

**UKID****UPPER KENILWORTH**
IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Spring 2025

NEWSLETTER

Dear Residents,

Our neighbourhood's story is a layered one, intentionally shaped over time from farms and family estates into the residential suburb we know today.

This legacy of residents actively shaping their environment inspired the establishment of the Upper Kenilworth Improvement District, our community's modern commitment to continue this intentional development by working together to ensure Upper Kenilworth remains a safe, clean, and connected place to live.

Your participation is the most crucial part of this process, and the best opportunity to have your voice heard and help shape our future is at our upcoming Annual General Meeting (AGM). The AGM is your chance to engage with the UKID board, review the year's progress, and contribute to the decisions that will guide us in the year ahead.

Please note that to ensure the meeting runs smoothly, there is a limit on questions that can be raised on the night, so please submit them in advance by emailing naiema@ukid.co.za

AGM - Please Diarise**DATE: Thursday, 20th November 2025****TIME: 18:00****VENUE: Greenfield Girls' Primary School**

Further details and documents will be shared on our [website](#) and WhatsApp groups. The meeting is open to all residents, but only registered members are able to vote. If you are a property owner, we encourage you to [complete the membership form on our website](#) to ensure you have your say.

We look forward to seeing you at the AGM as we continue working together to improve our community.

Warm regards,

The Upper Kenilworth Improvement District Management Team

Kenilworth Musings

A note from the editor

Summerley Court, in Main Road, was once the location of what looks like quite a fine hotel called the 'Palace Hotel'. The original building was replaced in the early 1970s. Does anyone remember it?

“The hotel has 30 bedrooms, a large Salon and a few Private Lounges, all tastefully furnished with specially imported furniture. There is also a first-rate Billiards Room, a well-stocked Bar, where only the best cigars and drinks are on offer, Bathrooms with hot and cold water, and Electrical Light throughout. Behind the House is a large Stable for the convenience of visitors. The Hotel is only 3 minutes from the Station, and the Tram passes in front of the Hotel.”



source: www.wynberg.co.za

Do you have old photos, family memories, or interesting facts about Kenilworth's past to share? Every story helps us build a richer picture of our community's journey.

Contact Toast at toast@ukid.co.za

CLEANING & GREENING

Our Streets Stay Clean, Rain or Shine

Our dedicated Princeton cleaning team continues to be one of the cornerstones of the UKID's success. Their consistent, daily efforts make a tangible difference to the appearance and hygiene of our neighbourhood. Over the last quarter alone, they have collected thousands more bags of litter, bringing their total for the year to well over 15,000. Their hard work in all weather is deeply appreciated by the community.

The Editor Practices What He Preaches (Poorly)

After encouraging residents to try "guerrilla gardening" in the last newsletter, I decided it was time to put my money where my mouth is. I have taken on the previously neglected municipal flowerbed on Kenilworth Road and planted some hopefully hardy specimens. I am tending to them religiously, though I must confess that my thumb is the opposite of green, and more of a murky brown after my efforts, really.

The young plants look a bit surprised to be there. Their fate now rests less in my hands and more in the hands of benevolent rainfall and sheer luck. Wish them well!



“Guerrilla gardening” is the simple act of beautifying neglected public spaces, like verges or empty flowerbeds, with plants. We encourage residents to give it a try! Choose hardy and water-wise indigenous plants that are perfectly suited to our Cape Town climate.

SAFETY & SECURITY

Our Law Enforcement officer is settling in well and has been patrolling with our Princeton Safety Officers. We are pleased to announce a welcome development from the City. Starting this October, five Law Enforcement officers in two dedicated vehicles will be allocated to each City ward during the day and will significantly add to the already impressive security resources we have on the ground. The LE officers, our partnership with Princeton Security and collaboration with local SAPS precincts ensure that we are well looked after.



Your Report Makes a Difference

The success of our security initiatives relies heavily on community involvement. It is vital that residents report every incident, no matter how small it may seem.

Reporting to SAPS is essential. Official crime statistics are used to determine the allocation of police resources. By opening a case for every crime, you help ensure that our Claremont and Wynberg precincts get the staffing and equipment they need.

Reporting to the UKID is crucial for immediate action. Informing our team allows for a rapid response from our dedicated patrol vehicles and helps us identify crime patterns, hotspots, and suspicious individuals in real-time.

Report all crimes:

SAPS Control Room: 10111

Wynberg Police Station: 021 799 1300

Claremont Police Station: 021 657 2250



Report all incidents, criminal or not:

Jarrod: 064 881 3078

cid.manager@ukid.co.za

ukid.co.za/ukid-incident-reporting/



OUR SECURITY TEAM IN ACTION

It has been a busy quarter for our security teams, who have been working tirelessly to keep our community safe. Through constant patrols, active camera monitoring, and swift responses, they continue to deliver positive results. We have an average of 40'000 camera alerts a week, and our network is being watched around the clock to validate these, allowing our officers to intervene effectively.

Proactive Policing and Positive Outcomes

Our officers' vigilance has directly prevented crime and led to several successes. In one notable incident, an alert from our camera network led to the interruption of an attempted theft from a motor vehicle on Main Road, where a suspect was found removing wheel caps. Although the vehicle owner declined to press charges, the quick response prevented further loss.

Our patrols are not only a deterrent but also lead to the recovery of stolen property. Officers discovered a hidden box of Makita tools on the corner of Main and Oak Roads, which was subsequently handed over to Claremont SAPS. Furthermore, security and SAPS successfully apprehended a suspect at Kenilworth Station for the alleged theft of a wallet.

