

KAMARES VILLAGE MATTERS

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Neighbours,

It's been a quieter month here in Kamares with so many people away enjoying their summer holidays, but there's still been plenty going on in the background.

First and most importantly — it's **fire season** and we've had some very close calls recently, particularly with the fire just above Tala in the last few days. Please be extremely vigilant and careful. If you see any smoke or signs of fire, call the Fire Department immediately on 112, and then let the community know via the WhatsApp groups. The quicker it's reported, the faster it can be contained. And as always — please stay well away from any fire scene for your own safety.

The biggest news this month is that on 15th August we launched our brand-new **online membership system**. This has been in the works for a while and it means you can now sign up for your annual KVHA membership and pay your fees online with just a few clicks. No more paper forms, no more cash — it's quicker, easier, and much simpler to keep track of. You'll find the link below, so please give it a try when it's time to renew. <https://www.kvha.cy>

The week after launch, we'll be sending out the very first small batch of our **community census** — around 20 neighbours to start with — so we can get some early feedback before rolling it out to everyone.

We've also made some progress with the **dump site issue** on the left on the road to Koili. After not hearing back from my earlier emails, I sent a formal letter to Mr. Paris Gabriel. I'm pleased to say it's been acknowledged and will be looked into once the August holidays are over. Not quite the instant action we'd like, but it's a step forward.

The **white line project** is moving along too. It's taken a few twists and turns to get here, but we've met with the company who'll be doing the work and are waiting for their quote. Once we have it, the board will vote on whether to go ahead.

You might also notice something new soon — we're designing a [KVHA poster](#) for the entrance to Kamares. It's still in the works, but we hope it'll be up within the next month or so to help raise awareness of what we do.

On the events side, we met with Koili Council to discuss the [International Food Festival](#), but after looking at the timescales, we realised there just wasn't enough time to do it properly this year. It's not cancelled — just postponed until next year when we can give it the planning and fundraising it deserves.

I also had a very useful meeting with Thomas at Koili Council, where we went through a sample [Koili council tax bill](#) in detail so we could better understand exactly what's included. I've written a short article beneath this newsletter with the results, so if you're curious, please have a read.

Thank you to everyone who's been using our complaints@kvha.cy email. It's working really well and we've now got a proper tracking system in place. Just a gentle reminder — we can't always reply straight away. Many things need to be grouped together and raised at our formal council meetings, which only happen every couple of months, so it may take a little while before you hear back.

Looking ahead to the [Annual General Meeting on October 21st](#), we'll be asking members to vote on raising the annual KVHA fee from €5 to €10. It's important to stress that all members of the board are volunteers — we don't receive any monetary compensation for our work. The aim of this increase, along with the new voluntary contribution tiers, is to give us the ability to act on jobs the councils may be backed up on — things like painting road markings, fixing small infrastructure issues, or addressing maintenance where resources are stretched.

The money will be saved and the board will vote on how it's spent, with the intent always being to invest directly into [upgrading our community](#) and bringing Kamares back to its former glory. The new voluntary contribution tiers will be:

Blue – €10

Bronze – €10 + €50 contribution

Silver – €10 + €250 contribution

Gold – €10 + anything over €250

There's no obligation to contribute more than the basic fee — but for those who can, your support will go directly into improving Kamares.

We'd also love your thoughts on an idea we're calling "Quiet Sundays" — one day a week with no noisy construction, leaf blowers or garden machinery, just a bit of peace and quiet for everyone. It may not be easy to enforce, but as a community courtesy, it could make a big difference.

A quick reminder that Greek lessons will be starting a new term in September, and KVHA members are welcome to join. If you're interested, give Ismini a call on 99143931.

The weekly quiz at the Sheep in Koili is still going strong despite it being holiday season. If you haven't been yet, why not pick a Wednesday and come along? It's great fun and a brilliant way to catch up with friends and neighbours.

Finally, the KVHA remains entirely volunteer-run, and we would really welcome more hands to help us with the work we're doing. Whether it's helping at events, joining a working group, or assisting with communications, even a little time makes a big difference. If you'd like to get involved, please do reach out to president@kvha.cy.

Enjoy the rest of your summer, stay safe in this fire season, and I look forward to seeing you back in Kamares soon.

