

Kamares Village Matters

Kamares Village Houseowners' Association Newsletter

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Committee News

Update from Tala Community Council - Green Areas and Cleaning of Tala

Now the threat of sustained rainfall has hopefully passed, the outside staff of the Council are starting the annual cleaning of Tala and the green areas. The work could not be started any earlier as rain encourages more growth, the growth is too wet to cut properly, and the work has to be repeated.

Please be patient - the cleaning takes time as the boys have an extensive area to cover. If your street has still not been cleaned by the end of June, please email Val Potter KVHA Secretary kvhasecretary@gmail.com

Re: empty plots, owners have been asked to clean these before the end of this month - May.

Owing to the volume of growth, due to the sustained rainfall, the risk of fires this summer is very high. Please be vigilant.

The Committee have since met with Areti (the Mukhtar) regarding the above plus the Road diversions around Tala, and we will follow up the progress before the end of the month.

Koili

An Inspector from The Paphos District Office has now accepted the illegality of the imposed water charges on certain Zelemenos residents by the Koili Community Council. The claimants are now eagerly awaiting receipt of their refunds, hopefully by the end of this month.

Neighbourhood Watch Scheme - update from Nikoletta the N.W.S. Police Co-ordinator,

The scheme is still on-going - with reminders that high quality locks are paramount in domestic protection, and that all burglaries should be reported to the Police - irrespective.

It would appear that there seems to be a breakdown in relationships between both the N.W. Committee and the Police at present.

Social and Media

Minni is liaising with Marinos to arrange future events. There was criticism with the tedium of an unchanging Buffet menu, whatever the title of events. This, despite the apparent enthusiasm of the Head Chef to accommodate a more ambitious variety. Minni will be addressing this issue.

Kamares Club upgrade

There is no further detail with regard to the future upgrade or development of the Kamares Club's building.

Volunteers needed - KVHA Committee

There is a requirement for a Membership Secretary and a Treasurer for 2020. In addition some members of the committee wish to stand down. By this notice, The Chairman requests that Members seriously consider if they can possibly spare time to serve on the Committee. It is hardly onerous work as we have one Committee Meeting per month - currently aimed at the first Tuesday at 10:45. We are particularly keen to recruit at least one Member from Zelemenos, in order to liaise with Koili Council on ongoing issues.

Please contact the Secretary and/or Chairman at your earliest convenience if you are in any way interested, and feel you can make a contribution to our Village Life - in these interesting times!



Limni mine

by Maggie Wright

Cyprus gave its name to copper – Kipros in Greek and cuprum in Latin - due to the abundance of high quality of copper. Copper was brought down from the nearby mines and loaded onto ships for export from the Limni jetty.



Limni mine is an abandoned copper and sulphur mine which at some point in the future may become a golf course. The slag heaps are fascinating places, a myriad of interesting rocks and minerals. Limni copper mine closed in 1979. The Cyprus Sulphur and Copper Co., Ltd., a subsidiary of Esperanza Trade and Transport Ltd., held the mining lease over 30 square miles of northwest Cyprus. In Roman times the Limni deposit was one of the most important mines worked.



The long continuous and intense mining activity in Cyprus is evident from the presence of slag deposits (remnants of ancient copper exploitation) scattered all over the island.

Tala Blog

by Cathi Delaney

As I have been blocked for sending volume emails/spam, I have taken the opportunity to add everyone from my mailing lists to the tala blog. You should have received an email from FeedBurner [check your spam/junk mail please in case the email has gone there] which includes a link which you need to click on to validate your email. Once you have done this, you will receive updates from the blog automatically direct.

If you are not receiving updates from the blog, and/or if you cannot find the email from FeedBurner or have deleted it, please go onto www.talanews.blogspot.com. Scroll down and on the right hand side you will see 'Follow by email'. Insert your email here and click Submit. You will then receive an email from FeedBurner – click on the link shown on that email to validate your email and the updates will come through to you automatically.

Regarding the next month's summary of events, this will be posted onto the blog on or around the last day of the current month so that those who wish can print the summary from the blog.

Social

By Minni MacFarlane

SAVE THE DATE - THURSDAY, JUNE 27th!

Sail into Summer Dinner Event.

Come and enjoy our Nautical Theme Evening at the Kamares Club!

More details to follow



KVHA Committee

The KVHA Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday, 17th October starting at 16:00. You will be able to renew your KVHA membership prior to the meeting. More details will be sent out closer to the date.

The Constitution of the KVHA requires that certain posts may only be held by the same person for a period of three years and as the Treasurer and Membership Secretary are two such posts the present incumbent may not put themselves forward for these posts at the AGM.

New members of the committee are required due to existing members standing down so if you would like to take on one of these roles then have a word with one of the Committee.



Harmony Choir



HARMONY choir sings songs from the movies at the Kamares Club on Friday, June 14th - raffle in aid of the Paphos Alzheimer's Association.

€20 includes a full buffet. Bar opens at 6:00p.m. and Harmony sing from 6.30p.m.-7:15p.m.

Tickets available from Maggie on 99318477.

Cyprus Health Service - GHS

The General Healthcare System (GHS) is a modern, patient-centric healthcare system with the aim of delivering quality healthcare services to beneficiaries.

