



Join us ! Be Welcome!

September 3rd : Great Maredorp Neighbourhood Party

Do not forget to note it in your diary. Because of COVID 19 we have- for two years - not been able to organise our annual street party. This year we can again and everybody is invited. The programme is as follows:

At 12 o'clock we start in the Maredorp Playground

- The children can participate in old Dutch children plays and can jump on the play cushion.
- From 12.30 to 13.30 children 3 to 6 can dance with Rock School; 6 to 12 from 13.30 to 14.30.
- Sport Clinic on the basketball field (also for adults). At 13.00 Nouri from the soccer club Roodenburg will teach you how to play better soccer. From 15.15 Rinus will be ready to give a basketball training.

At 15.00 the party will officially start in de music tent

- Beginning at 15.15 Jan Hengstmengel will offer a guided tour highlighting the history of Maredijk..
- The whole afternoon and in the evening till 23.00 there will be live music in the big tent, featuring *The Belting Buskers (Folk)*, *Ken Rotter & The Noise (Rock&Pop)*, *Oliv Oliv (Electronic)*, *Ischa Nouwa (Funks& Ska Reggae)* and *Crucial Warrior Sound (Roots Reggae)*
- And all the time there will be other exciting activities such as painting Leiden rocks, dancing with Cato, make-up artistry with Janice Beek, children plays and a presentation of Leiden City of Science.

At 18.00 we all come together for the traditional street meal

And everybody brings his or her own food to eat and to share. Whether it be a soup, a stew, a salad, pasta, taco's, curry, we collect it all on the buffet tables. You can eat whatever you want! A success formula as we know from the past. Bring your own drinks too. We will provide coffee, tea and ice.

And in the meantime we do a Pub-quiz. Teams being put together at the spot. And who does not want to win the challenge cup?!

If you want to help or have any questions mail madedijkbuurt@gmail.com

IN THE SPOTLIGHT: ESTER NIEUWHUIS



Ester, her husband Alfred and their two sons moved to the Maredijk neighbourhood in June 2021. They had been looking for a bigger house for some time but initially they did not succeed. Ester: "Alfred, who comes from America, wanted a real Dutch house, and after a while I started to think 'let's just go and live in a newly-built house', until friends in the Schutterstraat said, maybe that house on the Maredijk is something for you? When we saw it, we were sold. Sliding doors, spacious, really everything. It just felt good." The neighbourhood is just as mixed as the centre of town, where the family lived for a long time. That is very important for both Alfred and Ester. Not only just families, but young people, elderly couples, everything. "And of course the playground, that is fantastic. And the enclosed basketball field, so you can also play baseball. And the railway station so close by." Ester also again wanted a social neighbourhood like that near the house on the Oude Rijn. She experienced the neighbourhood BBQ and the fact that people went outside when the sun started shining again as

extremely positive. What she appreciates in the Maredijk neighbourhood is the active neighbourhood association. There is always something going on in the neighbourhood.

In answer to the question whether she can think of any negative points about the Maredijk neighbourhood Ester says: "Only the view from the front and the back of our house. Those flats and that bare wall I find really very ugly. But then, what I find very beautiful, are the mornings or

evenings, then I hear the rustling of the trees, even those on the Willem de Zwijgerlaan. I find that wonderful, or early in the morning when I take the path through the park to the station. Birds, nice and green.” For her the neighbourhood clearly has a great deal more positive than negative points. Ester greatly enjoys the greenery in the neighbourhood, which can spread and take root in a lot more places as far as she is concerned, and Alfred the basketball field, where he can often be found in the morning and evening.

Alfred is househusband and looks after their two sons of almost four and six years. Ester works four days at the Inspectorate of Education in the field of leadership development, diversity and inclusion. She is very happy that thanks to her larger house, she can now work three days at home and one fixed day in the office at Utrecht. “In our previous house I didn’t have room to work at home, now I close the door upstairs behind me and I’m in my own world. At five o’clock I’m back in the family. It works perfectly.” The children derive great pleasure from the playground, Technika 10 and all the other things which are organised, such as St Nicholas and the Buitenspeeldag, a day for children to play outside. They also very much enjoy playing with other children in the neighbourhood and the playground. They also frequently go to the Speel-o-Theek, Toy Library. Ester: “I only borrow big things, because if you lose a lego piece, you pay a two-and-a half euro fine. And the bigger the house, the more you lose, even though you do get your money back if you still return what you’d lost later on.”

