

CHICKEN COTTAGE OPENS IN SYOKIMAU

A GLOBAL BRAND EMBRACES THE COMMUNITY

Syokimau's continued growth as one of Kenya's premier residential and commercial destinations has attracted another internationally recognised brand. Chicken Cottage, the globally renowned quick-service restaurant chain founded in London, United Kingdom, in 1994, has officially opened its newest branch in Syokimau, bringing its signature range of freshly prepared chicken, burgers, wraps, family meals and beverages closer to residents.

In Kenya, the globally recognised brand has steadily grown its presence by investing in strategic locations that serve rapidly expanding communities such as Syokimau.

The official launch attracted residents, business leaders and invited guests. Syokimau Residents Association (SRA) was represented by Chairman, Mohammed Ismail, who joined the management team in celebrating the opening. The new outlet is expected to create employment opportunities,

enhance consumer choice and further strengthen Syokimau's position as a preferred destination for investment and modern urban living.

Speaking during the launch, Chicken Cottage's management reaffirmed its commitment to work closely with the local community by supporting initiatives that promote community development, youth empowerment and neighbourhood engagement.

we look forward to building a strong partnership that supports residents, creates opportunities and contributes to the continued growth of Syokimau."

The opening of Chicken Cottage is another positive milestone in Syokimau's development journey.



SRA Chairman Mohammed Ismail noted that responsible corporate partnerships play an important role in building stronger communities.

"We are delighted to welcome Chicken Cottage to Syokimau. Their investment demonstrates confidence in our community and



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A WORD FROM THE CHAIRMAN

As Syokimau continues its transformation from a commuter settlement into one of Kenya's most dynamic urban communities, residents are increasingly recognizing that sustainable growth requires more than infrastructure and real estate development. It demands collective responsibility, civic participation, environmental stewardship, public safety and a shared vision for the future.

The June edition examines some of the critical issues shaping the community today; from the war against narcotics and crime, to environmental conservation, urban beautification, mental wellness and the restoration of public spaces. At the centre of these initiatives is a growing recognition that building a thriving community requires the active participation of Residents, Government Agencies, Private Sector Partners and Community Leaders.

We are proud of transformation across Syokimau which is increasingly visible under the umbrella of Syokimau Residents Association; roads are becoming

cleaner, environmental initiatives are gaining momentum, security agencies are strengthening enforcement efforts, community leaders are collaborating across sectors. We are also proud of health institutions stepping forward to address emerging social challenges.

Together, these developments paint the picture of a community determined to grow responsibly and making Syokimau our home.

Together we Achiece More

Mohammed Ismail
*Chairman, Syokimau
Residents Association*



COMMUNITY HEALTH BREAKING THE SILENCE

MENTAL HEALTH AND THE WELLBEING OF MODERN FAMILIES

Mental health has emerged as one of the defining public health conversations of the twenty-first century. Despite growing awareness, stigma and misinformation continue to prevent many individuals from seeking support when they need it most.

Syokimau community leaders are partnering with healthcare institutions and Gateway Mall to spearhead a comprehensive mental health awareness initiative in August targeting both parents and children. The programme seeks to create a platform for education, dialogue, early intervention and access to professional support services.

Families today face unprecedented pressures arising

from economic uncertainty, academic expectations, digital influences, social media exposure, changing family structures and the lingering psychological effects of global disruptions experienced in recent years. Mental health practitioners continue to report increasing cases involving anxiety, depression, behavioral challenges, social isolation and emotional distress among young people.

The forthcoming initiative aims to address these realities through community engagement forums, educational sessions, expert presentations and wellness-focused activities. Syokimau Residents Association and Partners hope to challenge stigma and encourage early support-seeking behaviour by creating safe spaces for conversation and the wellbeing of its residents.

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SECURITY

OPERATION ONDOA DRUGS

SYOKIMAU'S INTENSIFIED WAR AGAINST DRUGS AND CRIMINALITY BY SECURITY COMMITTEE

The battle against narcotics and related criminal activities took centre stage last month following the successful execution of “Operation Ondoa Drugs”, a targeted security operation led by Syokimau Police under the stewardship of Officer Commanding Station (OCS) Dennis Monda.

The operation, which focused on identified hotspots associated with the sale and distribution of illicit substances, resulted in multiple arrests and the arraignment of suspects before the courts. While law enforcement agencies continue their investigations, community leaders have described the operation as a significant milestone in restoring public confidence and strengthening security within the area.

Drug abuse remains one of the most complex social challenges facing urban communities across Kenya. Beyond the immediate health consequences, narcotics often fuel a cycle of criminal behaviour including theft, gang activity, domestic violence and youth delinquency. The effects extend beyond individual users, impacting families, businesses, educational institutions and neighborhood cohesion.