The main features of the system are:

- Universal coverage of the population
- Equal and equitable treatment of all beneficiaries
- Provision of a comprehensive package of healthcare services
- Freedom of choice of provider by the beneficiaries
- Social reciprocity

For the implementation of the GHS, a special fund was established for purposes of gathering the relevant contributions, and from which all payments to providers of healthcare services will be made. The GHS fund will be administered by the Health Insurance Organisation (HIO).

The first part of Cyprus' new public health system is due to come into force on June 1.

A list of ten things that citizens should know about the GHS was published on the system's website recently.

1 Which healthcare services are covered?

- Healthcare services by personal doctors
- Healthcare services by specialist doctors
- Pharmaceutical products
- Laboratory tests
- Inpatient healthcare services
- Healthcare services in cases of accidents and emergencies
- Ambulance services
- Healthcare services by nurses, midwives, clinical psychologists, clinical dieticians, physiotherapists, occupational therapists and speech pathologists
- Preventive dental healthcare services
- Palliative healthcare and medical rehabilitation

2 When will it come into force?

- 1st June 2019

Introduction of specialist doctor and personal doctor services, laboratory tests and pharmaceutical products for outpatients.

- 1st June 2020

Complete implementation of the GHS with the introduction of inpatient services, Accident and Emergency Department (A&Es) services, ambulance services, services by nurses, midwives, allied health professionals, palliative care, medical rehabilitation, preventive dental care and home visits

3 Who are the beneficiaries?

All citizens who are permanent residents in the areas controlled by the Republic of Cyprus and come under one of the following categories:

- Cypriot citizens
- European citizens who work or hold a permanent residence status in accordance with the provisions of the national legislation
- Third country nationals (non-EU citizens) who hold a permanent residence status or a right of equal treatment in accordance with the provisions of the national legislation
- Members of the families of the above categories in accordance with the provisions of the national legislation
- Refugees and persons with a status of supplementary protection

4 How do beneficiaries have access to healthcare services?

Beneficiaries have access to healthcare services after they enrol in the GHS and register in a personal doctor's list of their choice.

Beneficiaries can enrol in the GHS and register with a personal doctor either online or by visiting a personal doctor.

Personal doctors will be the first contact point of beneficiaries with the GHS and are responsible to provide all required healthcare services as well as to guide and refer the beneficiaries to more specialised healthcare services when and if this is needed.

Beneficiaries may choose the specialist doctor, pharmacy, laboratory, hospital or any other private or public healthcare provider they wish.



5 Who will contribute to the GHS and how much?

Contributors	Contribution Percentage	Contribution Percentage
	01/03/19-28/2/20	01/03/20
Employees	1.70%	2.65%
Employers (including the State)	1.85%	2.90%
State	1.65%	4.70%
Self-employed	2.55%	4.00%
Pensioners	1.70%	2.65%
Income earners (interest, rent dividends, etc.)	1.70%	2.65%
Officials	1.70%	2.65%

Contributions will be collected by the Social Insurance Services, the Tax Department and the Treasury of the Republic.

6 What are Co-Payments and when do they apply?

Beneficiaries will pay small amounts of co-payments upon receiving services by outpatient specialists, laboratories, pharmacies, nurses, midwives, allied health professionals, and A&Es such as for example:

€1 per pharmaceutical product, €1 per laboratory test, €6 per visit to a specialist doctor. It is noted that access to personal doctors and inpatient healthcare is free.

The annual co-payment ceiling per person is:

- General population: €150 | Low-income pensioners: €75
- Recipients of the Guaranteed Minimum Income benefit: €75 | Children: €75

7 What does the GHS cover?

The GHS covers all medical care needs of beneficiaries including chronic, rare and serious conditions.

8 How is the quality of the healthcare services provided assured?

The GHS planning applies best practices that aim at upgrading the quality of healthcare services such as the introduction of the personal doctors, the implementation of guidelines and the use of a comprehensive IT system.

9 Are high-cost healthcare services covered?

The GHS provides lifelong financial protection to all beneficiaries even for unexpected and costly healthcare needs.

10 Are citizens without an income covered?

The right to health within the GHS is independent from the payment of Beneficiaries without an income (unemployed, children, students, soldiers and others) have equal access to healthcare services.

https://www.gesy.org.cy/sites/Sites?d=Desktop&locale=en_US&lookuphost=/en-us/&lookuppage=home-en

Emergency Medical Centre

The Doctor is available Monday to Friday from 9am - 12 noon only. Please be aware if you wish to consult with the Doctor you should be there before 12 noon.

Emergency Number 99329434

Reception Number 26653328



Kamares Club Weekly Activities

Day	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Monday	Yoga & Bridge Club		
Tuesday	Sine Nomine Choir		Quiz
Wednesday	Tai Chi & Art Group	Book Exchange	Monthly Wine Tasting
Thursday	Bridge Club		
Friday	Orphean Singers & Tai Chi	Quilting Group	

Useful Telephone Numbers

Emergency Number for Ambulance, Fire or Police	112 / 199
Police and Fire Services - Duty Officer	1499
Medical Assistance - Hospital Information	1400
Kamares Club Reception	26 88 05 76
Larnaca and Paphos International Airports	77 778833
Street Light Fault Reporting (EAC)	1800 with pole number



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