In conclusion, Ester says that the big difference with living *in town* is that now, she can go *into town*. Not in the middle of the Peurbakkentocht, the annual parade of decked-out vessels, not the noise of the street organ or the busker who only knows three songs and sings them over and over again, but peace and quiet and still enough buzz

SUMMER PARTY IN THE PLAYGROUND WITH NEW HUT BUILDING SET

Building huts, arts and crafts, a bouncy castle, and many more fun games and activities. On Saturday 2 July there will be a Summer party in the playground. The playground recently bought a new hut building set. In addition to the usual attractions, the hut building set, which is meant for special events, can then be used for the first time. It is a set of wooden poles and panels which you assemble with nuts and bolts. So without having to saw and hammer, children can safely build nice huts and platforms. Come and see for yourself and try it out on Saturday 2 July! The playground will be open from twelve o’clock onward for members and non-members, neighbours and friends. As always there will be popcorn, ice cream and lemonade.



At the end of the day there will be a pancake party. Register to join in making or eating pancakes at etenopdemaredijk@gmail.com

ON SEPTEMBER 3RD YOU WILL BE ABLE TO ENJOY THESE BANDS AND OTHER PARTICIPANTS



Rinus heeft 24 jaar ervaring en geeft een basketbalclinic



Janice Beek heeft al 25 jaar ervaring en komt bij ons schminken



Een coverband met een gevarieerd repertoire: van AC/DC en ZZ-top tot popcovers met een rock-knipog



Noun leert je nog heel wat voetbaltrucs



DJ Crucial Warrior Sound laat ons genieten van Roots Reggae



1. Rinus has 24 years of experience and will host a basketball clinic
2. Ken Rotter & The Noise. A cover band with a varied repertoire, from AC/DC & ZZ Top to pop music with a touch of rock
3. Noun will teach you a lot of soccer tricks you didn't know yet
4. Janice Beek has 25 years of experience and will do make-up & schmink
5. Funky grooves & soulful vibes is Ischa Nowa's style
6. Buskin' Belters is a two man band sounding like a full orchestra. They'll be reviving the Sixties with songs of Buddy Holly, the Beatles, Bob Dylan and the Byrds
7. DJ Crucial Warrior Sound will play Roots Reggae
8. Special electronic sounds from the modular synthesizer of Oliv Oliv

NEIGHBORHOOD VISION 2022-2026

Following the General Assembly of May 13 some 25 residents discussed the question: "How can we make our neighborhood even nicer?" The subjects (greening, liveability and sustainability of the neighborhood) were written on sheets of paper that were stuck to the wall, to stimulate discussions in small groups. Suggestions and ideas were collected, participants in future projects were selected. The lively and interactive discussion re-connected the local residents and led to fruitful results.



Those results will be processed, and published on our website. Then, after the summer holidays, we will create themed groups to turn the results into actions. In the meantime the consultation of the residents of the Marewijkbuurt will continue, to get support for the final vision

SHORT NEWS

1. Spotted in our bookcase

Belgian comic characters Suske & Wiske experienced many adventures, even an adventure in Leiden! Unfortunately we don't have that particular album, but we have many others in the bookcase of the Marewijkhuis.



2. Longest day evening walk



The walking club of the Marewijkbuurt is active every Monday from 14:00 hours. However, when the longest day of the year approaches we usually move from the afternoon to the evening. That way people who have a day job can participate as well. On Monday June 20th we leave at 19:30 from near the entrance of the playground. We will walk for around 2 hours. And of course we will select one of our most beautiful walks!

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MAREWIJKHUIS: WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Monday

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

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, www.sot-klapstuk.nl) / Books in our 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)

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ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

June 29

20:00 General assembly Speeltuinvereniging (Playground Association) at the Marewijkhuis

July 2

10:00 Summer party & pancake paradise (at the playground, www.svmarewijk.nl, etenopdemarewijk@gmail.com)

September 3

Mare Day and street meal (www.svmarewijk.nl, marewijkbuurt@gmail.com)

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ADDITIONAL CONTACTS

Neighborhood garden Tamboerpad: Bert van Sprundel, 06-13681169
Facade gardens: Marian Smit, mariansmit@casema.nl
Maredijk street 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

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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 b, 7.50 per year. You can also pick up the form at Christa de Boer, AloC+laan 41A.

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CLEANING THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Every Saturday from 11:00 to 12:00 residents clean up the neighborhood. They pick up the litter not just from the streets, but out of the trees as well!



READING CLUB



The book that is programmed for the next meeting of the Reading Club is "De rat van Amsterdam" by Pieter Waterdrinker.

On a wider scale the author creates a portrait of The Netherlands amidst today's neo-liberalism, but on a more personal level the central theme is love amidst emigration and displacement.