

¿Qué Pasa?



2021 Update 11

Thank You for Your Help - Que Pasa Grecia Will Keep Operating Through 2022

Your editors wish to thank you our great *QPG* subscribers that stepped up to make sure we were funded to cover our 2022 operating costs—It is very much appreciated!!!

New in Que Pasa Grecia

Since our last Update, we've added a refrigerator for sale and we have a seasonal apartment for rent in Sarchi. Democrats Aboard will be offering a voter registration for all party affiliations and independents on 27 January, 2022 at Casa Nosstra Restaurant, Grecia from 1-4 pm.

Here Comes the Omicron Variant. Get Your Booster.

The COVID delta variant is well-established in Costa Rica and now here comes the much more infectious omicron variant. Omicron already accounts for 73% of all new COVID cases in the U.S. Due to the very rapid spread of the omicron variant, much of Europe is shutting down again and if history repeats, omicron will also create a whole new set of problems for us in Costa Rica.

COVID booster shots are now available somewhere in your canton. If you are 65 or over, your booster will be the highly effective Pfizer COVID vaccine.

The delta and omicron variants are in Costa Rica. Get your booster shot. Remember, we may be done with COVID-19, but COVID-19 is not done with us—still, not for some time to come.

It's the Holidays and Phone, ATM and Internet Scams and Violent Break Ins Are Back

It seems like every year during the holiday season there is no shortage of crime and scams. Never give anyone your account info over the phone or in online communications. Keep it to in-person visits at the government agency, bank or the service provider's office. Be alert—some local ATMs have been tampered with. Also, we've become aware of violent break ins in the El Cajon/San Miguel areas of Grecia. Keep your doors locked and your eye out for unusual activity in your neighborhood. Keep the police and OIJ phone numbers handy. And, report all crimes.

For U.S. Citizens—New Passports Will Cost More

The price for a new passport is rising from \$60 to \$80 due to the additional document security required.

Handy Booklet

Printed in Spanish, "*Escuela para Todos*" is easy to understand and good Spanish reading practice. "*School for All*" is the translated title of this booklet that you can find in most bookstores around Grecia at this time of the year for just 2-mil. It is a combination almanac and "Readers' Digest" of things that are currently going on in Central America.

Paper or Plastic? Plastic!

In 2022, all Costa Rica currency will transition from paper to plastic. (Sorry, your editor has not been able to confirm the exact, official transition dates for all bills, but at some point, your bills will all need to be the new plastic types.)

“Cada uno sabe donde aprieta el zapato”

Literal translation: Everyone knows where to squeeze the shoe.

English equivalent: Each person knows their own limitations and what's best for them.

Thank you Isabel Arguello for your continuing contributions.

Isabel teaches Spanish and does translations.

Find out more about Isabel on the QuePasaGrecia website.

Feliz navidad y un prospero año nuevo,

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