



# BUURTKRANT 'KIJK OP DE WIJK'

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## VERENIGING MAREDIJKBUURT



Batoque Capoeira - Childrens Yoga- Stage performance - Maredijk Community Party  
Streetfood - Make-up - Basketbal-clinic by Rinus - Painting Pebbles  
Face-paint by Janice Beek - Buskin' Belters - Ischa Nowa - Soccer trics by Nouri  
DJ Crucial Warrior Sounds - Flea market - Hut Building

### PROGRAM 16 SEPTEMBER 2023

10.00 - 12.30 Flea market in Sassenstraatje  
12.00 Playground open, bouncy castle and hut building  
12.30 Opening speech by Wilte, chairman of the playground  
12.30 - 16.30 Face painting in the beauty corner, behind the Maredijkhuis  
13.30 - 14.00 Performance by Batoque Capoeira Holland  
14.00 - 15.00 Yoga workshop  
14.00 Football workshop  
14.30 Theater workshop  
15.00 Basketball clinic  
14.00 - 16.30 Workshops Technika 10, painting, stone painting, birdhouse building and a beauty corner where you can get your make-up done  
15.30 - 16.30 Brisativa (performance in the tent)  
16.00 The game Jachtseizoen  
16.30 Neighborhood drink  
From 16.30 Music from Buskin' Belters and Ischa Nowa, and more  
From 18.00 Street food: bring your own food and drink! Afterwards ice cream, coffee and tea  
19.30 Pub quiz  
21.00 Dj Crucial Warrior Sounds with music to dance to

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT: WILTE ZIJLSTRA



### Off the gas grid

Wilte Zijlstra is chair of the playground association Rondon de Marewijk. He has moved three times in the neighbourhood since the end of the last century. His girlfriend lived in a student house on the Marewijk. Wilte was there a lot and he moved together with his girlfriend to a student apartment at the end of the Marewijk. From there they bought a flat on the Parmentierweg and around 2010 the family settled in the Marislaan. By then Wilte had a daughter and in the single-family dwelling a son was born. Wilte: "Every time I moved it was to a place which I could see from my previous home. It's a very nice neighbourhood, I really like the village character close to the city. No passing cars, yet close to the station and the city centre. My children have grown up here and it has always felt very safe. You can leave your children free to discover things by themselves, in other words a top neighbourhood with a fine atmosphere." The only less positive thing that Wilte can think of is that the neighbourhood often opposes new housing development, while it's logical that other people also want to live in this neighbourhood.

Wilte currently works at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as behavioural scientist. He motivates people to work as efficiently as possible and in this way to achieve the ministry's goals.

Besides his work Wilte has been chair of the playground association since 2015. "I am just a working foreman, one of the three most active volunteers in the playground, together with Job, the secretary, and Janneke, who is treasurer. We are a well-oiled team in my view. We share the tasks; I take care of the rentals, the website, and the emails to members, and if we organise something we do that together. I also look after the maintenance of the building.

We would really like more active volunteers, so hereby an appeal. Even if it's only one afternoon a year, all volunteer work is welcome." Wilte spends on average about two hours a week on work for the playground. But with present-day technology a lot can be done remotely. Payments, looking with the camera if the playground is open or closed, seeing how much the solar panels are producing, etc. Wilte: "I believe I have eight apps on my telephone for the playground."

At the end of 2022 the playground received 1500 euro subsidy from the Leiden Sports Agreement (Leidse Sportakkoord). That's an agreement between all kinds of sports clubs, commercial providers, schools, after-school care and other social organisations, who want to work together to get more people in Leiden to exercise. This time intended to make the accommodation more durable. "What we also got was some free advice. The Green Club (see box) had a look at our building and brought out a report. We initiated the investments with the most returns, namely solar panels on the roof and infrared panels inside the building, which switch on when there is movement. They also heat up very quickly, which is a big advantage for all the tenants." Everything went very smoothly, within half a year the playground association was able to shut off the gas. The advantage is that The Green Club has a great many contacts and you don't have to compare all kinds of companies, they've done that already. Wilte: "They are good investments, both for the environment and for the finances of the playground in the long run." The general meeting of the members of the playground association also approved the investments. "We have very good facilities in the playground and are financially healthy, so if you have any ideas, or time, by all means get in touch via [ledenmarewijk@gmail.com](mailto:ledenmarewijk@gmail.com)

### What is The Green Club?

We work together with the KNVB (Koninklijke Nederlandse Voetbalbond = Royal Dutch Football Association) as energy partner of 'The Green Club'. This is an initiative whereby we help sports clubs with simple and sustainable measures to save energy and reduce CO2 emissions. Energy is one of the clubs' biggest expenses. The motto of The Green Club is: A full club kitty and a low-emission greenhouse!

### NEIGHBOURHOOD VISION 2023-2027

The draft version of the Neighbourhood Vision has been published on our website and distributed to the members of the neighbourhood association. We call on all neighbourhood residents to think along with us. Comments and suggestions received before 10 September can still be incorporated into the definitive version. It is important that as association we ensure broad support: that lends strength and credibility to our actions. We can also do with photos which enhance the text. The definitive version will be published around 20 September on the website. The Vision will be presented and offered to alderman Abdelhaq Jermoumi in the evening of 6 October in the Marewijkhuis. Enjoy reading!



## Maredijks KidsKorner

By the running reporter



Maredijkbuurt Leiden – As of recently, the children of the Maredijkbuurt have their own reporter. Once a month, she walks around the neighbourhood with one of them in search for the nicest spots. This time she's meeting Nina.

