



UPCOMING EVENTS

**KPDA Workshop
8th March 2018**

***Theme: 'Innovative
Financing in
Kenya'***

**Inaugural SPACE
(Sustainable
Properties Africa)
Conference 13th -
14th March 2018**

**KPDA Members'
Induction Cocktail
15th March 2018**

KPDA WEEKLY MEDIA REVIEW REPORT AS AT 2ND FEBRUARY 2018

Weekly Insights into Current Affairs Affecting the Kenyan Real Estate Market

Every Friday, we select a few media articles from the week that we think are worth your time as a player in the property development sector. We look for compelling articles not only about trends in the market, but also policy issues, upcoming technologies and global trends in real estate. We would love to hear from you on what you are engaged in to promote the sector.

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For more information, please click on the link below:

http://www.event.benchevents.com/space_kpda

EAPI SUMMIT 2018 MEMBER INVITE

We invite you to the 5th Annual East Africa Property Investment Summit to be held from 24th to 25th April 2018 at the Radisson Blu Hotel, Nairobi. The conference will include participation from over 450 delegates and 250 companies and will offer insights, thought-leadership and solution-focused tools, ultimately driving further development and investment in the local and regional real estate market.

KPDA Members in Good-standing are entitled to a special discount!!!

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CONTRACT FOR DUALLING PHASE II OF NGONG ROAD AWARDED - KURA NOTICE

The dualling of Ngong Road Phase II from prestige plaza to Dagoretti Corner is set to start in early March, 2018. For more information, click the link below:

[Click to download](#)

UHDA PUBLIC FORUM WITH NAIROBI CITY COUNTY & KURA ON 21ST FEBRUARY 2018 AT NAIROBI CLUB AT 9 AM.

UHDA will hold a public forum with Nairobi City County(NCC) and Kenya Urban Roads Authority(KURA) on Wednesday, 21st February 2018 from 9.00 am - 11.00 am.

For more information, please click the link below:

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2ND FEBRUARY 2018

The Standard | Renson Mlegwa Mnyamwezi | Friday 2nd February 2018

**STATE COLLECTS SH65 MILLION FROM SQUATTERS TO SETTLE THEM ON FORMER
MP'S LAND**

The national government has began carving out land belonging to former MP Basil Criticos to settle squatters after he allegedly failed to pay a loan to a State corporation. [Read More](#)

President Uhuru Kenyatta has directed the immediate repossession of all grabbed National Youth Service (NYS) land. [Read More](#)

1ST FEBRUARY 2018

Business Daily | Thursday 1st February 2018
MAVOKO HOUSES SET TO COST AS LITTLE AS SH1M

Kenyans will buy the planned 8,000 low-cost houses to be put up in Mavoko sub-county at between Sh1 million and Sh1.5 million. [Read More](#)

Daily Nation | Lukorito Jones | Thursday 1st February 2018
WANT YOUR PROPERTY TO SELL FAST? GET YOURSELF A MARKETING WHIZZ

In 2011, Mr Simon Kimani bought land at the former White Highlands in Limuru to build a gated estate. It was his strategy for realising his long-held dream of becoming a private developer. [Read More](#)

Daily Nation | Joel Reyia | Thursday 1st February 2018
LET'S USE MORE OF BUILDING DESIGN TO DETER CRIMINALS AND IMPROVE SECURITY

With increased cases of burglaries, theft and other crimes, our living spaces—and work places—can no longer be considered “as safe as houses”. Homes, shopping malls, airports and schools have. [Read More](#)

Daily Nation | Lukorito Jones | Thursday 1st February 2018
AN EXPERT TOUCH GIVES YOUR HOME A CHIC LOOK

Mrs Wanjiru Kariuki is ecstatic as she puts the final touches to her dream home in Ruiru, Kiambu County, which she started building six months ago. [Read More](#)

Daily Nation | David Mwere | Thursday 1st February 2018
KALONZO MUSYOKA DENIES ILLEGALLY POSSESSING NYS LAND

National Super Alliance co-principal Kalonzo Musyoka is among individuals likely to lose land across the country following President Uhuru Kenyatta’s directive on Thursday that property irregularly and illegally acquired from the National Youth Service be reposessed. [Read More](#)

Daily Nation | AFP | Thursday 1st February 2018
ZIMBABWE OFFERS LONGER LEASES TO WHITE FARMERS

Zimbabwe has announced that white farmers still in business after controversial land reforms will be able to obtain 99-year leases, signalling a new government approach to the key agricultural sector. [Read More](#)

The Standard | David Mwitari | Thursday 1st February 2018
INSIDE UHURU'S MILLION HOUSES DREAM

The government named affordable housing as one of its key priorities in a four-point agenda. [Read More](#)

The Standard | Correspondent | Thursday 1st February 2018
SECOND HOMES: KENYA A FAVOURITE LOCATION FOR THE WORLD'S RICHEST

Kenya is among the top five most popular second home locations for Africa’s wealthiest. [Read More](#)

SHADE IT RIGHT

Shade it right

By Hosea Omole
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Almost every garden has some corner that is tucked away from the sun's life-giving rays. Lawns and flowers that thrive elsewhere in the garden struggle to survive in these spots. But a shady spot does not have to be gloomy and colourless.