“Operation Ondoa Drugs” sends a broader message regarding the rule of law and community accountability. Security experts argue that sustained enforcement operations, coupled with community intelligence and citizen participation, remain among the most effective deterrents against organized criminal networks.

Residents interviewed during

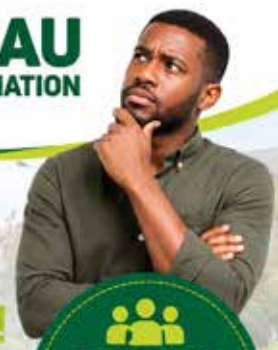
the operation expressed optimism that the crackdown would contribute to safer neighborhoods and create a more secure environment for families and businesses. The operation also highlights the evolving role of community policing in modern urban centres, with security increasingly becoming a shared responsibility requiring cooperation between law enforcement agencies and the public. We urge our security enforcement team to maintain momentum.

For many residents, “Operation Ondoa Drugs” represents a clear signal that criminal elements will find diminishing space to operate within a community committed to protecting its future.



Dennis Monda
OCS Syokimau Police Station

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BENEFITS OF JOINING SRA

- Enhanced Security**
We work with security agencies to keep our neighborhood safe.
- Better Infrastructure**
We advocate for and support improved roads, lighting, and drainage.
- Clean & Green Environment**
We promote cleanliness, waste management and tree planting initiatives.
- Community Voice**
We represent residents' interests to authorities and stakeholders.
- Community Events**
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KURA LISTENS TO RESIDENTS' CRIES ON SYOKIMAU-KATANI ROAD BARRIER

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION OPENS A NEW CHAPTER IN PROTECTING OUR ROADS, RESIDENTS AND FUTURE

In the May edition of The Resident Magazine, we highlighted the growing concerns surrounding Balancing Access, Safety and Sustainability in Syokimau. We documented the rapid deterioration of our roads, the increasing danger posed by heavy quarry trucks, and the urgent need for a long-term solution that protects both infrastructure and residents.

The discussions followed a significant development earlier this year: The removal of the Katani Road barrier pursuant to an interim court order. The barrier had been erected through contributions from residents as a community-led intervention aimed at addressing an increasingly difficult challenge. It was intended to regulate the movement of heavy quarry trucks through residential roads while enhancing the safety and quality of life of the community. However, while the intentions behind the barrier were well-founded, KURA advised that the structure did not meet

the Authority's prescribed engineering and road safety standards. Following the court's interim orders, SRA respected the rule of law and supported compliance with the decision requiring the barrier's removal.

Following sustained engagement by the Syokimau Residents Association (SRA) and numerous concerns raised by residents, the Kenya Urban Roads Authority (KURA) responded positively by convening statutory public participation forums to gather views from the affected communities. The forums were held on 16th May 2026 for

Syokimau residents and 17th May 2026 for Katani residents, providing an important platform for citizens, public agencies and stakeholders to deliberate on the future management of heavy commercial traffic within the area.

The public participation exercise marks an important milestone in the relationship between residents, government agencies and infrastructure stakeholders. We await formal report from KURA following recommendations for future planning and decision-making.

VOTER REGISTRATION OUR VOICE, OUR RESPONSIBILITY

As a generation, we have never been afraid to speak up about the issues that matter. We advocate for change, champion accountability, and believe in building stronger communities.

But matching our voices with our actions means taking a crucial step: voting. It is one of the most powerful ways we can turn our shared values into tangible impact.

The Syokimau Shift: Bringing Your Vote Home

Many of us now live, work, study, or run businesses right here in Syokimau. Yet, a large number of our neighbors still have their voter registration tied to the places they previously called home.

By transferring your vote to Syokimau, you ensure that our community is represented by leaders who actually understand it—the people who experience its unique opportunities and daily challenges firsthand.

Why Every Single Vote in Syokimau Matters

Every registered voter strengthens our collective voice. When our registered voter numbers reflect our actual population, it forces decision-makers to pay attention. A stronger voting bloc directly reinforces our leverage for:

Improved Infrastructure: Better road networks and reliable public amenities.

Enhanced Security: Well-supported local security systems.

Quality Public Services: Efficient local administration and utilities.

Environmental & Sustainable Development: Ensuring physical planning laws are respected and our green spaces are protected.

Shape the Future: Your Next Steps

As residents, we all have a role to play in shaping the future of this neighborhood. Whether you are registering for the very first time or transferring your existing vote from another constituency, this simple step is an investment in Syokimau.

