Mijas promotes a solution to the lack of parking spaces

The Las Lagunas Parking Plan includes the location of ten municipal plots where the creation of some 5,800 spaces.

On Thursday the municipality joined the celebration of World AIDS Day with the organisation of an awareness campaign aimed especially at young people at the Las Lagunas Theatre. The awareness day on HIV began with a colourful release of red balloons, as a symbolic act. Currently 36 million people live with this virus worldwide. In Spain, 3,428 new cases were reported last year and the most frequent transmission route is sexual. “The risk of contracting the disease is on the street”, explained the councillor for Health, Mari Carmen González, who stressed the importance of working with preventive measures.

Beatriz Martín. SPANISH NEWS /15
Ten plots are located to develop the Parking Plan for Las Lagunas

This is indicated by the feasibility study that the Town Hall has announced this week, which has identified a lack of 3,000 parking spaces currently in this nucleus.

One of the most ambitious projects of the Mijas Town Hall has been announced this week. Mayor Juan Carlos Maldonado (C’s) has reported the first step that has been taken within the “Las Lagunas Parking Plan”: its feasibility report. The councillor for Town Planning, Andrés Ruiz (C’s), explained that, thanks to this commission, “we have obtained the necessary information to know how we should create the parking buildings”. The report has identified ten plots that correspond to ten pieces of municipal land located in El Juncal, Aquapark, Las Santos neighbourhood, San Valentín Street, Las Cañadas, La Candelaria, the sports centre, Doña Ermita, the surroundings of the El Albero School and Parque Andalucía, according to the councillor for Infrastructures, José Carlos Martín (C’s).

The study has examined the current places and the projection of Las Lagunas looking forward to the year 2020, considering the estimated population growth and what the General Plan for Urban Development (PGOU) contemplates. “On the one hand we had to see what was the offer and what the demand to carry out a realistic planning, as well as the economic viability of the project”, said Martín, adding that “we have detected a need for 3,000 places”. The idea is to start drafting the projects in 2017 and to start building in 2018. The involvement of the citizens is “key”, assured the councillor. “We will go hand in hand with the neighbours to agree on the order of preference of the car parks, the management model and other details”, said Maldonado.

Initially, the Town Hall can not specify how many car parks are going to be built although it has advanced that “those allowed by the budgets of the different economic periods and on what the neighbours consider most important to fix this problem as soon as possible”, concluded Martín.
The feasibility study is the first step to resolve the problem of the lack of parking spaces in Las Lagunas. The document contemplates ten plots of municipal ownership, where ten public underground parkings will be built and another private one in the area of the El Albero School.

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Global budget 97.2M€

The feasibility study establishes the parameters to cover the needs of the residents until 2020.

Demographic growth in 2020:
- 56,551 inhabitants
- 40,000 vehicles

Citizen participation:
The Town Hall will hold meetings with the residents to agree the order of preference, the management model and other details regarding these infrastructures.
Two workshops aimed at foreign entrepreneurs are organised in Mijas

The Employment Department organises these courses that will be in English.

Mijas is without doubt one of the municipalities in the whole of Spain with more residents from other countries. There are citizens of 125 different nationalities living here and therefore, the Department for Employment Promotion has organised two workshops aimed at this large community.

The councillor for the Promotion of Employment, Laura Moreno (PSOE), highlighted that in this department, “in addition to promoting courses for unemployed persons, we believe it is important to accommodate the entrepreneurs in our municipality and offer them ways to improve their businesses or to start them.”

In this case, the initiative has a distinctly international character. The courses are aimed at entrepreneurs who are thinking of starting a business or business project and will be offered in English.

Programme
The first of the workshops, entitled ‘How to start a business’ will be offered from 4pm to 7:30pm at the building for Training and Employment on the 12th and 13th of December.

The second, entitled ‘Networks and social media for your business’, will be offered on the 14th and 15th with the same timetable.

To participate you have to be registered at the Mijas Town Hall and have a high level of English.

Collaborations
The workshops are being organised in collaboration with the Department for Foreigners. “These courses are to be offered to respond to a request by the community of foreigners in Mijas, who find it difficult to start a business,” assured Roy Pérez (PSOE), the councillor in charge of this Department.

Along with the Local Council, the courses are also backed by the Costa Women Association. This women’s group has more than 3000 members throughout the whole of the Costa del Sol and will be responsible for promoting the workshops. “We will collaborate in the distribution of this information because we consider that it is very important for the residents to learn about these concepts in order to start their business in Mijas”, explained the president of the association, Ali Meehan.

