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The Amwaj Islander



Letter from the MD

Dear Amwaj Islanders,

As always, safety and security are a top priority at Amwaj, and we are doing our utmost to ensure the safety of not only our residents, but our visitors alike. Safety and security measures have increased, and will continue to increase, however, as there is only so much our security can do, it is vital, for your own safety, that you adhere to the rules & regulations.

On a more pleasant note, we have successfully completed our first season of the 'Amwaj Marina Market', where it was deemed a great success by many. It is due to start up again in December, however we are looking into starting it earlier due to all the requests received.

For all you sports enthusiasts, our annual 'triathlon' has been set for late this month, and will be our biggest and best one yet, so start your training. Don't fret as it will not be limited to those participating - onlookers are guaranteed to be kept busy by the side-market and carnival!

As always, we are here to make the backdrop and lifestyle of your home one that you aspire to. All suggestions received so far are either being looked in to, or being carried out wherever possible, therefore please do provide us with your suggestions by emailing the Editor.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Jameel Almatrook
Managing Director, Amwaj Islands

Behind the Name

The Lagoon Bahrain is a US\$90 million retail project located at the heart of Amwaj Islands. This 'see and be seen' waterfront development is at the center of the community and was designed by world-class architects Davenport Campbell of Australia.



The Lagoon's name is self-explanatory, where a turquoise lagoon centers all the outlets giving way to shopping by the sea and providing visitors with a 1 kilometer long promenade and breathtaking views. The master plan for The Lagoon development itself draws reference from other internationally acclaimed destinations, such as London's Convent Garden and Sydney's Cockle Bay Wharf, offering retail and restaurant outlets to consumers and visitors.

Bringing local and international cuisine and first time concepts in Bahrain, The Lagoon currently hosts a variety of one-of-a-kind retail shops, restaurants and cafés. Visitors can now shop at the renowned 'Waitrose', drink gourmet tea at the 'T-Club', indulge in delicious burgers at the 'Burger Lounge', or redecorate their home with 'IDdesign and KARE'.

The Lagoon is currently anticipating an average of two new outlets a month. This May 'Mei & Yu Lounge', 'The Persian Room' and 'Leewan Al Khor' will open.



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60 Seconds With...



Name:
Saeed Majed

Position:
CEO, Nuetel
Communications

Nationality: Bahraini

Can you tell us a little about your work background?

I hold a Bachelor's degree in Business from Richmond University, UK, and have worked in various sectors, including business solutions and banking & finance, before I eventually moved to the telecommunications field.

What makes Nuetel special as a telecoms provider?

Nuetel is a national triple play telecommunications operator in Bahrain with regional infrastructure and alliances. For those who are not familiar with the term 'triple play', it allows the push of three technologies; voice, video and data simultaneously through optical fiber. We are known for building the country's first 'Intelligent City' at Amwaj Islands, where we have delivered voice, video and data services over our fiber optic network. These intelligent utilities are all managed from a core network operation center (NOC) at Amwaj Islands.

When was Nuetel established?

We received our license from the TRA in 2005. A year later we started construction on the NOC of Nuetel and have been

providing services to Amwaj's residents since 2008.

Are Nuetel's services limited to Amwaj Islands residents or can people living outside Amwaj use Nuetel?

Nuetel services are not limited to Amwaj Islands residents; in fact, we provide services to corporate businesses all over Bahrain.

What services does Nuetel offer?

We offer services for enterprises and the home, which include: Internet, Nue-TV, voice services, and Nue-Soft phones which allow you to make high quality telephone calls with a phone application on your PCs or laptops. We also offer what is known as Nue-MPLS/IP VPN, which allows companies with various locations spread out in Bahrain, and across the globe, to connect and transfer data in a private and secure way over a reliable robust network infrastructure.

What can we look forward to in 2011 from Nuetel?

We are continuously aiming to improve our products and services. With this in mind, in 2011 our customers can look forward to an increase of up to 20Mbps in internet and wireless services speed and unlimited usage.

What is your favourite project in Amwaj Islands?

I honestly like all the projects as each one is different and unique. I do, however, have a soft spot in my heart for projects that reflect traditional Bahraini architecture.

Nuetel's New IPTV Services



Nuetel's new service is not only for those with a great understanding of technical jargon, but also for the less tech-savvy individuals out there!

