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THERE WE GO AGAIN!

In spite of continuing global disruptions we want to restart our Maredijkhuis activities. Improving the cohesion in the Maredijk neighborhood is our priority. "Nice", "social" and "active" are today's keywords, and they are more important than ever!

During the past year we came up with all sorts of activities, but due to various corona-related restrictions we had to cancel them again and again. But now, finally, we have the pleasure to invite everyone for

THE MAREDIJK MEAL!

On Friday, May 27, the tables will be laid at the Maredijkhuis, and you can join for a Dutch meal to celebrate spring. Please register at etenopdemaredijk@gmail.com. Costs are € 5.00 for adults and €2.50 for children. We have room for 40 people, so if you want to attend sign up in time! We are still looking for one or more cooks. Don't worry, you won't need to cook for 40 people, as you'll be part of a team.



PLAYGROUND DAY AND PANCAKE PARTY ON SATURDAY, JULY 2



Traditionally we organize a yearly pancake party just before the summer holidays. This year we'll do this together with the playground, because it happens to be Playground Day on July 2. We'll be offering children's games, music, and song and dance. We will finish the day with pancakes. More information in the next issue.

However, if you want to assist in the organization, or bake pancakes, you can already register at etenopdemaredijk@gmail.com

END OF YEAR ACTIVITIES ON SEPTEMBER 3

Last year the Maredag (Mare day) / street meal was already in full preparation when new corona measures prevented it from taking place. Now we're picking up the pieces and we're already busy preparing for this year's activities. What can you expect? Music, song, dance, children's games, City of Science activities, stilt walkers, performances, a coffee cart, street meals, soccer & basketball clinics, and capoeira.

We're still looking for people who want to help out with the organization. If you're interested, please let us know at maredijkbuurt@gmail.com

RESTRUCTURING SCHUTTERSVELD



Late last year the preparations for restructuring the Schuttersveld area were started, and the work is going to last quite a while. Here's the planning for 2022 and 2023: January-May 2022: Moving cables and pipes

June-August 2022: Northern section

August-September 2022: Pavement and bicycle lane

October-November 2022: Southern car lane

November-December 2022: Median strip

October-December 2022: Crossing with Dellaertweg

March 2023: Vegetation, street surface, finishing touches

IN THE SPOTLIGHT: YVONNE DONDERS

In the spotlight this time is Yvonne Donders. She may well be the woman who has lived in the Maredijk neighbourhood the longest. Already 74 years. And you really cannot miss her, she catches the eye. In a very nice way. She loves colours and uses them in her hair

blue, purple. And it always looks smart and colourful.

Yvonne was born in the Aloëlaan and has lived there for most of her life. Her parents and grandparents also lived there. When she married she went to live with her parents-in-law in the Marislaan for three years. "Later on my mother lived on her own and that's why we came to live here. She then bought the house next door so that was really great. Both my children were born here. They now live in Alphen because the houses there were somewhat more affordable." Yvonne is still very happy living in the neighbourhood, although much has changed. Before there were lots of children in the neighbourhood. They all played outside and went to the Singel school together. There was a lot more happening on the street. And on every street corner there was a shop, from greengrocer to haberdasher. They have all gone. The people in the Maredijk neighbourhood were also a lot more mixed. "But the neighbourhood in itself is still really great, it's a very good place to live. I still like it here tremendously and everyone is friendly, the young ones as well. I wouldn't know a nicer neighbourhood."

Yvonne's schooling began at the Boterbloem [Buttercup], a kindergarten on the Rijnburgersingel. After primary and secondary school she worked in insurance. "But then I really wanted to go and do something else, because the world of fashion kept pulling. That finally came about with a few hours' work in the Breestraat, after that in Van Vuuren and later on I was asked by Van Strien in Oegstgeest. I worked there for a long time but it didn't end well. A nasty employer. And then I found myself at home with a burnout and thought: "What next?"

I didn't want to throw in the towel and went to the Breestraat to the temp agency and there I found Dress for Success (see box).

I've been working there now for more than eleven years and soon they will have existed twelve-and-a-half years. I am now the shop coordinator, I receive the applications and make the appointments. Besides that I do workshops and other jobs that come up. We have a total of ten volunteers and it is a very social and close-knit team that has been working together for a long time.

"Respect each other in the neighbourhood, pay attention to each other and accept things from one another. Putting things in perspective gets you furthest. Be happy that you can still do things and enjoy it": wise words which Yvonne would like to give to the neighbourhood by way of conclusion.

And we (the editors) are curious if you know someone who has lived in our neighbourhood even longer than Yvonne.

Please let us know: maredijkbuurt@gmail.com



Dress for Success is a foundation which helps people with limited means. If they have a job interview and lack a set of suitable clothes they can be referred, usually by the municipality, to the Dress for Success shop, where they will be fitted with an appropriate outfit. The clothing is donated by private persons, donations and clothes shops. The customers also receive tips for the interview or follow a workshop. Dress for Success is located in the JanVossensteeg, in the centre of Leiden. For more information, see: www.dressforsuccess.nl/leiden

HELP FOR UKRAINE

A good friend of ours in Poland, Bronek Slezak, has started a relief action. With a group of volunteers they drive minibusses to Ukraine to bring relief supplies, such as food, medical aid and clothing, which they have collected themselves. On the return trip they take refugees, usually women and children who have been stranded and do not have their own transport. In this way they have now brought a large group of people to safety. They go deep into the countryside and the circumstances they encounter are sometimes horrendous. That's why Bronek is determined to continue as long as circumstances permit. The transports are financed with own means and through private donations from Poland, the Netherlands and the United States. We have organised a fund-raising drive here to give Bronek financial support. Donations are spent entirely on fuel and relief supplies which they buy in Poland.

