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Welcome Note

We take the opportunity to appreciate all of you for the success of the UHDA Stakeholder' Forum held on 12th April 2016 and the UHDA Security Session held on 9th June 2016. The presentation from KURA is currently available on our website for download. Visit www.uhda.or.ke. Also follow us on Twitter on [@uhda_KE](https://twitter.com/uhda_KE) for current updates.

We are pleased to inform that the properties along Mara Road which had suffered water disconnection for a while have now been reconnected. Our Utilities Sub- committee has been working closely with Nairobi Water to ensure the reconnection was effected promptly.

Introducing our new members; Jamii Telecommunications Limited, Riley Services Group and Sharud Investments Limited, we are pleased to have you on board.

Welcome to our 9th edition of the UHDA Newsletter. In this edition we catch up with one of our partners, National Transport and Safety Authority (NTSA) to clear the misconception on their role. We also update you on progress on the roads and our recent events.

Prior to the (almost) completion of our roads, it was rather challenging to navigate Upperhill especially for a new comer. So in this issue we give you the ultimate guide on how to navigate Upperhill whether by foot, personal motor vehicle or by public commute. The best and the worst of our roads.

Enjoy your read. 

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Five Minute Catch Up with NTSA

The public seem to always confuse the role of National Transport and Safety Authority popularly known as NTSA with the traffic police. This happens especially when it comes to matters pertaining traffic. We sought clarity on this and more:

National Transport and Safety Authority, NTSA, was set up almost 4 years ago to harmonize the operations of the key road transport departments. Meaning they help in effectively managing the road transport sub-sector and minimizing loss of lives through road accidents.

Q: Upperhill has over 25,000 workers with majority opting to walk to work due to heavy rush hour traffic. Are there road safety measures they and also joggers should be observing?

- Minimize the music on your headphones or don't play any music at all.
- Be extra vigilant and cautious of your surrounding especially at night
- When jogging wear a reflector jacket and stick to the road signs

Q: Let's talk about public transportation in Upperhill?

For Public Service Vehicles to be allocated to a particular route, NTSA looks at the current demand of people, type of operators available and must be 100% compliant with the traffic rules and regulations. Currently Upperhill has only been allocated high capacity vehicles that include three main saccos; Double M , KBS and Citi Hoppa. All these saccos have a limited number of buses which are allowed to operate in the area to avoid over crowding.

In partnership with UHDA and Nairobi City County, we recently created a route for the PSVs to increase order and efficiency on Upperhill roads. Once KURA has established the bus bays for the newly constructed roads, we will ensure the PSVs observe the changes. But in case one spots PSVs that are out of conduct, please report via our 24 hour hotline number, 0709932000. If possible take the registration number to further assist us.

Q: What would you advise a motorist coming to Upperhill for the first time?

Currently the road signs are visible so its not easy to get lost. Perhaps the motorist should be on the look out for the exits and entrances and drive carefully on the roads that have not yet been rehabilitated.



Note:

NTSA are not the police, therefore do not have the mandate to arrest you. However, they are currently training a number of police who will be included in this body.



Let's pretend it is your first time to come to Upperhill. Do you know how to get there? Which road to use or where to walk?

This is the ultimate guide to coming to Upperhill

Public Means:

From the CBD get a bus from Kencom stage written 7C. It should be a KBS, Double M or Citti Hoppa bus, there are no 14 passenger PSVs in Upperhill. The fare is normally Kshs. 30/- to the last stage which is Kenyatta Hospital . If you are not sure of the location of the

building you are visiting do a quick search on the web or enquire from the bus conductors in advance to avoid alighting on the wrong stop.

If you are going to the other side of Upperhill which is near Nairobi Hospital, take the number 46 bus from the same stage and listed buses. The fare is normally Kshs. 40/- to the last stage.

Driving to Upperhill

There are several entry points if you are driving from the CBD.

Valley road

From Valley Road, you can access Upperhill Community area. The road leading to Community is mostly busy at 9 am due to Milimani Courts.

