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# The Amwaj Islander



## Letter from the MD

Dear Amwaj Islanders,

As October brings milder temperatures back to the Kingdom, we are looking forward to hosting outdoor events at some of our classic and new venues. With this year's recent openings in The Lagoon, and upcoming venues, we hope our residents enjoy a refreshing island lifestyle. Commencing next month an array of outdoor events will take place on the islands such as the infamous Amwaj Marina Market, The Bahrain Boat Show International (BBSI), the Annual Amwaj Triathlon and few new events for the entire family!

October is also the month renowned for Halloween, where trick-or-treaters scatter the islands in search of delicious goodies. If you would like to welcome the little trick-or-treaters please leave your patio lights on. We kindly ask all parents to accompany their children on this night to ensure their safety, and to only trick-or-treat at homes which have switched on their patio lights.

As always, feedback is very much appreciated, as it helps us enhance The Amwaj Islander, resulting in a more enjoyable read for you all.

Sincerely,

Jameel Almatrook  
Managing Director  
Amwaj Islands

## Behind the Name

### RANIYA ROW

Located on Asdaf Island, just opposite The Dragon Hotel & Resort, Raniya Row, a development by Yara Investments, is a block of 10 identical buildings in a row.

The name 'Raniya' was chosen mainly due to its meaning 'Queen' and connection to Greek, Sanskrit and Arabic mythology.

Raniya Row, a unique development in Amwaj because of its strategic location and view, comprises of 257 fully furnished apartments which are offered solely on rental basis at attractive rates suiting everyone's needs. The development is made of studio apartments, 1, 2 and 3 bedroom apartments and penthouses. It offers top quality facilities including a gymnasium, swimming pools, a state-of-the-art 24 hour security system, internal car parks, satellite system and elevators.

The apartments are inclusive of water, electricity and are leased on annual contracts. For more information, please contact Yara Investments on 17 533 400.



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## 60 Seconds With...



**Name:** Nikki Woolley

**Position:** General Manager,  
Tala Island

**Nationality:** South African

**Where have you worked prior to joining Tala?** I was living in Dubai for 11 years, where I was in the property game. When I first started I was involved in the first launch of freehold properties in Dubai before moving up to become General Manager of a property development and brokerage company. I moved to Bahrain about a year and a half ago when my husband was transferred here, and here I am, on Tala Island!

**What is your vision for Tala Island over the next five years?**

Our vision is to be the best gated community in Bahrain. We want to achieve this by creating a harmonious environment for everyone to live in by being family friendly, offering our residents satisfaction and security. We also hope to introduce some family activities for our residents. We kick-started this idea by holding a 'Fun Day' for our residents, which included a recycling competition, a mini marathon, fun activities for the kids and an opportunity for residents to meet each other.

**Tala Island has done extremely well as a development, why do you think that is?** Being a gated community, which in itself

is something that is not common in Bahrain. It is the way the Island has been built and obviously all the facilities we have here.

**What are some hurdles or challenges that you have faced while working at Tala?**

One of the issues that we are tackling at the moment is to make sure that Tala residents are able to enjoy the facilities undisturbed. I think we have achieved some success by the steps we have taken so far.

**What do you think Tala offers its residents which other developments lack?**

Here we come back to the 'gated community' concept of Tala. We don't have a lot of gated communities in Bahrain that offer what we have, the lagoon, gym, retail center, beach and security. So in total it's the lifestyle that makes Tala different than other projects and developments in Bahrain.

**What do you think Tala Island is missing, which you hope to implement in the near future?**

We are working on introducing activities for Tala's residents such as swimming lessons, sailing lessons or Scuba diving. We are looking for something to introduce to the whole family, which includes children of all ages, so they can do fun things together.

**Tell us a little bit about your family?**

I am married with two sons, Ryan and Adham. We enjoy movies, I love entertaining, cooking and having friends over. I enjoy travelling, and meeting new people.

**What is your motto in life?** Every day may not be good, but there is something good in everyday.

## 6 Steps to Finding Your Ultimate Dream Home on Amwaj Islands

Amwaj Islands is currently home to over 5000 families who are spread out across the 30+ different developments. Whether you are looking for an apartment for a newly married couple, a beach front luxury villa for a family with children or a comfortable home on a canal for retirees, you are spoiled for choice!

