



KAMARES VILLAGE MATTERS

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The Vice President's Piece

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As most people will know, our President, John Keenan is unable to be with us at the moment, which is why I am acting in his place. John sends everyone his best wishes.

I am going to take this opportunity, on behalf of the KVHA Board, to express our gratitude for the amazing efforts of so many people, on Saturday, 26th June - including the Fire Brigades, Helicopter Pilots, Police, the Leptos workers who stayed on until late evening, assisting where needed and to Panayiotis Kezoudi

who was very much involved in this whole traumatic experience. Last but not least, to all Kamares residents who stepped up and did everything the Fire Brigade asked of them.

To those who were more drastically affected, you have our sincere wishes for a speedy return to normality.

Thank you all, with a special note of thanks to our, Secretary, Alan Totten for keeping us so well informed.

On a different note I would like to pass on my experience when renewing my driving licence. I phoned the 'Paphos Citizens Advice' (Tel 26822400) for an appointment as I had received a text reminder from 'Tom', it was three weeks before I was able to get an appointment. I was told exactly what to bring with me which included my driving licence renewal form, a photocopy of my MEU3 – I questioned this as my understanding was that it had to be the original yellow document, in date passport, current driving licence and three of the latest electricity bills, not phone bills! For anyone renewing I would advise they take all their **required original documents** and make photocopies.

I managed to have a word with the man in charge of the 'cherry picker' for the Electricity Board, who was working along Mary Leptos Street. I explained that some of the side roads still had wires going through the trees and there were still large amounts of cuttings to be removed from storm drains, pavements and green areas. He assured me that this week they were planning on clearing more of Kamares and to ask anyone to report the pole number on 1800, if there were potential electricity line problems. I was happy to be able to say Thank You for a job well done and also to Tala C.C.



Stay safe and well.

Val Potter
KVHA V.P.



Keep cool in this searing heat - drink lots of fluids



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*****BOARD MEMBERS STILL REQUIRED*****



We are still seeking more people as Board Members. If you would like to join the Board, please contact Alan Totten, kvhasecretary@gmail.com

THANK YOU LETTER

On behalf of the residents of Kamares, I would like to say a big thank you to all those who helped put out the serious fires that ravaged many kilometres of wild vegetation and trees, as it tore up the valley in Kamares village on Saturday, June 26th.

It was a huge shock for all concerned to see the speed at which the fires ripped through the undergrowth, encouraged by strong winds. Completely destroying two houses in its path and damaging many more.

The incredible work of the helicopter pilots from the forestry department, fire engines including two vehicles from Limassol also assisted by British military base helicopters. An enormous thanks to those who collected the water by helicopter, dropping it so accurately onto the burning

landscape below. This operation was efficiently organised and without a doubt saved many more properties from total destruction. Battling against strong winds was no easy task and made their efforts more difficult.

Also a big thank you to the Leptos family who provided chairs, water and encouraging words from below the Kamares Club, and gave reassurance to residents, many of us in shock. The Leptos staff and family also protected empty properties by hosing water around the area.

To the residents who were seen valiantly trying to douse the flames near their homes, with anything at hand that could carry water.

To those who have now organised a crowd funding appeal to support those who have suddenly themselves in the middle of a nightmare, without homes, possessions, and basic living needs.

Kamares is proving to be a resilient community, all standing together through such a terrible time.

The loss of wildlife is harrowing too and will take time to return. I for one will never forget the poor birds on fire, which fell out of the sky and unwittingly started more fires. Many kilometres of vegetation and hundreds of trees have been destroyed.

However time will heal, gardens will re grow and memories fade, but at times like this we owe a great deal to a great band of people who gave their very best, to bring this tragedy under control.

God bless you all. Jennifer Gardner (resident of Kamares)

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LEARNING POINTS FROM THE FIRE

The following document was written by the KVHA, Cathi Delaney (Tala Council), residents and experts in the field and is designed as a check list.

Emergency Number

It may be obvious, but the **emergency number is 112**. Please remember this as it may differ from the number you are used to. There is a simple "aide-memoire" at the end of this document which you can print off and keep by your telephones. Complete the details such as your address, plot number, postcode, and mobile number. While you may know these details now, that may not be the case when stressed or if someone is using your property who is new to the area.

Hosepipe

It is useful to have a hosepipe on standby. It should be long enough to extend beyond the boundary of your property and be connected to an outside tap.