If you would like to contribute, sends us a message and you will receive a payment link. Thank you very much in advance!

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The reading club



This Sunday april 10th, the Marewijk reading club will get together again. This time we will be welcome at Janneke Koers, Prins Clausweg 349. We start at 14:00.

The book we will discuss this time is 'In het huis van de dichter', by the writer/journalist Jan Brokken. He is one of the most well known Dutch writers. His career started at the weekly journal HP/De Tijd and he has since then grown to a great writer. Countless books were created by him: novels, travelogues and literary non-fiction. In the early eighties, Brokken met the Russian pianist Youri Egorov. Egorov had fled from the Soviet-Union shortly before. A friendship grew between the author and the pianist. 'In het huis van de dichter' is a portrait of Egorov, the tormented pianist that celebrated his triumphs with his subtle plays, but who would perish tragically in Amsterdam in the end.

All those interested are welcome. Please announce your participation beforehand at p.cambier@planet.nl

Rental of homes for tourist purposes

On the 27th of January, the policy document concerning the rental of homes for tourist purposes was discussed in the city council.

In short, rental of homes is allowed under the following conditions

- The landlord must register once
- The registration number must be mentioned at rental platforms
- A maximum of 30 nights per year.
- Supervision of complaints

Despite the participation and input, the current law holder, Yvonne van Delft, has sent the policy document to the city council unchanged. A more active enforcement policy was suggested, but she suggested this policy is already a huge improvement compared to the old situation. More enforcement is not necessary according to her. She expects that the current, illegal offerings on Airbnb (which is indeed forbidden at this time) will decrease quickly after the introduction of this new policy. She admits this mostly rests on the trust in our fellow people. The city council has accepted the policy.

Thus, we will have to continue reporting nuisances.

Short news

Paint your own stuffed animal

From 13:00 to 15:00 coming Sunday 8th of May, we are organizing a workshop 'Paint your own stuffed animal' in the Marewijkhuis. Directed by Drieske Bakker, children aged from 6 and up can paint their own stuffed animals. You can bring a parent or guardian with you, and don't forget an apron and your stuffed animal.

Due to the purchase of materials, we kindly ask you to apply beforehand through igridmcjansen@gmail.com. Materials cost 10 euros. You can pay in cash before the start of the workshop.



General meeting

There will be a general meeting on the 13th of Mai. The official part of the meeting is closed. We will send the participants a separate email with the pieces concerning financial aspects and the budget. From 20.45 onwards, the meeting will be public. All neighbors are welcomed to join and bring forward ideas on the Neighborhood vision 2022-2026. We are also brainstorming about the City of Science-activity.



Crafting-morning



Sunday May 8th from 10 to 12, everyone aged 6 and up is welcome at the arts-and-crafts activity of Technika10 in the Marewijkhuis. As usual, we will design, build, saw, cut or make something original. Participation is free, and no application or membership of the playground is necessary.

MAREDIJKHUIS: WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Monday

11:00 Sing-in (Joke Spannenburg, 071-5222509)
14:00 Neighborhood walk, departure from the playground

Tuesday

10:30 Coffee time (walk-in) / Books in our neighborhood / Needlework / Get more out of your iPad (Christa de Boer, 06-52649828)

Wednesday

10:00 Toy library Klapstuk (06-24211018)
10:00 Books in the neighborhood

Thursday

10:30 Be fit with Kit - move your body! (Sigrid Jansen, 06-11524565)

Saturday

10:00 Toy library Klapstuk
10:00 Books in our neighborhood
11:00 Cleaning up our neighborhood (Yolanda Hakemulder, yolandahakemulder@hotmail.com)

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

April 10

14:00, reading club (Peter Cambier, p.cambier@planet.nl)

May 8

10:00 Technika 10 (at the playground, www.svmaredijk.nl)
13:00 Paint your cuddly toy (Sigrid Jansen, sigridmcjansen@gmail.com)

May 13

19:30 General meeting of the neighborhood association (at the Maredijkhuis)

May 27

18:00 Maredijk meal (etenopdemaredijk@gmail.com)

July 2

10:00 Playground Day & pancake party (at the playground, www.svmaredijk.nl)

September 3

Mare day and street meal

ADDITIONAL CONTACTS

Neighborhood garden Tamboerpad: Bert van Sprundel, 06-13681169

Facade gardens: Marian Smit, mariansmit@casema.nl

Maredijk meal: etenopdemaredijk@gmail.com

Playground (open Mon-Fri 10:00-17:00, often Sat-Sun too): www.svmaredijk.nl

Ringweg Noord: Dik Toet, 06-23348489

Neighborhood police officer Lakhdar ben Taieb: Langegracht 11, 0900-8844, Instagram @Wijkagent_Lakhdar

BECOME A MEMBER

We need your support!

The neighborhood association now has 220 members, people who feel connected with each other and with the neighborhood.

Aren't you a member yet? Please fill out the registration form on our website www.maredijkbuurt.nl It only costs € 7.50 per year. You can also pick up the form at Christa de Boer, Aloëlaan 41A.

GARBAGE: DON'T LEAVE IT BEHIND



It can happen that the garbage containers are full over the weekend. If you notice this, please call Leiden Municipality. Don't leave your garbage next to the garbage containers; please take it back home. We understand that this is annoying, but we don't want our neighborhood to deteriorate. There's a fine on leaving garbage out in the open too!



NEIGHBORHOOD GARDEN

Spring has arrived - time to get to work in our neighborhood garden! Register with Bert van Sprundel: brtvansprundel@xs4all.nl