Sometimes, however, it can be difficult finding the right home for you and your family. Here are our suggested steps that will help you reach your goal of finding your island life home right here in Amwaj Islands:

1. Make a list of the attributes and necessities that you require and set a budget.
2. Visit our main office to get all the relevant information. You will be able to get a general idea about the islands, the projects, prices ranges, facilities and answer many of your questions. You can ask for the marketing bag which contains all the tools to help you make the right decision. The bag contains the Amwaj Islands brochure, Amwaj map, Amwaj Explorer's Guide, Amwaj Directory and a lot more.
3. Take a tour or two around the islands to discover what they are all about. You will never forget your first tour in Amwaj!
4. Study the options, choose your preference(s) and work out a plan. Ask the Marketing office to give you a copy of the sales sheets, where you will find a short description about each project, their locations, the price ranges, area sizes, payment terms and facilities.
5. Visit the various sales offices of your shortlisted project(s) to get further detailed information. Ask to view the show villa or apartment.
6. Work out your financial plan, each developer has their own scheme to help you buy your dream home.

All that you have to do now is go and get it! don't wait too long, book the unit of your dreams and then start creating the home you always wanted from the inside! It is now the time to add more colours to the colour blue that you see from your window so get an interior designer and start working wonders.



## Tala Island: Your Own Private Piece of Paradise



Tala Island, located in the heart of Amwaj Islands, offers a unique lifestyle together with every modern convenience and luxury imaginable. Tala is a self sufficient beachfront residential development, built in a Spanish Mediterranean style with a landscaped pool, beach areas and boardwalk, health club, tennis court, squash court, communal beach and visitor's amenities.

Tala Island offers an ideal residential location with convenient access to a 24 hour supermarket, a coffee house and a fast food restaurant. Consisting of 591 apartments and 85 villas, Tala Island currently has its last few apartments available for sale or rent to all families and individuals interested in a unique community lifestyle and environment. So do not miss this great opportunity to live in the hottest spot in Bahrain. For further inquiries, please contact the Tala office on 16 020 202 or email [helpdesk@tala-amwaj.com](mailto:helpdesk@tala-amwaj.com)

## Celebrate Halloween with Alosra Supermarket



Celebrate a 'not-so-scary' Halloween with Alosra Supermarket this season, and every season, and explore their extensive range of Halloween goodies for you and your family.

Whether you are on the lookout for funky knick-knacks to bring your party to life, or want a fancy costume that will guarantee you the envy of all your friends, Alosra has the best selection in town.

Visit Alosra and don't miss the fun and the wide selection of over 100 exciting products flown in especially for this occasion. Alosra guarantees that you will not be disappointed!

For more information, please call 16 033 773.

## Amwaj Marina Market season 2



### When?

Every first Saturday of the month starting  
November 12\*

\*except on public holidays where it will be  
held the following Saturday

### Where?

The Amwaj Marina, Amwaj Islands

### Time?

10am -5pm

For more information, or to book a table, please call  
16030605/ 16030607 Sunday to Thursday 8am to 5pm

Deadline for registration is October 26



Amwaj Islands  
@amwajislands



## Amwaj Updates

### Scenic Café Coming Soon to The Amwaj Business Park!



You will soon be able to relax with your family and friends and soak up the wonderful atmosphere and amazing sea views, whilst enjoying great food and your favourite beverages at the new café, soon to open in the Amwaj Business Park.

Dine indoor, alfresco on the terrace or for those of you who enjoy sun, sea and sand, relax on the beach, sipping coffee, tea and fresh juices. A varied menu including pastas, pizza, sandwiches, pastries and ice-creams will be on offer. Access to the café is easy both on and off the island and ample car parking spaces will also be available. Expected opening is on 11th November, 2011. For more information, please email [mohdbadawi69@yahoo.com](mailto:mohdbadawi69@yahoo.com) or call 36 559 700.

### Nasser Pharmacy - Now in Amwaj



Nasser Pharmacy, the biggest retail pharmacy in the Kingdom of Bahrain, is pleased to announce the opening of their latest branch in Amwaj Islands at Alosra Service Station.

A wide range of products are available in store, including pharmaceutical products, personal products, baby care products, gift ideas, greeting cards and a wide range of magazines.

Nasser Pharmacy is continuously working on expanding their reach within Bahrain and increase their products lines to suit their customers' needs.

For more information please call 16 010 505.

### Joz Salon & SPA



With the advent modern technology and wide-array of beauty products and services, JOZ Salon & SPA has joined and marked itself to become a fashion haven, and one-stop shop for all beauty, salon and spa needs. With the passion and dedication of the staff at JOZ Salon & SPA, your visit will surely be a pleasant and enjoyable experience that will guarantee a superior service in their outlet at The Dragon Hotel & Resort with spectacular sea views. Experience the relaxing and healing benefits of a wide range of healing and weight-loss body massages, body treatment wraps, hot stone therapies, scrubs and reflexology. During the month of October, JOZ Salon & SPA runs a special promotion exclusive to Amwaj Islands residents where you can spend BD50 and get a gift voucher worth BD5. For more information or to take an appointment, please call 16 031 120.