The new IPTV, currently known as TV/Video over IP, allows a triple play - voice, video and data technologies - provider, such as Nuetel, to broadcast TV, video content and channels over a high speed, MPLS IP infrastructure that uses fiber or copper cables.

With the New NueTV platform, which is much like 'Showtime', the subscriber can select the channels and arrange the logical order for his personal channel list, record programs and make continuous recordings directly from the Electronic Program Guide (EPG) with time shift playing, browse movies by category and purchase movies directly from the user interface. Additionally, the user will be able to find localized information and advertisements e.g. weather forecasts, local city information, modify personal settings, i.e. channels list, recording channels and key functions, have access to 'Video On Demand', send and receive emails, play online games, and child lock channels using a PIN code.

Nuetel also provide a Nue-PCTV which enables customers to use all services available on the Set-Up-Box on a personal computer by using the normal internet browser.



Amwaj Marina Surfski Club

Love to surf? Love to ski? Then surfski paddling might be just the sport for you! Surfski paddling, a new water based sport to the Kingdom, is a great way to get out on the water and raise your general fitness levels, or challenge your abilities, against big swells generated by winds. Surfski paddling is done in kayaks which are very narrow and light, and are approximately 6 meters long, less than 50cm wide and under 18 kg in weight. The shape and weight of the surfski means you can paddle at speeds much faster than a normal recreational kayak.



With the aim of promoting surfski paddling in Bahrain, The Amwaj Marina Surfski Club is the first-of-its-kind to open in the country where it will be providing facilities for paddlers and acting as the center for training clinics, competitions and events. The club will bring surfski enthusiasts and paddlers together and will provide a safe space for ski owners to store their paddling equipment. In addition, changing and washing facilities are available at the Marina.

The club will aid and encourage newcomers to the sport, by providing some basic instructions and tips, and further down the line can, assist with purchasing new or preowned surfskis. The most important role of the club will be to bring all of the paddlers together and develop the community that will help the sport grow, and hopefully thrive.

The club is open for anyone to join, whether you are an avid surfski fan, or simply just curious about the sport. To contact the Amwaj Marina Surfski Club please contact Declan Gaynor on 36 640 272, check out the club's Facebook group 'Amwaj Marina Surfski Club', or e-mail amwajmarinasurfski@gmail.com

Upcoming Development: The Amwaj Aviary



Palm Cockatoo



Mike Gammond and a Palm Cockatoo Chick



Crowned Pigeon

What is labelled as the Amwaj 'theme island', or also known as Jood, at the entrance of Amwaj Islands, is starting to pick up pace – commencing with the opening of The Amwaj Aviary. What better way is there to promote a natural lifestyle than by having lush green gardens, tropical birds, winding pathways, and large bird aviaries allowing birds to fly, all at your doorstep?

We visited Bahrain's renowned bird breeders, Mike and Kate Gammond, to have a look as to what will soon be known as Amwaj's 'newcomers'. Breeding in much of the same setting as above, birds are their passion in life. To help us understand the significance of the birds that will soon be inhabiting Amwaj, we went for a walk through their aviary – and what a walk it was!

For all you bird enthusiasts out there, The Amwaj Aviary will host a range of bird species such as the 'Southern Crowned Pigeon' - the world's largest pigeon species originating from Papua New Guinea - 'Fruit Pigeons', 'Silvery-cheeked Hornbill', and a range of 'Cockatoos' including the 'Palm Cockatoo'. Additionally, a variety of endangered species, such as the 'Buffon Macaw', a stunning bright green bird originating from Bolivia, a wide selection of Macaws, Doves and our ever-loving Parrots, will also be calling Amwaj their home.

With a total area size of 6,929sqm and scheduled to open by the end of the summer, The Amwaj Aviary will be the newest attraction for Amwaj's residents and visitors.

Amwaj Updates

Black & White Laundry W.L.L.



The fifth branch of Black & White Laundry is now open at the entrance of Amwaj Islands in the new Alosra supermarket building. This is their second branch to open in Amwaj, where the first is located in Tala Island. The laundry caters to individual customers and institutional clients, where the company's business model allows for a tailored approach to customer service. The processing and handling systems can accommodate any re-usable textile items where they acknowledge their customers expect and receive high quality, consistent, cost effective processing of all items. All service issues are handled with a high 'sense of urgency'. As their motto proclaims 'our customers are our best sales force'. George Manayath Peter, Managing Partner of B&W Laundry stated, "our philosophy for success rests in presenting fully integrated solutions for our customers, incorporating superior service and utilizing highly trained staff."

