



# BUURTKRANT 'KIJK OP DE WIJK'

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## A MAREDIJK PARTY - FINALLY AGAIN!

Everything worked in our favor: the weather, all cars off the street in time, subsidies, the bands, the volunteers and, last but not least, the awesome organizing team. Thanks a lot everyone!

And thus it became a great party for all involved. Many people have enjoyed the activities in the playground, where two new spinning bowls were installed. Daan, thank you for arranging this!

Barrel organ "Het Bloemenmeisje" ("Flower Girl") rode through the streets to invite residents to come to the Maredijk. City of Science took children and adults on a trip searching for tiny animals in the neighborhood. Janice turned many faces into those of princesses, scorpions, clowns, etc. Rinus taught children the basics of basketball. The mechanical butterflies of Technika 10 were circling around our heads. Cato and Eline provided energetic dancing lessons. Stones were decorated to be distributed all over town to brighten up the streets.

At six in the evening delicious dishes, prepared by residents from all over the neighborhood, were put on the table. How exciting it was to snack from everybody else's pans!

The pub quiz group presented a quiz with questions for all ages, with great prizes for the winning teams. And the winning team already promised to organize the pub quiz next year!

After all of this the music bursted onto the scene, and the party ended with the swinging sounds of Ischa Nowas.

Do you want to help us organize next year's neighborhood party? Let us know at [maredijkbuurt@gmail.com](mailto:maredijkbuurt@gmail.com).



## IN THE SPOTLIGHT: COUNT HERMAN



In the neighbourhood he is known as Count Herman. He performed under this name at the neighbourhood street party on 3 September for the second time. The first time was in 2019. Marc, surname Herman de Groot, saw the light of day in Amsterdam in 1998. He lived there for a short time, until his parents moved to Heemstede, where he spent the rest of his youth. A few months after finishing high school he moved to Leiden to study Public Administration.

Marc was on the board of Augustinus, a student organisation located on the Rapenburg, for a year, and did internships at the Ministry of Defence and a Podcast Agency in Amsterdam.

"I finished that in February and now I am doing a master's at Erasmus University in Rotterdam. That is a mix of public and business administration with more management. I don't have any ideas yet about what I will do after that. I've left my options wide open so that I can go anywhere. At the moment I'm not looking any further than my master's."

Marc became a member of Augustinus and through this student association found housing on the Maredijk. The Bachelor's in Public Administration is in The Hague. "We live with four guys on the Maredijk. It's very practical, about fifteen minutes from door to door."

Marc finds the architecture in the Maredijk neighbourhood magnificent, the location great because it's so close to the station, the centre of town and the supermarket. The neighbourhood is also very social, according to him there's lots going on. He doesn't take part himself because the activities don't fit in with his age group. But he certainly doesn't exclude the possibility that after his Master's he might drop in at the monthly meal in the Maredijkhuis.

The name Count Herman arose following the idea to make a student Christmas carol with a friend. Because Christmas is always a bit jazzy and jazz musicians often have names like Count Basie or B.B. King, names related to titles of nobility, Marc opted to use the first part of his surname, and so Count Herman came into being. This name is used at Augustinus when they make a new number, and so also at the neighbourhood street party. Other students and friends always enjoy watching and listening to Marc perform. He's also had positive reactions from the neighbourhood.

Marc is a member of the Maredijk Facebook group, but otherwise has little to do with the neighbourhood. He is more focussed on his study, friends and housemates. He does notice a lot of missing cats passing by on Facebook. "But luckily they often also come back", says Marc. In reply to the question as to whether there is anything in the neighbourhood he would like to change, he says: "It would be good if the greengrocer's shop on the corner was used again. A corner store would be nice. The shop had just gone when I came to live here. Incidentally, the four of us go and have a beer at Pomerans now and then. In any case, for that matter I'm the type of person for doing things, I would advise everyone to have a hobby. Being creative brings you so much more!"

The numbers of Count Herman are to be found on Spotify under this name. Fun to listen to what this active neighbour has written and sung. Moreover, together with another friend, Marc has made a podcast entitled 'Een slokje om' about boutique beer. For this Marc and his mate travelled all over the Netherlands visiting breweries. This podcast is on YouTube and is certainly worth listening to if you are interested in beer.