Understand the shade

Not all shades are the same. Shades can be classified as light, open, medium, or deep shades.

Start by identifying areas in your yard that fit into each of these categories and zone them out. After that, you will be able to group and locate your plants according to their light requirements.

Note that as much as some plants will actually appreciate some time out from the scorching sun, no plant will thrive in near-dark conditions. Where possible, reduce deep shades in the garden.

Trees with dense foliage that cast deep shadows can be thinned

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Author

out by removing some branches to create filtered shade underneath.

You will seldom need to resort to cutting down entire trees.

Where the shade is being cast by a wall or some other garden structure, try painting them white or other light colours to help reflect available light onto plants.

Shade tolerant plants

A shady spot can host an astounding number of flowering and foliage plants.

There is a huge range of suitable shrubs, ground covers and understorey trees that will do well even in fairly dense shade.

The most important thing is to understand the light requirements and shade tolerance for each of the plants in your palette and then locate the plants accordingly.

Locate the plants that can withstand lots of shade in the deep and medium shade zones and the less tolerant ones in the open and light shade zones.

Begonia, for instance, is one of the most colourful annuals that grow well in medium shade areas while petunias will look brilliant in open and light shade zones.

For deep shades, go for plants with bold leaf shapes and variegated foliage as flowers may not be possible. Visit your local nursery and find out which other plants can be applied to a shady spot.

Maintenance



Shade gardens need additional tendering to ensure that they thrive rather than simply survive in the shaded environment.

Shady conditions are always less than ideal for most plants to thrive hence we often have to make up for the inadequacy through proper maintenance.

Prepare the soil well before planting and keep it nourished by incorporating generous amounts of compost or organic matter into it.

Remember that your plants will probably be competing with the established trees that are casting the shade.

The writer is a landscape architect.

Key steps

■ Identify the different shades in your yard and then zone them out according to their light requirements

■ Trees with dense foliage that cast deep shadows can be thinned out by removing some branches to create filtered shade underneath.

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STATE TO FAST-TRACK ISSUANCE TO CIVIL SERVANTS

Title deeds. State to fast-track issuance to civil servants

■ The government plans to fast track issuance of titles to public servants who bought houses from the Civil Servants Housing Scheme Fund, and who have completed the full purchase price, Lands principal secretary Dr Nicholas Muraguri has said. In a public notice, Dr Muraguri said the ownership documents should be submitted on or before February 9, 2018 to the office of the director of CSHSF at Ardhi House. The scheme was initiated in 2004. [James Wanzala]

TILISI'S 'PLUG-AND-PLAY' PLOTS TO CUT COSTS

Warehousing. Tilisi's 'plug-and-play' plots to cut costs

■ Property developer Tilisi Developments Ltd are selling 'plug-and-play' plots for new warehouses. The plots, which come with infrastructure, currently under construction, will cut building costs by up to Sh23 million on electricity connection alone. The development costs of green field sites are proving prohibitive, leaving producers struggling to stop wastage and losses, and expand output. Tilisi Co-CEO Kavita Shah said this roadblock in producers expanding their storage is slowing down the growth of Kenya's manufacturing. [James Wanzala]

WELCOME THE FLORALS BACK

Despite my love for flowers, I find it difficult to incorporate florals into my decor fabrics.

Perhaps because they psychologically evoke in me a traditional countryside stay-at-home feeling while my feminine side is inwardly battling for liberation.

But florals are making a comeback in a modernised way. They are showing up in bold large graphics, which are printed in high contrast colours such as black and white oversized blooms.

Florals can be very diverse, giving you unlimited options on the style and form. They can range from live plants - flowers - to other forms of decor that incorporate floral images.

These could range from graphics to walls and tapestry that you can change to bring different effects.

If flowers are a complete no-go zone for you, then another option that might be more palatable would be botanical options like large leaves that help to bring the outdoor into your space.

Give the greeneries a chance and observe how they can bring a sense of calmness into a room. Be sure to use solid plain colours adjacent to the florals so that they can pop out.

Busy look

Using florals on all four sides of the wall will cause your space to get too busy. Instead, opt to paint your botanical preferences as a mural on an accent wall or find curtains with subtle images or floral patterns.

Because florals make a big statement when used in a room, it helps to have a clutter free, minimalist approach to the rest of the space.

Accumulated clutter in a floral room can create a bit of a visual overload.