Houseboat - The Lagoon



Delight your senses and tickle your taste buds with The Lagoon's latest addition, Houseboat Asian Restaurant. Houseboat brings to Amwaj the various cuisines of Asia from Indian to Chinese, Japanese and even Thai cooked by highly qualified chefs and served in a delightful and unique waterfront setting. At Houseboat you can enjoy traditional authentic Indian curries and tandoori, delicious Japanese maki, sashimi and tepanyaki, Stir Fry and chowmein from China or an extensive selection from their Thai menu. Houseboat serves lunch between 11:30am to 3:00pm and dinner between 6:30pm to 11:30pm, but you can still enjoy tea, coffee and a wide selection of cakes along with complimentary Wi-Fi from 3:30pm to 6:30pm.

Amwaj Business Park



The Amwaj Business Park, a six-storey seafront office building conveniently located at the entrance of Amwaj Islands, is nearing completion. What will soon be known to be the most coveted business center in Bahrain, the building consists of two phases. Phase one will comprise of 40 units, and phase two will comprise of 25 units. Every unit can be customized to the tenants' needs, and will have provisions for a bathroom and a service shaft. The Business Park provides ample car parking (100+ spaces), a coffee shop and retail units on the ground floor, as well as various VIP facilities. Additionally, a high-tech security system, and infrastructure for internet and telephone outlets will be put in place.

Although phase one is due to be completed in June 2011, interested tenants have already started with their fit outs. Phase two, which commenced in January 2011, will be completed by December 2011.

Costa Coffee - The Lagoon



Now you can enjoy the unique Mocha Italia blend and quality food in Costa Coffee's newly opened outlet in The Lagoon. Costa Coffee is well known for the excellence of their coffee blends - the perfection of each cup of coffee is unrivalled. The new store has a modern design, outdoor seating and the same great service you can find in every Costa Coffee store. Always innovating and looking forward to the summer, Costa has added some refreshing new drinks to the Ice Cold Costa range that everybody loves. Be on the lookout: the Ice Age is coming to a Costa near you very soon!

Safety & Security in Amwaj



During the past few months you may have noticed a couple of changes in our existing security system here in Amwaj Islands. In light of recent events we ask all of our valued residents and visitors to bear with our security staff as they work hard to maintain the safety of Amwaj.

Changes which will take place are:

1. All visitors cars will be stopped and checked at the front gate. Security reserve the right to check CPRs of all visitors upon entering Amwaj.
2. All residents car passes will be cancelled and will no longer be valid. New ones are now available to replace the old in the following categories:

 White: Residents who are renting a home in Amwaj. Valid for one year only. BD 2.

 Blue: All owners. Valid for two years. BD 2.

 Orange: All owners. Valid for three years. BD 4.

All new car passes will have an issue and expiry date and will have to be renewed upon expiration.

3. Labourers, i.e cleaners and maids, will also require standard passes to enter Amwaj. Cost BD 4. Valid for 1 year.

Please note: all passes can be obtained from the security office located at the Amwaj main office building – opposite Alosra Supermarket - Sunday to Thursday from 7.30am to 5pm. Please ensure bringing your CPR, rental/ownership documents (contracts / title deeds) and the license plate number of the car in which the sticker will be placed.

For any security questions or concerns please e-mail security@amwaj.bh

Photo of the Month!



Tala Island

Congratulations to **Cyril Salanga**, who won a voucher for two to Jazzy Brunch in Muju Restaurant for May's 'Photo of the Month' competition with the picture above!

To participate, please send your pictures to info@amwaj.bh

For the safety of the Amwaj Islands community, please adhere to the 40 and 50 km/hr speed limits. If you would like a copy of the Amwaj Islands rules & regulations, kindly send an email to info@amwaj.bh

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.

Please help us keep Amwaj clean and pedestrian friendly by cleaning up after your dog when taking it out for a walk. Doggie trash bins will soon be installed in Amwaj; in the meantime please use the public bins to dispose of your pet's waste.