Warm regards,
Craig Elsdon-Dew
President, Kamares Village Homeowners Association

 Koili Council – Kamares Area Services & Responsibilities (Full Overview)

 Annual Charges Per Property

Tax Type	Amount	Purpose
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Cleaning Tax	€130	Household waste collection (general refuse/garbage)
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Green Garden Waste Tax	€20	Pickup of green waste only for residents (not gardeners or contractors)
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Property Tax	€5.99 per registered owner	Government fee from the Land Registry Office
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Communal Services Tax €160 Used for infrastructure, water systems, lighting, roads, and public repairs

📌 Total homes on the Koili side of Kamares: 108

📌 Estimated communal tax revenue (best case): $€160 \times 108 = €17,280$

📌 How the €17,280 is spent (Communal Services Tax)

Category Approx. Annual Spend Notes

Public Electricity €6,000–€7,500 Share of total €24k–€30k cost for Koili's street lighting

Road Repairs ~€5,000 Pays for ~125m of resurfaced road per year (500m = €20k)

Water Infrastructure Highly variable One leak repair can cost €1,000+. Major expense category

Other Uses Remaining €4,780–€6,280 Pavement repairs, green area cleanup, signage, etc.

✅ Note: Salaries for municipal workers are covered by the central government, not by the communal services tax. The full €17,280 is available for direct local projects.

📌 Targeted Funding Strategy

Koili Council uses a rotational or focus-based approach to spending communal service funds across three key zones:

1. Zelemenos

Recently received 300 meters of new road surfacing

Currently prioritized

2. Koili Village Core

Recently upgraded through EU-funded infrastructure projects

Roads, pavements, and services are new and not expected to need reinvestment for 5–10 years

3. Greater Koili Area

Generally in poor condition, with aging roads and water infrastructure

Primary focus for current and upcoming repair investment

> 💡 Implication for Kamares residents:

Your communal services tax contribution is pooled with the rest of Koili and used in focus zones. Koili-side Kamares falls within this shared funding structure and is currently part of the broader area receiving attention.

👤 Staffing & Capacity Across the Region

Koili Council staffing:

Only 1 full-time maintenance worker handles:

Repairs

Strimming

Green waste collection
General upkeep

Total staff: 3 employees

Comparative staffing:

Community Staff Count

Tala 18 employees
Koili 3 employees
Tremithousa 3–4 employees

 A proposal is under review to restructure staffing, forming mobile work teams to respond more efficiently across the entire shared jurisdiction

 Resident Expectations & Community Involvement

Due to limited municipal resources, residents are strongly encouraged to:

Maintain their own front yards
Keep adjacent pavement areas tidy
Avoid placing garden waste for pickup unless using official green bags

 KVHA will launch a village wide “Curb Appeal Competition” to:

Encourage pride and participation in community upkeep

Highlight beautifully maintained properties

Support the municipal efforts through local cooperation

 IMPORTANT: Electricity Bill Correction

Residents on the Koili side of Kamares should check their electricity bills (not council tax bills)

Many still list:

Village: Tala

Postcode: 8577

These should be corrected to:

Village: Koili

Postcode: 8543

! This correction ensures accurate service alignment with the municipality and avoids future administrative issues.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21st
3:00p.m.

COMPLAINTS EMAIL

You can now send any complaints, observations, or requests - whether it's **potholes, drainage problems, missing white lines, builder debris, or unsafe pavements** - directly to complaints@kvha.cy. This inbox is monitored by the entire KVHA board, and we're using it to compile a master list of issues which we will prioritize and forward to the relevant council, be it Tala or Koili.

ONLINE KVHA MEMBERSHIP

For Residents and Associate members

PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR NEIGHBOURS AND NEW RESIDENTS TO JOIN THE KVHA

<https://www.kvha.cy>

If you are on WhatsApp these are groups to join

Kamares Neighbours

Your Life in Kamares

Events in Kamares

KVHA Kamares

Advertising in Kamares

Buy/Sell in Kamares

Yellow pages/Useful contacts

Gardens in Kamares

ECO patrol in Kamares

Strays, pets & Animals in Kamares

Security and vital issues in Kamares

Water issues

FIRE alert (new)

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 26	KVHA/CPSG	Afternoon Tea - Alexander the Great
October 21st	KVHA AGM	Kamares Club
December 12th	KVHA event	Christmas Ball with Whitemouse Duo
Every Wednesday	KVHA Quiz	The Sheep in Koili with Andy

KAMARES CLEAN UP

Two KVHA members cleaned up Mary Leptos Street recently



Before



After

WINE TASTING
Saturday, July 19th

**33 members and friends attended the Wines of the World wine
tasting.**



Set up in the Palm Room



Wines tasted



***KVHA Quiz Nights with Andy
at The Sheep in Koili centre
every Wednesday at 7:30p.m.
Book a table with Panayotis 96450050
food and drinks available
August 27th with Jezebel***