### Starbucks Coffee is delighted to come to Amwaj Islands



Caramel Frappuccino! Tall latte! Double shot Ice shaken espresso! You can now enjoy all your favourite Starbucks beverages at their recently opened outlet at The Lagoon. The Starbucks team are glad to welcome you with passion and expertise in the latest Starbucks Coffee in the Kingdom of Bahrain, where you will be able to enjoy your favourite coffee, tea, Frappuccino blended beverage, or any delicious cake of your choice at The Lagoon, Amwaj Islands. Starbucks proposes indoor and outdoor areas with outstanding lagoon views. Opening hours are from 7.30am to midnight. For more information, please call 16 010 233.



## Safety & Security in Amwaj

The Security Department would like to remind the valued residents of Amwaj of the following:

1. The 40 km/hr speed limit applies to all the roads throughout Amwaj Islands. New signage regarding the speed limit and various safety rules & regulations will soon be installed across the islands, which we kindly ask you to adhere to at all times.

The Security Department is not liable for any outcome as a result of disobeying the rules & regulations. To receive a copy of the rules & regulations of Amwaj, please email [info@amwaj.bh](mailto:info@amwaj.bh)

2. Beach parties on Amwaj properties are strictly prohibited. Should a resident want to hold a beach party on their own private property, the Security Department will have to be notified. Security are authorized to shut down any unauthorized party or gathering. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody who has been emailing or calling in with their safety and security concerns. We assure you that we will attend to each and every concern individually, however please bear with us as response time will vary according to each case.

For more information, or if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Security Department via email on [k.manahi@amwaj.bh](mailto:k.manahi@amwaj.bh) or call the 24/7 number 39 866 952

**Motor boats and jet skis are not allowed in areas designated for swimming. The only exception is for motor boats powered by an electric motor not exceeding 5hp. The maximum permitted speed is 3 knots.**

**Jet ski owners have to submit a picture of their jet ski along with the owner's address in Amwaj to the Security Department. Boat owners must submit a copy of their boat's registration.**

## Photo of the Month!



Congratulations to **Vincent Bouches** who participated in the competition with this picture and won a BD25 shopping voucher courtesy of Alosra Supermarket. To participate please send your pictures to [info@amwaj.bh](mailto:info@amwaj.bh).

- Own your own piece of paradise!  
Plots of prime land between 8000sqf and 13000sqf, for just BD17/sqf.  
For more information, please call 36 732 632 or 33 338 484.
- Best investments for this month:  
Three-bedroom FF flat BD110,000  
Five-bedroom villa and 240m<sup>2</sup> adjacent land BD210,000  
For more information, please call 36 732 632 or 33 338 484.

## Did You Know?

• The longest bridge in Amwaj is the bridge that separates The Lagoon from the sea. The length of the bridge is 99.4 meters. The main purpose of this bridge is to give a scenic view of The Lagoon.

- The smallest bridges in Amwaj are in Al Marsa Floating City and they are 10 meters each in length.
- There are four other bridges in Amwaj that connect the main residential islands together, and they are 59.4 meters each.
- A small bridge is being created to connect Jood Island to Asdaf next to the Beach Club which is 10 meters long. The bridge will help ease traffic flow from the main entrance of Amwaj Islands in the future.

## Upcoming Events October

**6-8 The Ovarian and Uterine Cancer Awareness Bazaar and Walkathon** kicks-off at The Lagoon. The event is Organised by AIESEC Manama and Bahrain Cancer Society and aims to raise awareness about Ovarian and Uterine Cancer. The bazaar will be held daily between October 6th and 8th, from 4pm to 10pm. A walkathon will be held on the 8th at 6pm. For more information, please call 33 393 130.

**15** Every third Saturday of the month a **Book Swap** takes place at Choco Loco, The Lagoon, from 5.30pm to 7.30pm. You can drop an old book and pick up another free of charge!

**31 Amwaj Ladies Book Club** meets every last Monday of the month to discuss a common book. For more information, or to join, please e-mail [abarr13@hotmail.com](mailto:abarr13@hotmail.com)

**All October Amwaj Families** is back in full swing after the summer break. Swim classes, buggy and blading walks (and more!) will all resume. Check the group out 'Amwaj Families Bahrain' on Facebook for more information. Bambino Bazaar will also be taking place soon, people who are interested in buying or selling maternity, baby and toddler items please keep checking the Facebook group for updates.

**All October Once Upon a Story Time** is an interactive story time for parents and children up to the age of 4 years old. It takes place weekly with every week carrying a different theme. For more information, or to join, please email [onceuponastorytime@hotmail.com](mailto:onceuponastorytime@hotmail.com)

**Once a month** Join the **Amwaj Ladies Dinner Group** and try a new restaurant every month. For more information please visit the Facebook group 'Amwaj Ladies Dinner Group'.