Insurance

Is your building insurance sufficient to cover the rebuilding of your property? If you took the policy out sometime ago it would be worth discussing the amount of cover with your insurance company.

Take photographs on your mobile of any items of particular value, i.e. jewellery, watches, or anything that is unique and cannot easily be replaced. Consider lodging the photographs with your insurance company / broker to prevent problems in the event of a claim.

Gardeners / /Property Renovators

You should satisfy yourself that your gardener / property renovator removes all the waste and disposes of it at a recognised site. Ask to see the receipts of such unless you know that the gardener or contractor has a site of their own to dispose of waste. It is illegal and anti-social to dispose of rubbish except at approved locations.

The facility at Chlorakas will take most rubbish, free of charge.

Smoking

If you have people in and around your property working for you, please ensure that, if they must smoke, they do so responsibly or better still, not at all. If someone has been smoking on your property, it is worth a quick check to ensure no butt has been left smouldering which could cause a fire.

The Overhead Electricity Network

Regularly check to see if you have any trees growing close or into the overhead electricity cables. All instances of trees coming into contact with or close to the electricity cables, must be reported to the Electricity Authority of Cyprus (EAC). Please take a note of the number shown on the telegraph pole as well as your EAC account number, and contact 1800 at the EAC so that the tree can be trimmed as soon as possible. It is also possible to report such instances online ([EAC Website](#)). Check that the work to trim the trees is carried out and if it isn't, report it again after a couple of weeks. It should be noted that the EAC will not remove the cuttings and you should contact your local council for collection. If any trees trimmed are on your property, it is your responsibility to clear any debris away.

You should also report any trees infringing the electricity wires that are not on your property. Again, you will need a pole number. If there isn't a number on the pole look at the poles on either side as they may well have a number, otherwise an address will be needed.

Around Your Property

Just before the summer (May / June) each year, check that the area surrounding your property, as far as you are able, is clear of vegetation. Mention any concerns to the property owner or, in the case of open areas, your local council.

Gas Installations and Bottles

Keep all flammable materials a safe distance from all gas tanks. In the event of a fire mention the existence of gas bottles on the property when reporting the fire. The regulations for the installation of gas tanks are quite specific. If in doubt about your installation, you should have it checked by an authorised gas installer.

All gas tanks must be used and stored in the upright position.

Evacuation Routes

Familiarise yourself with evacuation routes from your house and from the village. If your main route is blocked by fire, do you know an alternative route out? In your house, for example, does the alternative route require a key and do you know where it is?

Have an evacuation plan.

Activities Likely To Cause A Fire

No fire should be started in your garden or vicinity during the period 15 March to early November. You may operate a barbeque which is a specific unit, but you must not dig a pit in your garden to create a cooking unit of any type, nor burn anything. Please wait until any coals / charcoal from a barbeque are cold before disposing of them responsibly.

No work should be undertaken of any nature where a spark could be created during the period 15 March to early November.

Fireworks are not permitted without a relevant permit.

Disposal of Rubbish

There is an excellent free disposal site not only for garden waste, but unwanted electrical items, furniture, old paint cans, etc at Chlorakas – please use it. There is no excuse for dumping by anyone! If you have items to dispose of that you cannot move yourself, please call Andreas on 99327262 regarding collection. A charge will be imposed based on size of load.

A map of the site location is available at the end of this document.

Useful Information

Prepare a list on your smartphone, if possible, of:

Emergency contact numbers for your bank, credit card companies, insurance company emergency numbers and policy numbers etc.

Keep a list of all your credit card's 12-digit numbers. Do not write down the CVV number (the three or four digit number usually on the back) or your PIN.

Details of any medication you are taking.

If you have a suitable smartphone, take photographs of your passport, residency permit, GESY, birth and marriage certificates.

If you can keep the list and the copies of important documents on your mobile phone this would be most useful.

IN THE EVENT OF A FIRE

The safety of people is paramount.

You should not take any action which would endanger your life or that of others.

If in doubt DON'T.

If you discover a fire in your house or close by, keep calm and telephone the emergency services on 112 and give the operator a clear address of where the fire is.

If you are out and discover a fire in a forest you can telephone the Forestry Department on 1407.

If it is safe to do so:

close all doors, windows and shutters, leave the premises, if this is possible, and go to a place of safety. Do not lock the doors, so if firefighters need to gain entry they can do so.

if there is smoke coming from under or around a door or the door feels hot to the back of your hand, do not open that door. Leave by another means.

if you have vulnerable neighbours, make them aware and help them leave their property safely.



only if time permits throw any inflammable garden furniture in the swimming pool, if you have one. This is not to save the furniture but to rob the fire of fuel.