Interested persons can register at the Branch Offices in La Cala and Las Lagunas and at the Town Hall itself in Mijas Village.

SOLIDARITY

The ‘Gran Recogida’ collects 500 tons of food products in Málaga

J.C./G.R. The bad weather over the weekend has had a negative impact on the numbers for ‘The Great Collection by Bancosol’. It has not been possible to reach the figures that were set as an objective, but the province of Málaga has once again shown its most charitable side and more than 500,000 kilos of food have been donated in the two days that this campaign has taken place.

This year more than 5,300 volunteers participated and were responsible for collecting and classifying the food donations for families without resources that anonymous citizens could hand over at any of the 365 shops of the 21 supermarket chains throughout Málaga. As every year, non-perishable products such as pulses, oil, milk, canned vegetables - as well as fish and meat - were asked for, with special attention to children’s products, such as cans of adapted milk, jarred baby food and cereals. The numbers for 2016 are far from those of last year, when they reached 642,000 kilos of food. In Andalusia, almost 3.15 million kilos of food have been collected. In Mijas, up to 20 collection points were set up in different establishments. Bancosol organises this charitable event that benefits more than 50,000 persons in need just in the province of Málaga.
Mijas has the largest dog park in all of Andalusia

It is a recreation area of about 40,000 square metres situated in Calahonda and will be fully equipped and ready to use within the next two weeks.

The new park covers a surface area of 40,000 square metres and is located in the northern part of Calahonda, right at the top of the cut and cover highway tunnel. It is to be presented as "probably the largest dog park in Andalusia," said the councillor for Operational Services in the Mijas Town Hall, José Carlos Martín (Cs) and the deputy mayor of La Cala, Nuria Rodríguez (Cs), who visited the site on the 29th of November to symbolically place the first stone.

"We want to give an important boost to these kinds of spaces that until now were scarce. In this way, we are creating new leisure areas, this time, to be able to be shared with pets. There will be a large space within the urban area to be able to exercise our animals with complete safety," said Martín.

With this park, Mijas is situated at the top on a regional level when speaking of this type of initiatives, as it doubles the size of the one that, until now, was the largest dog park and which is in Marbella (12,000 square metres). "The refurbishment and creation of this new park responds to a demand by the residents. This was proposed by them and now we are making it a reality. Also, let’s not forget that it represents another tourist attraction for the urban area and for the municipality in general," assured Rodríguez.

For his part, the councillor for Parks and Gardens, Roy Pérez (PSOE), said that "Mijas is in luck because we are talking about what will be the largest dog park in Andalusia, which will feature exercising games on a plot that will be included within the recreation area. We will continue working in both departments to provide the municipality with this type of spaces in the three urban centres to be enjoyed by the ‘mijeños’.

In fact, Martín added that another dog park is planned to be created in La Cala and in Las Lagunas. "The projects are already being drafted and the parks will be a reality within the coming year," he said. "Once the three dog parks are finished, Mijas will become the most populated municipality with more square metres dedicated to this type of parks in Spain," said the councillor.

Refurbishment works

According to municipal sources the local government team is going to continue to be "strongly committed to creating sustainable urbanism and to seeking recreational and leisure spaces for the neighbours". It should be noted that, aside from the canine parks already announced, the Department for Infrastructures is already working on the largest park in the province of Málaga, which will be situated in Las Lagunas and will also have an area reserved for dogs.

Five exercising elements for dogs are being installed, a double security door in the fencing, wooden pergolas to offer shade in the park, wastebaskets distributed throughout the plot and benches.

"We are also working on the exterior part of the land, establishing the perimeter for parking spaces and adding vertical and horizontal signage," added Martín, who calculated that the works will be finished in approximately "two weeks".

More areas

According to municipal sources the local government team is going to continue to be “strongly committed to creating sustainable urbanism and to seeking recreational and leisure spaces for the neighbours”.

The Local Council “has not been sparing regarding resources when conditioning the site, ensuring elements that guarantee the safety of users” assured Martín.