**Every Sunday & Monday Amwaj Cooperative Playgroup** holds playgroups for newborns and kids up to 4 years old. Sundays from 3.30pm to 5.30pm and Mondays from 9am to 11am. For more information, please visit the group 'Amwaj Cooperative Playgroup' on Facebook.

**Every Tuesday Kindermusik**, Music and Movement Program for children aged up to 7 years with a different theme every time. It will be held every Tuesday starting 20th September to 10th December. For more information, or to join, please email [kindermusikwithnatasha@gmail.com](mailto:kindermusikwithnatasha@gmail.com) or visit Facebook group 'Kindermusik with Natasha'.

**November 12** The second season of **The Amwaj Marina Market** kicks-off this Saturday!

If you can't make it to this, mark your calendar for the first Saturday of every month except public holidays where it will be held on the following Saturday.

**23 - 26** The Amwaj Marina will host **The Bahrain Boat Show International 2011 (BBSI)** for the third consecutive year.

## Meet Your Neighbours



**Name:** Khalid Qatmash & his wife Noura Sharabati  
**Nationality:** Jordanian  
**Place of stay:** Raniya Row

**How did you hear about Amwaj? How long have you been living here?** Before moving to Bahrain, we researched places to live in, and that's how we found Amwaj Islands. We decided to move here as fast as we could and we have been living in Amwaj for around 10 months now.

**What made you choose Raniya Row rather than other developments in Amwaj?** Quality of the development and facilities along with prices and convenient location.



**Name:** Jessinia Venegas  
**Nationality:** Spanish/Mexican/American  
**Place of stay:** Garden View, Tala Island

**What attracted you to Amwaj? How long have you been living here?** The Island life, sea views, and outside activities. Also Zoey, my dog, wanted to play in grass too. We have been living here for more than a month now.

**Can you tell us a little about what you do for a living?**  
 I work at the American Base.

**What is your favourite event that happened in Amwaj so far?** It has to be the Amwaj Marina Market. We are also looking forward to The Boat Show in November.

**We hold charity events where we donate the proceeds to people in need. Which cause would you like us to support next time?** Somalia, due to severe poverty and famine they are suffering.

**Do you usually look forward to receiving The Amwaj Islander? What is your favourite section?** Yes, we get to know what is happening around us in Amwaj, My favourite is "60 Seconds With" and "Amwaj Updates".

**When you were looking for a property in Amwaj Islands, what were the main factors you considered?** The lifestyle mixed with safety, security, and peace of mind. Not forgetting the sea views and beach access.

**How do you and your family like to spend time together?** In Amwaj, I would say cycling, swimming, jet-skiing, going on boat trips, fishing, jogging and using the islands' facilities such as the Amwaj Marina along with the beach as well as The Lagoon's restaurants and cafés.

**What are your favourite top 3 destinations outside Bahrain and why?** Costa Rica, Anywhere there's a beach, and Texas. Costa Rica because it's absolutely beautiful there. I love anywhere I can go to the beach, and Texas because that's where my family is.

**Where did you spend your last vacation?** In Costa Rica.

**What is one tip you can share with the rest of The Amwaj Islander's readers on how to take care of your home/cooking/gardening/cleaning/etc... My no.1 tip would have to be:** hire a maid and don't get a pet.

**We hold charity events, where we donate proceeds to people in need. Which institute you would like us to support next time?** Anything with animals. They don't have a voice, but it doesn't mean people should treat them horribly.

**What is your favourite quote?** "If you don't go after what you want, you'll never have it. If you don't ask, the answer is always no. If you don't step forward, you're always in the same place." –Nora Roberts.

**In your opinion, how can we improve The Amwaj Islander?** Maybe a joke section, everyone needs a good laugh.

## Photo Gallery

### Mei N Yu and Persian Room Opening, The Lagoon

On Thursday September 8th, 2011, Mei N Yu Lounge and Persian Room Restaurant had their grand opening with a number of VIPs and dignitaries attending. The attendees enjoyed the music and food in a festive atmosphere.



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T 16 033 100  
E info@amwaj.bh  
W www.amwaj.bh

**Tala Island Security**  
T 16 060 033

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Working Hours: 6.30am - 10pm  
Saturday - Thursday  
8am - 10pm on Fridays  
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**Tala Leisure Center**  
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Weekends 9am - 6pm  
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**Other Services in Amwaj**  
**bni**  
T 16 030 400

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T 16 010 203

**Pet Arabia**  
T 16 010 501

**Movie Time**  
T 16 010 491

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T 16 030 646

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**Dr Nonie Coutts**  
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T 17 292 988

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