It is not recommended that you attempt to tackle a fire yourself unless it is of a very minor nature.

If the fire relates to a pan of hot oil, turn off the heat and cover the pan with a pan lid or a baking tray. **DO NOT TRY TO REMOVE THE BURNING PAN and NEVER USE WATER TO PUT OUT AN OIL FIRE.**

In the event of an electrical fire, switch off the power supply to the relevant appliance.

Otherwise, fires are best left to the professionals who will have the correct equipment and extinguishers for the job.

Emergencies

For:
Police, Fire and
Medical Assistance

112

Location Details

House Number and Street

Plot Number

Postcode

Mobile Telephone Number

Useful Numbers

Citizens' Hotline to Police	1460
Forest Fires	1407
Paphos Police	26 80 60 60
Police Duty Officer <small>(Confident Information)</small>	1499
Air Sea Rescue	1441
British Base Police	1443
Domestic Violence Centre	1440
Narcotics Helpline	1410
Fire Brigade HQ	22 80 24 24
Paphos General Hospital	26 80 31 00
All Night Pharmacies	90 90 14 16
Paphos & Larnaca Airports	77 77 88 33
Paphos Citizen Centre	26 82 24 00
Paphos Post Office	26 88 05 76
Kamarens Club Reception	26 88 05 76
Kamarens Medical Centre	26 65 33 28



Green Point of Pafos



The goal is to stop the uncontrolled deposition of waste materials in the open spaces of Pafos Municipality.
***Offenders will be fined.**

Throw your waste materials in Pafos Green Point, located in Mavralis area.

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| • Aluminum | • Large plastic items |
| • Useless objects | • Plastic items |
| • Glass | • Green - pruning |
| • Furnitures | • Mattresses |
| • Thermometers | • Cleaning equipment |
| • Lamps | • Fabrics |
| • Metal objects | • Medicines |
| • Batteries | • Carpets |
| • Wood | • Paper and cardboard |
| • Games | • Colors and D.I.Y |

Working hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 8:00-17:00
 Wednesday: 10:00-17:00
 Saturday: 8:00-13:00



PROGRESS ON THE CHURCH OF AGIOS EPHRAIM, NEAR TO THE AGIOS NEOPHYTOS MONASTERY IN TALA



Looking up from the road



Side view



Close-up of the side



Rear view looking out over Paphos



**PATH FROM THE END OF ENGLISTRA STREET
TO THE AGIOS NEOPHYTOS MONASTERY**

The Agios Neophytos Monastery are happy for pedestrians and dog walkers to use the path from the end of Eglistra Street to the Agios Neophytos Monastery, however may we reiterate the conditions under which this permission is granted:

Do not leave any litter behind

Dog walkers must take away any waste left by their dog

Many people do enjoy the walk between Kamares and the Monastery so we must all do what we can to leave the area just as we found it.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

If you see a strange vehicle, please try and capture a quick photo on your phone of the back or front of the vehicle, as this will show the make and registration number, and this is far easier than trying to remember what you have seen. Please inform Cathi Delaney immediately on 99143105.



Police cannot check the legitimacy of a vehicle without the registration number, and colour, make and, if possible, model of the car. All this information together will indicate if the vehicle is legitimate, or if it is on false plates. With the full information, the Police will speak to the registered owner to ascertain why the vehicle was in an area at a specific time and, if there is any suspicion regarding the vehicle/owner, they will alert patrol vehicles to be on the lookout for the vehicle.

The flame tree, also known as royal Poinciana or flamboyant tree, is one of the world's most colourful trees

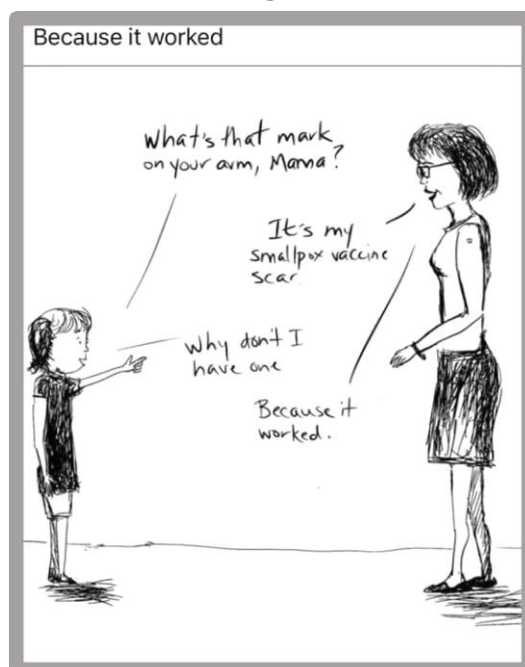


OFF THE BEATEN TRACK – OLIVE OIL PRODUCTION

Check out the following video from the Karalis Olive Oil mill which produces olive oil in Kritou Marottou, near Fyti.