Upcoming
Events



May

- 2 Collection for the Annual Ramadan drive 'Lend a Helping Hand' begins. All donations, money or food, go to labourers who work hard to develop the beautiful Amwaj Islands. For more information please call 16 030 605 or 16 030 607 Sunday to Thursday, 8am-5pm. During these timings donations can be dropped off to the Meritas office, Nuetel building, 4th floor.

- 6 Tala Island will be holding a **Family Funday** for its residents on May 6th. Event begins at 3:00pm and will include different entertainment for all the members of the family.

- 27 Start your training! The **Amwaj Annual Triathlon** has been rescheduled for May 27th with several categories, along with a carnival and market, there's something for everyone.

DAILY Amwaj Mums have daily activities going on all month for families, children and parents, such as **Yoga** for mums to be, children and adults, **Buggy Brigade** and **Women of Water**. For more information, please contact Amwaj Mums through their Facebook group 'Amwaj Mums'.

ALL MAY A **shuttle bus service** to City Center is available for all Amwaj residents. The shuttle is on a trial period for the month of May and departs at various times of the day, on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from Dairy Queen in Tala Island. To receive the schedule please contact Hussain Abbas on 39 902 686 or email him on hussain.abbas@maf.ae

Meet Your Neighbours



Name:
Laura Dossary & her family
Nationality:
British/Saudi
Place of stay:
Al Marsa Floating City

What attracted you to Amwaj Islands and how long have you been living here?

As I work in the British Embassy I wanted to find an area both safe and convenient for commuting. I dreamed of owning a retirement home with a view, i.e. a canal, and I also wanted the lifestyle of freedom of cycling, walking, kayaking and boating, it is fantastic having your own mooring space at the bottom of your garden.

During Bahrain's recent events, have you felt safe in Amwaj?

Most definitely. I think Amwaj is not just only the best place to live in Bahrain; it is the only place to be able to move around safely. I think the current situation could boost the sales on the Islands too as most expats now realise that this is by far the safest area of Bahrain.

Are you happy with your choice of residence in Amwaj?

It is the best investment my husband and I have ever made in our 32 years in the Middle East.



Name:
Aliona Reselian & her family
Nationality:
Moldovian
Place of stay:
Amwaj Homes

What attracted you to Amwaj?

Even though it is a bit far from other places in Bahrain, the water, beach, and the atmosphere attracted us to Amwaj. You have everything here. Restaurants, cafés and lounges, parks, beach, water, sun, and a lot of friendly people. Walking around the islands gives us that warm feeling of being home.

What made you choose Amwaj Homes rather than other developments in Amwaj?

The house we live in right now is very close to everything, like The Lagoon, where we like to go for walks and eat out. The house is also very cozy, it has a garden and it is just perfect for a family like us.

What are three things you cannot live without?

Family, beach, and laughter.

If you would like to be featured in this section, please send in your details to info@amwaj.bh

Name: Chiara Giardini

Nationality: South African

Place of stay: Raniya Row



What attracted you to Amwaj Islands and how long have you been living here?

When I first moved to Bahrain 3 years ago I stayed in Mirage- it was one of the first completed projects in Amwaj. When I moved to the city after a few months I missed the peacefulness and tranquility of Amwaj. When I started working with The Dragon Hotel & Resort I was ecstatic! I immediately moved back to Amwaj, and haven't looked back since!

During Bahrain's recent events, have you felt safe in Amwaj?

Yes! I even had friends from the city staying with me! Amwaj became the 'safe-haven' for many people over that period.

Are you happy with your choice of residence in Amwaj?

Of course! I live opposite my work thus no morning and evening traffic!

Name:

Tamara Darwish
& her husband Bashar
Fayoumi

Nationality:

Jordanian

Place of stay:

Meena 7



How did you hear about Amwaj?

Through internet research and our real-estate agent.

What made you choose Meena 7 rather than other developments in Amwaj?

We felt it's more cozy and warm from the first time we looked at it.

What is your favourite thing to do in your spare time?

We love the sea and sun. A minute doesn't go to waste without us enjoying them.

What are three things you cannot live without?

The pool, the beach and the gym of course.

Amwaj Marina Market: looking back at the season



The Amwaj Marina Market ended last month after a season of success in which all visitors enjoyed shopping in the outdoors, the great music and the scenic Amwaj Marina.