Incidents of Concern and a Call for Vigilance

While our teams are effective, we must all remain vigilant. A pedestrian was robbed in Indian Road in July by a suspect who managed to flee the area. We have also had incidents of opportunistic crime, such as the theft of mirrors from a vehicle parked on Salisbury Road in August. These events are a stark reminder to always be aware of your surroundings, to secure your property, and to report any suspicious individuals or activity immediately.



A NOTE ON ROAD SAFETY

There have been several motor vehicle accidents in the area over the past few months. Tragically, on the morning of 1 August, our community lost Danilo Waene, a 35-year-old cyclist who was struck by a minibus taxi on Main Road while on his way to work at the Olympic Cycles Kenilworth store. We extend our sincerest condolences to everyone involved, Danilo's family, friends, and his colleagues at Olympic Cycles during this incredibly difficult time.

This heartbreaking incident underscores the vulnerability of cyclists and pedestrians on our roads. We urge all road users to be exceptionally cautious.



Danilo Waene

photo from the [Olympic Cycles Facebook page](#)

Dutch Reach



- Reach with your far hand.
- Look over your shoulder.
- Open Slowly

For motorists, we'd like to encourage a simple, life-saving habit called the "Dutch Reach Method". Get into the practice of opening your car door with your opposite hand. Reaching across your body with your far hand makes checking behind you a natural part of getting out of your car and can prevent a devastating accident. This small change in routine can save a life.

URBAN MANAGEMENT & DEVELOPMENT



A Community Success: The Harfield Road Play Park is Now Open!

Following our announcement in the Winter newsletter that we had received permission from the City, we are thrilled to report that the development of the public space opposite Harfield Station into a community play park is now complete!

A new short wooden pole barrier now encloses the area, and all the durable playground equipment is installed. It has been a joy to see local children and families already making great use of the park, transforming it into a vibrant hub of activity and bringing new life to the area.

To ensure the park remains a pristine and welcoming space for all, our UKID cleaning team is giving the area special attention. We would also like to extend a huge thank you to resident Vincent, who has generously planted spekboom along the fence, adding a wonderful green touch to this new community asset.

This project is a fantastic example of what we can achieve together to enhance our neighbourhood, and we look forward to seeing the park enjoyed for many years to come.



Visit the playground opposite the Harfield Station on Harfield Road

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Our social responsibility mandate continues to focus on a dignified and effective approach to helping vulnerable individuals in our community.

The cornerstone of this strategy is our partnership with U-Turn and the promotion of their Mi-Change voucher system over direct handouts. Giving cash or food directly often provides only a short-term fix and can fuel the cycles of addiction and chronic homelessness. In contrast, U-Turn vouchers provide a hand-up, connecting people to a comprehensive support system that includes meals, clothing, shelter, skills development, and rehabilitation services.



On the Ground Engagement

We want to extend a special thanks to UKID community member and volunteer Chris Giles, who has been dedicating his time to walking our business districts. He has been engaging directly with residents, business owners, and individuals on the street to encourage the use of vouchers and to better understand the complex challenges everyone faces.

This on-the-ground work provides invaluable insight. Chris has noted that some individuals are reluctant to accept vouchers, telling him that they cannot get food at the U-Turn service centres. We want to assure residents that this is not the case. U-Turn has confirmed that nobody visiting their service centres will ever be denied a meal.

Your Role in Making a Difference

We urge you to stop giving cash or food directly and instead use Mi-Change vouchers. Your consistency sends a clear message of compassionate, responsible giving that supports long-term, positive change. You can purchase vouchers at several local businesses, or get complimentary UKID vouchers from Astron, Vida, PnP security and soon at Elk and Oakhurst. Thank you to everyone who has already embraced this approach.

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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| City of Cape Town Emergency: | 021 480 7700 |
| toll free cellphone: | 112 |
| toll free landline: | 107 |
| SAPS Control Room: | 10111 |
| Crime Stop: | 08600 10111 |
| Ambulance Services: | 10177 |
| Wynberg Police Station: | 021 799 1300 |
| Wynberg SAPS van: | 082 378 7747 |
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KEEP IN TOUCH

WhatsApp is currently the most convenient way for us to communicate quick announcements and updates to you. A [UKID WhatsApp community](#) exists for this purpose.

The parent group, UKID Community Announcements, is where admins post important information. There is a general UKID Residents Group and individual street or block groups. Please only ask to join other groups that you would logically be a member of. For example, if you live in Smithers Road, don't request to join the Cumnor or Crescent groups. The business forum is for businesses in the business precinct. The messages in these smaller groups remain private for members of those groups.

There is also a UKID Crime NOW group. This is strictly for immediate or urgent security-related issues. Discussion is not permitted to keep the channel clear for quick responses to any incidents.

Although all residents can join the relevant groups, for logistical and security reasons you may need to be vetted before you are admitted.

Download the City Of Cape Town app to keep informed and to easily submit service requests.



You can also submit service requests on the website ([Click Here](#)) or by calling 0860103089

Please forward reference numbers and an explanation of the service issue to the UKID Executive Manager at naiema@ukid.co.za so that they can be tracked and followed up on.

If you would like to report something directly related to the operation of the UKID or the behaviour of any of our contracted suppliers or their employees, please email complaints@ukid.co.za