



BUURTKRANT 'KIJK OP DE WIJK'

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VERENIGING MAREDIJKBUURT

After months of preparation, the time had come!

This year, the Neighborhood Festival kicked off on Friday with decorating the bikes. Over 20 children gathered after school with their bikes in the Maredijkhuis. Saturday at 11 a.m. they got to show their decorated bikes to the public. They rode a lap through the Maredijk neighborhood, preceded by a Leiden barrel organ. This was a very cheerful and festive opening of the annual holiday!

Afterwards, the three most unique bikes were promised a nice prize, offered by local bicycle specialist Trappers. Ad van der Steld, chairman of the association Maredijkbuurt, was allowed to officially open the day after the award ceremony.

After that, the neighborhood residents could participate in lots of activities.

There was the well-attended Maredijkbuurtmarkt, where about 20 local residents displayed their goods and many items changed hands. There was also the opportunity to get face painting. These two ladies spent the afternoon putting the most beautiful creations on the faces of many happy children.

The bracelet building could count on great interest. The hut building and the bouncy castle were also well visited. Artists Driekske Bakker and Cootje de Stoppelaar led the painting workshop. Many budding Picassos created their first work of art and went home pleased with their creation.

For the sports enthusiasts, there were 2 clinics: handball and basketball. Both young and old enjoyed taking part in them. At three o'clock the focus shifted from the Maredijk neighborhood market and the playground to the small channels around the adventure island. Aaf Verkade provided an underwater safari and showed the large group of participants what lives and grows in our little waterways. The children could find out for themselves, using large plates, what animals live in the ditches. The diversity of fish, beetles, etc. is greater than I expected! Aaf also managed to retrieve a missing phone from the ditch. Unfortunately, it no longer worked....

Those who still had not had enough of all the activities, could attend the children's performance by theater company Ploef. They succeeded in captivating and engaging all the children. The children sat on the benches with red cheeks and were very immersed in the story.

During the children's performance, volunteers set the long table for more than 150 local residents, who joined us around 6 p.m. with their homemade food. It is amazing what cooks we have in our neighborhood! Lots of delicious dishes were spread out on 2 large tables and there was something for everyone. The pop tart sandwiches and pancakes were gone in about 10 seconds! While enjoying the music, neighborhood residents shared a meal. We ended the dinner with a delicious cup of coffee or tea at Gijs' Coffee Cart.

At 8 p.m., 11 teams were formed to compete in the pub quiz, with great fun and enthusiasm. This year's quiz was provided by last year's winners. Around 9 p.m. the winner was announced and cleanup could begin.

Tired and content, the organization closed the beautiful day with satisfaction, after a call for people willing to take on the organization next year. We are grateful that so many volunteers helped to make this day a success. We are looking forward to the next edition in 2025!



Green patch at the GGD

Over 3 years ago Sigrid Jansen and Trudi Groenendijk took the initiative to survey their neighbours on whether or not they wanted more greenery on the Marislaan. They went by all the doors and were met with enthusiasm. In collaboration with the municipality they looked at the possibilities. By now all the tree driplines have been enlarged and stocked with greenery. Only the tree driplines at the top of the Parmentierweg, at the crossing with the A. Fokkerweg, were taking longer to complete. This had a couple of different reasons. Now, over 3 years later, it's finally done. The sidewalk in front of the GGD building is now completely renovated! It's a collaborative project: the neighbours are responsible for maintaining the plants and the GDD provided the outdoor tap and the hose. The municipality took out the 65m² of tile, created and executed the planting plan. All the plants are medicinal. With small, and sometimes big, steps we can make this neighbourhood more sustainable and green. Are you interested in making changes to your direct environment? Let us know: maredijkbuurt@gmail.com. The green group of the Maredijkbuurt will help you along.



Kind request not to leave your cigarette butts in the plantboxes!

Second Sustainability Evening



Before the summer vacation we had our second neighbourhood meeting about sustainability. There was once again a great turnout. Matthijs Kunenborg was the first to speak, he informed us of the available subsidies, the conditions that apply for each and where to go to put in a request. He also talked about the specific loans you can use to make your house more sustainable. As an example Karlijn and Jesse came and spoke about their experiences making use of these subsidies.