Our generation often says that we want to see change. This is exactly how we become a part of it.

Let's take action: Register today, transfer your vote, and encourage your family, friends, and neighbors to do the same. Together, we can build a community whose voice is heard and whose future is shaped by the people who actually call it home.

By Hafsa Fuad Abdalla



MENTORSHIP PROGRAM THROUGH RAISING CHILDREN TOGETHER

Residents of Dove Court in Syokimau decided to take that ancient proverb “It takes a village to raise a child” and turned it into a living, breathing reality; one mentorship session, one football match and one shared meal at a time.

When most of us moved to Dove Court between 2011 and 2014, we were just families looking for a place to call home but we quickly realized something special: our children were growing up together, often within the same age brackets. The boys would gather after school to kick a ball around and the girls would chat in clusters. That is how our mentorship programme was born and today, runs during every school holiday with dedicated sessions for:

- Primary school students – building foundational values and study habits.
- High school students – navigating the turbulence of adolescence.
- Post-high school students – preparing for the workforce, college life and independence.

Each holiday, we gather for sessions covering a wide

range of topics: academic performance, peer pressure, drug abuse, career selection, mental health and emotional wellbeing. Our sessions often include Bible study, which helps ground the children in faith and moral character. While our programme is faith-based, it is interdenominational as our goal is to build strong values and create safe spaces for honest conversations.

Through Sports, we carry out mentorship on the pitch providing some of life’s best lessons who is a CAF licensed football coach as well as Ambassadors Trek trained coach, volunteering to coach our boys. We are proud that some of our children play for professional teams in Division One while others have received opportunities to play abroad. The coach also happens to have been the team lead in the SRA

Youth & Sports docket and still assists the subcommittee to date.

This program has been expanded for intake of non-court members. Our first cohort are now volunteers who mentor



the younger ones. It is a full-circle moment that reminds us why we started this journey.

Lessons learnt is that we raise a generation of young people who are stable, grounded and full of purpose. We build a society that is more balanced, more compassionate and more connected.

Dove Court may be small but our vision is vast. We invite every community, whether in Syokimau or beyond, to emulate our mentorship programme because when we raise our children together, we build a better future for everyone.

Liz Makheti is a resident of Dove Court and a passionate advocate for community-based youth mentorship.



ENVIRONMENT FROM CLEAN-UP TO CULTURE

HOW AIRPORT ROAD RESIDENTS ARE REDEFINING COMMUNITY STEWARDSHIP

Environmental sustainability is often discussed in policy forums and boardrooms. Yet its most meaningful impact is frequently realized at the community level, where residents choose to take ownership of the spaces they inhabit. Taking care of our planet earth for the future generation should be our foremost to do mission in our community,

This philosophy was evident during a recent large-scale clean-up exercise organized by Airport Road leaders and sponsored by AAR Health. The initiative brought together residents, business owners, environmental advocates and community volunteers in a coordinated effort to restore cleanliness and improve the physical environment along one of Syokimau's most important corridors.

This has evolved into a broader movement focused on environmental responsibility and civic pride. Participants undertook extensive drain clearance, waste collection, hedge maintenance and tree planting activities. More importantly, the initiative sparked renewed conversations around environmental consciousness and the role residents play in preserving public spaces.



Blocked drainage systems remain among the leading causes of localized flooding

during rainy seasons. Poor waste disposal practices often exacerbate these challenges, creating health hazards and undermining urban infrastructure investments. Community leaders have therefore shifted the conversation beyond periodic clean-up exercises towards cultivating a culture of environmental responsibility.

The vision is to transform environmental conservation from an occasional event into a permanent community value. As urbanization accelerates, such grassroots initiatives offer valuable lessons on how communities can complement government efforts while fostering a sense of collective ownership and responsibility.





UNITY IN DIVERSITY

BY MA'ASUMMAH
MOHAMMED,
GRADE 3, SYOKIMAU

We do not know tribe, nor race,
We only know every smiling face.
We do not know colour, nor language,
We only know the language of love;
Different cultures, different names,
Different stories, different games.
Embracing hand in hand, laughter and play,
We are One family,
Kenya our Mother, Syokimau our home!
Filled with hope, with love and light.
When hearts are kind and friendships grow,
Achieve more Together is the way we go.