Still on Valley Road you can access Upperhill Ngong Avenues through Ralph Bunche road. There are 5 avenues; all of them narrow and single carriage way. 2nd Ngong Avenue however has been privatized by Fairview City Lodge Hotel so one cannot access Ngong road. In addition, there is a security check on Bishops road being that the Embassy of Israel is located along this road.

Haile Selassie Avenue

This road can be used to access Upperhill using 3 entry points. It has the widest walkway in Upperhill.

Coming to Upperhill



Lowerhill road

Although plans are underway to expand it, this single carriage way road is narrow and poorly lit in the night. It has no walk ways and caution should be exercised whether driving or walking because of the sharp bends. This road will link you to Bunyala road or Upperhill road.

Upperhill road

One of the worst roads in Upperhill, this single carriage way road has no walk ways and is full of pot holes. There is usually a snarl up at its entry point due to the heavy vehicles turning from the construction site at the foot of this road. In addition, there are security boulders that slow down the traffic because of the British High Commission located along this road. While plans are underway to expand it, we are currently lobbying for its maintenance. This road will link you to Mara road and Lowerhill road.

Ragati road

The third entry point from Haile Selassie Avenue. It is relatively better than the other two roads as it has walkways and no or little potholes. There is usually little or no traffic unless during the security check up near the European Union. This road will link you to Hospital and Mara road.

Ngong road

This road has 2 entry points. Haile Sellassie Avenue becomes Ngong road just as you approach Nairobi Club.

Chyulu road

This single carriage way road is one of the busiest roads in Upperhill especially since it is the main road used by PSVs as an entry point. In addition, it is narrow with no walk ways and has several deep potholes. This road links you to Mara road.

Hospital Road

It is one of the best and busiest roads in Upperhill. It is a dual carriage way with street lights, proper signage, newly created walk ways and is accessed from Ngong road.

Bunyala road

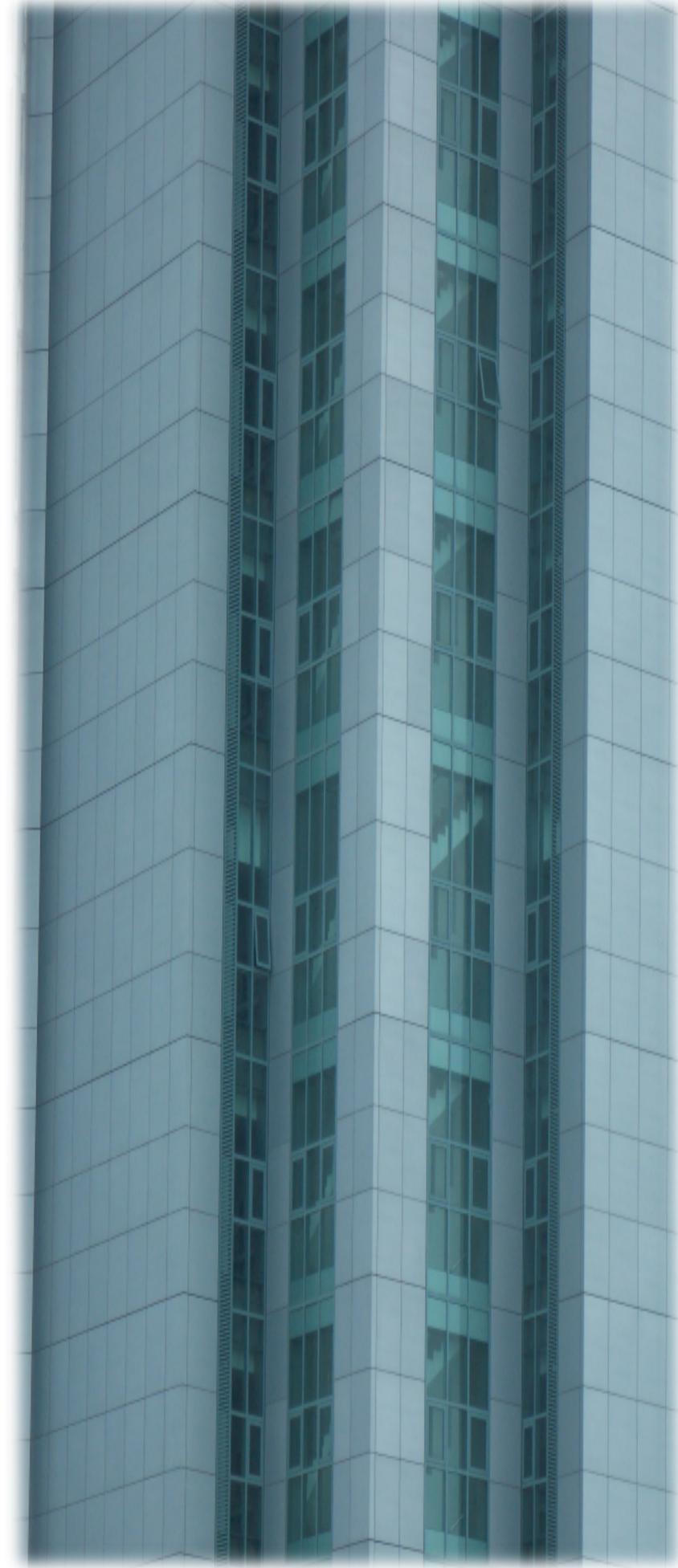
It is the only road that links Upperhill from the airport. It was recently dualled and has walkways on both sides. It links you to Lowerhill and Upperhill road.