The new dog park is presented as another tourist attraction, for the area of Calahonda in particular and for the municipality as a whole.
Mijas culminates the programme of activities for the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women with a Gala at the Las Lagunas Theatre

**Seeding equality**

After the awareness days among students and associations in November, on the 25th of November the Gala for the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women closed the programme of events organised by the area for Equality in Mijas. With the motto ‘Seeding equality’, the participants were given a bag of seeds with a clear symbolic purpose. During the gala, the councillor Mari Carmen Carmona (C’s) read an institutional manifesto, which stated “our most vigorous rejection of any kind of gender violence and the renewal of our commitment to improve and promote actions aimed at eradicating this social scourge that is one of the most serious violations of rights and freedom”.

Carmona recalled that the Local Council works with four strategic lines: prevention and health, sensitization and awareness, education along with training and employment and comprehensive care for the direct and indirect victims. “We are committed to maintaining a sufficient annual budget to carry out the equality programme with the possibility of increasing it if necessary”, said the councillor.

Mayor, Juan Carlos Maldonado (C’s), emphasized this and mentioned the Local Security Board, “whose last meeting was dedicated to violence against women” and took the opportunity to thank the law enforcement agencies and State Security Forces for their work.

“Seeding equality” is the motto for the Gala for the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, which was attended by members of the Corporation, so that the idea of working for equality, against gender violence and to ensure that you have better living conditions by committing ourselves through the budgets and with politics thinking about the citizens”.

“Getting youth involved”

Scores of students from the high schools in Mijas participated on the morning of Friday, November 25th in the multitudinal zumba session organised by the area for Equality in the Las Lagunas Sports City. Under the motto ‘Join and move’, the day had a star activity, a zumba class using orange and white t-shirts with the phone number to be used by victims of gender violence.
Part of the gates of the old medieval village of Mijas are discovered

The finding has been thanks to the archaeological surveillance of the works on the Cuesta de la Villa.

**Councillor for Historic Heritage, Fuensanta Lima, with councillor Laura Moreno and the head of the department, Juan José de la Rubia / Mijas Press.**

Mijas Pueblo breathes history in every corner. Proof of this can be offered by the coordinator of the municipal department for Historical Heritage, Juan José de la Rubia. During his task of monitoring the remodelling works of the Cuesta de la Villa, the archaeologist has found a unique discovery. It is part of the bearing on which the hinges of one of the gates of the medieval walls of Mijas rested.

"This finding has been made possible to a great extent thanks to the exhaustive control of the land movement by the department of all the works that are executed in the historical centre of Mijas, and especially in the area of the Cuesta de la Villa, which is an especially sensitive area because it was the access point to the medieval village", explained de la Rubia.

"We have also found Phoenician material, among which are different ceramic fragments of amphorae", recalled the archaeologist.

For the councillor for Historical Heritage, Fuensanta Lima (PSOE), "we are talking about great news". The councillor highlighted the work of the technicians in this department, "thanks to whom today we can say that we know a little more about the history of our municipality".

Almohad period

As indicated by the council, this discovery dates from the Almohad period, situated between the 12th and 13th centuries. According to La Rubia, the finding will reinforce and confirm the information collected in the documents of the time available to the Town Hall.

Conservation

"The defensive system of the old town was in accordance with the period, with a difficult entrance slope and a walled area with an elbow shape which made any type of entrance difficult", explained the councillor for Historic Heritage, Fuensanta Lima.

The councillor announced that the finding will be treated and cleaned and a casket will be placed over it to preserve it. The objective of the local council is to be able to evaluate and study it later.

**The bearing on which the hinges of the old medieval doors to the town.**

**A REMINDER OF THE ‘Al-Andalus’ Mijas**

The finding, which can be dated between the 12th and 13th centuries, is one of the bearings of the old medieval doors to the town. The hinges of the great gates that closed the wall that surrounded Mijas at that time were placed in these spaces.

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**THESE WORKSHOPS WILL BE HELD IN ENGLISH**

**PRESENTATION OF BUSINESS WORKSHOPS IN ENGLISH FOR FOREIGN RESIDENTS IN MIJAS**

The Workshops will be held in English in the blue building in Las Lagunas. The first workshop on the 12th and 13th of December will give an introduction of how to start a business. The following one on the 13th and 14th of December will deal with promotion in the social medias. The workshops are free of charge. The presentation took place with representatives and the councillors for Work/ Employment and the Foreigners Department as well as Ali Mehan from the Costa Women Association.

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Contact us to find out how to register for the first time, or renew your registration, change of address, adding a new member of the family etc.