#### **NEIGHBOURHOOD VISION UPDATE**

On 13 May, following the Annual General Meeting of members of the neighbourhood association, residents brainstormed on various issues at play in the neighbourhood. This is a first step in updating the 2018 Neighbourhood Vision. Those present could also register to discuss and think about this at a later stage.

The results of 13 May are now available on the website. For each subject the board will approach a volunteer to take the initiative and organise the discussions. Of course everyone in the neighbourhood is invited to take part in one or more of the theme groups! An email to [maredijkbuurt@gmail.com](mailto:maredijkbuurt@gmail.com) is enough to start the ball rolling. What could be better than working together with other people in the neighbourhood to make it an even more beautiful and nicer place in which to live!

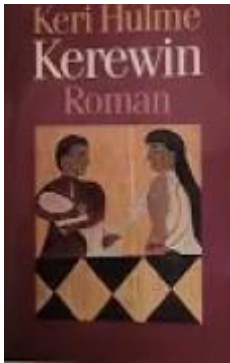
#### **IN THE BOOKCASE**

The Meelfabriek, Volkshuis, several houses in the Piet Heinstraat and on the Maredijk, this is just a random selection from the extensive work of the Leiden architect W.C. Mulder.

Thanks to Marcel Leechburch Auwers and Evelyn de Regt the biography 'De Leidse Architect W.C. Mulder (1850-1920)' is now available for perusal in our bookcase. To be leafed through and read at the reading table in the Maredijkhuis.

#### **Reading Club**

The next book for the reading club is 'Kerewin' by Keri Hulme. The meeting will take place on 16 October at 14:00 at Hans' house, on Maredijk 54 (at the yellow "mini library" with Buurman en Buurman). Everyone is welcome. If you haven't joined before, please register with [p.canbier@planet.nl](mailto:p.canbier@planet.nl). One of us has read this book 30 years ago and was very impressed at the time. We are curious to find out if this is still the case. If not, then of course we would like to discuss and see what has changed in the world in the meantime. We also want to apply this principle to the books that will be chosen for the following meetings.



'Kerewin' is a quite thick book of 528 pages. The book won the well-known Booker Prize in 1985, and caused quite a stir at the time. We have already heard from multiple people that they thought this book was 'quite special'. So it is quite worth the challenge to sink your teeth into this book.

The description reads as follows: "Kerewin Holmes has withdrawn into a self-built tower on the coast of New Zealand. She doesn't want to have anything to do with others, and wants to completely dedicate herself to her art. However, this isolation is broken by a strange little boy, who cannot speak and who is being raised by his foster father, a Maori factory worker.

Kerewin is a story full of love, tenderness and violence, a literary tour de force, in which two cultures are touchingly woven together.

#### **Short news**

##### **HANDWICRAFT CAFÉ 9 OCTOBER**

Sit down with us and your handicrafts and meet your neighbours. Or do you need help with crochet or knitting projects? There are people present who are happy to help. Admission is free, consumptions for your own expenses. For more information, e-mail: [sigridmcjansen@gmail.com](mailto:sigridmcjansen@gmail.com).

##### **PAINTING WORKSHOP FOR ADULTS NOVEMBER 13**

After the success of last year, our painter Driekske Bakker will provide a workshop again. The material costs are € 10,- and consumptions are for your own expenses. Please register in advance via e-mail at: [driekskebakker@dorbak-artstudio.nl](mailto:driekskebakker@dorbak-artstudio.nl)

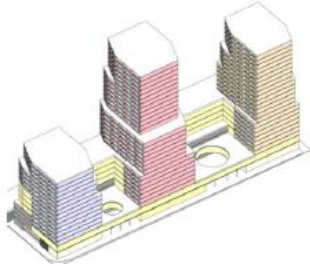
##### **EATING AT MAREDIJK 21 OCTOBER**

Be quick and sign up for 'eating at the Maredijk' on the 21<sup>st</sup> of October. The theme is French. For starters, we naturally start with an onion soup. Furthermore, we will have a salad niçoise, quiche Lorraine and of course also ratatouille or other stews. Walk-in is from a quarter to six (17:45). Dinner will be served at 18:00 at the Maredijkhuis, Maredijk 100 at the playground. Sign up via [etenopdemaredijk@gmail.com](mailto:etenopdemaredijk@gmail.com). Price: Adults € 5, children € 2,50