LIBRARY

***Open every Wednesday from 11:00a.m.-1:00p.m. opposite the Medical
Centre.***

Many popular books, all in alphabetical order.
OPEN TO ALL

TENNIS COURTS

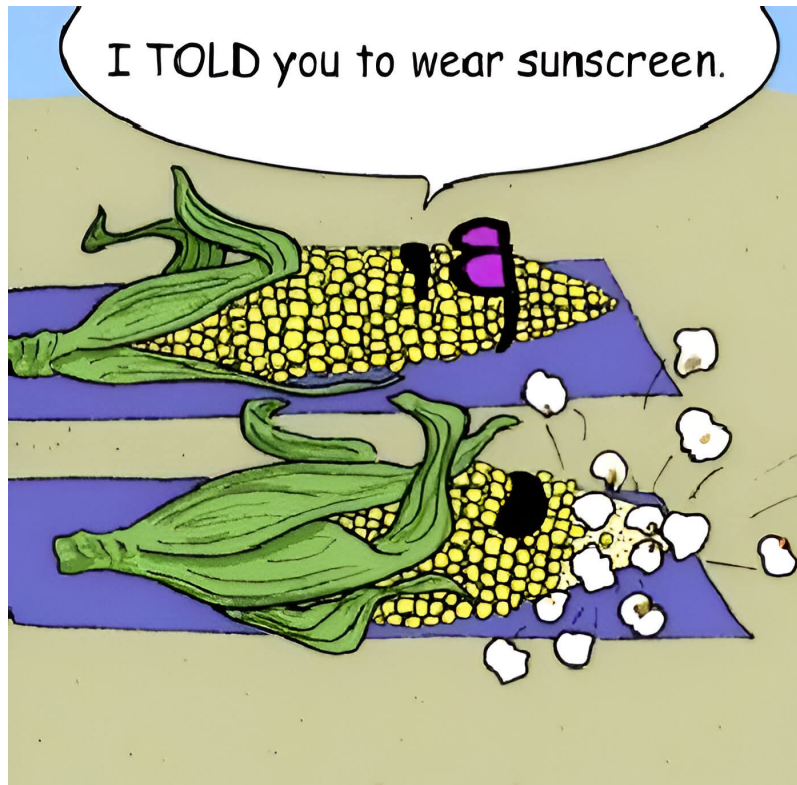
More sand has now been added to the courts.



Courts from above



Machine used



Scorchio!

KAMARES CLUB

*******Please note, when there is a Public Holiday, Reception will be closed*******

KAMARES CLUB RECEPTION

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

KAMARES CLUB BAR & RESTAURANT

The restaurant and bar are open for breakfast and lunch from 8:30a.m. with last orders for the kitchen at 3:00p.m. and bar 3:30p.m. every day. Open to everyone, dining in the restaurant or on the terrace.

Take-away menu is also available – please call 26880576

SUNDAY LUNCHES

€25pp with a 10% discount for Residents

Carvery and buffet will be from 1:00-3:00p.m.

Booking is a requirement at Kamares Reception or by telephone 26880576 at least two days prior

Please note when an event or private function is taking place, the bar and restaurant will be closed

Emergency Medical Centre



WITH THE EXCEPTION OF MEDICAL EMERGENCIES, APPOINTMENTS SHOULD BE MADE TO CONSULT WITH THE DOCTORS

Reception number 26653328

Dr. Theodora is on duty Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings 10:00a.m. – 1:00p.m. (Non Gesy).

Dr. Pradeep is available on Tuesday and Thursday mornings 10:00a.m. – 1:00p.m.

If you would like to keep a check on your blood sugar levels the medical centre can monitor this for you. Each Saturday morning Nellie one of our nurses will be holding a clinic to monitor this for you. If you wish to partake of this service, please call the medical centre to arrange a time. The medical Centre closes at 1:00p.m. on Saturdays.

The following information remains current:

The Medical Centre is open from 7:00a.m.–1:00p.m. Monday - Friday.

Closed Saturday afternoon from 1:00p.m. and Sundays.

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

EMERGENCY NUMBER 99329434

FURTHER SERVICES

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

Mobility aids are available for a small fee ie crutches, toilet seat etc.

You will be informed of any updates on the above.

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Emergency Number for Ambulance, Fire or Police	112 or 199
Tala fires	99630613/99699125
Forest fires	1407
Kamares fires during office hours	26880576
Police and Fire Services - Duty Officer	1499
Police – burglary, attempted burglary, suspicious activity/reporting parking violation	26806060
Medical Assistance - Hospital Information	1400
GESY	17000
Paphos Citizens Advice	22309100
Kamares Club Reception	26880576
Kamares Medical Emergency	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 1 then 5 for Paphos - give pole number and street name required

Water problems	Office hours	26652412
Out of hours	Daniel	<u>kstala@cytanet.com.cy</u>
	Nikiforos	99327262
		99630613
Whatsapp Security group (Anna)		97846439

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