KNH road

It is an alternative road sometimes used by the general public to link to both Mbagathi or Ngong road. Being that it is a road meant for the patients and clients of Kenyatta National Hospital, it has limited access especially on weekends.

Deplorable roads: Matumbato and Masaba road have the worst pot holes in the area. During the UHDA stakeholders' forum, KURA promised to maintain.





WHAT'S HAPPENING

As of 2nd May 2016, we have been issuing membership certificates for the very first time to all members who have paid their annual subscriptions. This is among the changes we are making to enhance the membership.

Our 2015 accounts have already been audited and will soon be released for your information.

We are happy to note that several kiosks have been removed following our adamant requests to the Nairobi City County Inspectorate to remove them. We advise all property owners to make special arrangements in their buildings to cater for the demand for affordable meals and other essentials that were previously sold in the demolished kiosks. This will discourage business operations for the illegal structures that had become a menace in Upperhill.

We are keen to have a permanent removal of these kiosks to enhance Upperhill's safety as well as maintain the value of our properties.

Donations towards the Capitol Hill Police Station refurbishment are still been accepted. Kindly get in touch with the UHDA Secretariat to be advised on what items are required.

In the mean time, please take note of the new number for the police station, **0792579982** . The 999 emergency number has also been proved to be effective , however in case there are delays to transfer you call the Police Headquarters on **0203341411**. 

UHDA STAKEHOLDERS' FORUM—12TH APRIL 2016

This year's Stakeholders' forum took place on 12th April 2016 at Nairobi Club.

Kenya Urban Roads Authority (KURA) gave a presentation on phase 2 and the missing links (the presentation is currently available on our website). They requested for our cooperation especially in surrendering of land to create enough road corridors for the expansion.

Nairobi Water and Sewerage Company was there to answer the members' burning questions. The forum was updated on the progress of the reinstatement of the damaged pipes that had delayed since the commencement in February. Nairobi City County were also present to address the issue of beautification in Upperhill. They promised to share the public space utilization plan once it was complete.

National Transport and Safety Authority (NTSA) made a brief commentary on their core functions and their partnership with the Association. Capitol Hill Police Station commented on the security in Upperhill noting that insecurity had decreased significantly.