<https://cypriot-villages.uk/olive-oil-production/>

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GARDEN WATCH



Baby grasshoppers gathering on a watering can

KAMARES CLUB RECEPTION

**The Reception is open
from 8:00a.m. until 5:00p.m. Monday-Saturday; Sunday closed**

KAMARES CLUB RESTAURANT

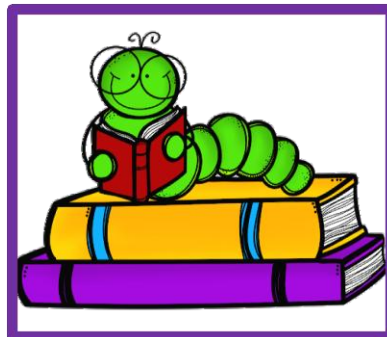
Please be aware that to use The Kamares Club Restaurant you will need to have with you a SafePass or CovPass

The Kamares Club restaurant and bar are now open from 8:30a.m. - 4:30p.m., Mondays to Saturdays inclusive (closed on Sunday) until further notice.

Seating will only be available outside of the restaurant. Social distancing regulations will be enforced and, therefore, space will be restricted.

The pool is still closed due to Covid restrictions.

LIBRARY



The Library is not open yet as a new floor will be laid (hopefully on July 22nd) – you will be informed by e mail when it re-opens.



Emergency Medical Centre

Due to the public holiday on Monday, 21st June the Medical Centre will be closed.

The Emergency number will still be operational.

Call 99329434 in the event of an emergency situation.

Dr. Pradeep will be available on **Tuesday and Thursday mornings only, from 10:00a.m.-1:00p.m. for consultations.**

As you know Dr. Pradeep is a GESY registered doctor. If you wish to register with him, or need a medical consultation, you must make an appointment with the reception on 26653328.

Due to the Coronavirus restrictions the following information remains current:

The Medical Centre is open from 7:00a.m.–7:00p.m. Monday - Friday.

Closed Saturday afternoon from 1:00p.m. and all day Sunday.

Doctor Sylvia is available Monday, Wednesday and Friday Mornings from 9:00a.m. - 12noon.

When visiting the Medical Centre it is mandatory to wear face masks and only one person is allowed into the reception at any one time to avoid infection.

Appointments should be made for a consultation with the Doctor with exemptions for emergencies.

EMERGENCY NUMBER 99329434

BLOOD TESTS

For patients who need to have blood tests, these can now be taken at the medical centre each week on Thursdays. Please call to make an appointment. This can be done under the GESY system.

Covid Tests

Rapid Covid tests are available at the Medical Centre

Appointments must be made for this service. The results will be immediate – a charge of €20 for this service.

FURTHER SERVICES

A Dietician will be introduced one day a week. It is hoped that a Physiotherapist will also be introduced, details to follow.

Home visits by a nurse for injections, change of dressings etc will be introduced if there is a demand for this service.

You will be informed of any updates on the above.

Maureen Pollard, a trustee of the Emergency Medical Centre, has requested that if any members of the Medical Centre have changed their email addresses to please inform the Medical Centre or Maureen so that the database can be updated. A number of emails are being returned and this is thought to be because the email address is no longer valid.

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USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS



Emergency Number for Ambulance, Fire or Police	112 or 199
Police and Fire Services - Duty Officer	1499
Police – burglary, attempted burglary, suspicious activity/reporting parking violation	26806060
Medical Assistance - Hospital Information GESY	1400 17000
Paphos Citizens Advice	26822400
Kamares Club Reception Kamares Medical Emergency	26880576 99329434
Larnaca and Paphos International Airports – flight info	77778833
Electricity – Tree pruning ie tree touching wires	1800 – press 3 then 5 for Paphos – give your Account Number
Street Lights – To Report a Fault (EAC)	1800 –press 3 then 5 for Paphos - give pole number and street name required

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