## Plans for the Schipholweg 66 – 128

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On 12 September, project developers VORM and Oudendal Group presented their joint plans for Schipholweg 66 -128. This location lays on the railway side of the Schipholweg. The new building complex offers just as much office space as the current offices (10,000 m<sup>2</sup>) but will also contain 600 living residences. The



offices and required facility services are located in a 'plinth with two public squares' at street level. Three residential towers of 50, 90 and 75 meters high will be built on the plinth. Of the residences that will be built, 30% will be social housing and 30% is intended for middle incomes. This complex fits within the area vision, as Terpstra, a member of the municipality, assured in his introduction. Approximately 50 inhabitants joined the meeting, most came from the Houtkwartier.

According to the Maredijkers present, the impact on our neighborhood seems limited for the time being. The questions and concerns mainly had to do with the shadow effect (Houtkwartier), the massiveness of the buildings, landscaping, climate adaptation, logistics, bicycle enforcement and plans to stimulate social cohesion. Also past grudges were aired, concerning the way in which the city council at the time

decided on a maximum of 90 meters height in the area vision.

TO BE CONTINUED!

### **MAREDIJKHUIS: WEEKLY ACTIVITIES**

Monday

11:00 Sing-In (Joke Spannenburg, 071-5222509)

14:00 Neighborhood walk (departure from playground entrance)

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

10:00 Speel-o-Theek (Toy library) Klapstuk (06-24211018, [www.sot-klapstuk.nl](http://www.sot-klapstuk.nl)) / Books in our neighborhood

Thursday

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

Saturday

10:00 Toy library Klapstuk / Neighborhood library

11:00 Cleaning up our neighborhood (departure from playground entrance)

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### **ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Oct 9

14:00 Creative afternoon (Sigrid Jansen, [sigridmcjansen@gmail.com](mailto:sigridmcjansen@gmail.com))

Oct 16

10:00 Reading club (Peter Cambier, [p.cambier@planet.nl](mailto:p.cambier@planet.nl))

Oct 21

18:00 Maredijk Dinner ([etenopdemaredijk@gmail.com](mailto:etenopdemaredijk@gmail.com))

Nov 13

19:30 Painting workshop (Driekske Bakker, [driekskebakker@dorbak-artstudio.nl](mailto:driekskebakker@dorbak-artstudio.nl))

Nov. 25

18:00 Maredijk Dinner ([etenopdemaredijk@gmail.com](mailto:etenopdemaredijk@gmail.com))

Jan 8, 2023

18:00 Create nest boxes for birds (Sigrid Jansen, [sigridmcjansen@gmail.com](mailto:sigridmcjansen@gmail.com))

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### **ADDITIONAL CONTACTS**

Neighborhood garden Tamboerpad: Bert van Sprundel, 06-13681169

Facade gardens: Marian Smit, [mariansmit@casema.nl](mailto:mariansmit@casema.nl)

Maredijk Dinner: [etenopdemaredijk@gmail.com](mailto:etenopdemaredijk@gmail.com)

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

Ringweg Noord: Dik Toet, 06-23348489

Neighborhood police officer Lakhdar ben Taieb: 0900-8844

Police Station Langegracht 11: 071-5258865

In case of neighborhood disturbances: 14071

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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](http://www.maredijkbuurt.nl) It only costs € 7.50 per year. You can also pick up the form at Christa de Boer, Aloëlaan 41A.

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## WORLD CLEANUP DAY

This is the biggest yearly cleanup activity in the world. Volunteers in 191 countries get to work to remove litter, and plastics in particular, from nature. In 2022 this happened on Sept. 17, and of course Maredijk neighborhood volunteers were also involved. However, it's good to know that those volunteers clean up the neighborhood every week, on Saturday mornings between 11:00 and 12:00. A varying number of people gather at the playground entrance where garbage grabbers and bags, as well as gloves, are available. Join whenever you have time, there is no obligation to participate every week!

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## PHOTO CAPTION

More than 150 residents having dinner together: it tastes good, and it feels goo