We take the opportunity to thank our members, partners and stakeholders who attended the forum and made it a success. 🌟



Some members of the Executive Committee taking notes on KURA's presentations



NTSA addressing the forum

PICTORIAL FROM THE UHDA SECURITY SESSION ON 9TH JUNE 2016



Members following the presentations from KK Security Group



KK Raffle winner—Jairus Okacha of Britam

For the very first time UHDA held a security breakfast meeting dubbed UHDA Security Session. It was sponsored by KK Security Group on 9th June 2016 at Radisson Blu Hotel. The meeting was well attended whereby information on security was well supplied. KK Security Group had several presentations including from their partners, National Counter Terrorism Centre and International Security Consulting. Our speakers included Director of Criminal Investigations, Mr. Ndegwa Muhoro, NCC Area Commander Wilson Too and Sergeant Simon Rotich.



UHDA Team with the Sponsors and the guest speakers



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In the last 10 years KK has set footprints in East Africa, Congo and Malawi.

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Today the KK Brand recognized as a sign of solid security solutions and is the preferred security service provider, serving Residential, Commercial security markets, Manufacturing Industries and global Corporate, NGO and Embassy / Diplomatic contracts in Kenya and our footprints in Africa.



SECURITY & TECHNOLOGY

As the leading Security services provider the company has recognized its responsibility to sustaining a close focus on the new age service operations that are at a convergence with IT.

This is the unfolding trend of integrated security solutions for better security cover.



KK Security has developed a unique full lifecycle approach for integrated security services, geared towards ensuring absolute protection.

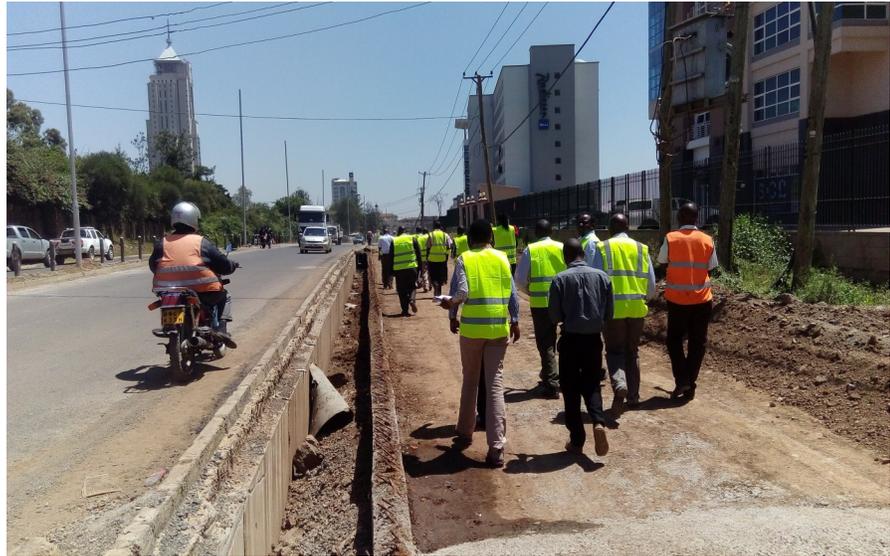
KK's objective is to provide and end-to-end security solutions that would evolve with the changing security risks and threats, to the business and home environments. by:

- Devising a smart strategy
- Designing an effective solution
- Install, implement & manage the system throughout its lifecycle.

REHABILITATION AND UPGRADING OF UPPER HILL ROADS (PHASE 1)

The following road sections have been substantially completed and opened to traffic:-

- Hospital road 1,060 metres
- Elgon road 959 metres
- Kilimanjaro road 493 metres
- Mara road 730 metres
- Bunyala road 230 metres
- Upperhill road 150 metres
- Lowerhill road 340 metres



KURA engineers inspecting Elgon Road



The Kenya Urban Roads Authority (KURA) inspected the newly constructed Upperhill roads early in February and gave the Contractor an extension period of 3 months to complete the project. Unfortunately

the 3 months have lapsed with majority of constructed walkways in a wanting state.

The UHDA Roads sub-committee is already hard at work lobbying for quality services from the Contractor before he hands over the project to KURA. 



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