



### **HAVE A GREAT AND HEALTHY 2025, WITH MUCH PEACE AND LITTLE WAR!**

The board of the Maredijkbuurt Association would like to kick off the new year with the residents of the Maredijk neighborhood. On January 24, 2025, please join us for the NEW YEAR DRINKS at the Maredijk House. From 8 p.m. you can wish your neighbors a happy New Year. Everyone is most welcome! If you have not lived in the neighborhood long, it is nice to get acquainted with neighbors, but also nice to wish each other a good 2025.



### **WANTED: NEW MEMBERS PARTY COMMITTEE NEIGHBORHOOD PARTY 2025**

Every September our beautiful neighborhood hosts a neighborhood party, to celebrate how nice it is to live in the Maredijk. So many special stories to be shared, and so many talented and fascinating people live here, and have lived there in our neighborhood. Wouldn't it be wonderful and valuable to put this even more at the heart of such a celebration?

We are asking neighbors to come and help think about the Neighborhood Fest 2025. Last year was a great success, but we want to investigate whether a different format is possible, in which neighborhood initiatives get a place in a different way.

How about a Maredijk-style Oerol? Or a Maredijks "Peek at the Neighbors"? Or a mysterious walk along hidden alleys and courtyards? What are your ideas? Let us know!

But even better: become a new member of the party committee! We need new people to organize this day. Let's make Saturday September 13, 2025 a beautiful and successful day again, that may look a little different.



### **Maredijks' KidsKorner**

*From the running reporter*

Maredijkbuurt Leiden – the children in de Maredijkbuurt have their very own reporter. For this edition we'll again be going through the neighbourhood, looking for the best spots.

This week we're meeting with Noud. When I went by his house he wasn't there, he had already gone on an adventure. His dad told me he was in the 'voetbalkooi' with his mother and brother.

Before I went into the 'voetbalkooi' I stopped and looked on for a minute, Noud was actively playing football.

"This is my favourite spot! I come here quite often," he tells me. "I like how you can play football AND basketball here. But I prefer football. I play with my friends Guus and Raf and with my brother Luuk. And also with my little brother Boris."



Noud tells me he likes football because he can kick the ball really hard. He shows me, and he can definitely kick very hard. Without a running start he kicks the ball at around 90 km/h straight into the goal.

No wonder that ASC (football club in Oegstgeest) has promoted him into the top team. "I train 3x a week and on the weekends we have play a match." Noud tells me he prefers to play in the front. Because he's a little smaller than the other boys he's also faster than them. "Every match I'm in the front at least once."

He considers himself bad at playing defence. "To be good at defence you need to be big and tall. And you need to be okay with getting hurt... That's because you need to tackle the other players and then you might fall. And then you might just get injured. That's why I don't like playing defence."

In the meantime he's showing me all these football tricks: a false kick (pretending to shoot) and his favourite the Panna (where you kick the ball between the legs of another player).

He thinks his dad is the better football player out of him and his mom. "My dad is very good at playing defence." "And you mom?" I ask. "She's good at playing in the front, like me." He's sure of it.

*Are you attending primary school and would you also like to show me the best spots in the neighbourhood? Send an email to the running reporter: [gemburstjens@gmail.com](mailto:gemburstjens@gmail.com). Your mum and dad are more than welcome to join us on our walk through the neighbourhood.*

### Short news

#### *Puzzle competition*

On Sunday 12 January, a puzzle competition will be held. We'll be making Van Haasteren puzzles with 500 pieces. Create a team with max. 4 members and participate!

Participation is free and you don't need to sign up.

It starts at 14:00 hours/2pm.



#### ***Dinner at the Maredijk***

On 17 January we'll be having dinner at the Maredijk again.



This time we'll be cooking for people with an allergy or intolerance, because usually they are unable to join us.

Everyone (also people without an allergy or intolerance) are welcome from 18:00 hours/6pm. For adults it will cost €5 and for children it will cost €2,50.

Please let us know you'll be coming to dinner by sending an e-mail to:

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

#### ***Workshop painting for children***

On Sunday 9 March Driekske Bakker will lead a painting workshop. The theme for this year is Fishes in the Deep Sea.

The workshop will start at 14:00 hours/2pm. There are 8 spots available and the children need to be 8 years or older.

Both the Buurtvereniging and the Speeltuinvereniging are hosting this afternoon. The Speeltuinvereniging is sponsoring the costs for the materials, thanks for that!

Do you want to participate? Sign up by sending an e-mail to: [driekskebakker@gmail.com](mailto:driekskebakker@gmail.com)

As soon as you receive a confirmation from Driekske you can participate.



### Book club

On Sunday, 26 January, at 14 o'clock the book club will come together at Christa de Boer's house (Aloëlaan 41A). Sign up by sending an e-mail to Peter Cambier: [p.cambier@planet.nl](mailto:p.cambier@planet.nl)

This book is the successor to the award-winning novel 'Wees onzichtbaar' (Be Invisible). It's about searching for freedom, finding a great love and the insurmountability of family.

In the summer of 2001, Metin Mutlu is going to be studying in San Francisco. By entering this new and free world he is determined to leave behind his old self. Instead of the quiet wallflower he used to be in Amsterdam, he wants to be someone else in America: a self-conscious and decisive man.



Metin studies law, but he doesn't at all want to become a lawyer. In his search for something else he dives head first into the Creative Writing course he's taking. During these classes he meet the mysterious Joan Springfield and he falls head over heels in love with her.

This new and free life seems to suit Metin and slowly but surely the writer inside him blossoms. That's when unforeseen events drag him into an overwhelming adventure. With events unfolding both at home and in San Fransisco, his stay in America is to be seen in a different light. Metin is faced with impossible dilemma's.