“My favourite part was the fabulous atmosphere and meeting so many different people, both residents of Amwaj and visitors from outside. I really used to look forward to the market every month; I am looking forward to being a regular again when the market starts up in December. Best regards and thanks to all the organizers for doing such a wonderful job.”

Gaye Bentham, Art for the Soul



“I was very impressed with the organization and the turn-out; not to mention the variety of sales, from desserts, to accessories to furniture! The past few months have been very stressful for Bahrain, and seeing people go out of their way to encourage raw talents and help out as much as possible made me proud to be part of this community. It was a pleasure to share this experience with my friends and family, and I’m looking forward to next year’s Amwaj Market.”

Omneiah Donia, Baked Goodies



“We came with the intention of selling as much stock as we could of the ‘I heart Bahrain’ t-shirts and I feel like we did a great job. The event was very well organized, my only regret was not participating in this market earlier in the year.

However, we are looking forward to coming back next year when the season starts up again. Thanks a lot for all your good work from the team at NINE”

Talal Mahmood & Summer Abbas, NINE store



“The Amwaj Marina Market was fun, exciting and most importantly a great experience! A big thanks for the organizers for pulling together an amazing and different event in Bahrain.”

Safa Al Tajer, Baked Goodies



“It was truly an amazing experience, the whole atmosphere, the music, the people, everything was very well set and very organized. I would like to extend a congratulations to the Amwaj office for a great season and thank them for always being prompt and very responsive, which is difficult to find in Bahrain! Great job to everyone and good luck for next year.”

Nawal Joz, JOZ Salon & Spa



Directory

Amwaj Islands Security
Working Hours: 24 hrs
Location: Amwaj Islands entrance
M 39 866 952
E security@amwaj.bh

Amwaj Islands Main Office
Working Hours: 8am – 5pm,
Sunday to Thursday
Location: Amwaj Islands entrance
T 16 033 100
E info@amwaj.bh
W www.amwaj.bh

Tala Island Security
T 16 060 033

Nuetel Communications
Working Hours: 8am – 5pm
Saturday to Thursday
Location: Nuetel Building,
Amwaj T 16 033 000

International School of Choueifat
Location: Lulu Island
T 16 033 333

Amwaj Marina
T 16 011 160

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Curry Tree
T 16 030 660

Houseboat
T 77 033 444

Leewan Al Khor
T 16 010 666

Amwaj Beauty Salons
Joz Salon & Spa, The Dragon Beach Hotel Resort
Working Hours: everyday
9am – 7pm
T 16 031 120

Closest Post Office to Amwaj
Al Hidd Post Office
Working Hours: 7am - 2pm
Saturday to Thursday
T 16 673 157

Amwaj Health Clubs
Maya Beach Resort & Fitness
Working Hours: Saturday -
Thursday, 6.30am - 10pm
Friday 8am - 10pm
Location: Meena 7
T 16 030 070

Tala Leisure Center
Working Hours:
Weekdays 6am - 10pm
Weekends 9am - 6pm
Location: Tala Island
T 16 071 007

Amwaj Supermarkets
Al Osra Supermarket
Location: Entrance of
Amwaj Islands
T 16 033 772

Jawad Express
Location: ground floor,
Nuetel building
T 16 034 501

Waitrose Supermarket
Working Hours:
Everyday 8am - 11pm
Location: The Lagoon
T 16 030 636

24-Hours Supermarket
Location: Tala Island
T 16 034 498

Laundry Services
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T 17 532 268
M 36 308 889

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T 17 339 339

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T 17 671 212

Samaheej Police Station
T 17 334 401

Coast Guard
T 17 700 000

Traffic Police
T 199

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Aali Mall
T 17 581 000

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3 & 4 Bedroom plus maids, common pool, squash court
and beach. Lease to own from BD 1,000 incl/mth
M 36 732 632



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1 Bedroom FF BD 450 inclusive
M 33 338 484
2 Bedroom flat, 1st floor, FF BD 700 inclusive. Short term
rentals available
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Tala Island 2 Bedroom FF BD 800 inclusive (full sea view)
M 36 732 632
Other 2 & 3 Bedroom flats from BD 550
Villas from BD 1000
M 37 701 802

