

Nyari NEWS

*Just as it takes a whole village to raise a child;
it takes each and every one of us to keep Nyari alive.*



RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

SECURITY

As members may be aware during the period of November and December the Society experienced a number of unfortunate armed robberies within the Estate. These events caused great pain and discomfort to the affected members and the community at large. These events most likely were undertaken with inside information or collaboration and it is therefore doubly important that adequate security and vigilance be maintained at your residence. On our part, the Nyari Security Team has put in place the following measures to enhance the security within the Estate.

- Daily police patrols within the Estate.
- Increase lighting at the barriers.
- Increased number of guards.
- Random car searches.

Visitors will be expected to record more details at the barrier, including names, car number, I.D. number and the house they are visiting. Your visitor/taxi driver may be asked to call you to verify if they actually are visiting your residence.

INSTALLATION OF CCTV

We have signed a memorandum of understanding with Zuku who are currently engaged in installing Fiber Optic Cables within the Estate, to facilitate the use of the internet. The same cables will carry our CCTV system which will be able to follow a vehicle right around the estate and will cut down on

our costs while allowing us to make 'virtual' patrols at any and all times of the day and night. We hope that this will be completed within a couple of months.

CAR STICKERS

Residents are requested to display appropriate car stickers and should not provide these stickers to friends, workers or contractors etc. New car stickers will be soon available for distribution to members. The new car stickers will only display our Logo and will not carry

the name of Nyari Estate as another added security improvement to our system.

The above measure has been taken for your security and other members within the Estate. Your negligence will impact your neighbours, friends etc. Please ensure that you extend full co-operation to the security team including our guards at the barriers. The security team, many of whom are volunteers, put their lives at risk. For your information, during one of the armed robberies, one of the guards who had responded to the emergency call was shot and is currently receiving medical attention. We are all fortunate that this was not fatal.

COMMUNICATION

In order to ensure that our Newsletters, Invoices and other communication reach the member regularly, please ensure that you provide us with your email address. If you wish to receive a hard copy, then you must inform the office accordingly.

FINANCE

The society continues to maintain a sound financial status and we have managed to provide general services to members. We however wish to request that those who have not cleared their dues for 2011, to do so at your earliest. With additional measures put in place for security, your contribution to meet costs is essential.

SOCIAL

The family social which was held on 27th November 2011, attended by about 50 families. Substantial time and resources was spent in organizing the event and a number of volunteers including our youth were involved to ensure that everyone had great fun. We regret to once again note the lack of interest and poor participation at this event and other events organized by the society including the AGM. During the last social, we raised KShs. 112,545.00 through the sale of raffle tickets and donation in kind. Some of these funds went towards the organization of the event. We would like to thank all the general donors who sent us gift vouchers, cash, drinks and other items towards the raffles.

CHRISTMAS DONATION

We would like to acknowledge with admiration your generous contribution towards Christmas Fund for the guards and the police. Approximately Kshs. 500,000/= was raised in cash or kind. The society also had organized dinner for the guards to mark the festive season. The guards are all well motivated and grateful for the support received from the residents.

OTHERS

- The Karura Walk attracted a large number of participants and proved to be a successful event. We thank the social committee for organizing this event.
- Maintenance of roads, street lights, the drainage system and the environment is ongoing and we would like to thank the respective Committee Members.
- Speed signs were placed within the Estate, please note the speed limit of 40 KPH. Special thanks to Mr. Hiren Patel for

donation of the sign posts and Mansur Diwani for printing the signs. We would also like to thank Mr. Hiren Patel for donation of steel, welding rods and more for maintenance of the Estate.

- We would like to make sure that Nyari is known for its environmental protection. To that end please do not cut down any trees, pollute the roads and verges by throwing garbage or even cigarette ends out of your vehicles or burn anything, even garden waste, in your yards. Also please be very careful with any chemicals you use on your plots - most of those chemicals remain in the environment for many years to come and some like the organophosphates that you use to kill insect pests mimic human hormones and are known to cause cancers. Please to use natural, biodegradable products wherever possible. Try things like Neem based products that are known to work extremely well.
- We are proud of the members who make a special effort to plant trees, keep their plot frontages clean and beautiful and who walk around the estate on their exercise walks with a garbage bag picking up any pieces of paper they find.
- Domestic Animals – may we request members to limit keeping domestic animals to a couple of rabbits or chicken and **not** cows. You cause great discomfort to your neighbours in terms of noise, pollution and smell as well being in violation of City Council bye-laws regarding the same.
- Noise Pollution – Please keep your music volume low and stop playing music at odd times.
- A security idea: You can use your mobile phone to inform your gardeners that you are at the gate so they can be at the gate ready to open it when you arrive.
- We would like to remind you to abstain from cutting the grass on Sundays and carrying out maintenance work on that day. We all need a little bit of peace and quietness and for many of us Sunday is our only day off.

