 PM, February 11, 2010. (Part of meeting will be an open discussion about long-term, future projects and/or town needs that GPS might consider.)