OUR FUTURE IN YOUR HANDS

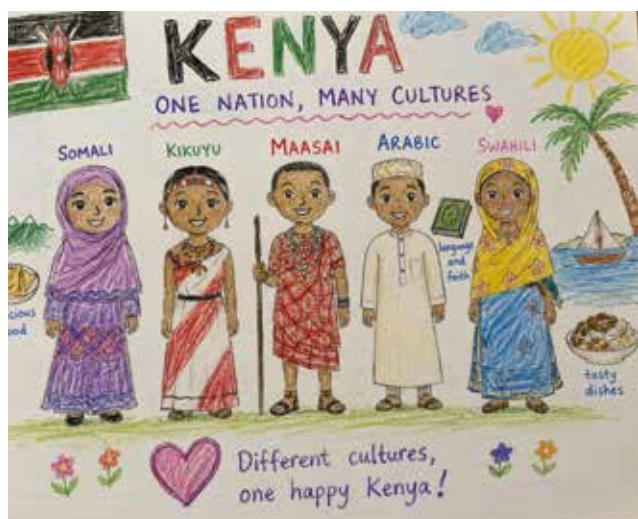
BY CAYDE PETER
GRADE 2 PUPIL, SYOKIMAU

When I take a walk,
I see littering on the way
Maize cobs, sugarcane husks, plastic bottles every
day. This is not good
We are the future, keep our home clean for us.



People throw things down,
Paper flying everywhere
This makes me feel sad
A clean home makes us happy
We are the future, keep our home clean for us.

Let us use bins and stop littering.
I helped clean the road and see, it is dirty today.
For tomorrow starts today,
Let us protect our home, Syokimau.
We are the future, keep our home clean for us.





RIISING TOGETHER - INVESTING IN SYOKIMAU'S YOUTH

Walk through Syokimau on any evening and you will see teenagers on their phones outside the shops, young adults rushing home from internships, university students debating ideas over chips and soda. This is our community's future and it deserves our attention.



As the Syokimau Residents Association motto reminds us, the way forward has always been Achieving More, Together and nowhere does that apply more than to our youth.

The Mind Matters;

Today, young people carry pressures that past generations did not experience: social media comparison, job market anxiety, academic stress and uncertainty about the future. Teenagers scrolling Instagram at midnight are not just relaxing, they are often quietly measuring themselves against their peers highlights reel of making it.

Sometimes it could be as simple as; parents asking "How are you, really?", listening without rushing to fix things. Schools and Youth groups creating safe spaces to talk and normalizing professional support when it is needed. Mental strength is built in community.

We must admit Syokimau Youth are hustling with purpose; From online thrift stores to graphic design gigs to small agribusinesses. Many would appreciate someone to hold their hands, give mentorship, financial literacy or someone to call when a deal falls through from the community. That is Achieving More Together in action, not a slogan, but neighbours genuinely investing in one another's success.

Earlier this year, SRA ran a youth boot camp in graphic design, software engineering and cybersecurity. This is a clear statement that our young people deserve real, employable digital skills not just internet access.

This connects to something bigger. This past May, the 3rd Kenya National Community Networks Summit was held in Machakos County organized by the Internet Society Kenya

Chapter, themed "Innovating for Grassroots Digital Access and Community Connectivity." It brought together community network operators, policymakers, regulators, funders and innovators to show how communities can build their own digital future rather than wait for it. SRA's boot camp reflects that exact spirit; local people building local capacity.

A mentally strong, digitally skilled, entrepreneurial young person is how we build a stronger Syokimau. Parents, have the real conversation. Business owners, mentor someone. To every young person reading this; your wellbeing, your ideas and your voice matter here.

Achieving More Together.

That is not just our motto; for Syokimau's youth, it is the plan.

**By Rofy Maina
Syokimau Youth**

FINANCE TEAM UPDATE: COURT SUBSCRIPTIONS

THE COMMUNITY CONTINUES TO SHOW STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE ONGOING LEGAL PROCESS.

Court Subscribers Per Road:		Paid Up
Airport Road	27	12
Community Road	35	10
Katani Road	27	12
Kiungani Road	35	9
Mwananchi Road	9	7
Parliament Road	37	17 (Winner)
Quarry Road	10	3
Individuals	27	19

WINNER: PARLIAMENT ROAD



THE WINNER IN NUMBERS!

Parliament Road takes the cup for June for both highest subscribed courts and also highest paid up courts.

THE TOP THREE ROADS WILL BE REWARDED

Special award will be introduced for the Road Champion with increased participation.



Which road in Syokimau connects the Airport and Katani areas?
ANSWER is Notre Dame Link Road

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Young minds create new worlds.

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Residents are encouraged to continue supporting SRA through subscriptions.

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JOKE OF THE MONTH

“Wameguza mrima yetu!”
- Mohammed Ismail

(A light-hearted reflection capturing the spirit of defending what belongs to the community.)

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If you are not fighting corruption in Kenya, you are aiding and sadly most of us find aiding it easier than fighting it.

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