



Vientos Bajos Codger

Activities in and around San Ramon



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Upcoming Activities

Daily: Walking Club, 7 AM, Vientos Bajos

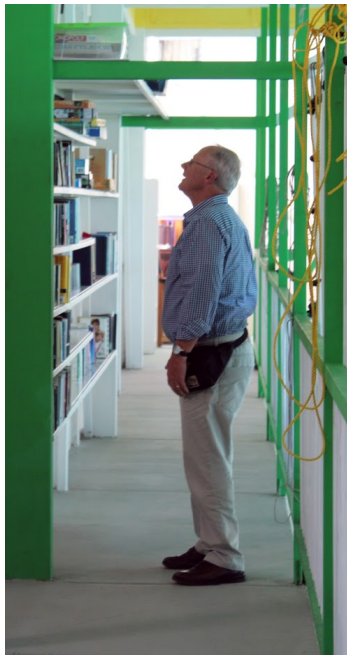
On Call: Libraries: DVD, CD, Books, Picture Puzzles

Vientos Bajos Update. Yes, Costa Rica remains mostly locked down, and with it, all the social activities and events for which Vientos Bajos is famous. We do have a few local stalwarts walking daily beginning at 7 AM in front of Vientos Bajos, and if you'd like to join us, you're more than welcome. Yes, we maintain our six-foot spacing. Also, we still have the keys to all the libraries—books, DVDs, CDs, and picture puzzles, so please feel free to contact us if you'd like to check out something for a pass-time at your home while you wait out the restrictions.

So, What's Happening at VB? We're glad you asked!! The lockdown has provided an opportunity to do some thinking, planning, and changing some of our operations and locations for activities. Here's a synopsis of what's going on:

- 1. Management.** Rick Reimer and Kim Colthart are now managing the day-to-day operations at Vientos Bajos. Living at *Jardin La Torre*, they have quick and easy access to the facility. They are responsible for scheduling and coordinating activities, working out parking, collecting money, supervising cleaning, and helping with the marketing and conduct of special events.

2. **Activities Room.** Over the next seven months, the plans are to sacrifice the upper pickleball court for a 40' x 48' activities room. Pickleball, basketball, volleyball, and badminton will still be available on the lower court, but will need to be scheduled through Rick or Kim to prevent conflicts in use. The Activities Room will have a 10' ceiling, allowing us to continue big-screen cinema. The room will be used for concerts, presentations, theater, dinners, other special events, as well as a place to hold meetings and social clubs such as music rehearsals, card and other table game clubs, etc. If you are interested in forming a focus club, please let us know and we'll see what we can coordinate: rickreimer49@gmail.com



Ron Dwyer Perusing Library: Books, games, Puzzles, DVDs, CDs, available.

3. **Golf Simulator.** No doubt the exciting thing is that we're setting aside a space for an upscale golf simulator. We're importing the major parts from the States, and assuming flying restrictions are relaxed in the next month, we hope to have the simulator up and running before the end of June. If you're an interested golfer/ duffer, please email vientosbajos@gmail.com for details.



Golf Simulator (artist's conception)

- 4. Apartments.** If you're looking for a modern rental residence with great views and easy access, we're also designing apartments to be built as a part of the VB complex. Currently, two apartments are complete, and we're planning three to four more. These will be one and two-bedroom apartments, furnished or unfurnished. Contact vientosbajos@gmail.com for more information, or visit our website, www.vientosbajos.com



View from one of the VB apartments.

5. **Houses.** And across the street at *Jardin La Torre*, we now have a couple of two-bedroom houses available for sale or rent. So, if you're looking for a little more room on a secure campus, across the street from our activities center built with the retired expat in mind, contact vientosbajos@gmail.com or visit our website at www.latorrecostarica.com for more information.



Loro House, one of the two-bedroom houses available for sale or rent at Jardin La Torre.

6. **Asphalt Road Repair.** On Monday, April 27, we were visited by the Mayor of San Ramon and a team of his engineers to discuss the roadway just beyond Vientos Bajos, which has collapsed during each of the two rainy seasons. According to the mayor, work will begin on Monday, May 3, to put an asphalt top on the repaired road. This will create more parking area for Vientos Bajos. After the first slide, the San Ramon municipality engineered some repairs, shown below.



Road work completed at end of 2018.

The work was not capped by asphalt, resulting in a slide the following SEP, 2019.



In February, 2020, the municipality of San Ramon again began repairs. This time, we're promised better results. Photos of the improvements to follow next month!

7. **New Parking Area.** On April 28, the owners of Vientos Bajos purchased a parcel of land 100 meters beyond Vientos Bajos on the right side of the road with the purpose of adding a 16-space parking area. The goal is to have the parking area ready to go by 15 JUL, 2020. Fingers crossed, and photos to be provided in the JUN newsletter!
8. **Future Opening Date:** The Costa Rican government is looking at limited re-opening of the country in mid-May. Although we've got a couple of shows and other organized activities in the can it will take us a couple of weeks to get activities up and running and even longer to program events since presenters will need to knock off the rust. At this time, we don't have any activities or events planned for the month of May. Watch our Facebook page! In the meantime, keep your heads down, stay safe and healthy.