For a finished look, place some fresh flowers in a vase to create unity and harmonise your theme as you enjoy the calmness that comes with Mother Nature. [Wangeci Kanyeki]



31ST JANUARY 2018

Business Daily | Brian Ngugi | Wednesday 31st January 2018

HOUSE PRICES FLAT ON LOW CREDIT AND PROLONGED POLLS

House prices rose marginally in the final quarter of last year compared with the preceding period on the back of poor credit uptake and prolonged polls that triggered an economic slowdown. [Read More](#)

Business Daily | James Kariuki | Wednesday 31st January 2018

LAND MINISTRY GETS MORE TIME TO RECTIFY TITLES

Property owners have won a major reprieve after the court granted the Lands ministry six more months to validate more than three million title deeds. [Read More](#)

Business Daily | Lynet Igadwah | Wednesday 31st January 2018

GLOBAL HOTELIERS TO CONVERGE ON NAIROBI FOR OCTOBER FORUM

International hotel owners are set to gather in Nairobi in October for the Africa Hotel Investment Forum (AHIF), in what signals growing fortunes for the country's hospitality industry. [Read More](#)

Business Daily | Rufus Mwanyasi | Tuesday 30th January 2018
SILENT KILLER OF EARNINGS LIES IN MANAGEMENT FEES

Fees. How many of us pay them. Fees. Mutual funds collecting. Fees. How many of us pay them. Fees. Before we go any further, let's talk about fees. [Read More](#)

Business Daily | Rufus Mwanyasi | Tuesday 30th January 2018
MINISTRY OF LANDS AND PHYSICAL PLANNING PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE

PAYMENT OF LAND RENT

The Ministry of Lands and Physical Planning has upgraded the Land Information Management System (LIMS) making it easier to Query and Pay Land Rent among other online Services.

Leasehold property owners are asked to pay Land Rent through the following procedure:

1. Login on www.ecitizen.go.ke or register if not already registered
2. Navigate to **Ministry of Lands and Physical Planning** page
3. Click on **Make Application** and select **Land Rent**, then **Query and Pay Land Rent**
4. Key in your **Land Reference (LR)** or **Title Deed Number** and click check property, you will receive an SMS and an email notification with Invoice amount
5. Review your Land Rent details and click Continue to Payments Page (this may take a while to appear)
6. Select your preferred mode of Payment; Mpesa, Debit/Credit/Prepaid Card, Airtel Money, EazzyPay, E-Agent, Cash at any KCB Branch or RTGS to KCB and click on Complete after making Payment
7. **Your Account will automatically be updated instantly with the Land Rent payment you have just made.** You can Query the System again to confirm you now have a NIL balance.
8. A Land Rent Clearance Certificate will automatically be emailed to you


NOTE:

- (i) The Ministry is no longer issuing manual Demand Notes (Invoices) over the counter, all Invoices must be obtained online via www.ecitizen.go.ke
- (ii) If you disagree with the rent arrears indicated, please send copies of your previous receipts and/or Clearance Certificate to eprocesses@ardhi.go.ke or upload them under the Land Rent tab on eCitizen
- (iii) For your Account to be updated automatically, always pay online through the eCitizen portal

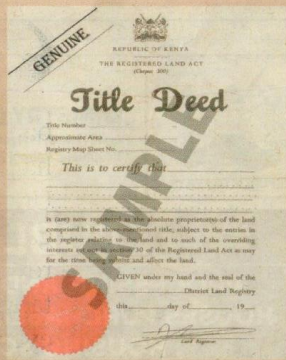
Please ensure you have cleared your annual Land Rent arrears to avoid penalties.

Principal Secretary
 Dr. Nicholas Muraguri
 12th January 2018

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Business Daily | Joyce Cauri | Monday 29th January 2018
TECHNOLOGY CAN BOOST JOB CREATION IN CONSTRUCTION SECTOR

Youth unemployment is currently Kenya's greatest challenge, estimated at 17.3 per cent by the World Bank in comparison to six per cent in Uganda and Tanzania. [Read More](#)

Business Daily | James Ngunjiri | Monday 29th January 2018
MOST KENYAN WORKERS INVEST IN REAL ESTATE AND LAND FOR RETIREMENT

Land and real estate comprise the largest assets where working age Kenyans invest for retirement, a survey has shown. [Read More](#)

Business Daily | Mwangi Muiruri | Sunday 28th January 2018

INTEREST CAPS HURTING MORTGAGE UPTAKE, SAY REAL ESTATE INVESTORS

An investment firm is rooting for review of the credit ceiling law to address urban housing shortage.

[Read More](#)

Business Daily | Muthoki Mumo | Sunday 28th January 2018

RELIEF AS FIXING OF SURVEYOR FEES FLOPS

Land buyers have been spared exorbitant transaction costs after the competition watchdog rejected an application by surveyors to set minimum fees. [Read More](#)



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