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If you have a query or a problem and need clarification or general information on matters related to the Town Hall and the Spanish administration contact the Department at the Town Hall, Bulevar de La Cala nº 40, 29720 Mijas Pueblo. Málaga. Spain. (952) 58 90 10.
FRIDAY 2ND
- Exhibition ‘Along the Path of Pablo Rodríguez’s Memory’
  CACMijas, 7pm
  Until the 22nd of February
- Yearly exhibition by the Nuevo Enfoque Mijas Association: ‘Mirada Urbana’ (Urban View)
  Cultural Centre in Las Lagunas, 8pm
  Until the 9th of January
- Bahía Records Christmas Show
  Theatre in Las Lagunas, 7pm
  Tickets, 3 €. Tickets can be bought two hours prior to the show at the theatre box office
- 6th ‘Pastorales de Los Santiago’ contest and 5th Antonio Núñez Memorial
  Lagar Don Elías, 7:30pm
  Until the 9th of January
-坎达斯 School associations
  8pm
  Held within the Hippodrome

SATURDAY 3RD
- Day for Disabled Persons Gala
  Theatre Las Lagunas, 7pm
  Tickets, 3 €. On sale until two hours prior to the event. Free entrance for 2 year olds and under
  Until the 30th of December
- Hipercor Costa Mijas activities
  Friday 2nd, 9th & 16th of December, at 6:30pm on the semibasement floor (Bookshop)
  Christmas handcraft workshops: Saturday 3rd (Christmas decorations), 10th (snow balls) and 17th (Christmas Eve decorations)
  5:30 to 8:30pm on the 1st floor (Playstore)

TUESDAY 6TH
- Historical Reenactment of the Landing of Torrijos
  At 11 am on the Playa del Charcón (Restaurante El Faro)
  Organised by the ‘Asociación Histórico-Cultural Torrijos 1831’

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  Lagar Don Elías, Mondays to Fridays from 4 to 8pm and weekends from 11am to 2pm and from 4pm to 9:30pm
  Proceeds to be given to Cudeca. The donation: 2.5 euros for adults and 1.5 euros for children from 3 to 9 years of age and 1 euro for school groups, free entrance for 2 year olds and under
  Until the 30th of December
- Secondhand market at the Mijas Hippodrome
  Sundays from 9am to 2pm
  Held within the Hippodrome

HUaging ROUTES:
- SATURDAY 3RD:
  - Route 1: ‘La Cala-El Píñol’. Difficulty: Medium
    Torreón de La Cala, 9am.
    App. dist.: 7½ Km / Dur.: 3h.
    SUNDAY 4TH:
  - Route 1: Circular route of La Caleta de Mijas. Difficulty: Low
    Torreón de La Cala, 9am.
    App. dist.: 5 Km / Dur.: 3h.
  - Route 2: ‘Vivero de Jarapalos’. Difficulty: High
    Osunillas Sports Stadium - 9am
    Approximate distance: 2 Km / Approximate duration: 4½ h.
- SATURDAY 10TH:
  - Route 1: ‘Ruta Los Hoya’. Difficulty: Low
    Osunillas Sports Stadium - 9am
    App. dist.: 6½ Km / Dur.: 3h.
  - SUNDAY 17TH:
  - Route 1: ‘Circular Osunillas’. Environmental Path. Difficulty: Low
    Osunillas Sports Stadium - 9am
    App. dist.: 5 Km / Dur.: 3½ h.
  - Route 2: ‘Cerro de la Media Luna’. Difficulty: High
    Osunillas Sports Stadium - 9am
    Approximate distance: 8 Km / Approximate duration: 4 h.
  - Registration for the 3rd and 4th of December ends today Friday at 5pm. More info: 952 589 034, e-mail turismo@mijas.es or at the Tourist Office

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It is fundamental that all those persons who reside in our municipality be registered at the Town Hall, regardless of their nationality. This greatly affects the national financing available for the municipality, which benefits all of us. All persons with residence in Mijas must request to be registered on the municipal census, which is an easy procedure.

IT IS ALSO A VITAL DOCUMENT REQUIRED FOR MANY PROCEDURES:
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WHERE CAN I REGISTER - MORE INFORMATION
- # foreigners Department, Town Hall branch Office in La Cala de Mijas
- Citizens Advice Offices Town Hall in Mijas Village Town Hall Branch Offices in Las Lagunas and La Cala de Mijas.

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