Action

During the second part the neighbours split off into small groups to talk about water pumps, what steps to take to go gas free and how we can help each other make our houses more sustainable. These exchanges resulted in the creation of 3 WhatsApp groups aptly named 'dakisolatie oude huizen' (roof isolation in old houses), 'waterpompen' (water pumps) and 'isolatieglas' (isolation glass). In these groups neighbours inform and inspire each other to take next steps in these topics. It's up to the group whether they come together to discuss the topic of if they want to collectively buy materials. Everyone interested is more than welcome to join one or more of these WhatsApp groups. All you have to do is let the specific group know, either through WhatsApp, email or to go up to them.

What's next?

By popular demand the next topic will be 'monumenten en vergunningen' (monuments and permits). We hope to organise this meeting alongside Erfgoed Leiden (the culture and history organisation of Leiden). Once we know more, we will let you know. If you have another topic in mind, we would love to hear it.

Ad, Aad, Kees, Leo and Esther

Short news

Neighbourhood meeting Green

For a year now, de Groengroep (the green group) has been in talks with the municipality about the area around the flats on the Verulypad and the Parmentierweg. At this time it's predominantly grass, trees and bushes. De Groengroep and the municipality have a plan to improve this.

On 16 September, a neighbourhood meeting will be held to discuss this plan. The meeting will take place at the Maredijkhuis and will start at 20:00 o'clock.



Dinner at the Maredijk

Starting 18 October, dinners at the Maredijk will kick off again. The theme for this evening hasn't been announced yet, but as always, the food will be good! From 18:00 o'clock on, you are welcome to come by. Adults pay €5,- and children pay €2,50. Please let us know you'll be coming by mailing etenopdemaredijk@gmail.com. Also, put down 15 November in your calendars for the next dinner!

Passed away: Gerard de Reus

On 15 August, our remarkably neighbour Gerard passed away. He could often be found at the coffee mornings and at the dinner at the Maredijk. He will be missed.

Activities calendar

Weekly activities at the Maredijkhouse

Playing basketball in the cage
'Sing-In' (neighborhood choir)
Walking with neighbours
Drinking coffee (walk-in)
Books in the neighborhood
Crafts
Get more out of your I-pad
Play-O-Theque
Books in the neighborhood
Fit with Kit
Klaverjassen (card game)
Play-O-Theque
Books in the neighbourhood
Neighborhood cleaning

Planned activities in the neighborhood

Reading Club
Resident meeting
Virulypad and Parmentierweg
Painting workshop adult.
Dinner on the Maredijk
Toy fair
Eating on the Maredijk

Other contacts

Neighborhood Garden Tamboerpad	Bert van Sprundel, 06 13681169
Workshops Sunday	Sigrid Jansen, sigridmcjansen@gmail.com
Facade Gardens	Marian Smit, mariansmit@casema.nl
Neighborhood cleanup	Bert van Sprundel, 06 13681169
Playground	Open mo-fri 10am -17pm, most Sat- and Sundays, www.svmaredijk.nl
Neighborhood Agent	Lakhdar ben Taieb, 0900 8844, Langegracht 11, 071 5258865
	Reports residential area: 14071

Painting for adults

On Sunday afternoon, October 13, at 2:00 p.m. Driekske Bakker will provide a painting workshop for adults. This year's theme is collage. Sign up by mail to: driekskebakker@gmail.com



Second-hand toy fair



On Sunday afternoon, November 10th, we will hold a Secondhand Toy Fair. It starts at 2pm.

If you would like to sell toys, please sign up via email to: sigridmcjansen@gmail.com

Become a member:

We need your support! Our neighborhood association has about 225 members, people who feel connected to each other and to the neighborhood. And we are an active neighborhood association, organizing many activities both for and by local residents.

Not a member of the neighborhood association yet? Then fill out the application form on our website www.maredijkbuurt.nl. It will only cost you €7.50 per year.

You can also pick up the form at Sigrid Jansen, Marislaan 59.

JOIN AND BECOME A MEMBER!

Welcome new neighbors

WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

The activities committee together with the board have developed a welcome flyer. The leaflet for new residents contains a number of practical tips about the "ins and outs" of living in our neighborhood.

It will be in your letterbox soon. We would appreciate a message if a new resident has moved in next door. Please send an e-mail to maredijkbuurt@gmail.com