I pick her up at home, and chatting, we walk to..... the little island. Nina calls it the Pirate Island, dog-owners call it the Dog Island. Nina has a lot of fun memories of the island. We're sitting on the hill in the sun and the wind is causing the reed to move to and fro happily. On this same hill, she and another girl from the neighbourhood went for a picnic with lemonade and cookies. And during the winter of 2021, she glided down from it with the sled. On top of that, the island was part of her and her brother Guus's training parkour this year, as she participated in the Kidsrun for the third time. "2,1 kilometres in 16 minutes," she tells me.

She continues, "I've lived in the Maredijkbuurt all my life. First in the Poelgeeststraat. We moved to where we live now when Guus was 1 year old ." She thinks the Maredijkbuurt is a pleasant neighbourhood to live in. "It's fun here. And nice that it's a small neighbourhood, but not too small." Recently, a good friend of her moved here. That makes living here even more fun. "We go to the island together more often than I used to go, because she has a dog and we walk it here on the island." The annual Maredijk neighbourhood party, this year on September 16, is another factor that makes the neighbourhood so nice. She's looking forward to it. "Last year," she recalls, "I really enjoyed searching for little animals in the ditch. And the booths! Especially the one where you could decorate stones. I hope we can do that again this year. And something with dancing. I'd like to do that too."

Fortunately, I'm able to tell Nina that stone decoration is on the schedule again. She also really likes hearing that there will be a theatre workshop. Nina doesn't want to think of moving away from the neighbourhood. Especially because, after eighth grade at primary school, she wants to attend either the Visser 't Hooft or the Bona, both nearby the Maredijkbuurt! For that reason this appeal to her parents: "Dad, mom; I want to keep living here!"

----- Are you in primary school and do you want to show the nicest place in the neighbourhood too? Send an email to the running reporter at [gemburstjens@gmail.com](mailto:gemburstjens@gmail.com). Your parents can join us on our walk!

### Hoovering cigarette butts?

The municipality lent us a cigarette vacuum cleaner for one weekend. We immediately let it loose in places with a high concentration of butts. Unfortunately, it didn't work out: the butts fell out as quickly as they got hoovered up.

Now it's waiting for an improved version.



### Brief news items

#### Scoring in the basketball pitch



For both young and old: every Sunday morning at 9 a.m., a group of basketball players gathers on the pitch near the playground. Interested in trying it out? Everyone is welcome to join!

### Artist

Have you seen him too? Cedric Visser has painted a number of spots in our neighbourhood, this time around on the corner of the Maredijk and the Aloëlaan.

You can find his work on [www.allesvoordekunst.com](http://www.allesvoordekunst.com)



### BSO in the Maredijkhuis



From the end of the summer holiday on, the BSO (out-of-school care) Partou is renting the Maredijkhuis for the care of a group of children. They're there on Monday-, Tuesday- and Thursday afternoon and only during school weeks. It's great that the Maredijkhuis and the playground can be used for this!

### Bookclub

The next book the club will read is 'Kinderen van het Ruige Land' ('Children of the Rough Land'). Author Auke Hulst had his final breakthrough with his fourth, highly autobiographical novel. Somewhere on the countryside in the north of Groningen, in an area called the Rough Land, four children are growing up. Their father has died, their mother is a high-spirited woman who avoids her responsibilities. Will the kids be able to get away from the increasing problems, or is their destiny already decided?

We meet on September 2 at 14.00 p.m. To sign up, contact [p.cambier@planet.nl](mailto:p.cambier@planet.nl).



## Activities Calendar

### Weekly activities in or organized by Maredijkhuis

Monday	11:00	Singin	Joke Spanenburg, 071 5222509
	14:00	Walking with neighbours	Meet-up at playground
Tuesday	10:30	Coffee (walk-in) Books in de neighbourhood Crafts and needlework Get more out of your iPad (tips&tricks)	Christa de Boer, 06 52649828
Wednesday	10:00	Speel-O-Theek Klapstuk (toys for rent)	06 24211018, www.sot-klapstuk.nl
	10:00	Books in the neighbourhood	
Thursday	10:30	Fit with Kit, get moving	Sigrid Jansen, 06 11524565
Saturday	10:00	Speel-O-Theek Klapstuk	
	10:00	Books in the neighbourhood	
	11:00	Neighbourhood clean-up	Meet-up at playground

### Planned activities

2 September	14:00	Reading club	p.cambier@planet.nl
16 September	10:00	<b>Garage sale Block party and Straatmaaltijd (community meal in the street)</b>	Maredijkbuurt@gmail.com
8 October	14:00	Workshop painting for adults	drieksebakker@dorbak-artstudio.com Material costs €10
20 October	18:00	Dinner at the Maredijk	etenopdemaredijk@gmail.com
11 November	14:00	Toy exchange	sigridmcjansen@gmail.com
17 November	18:00	Dinner at the Maredijk	etenopdemaredijk@gmail.com

### Other contact information

Neighbourhood garden Tamboerpad	Bert van Sprundel, 06 13681169	
Façade gardens	Marian Smit, mariansmit@caseam.nl	
Dinner at the Maredijk	etenopdemaredijk@gmail.com	
Playground	Open Monday through Friday 10 – 17 Usually also on Saturday and Sunday <a href="http://www.svmaredijk.nl">www.svmaredijk.nl</a>	
Community police officer	Lakhdar ben Taieb, 0900 8844 Langegracht 11, 071 5258865 Area report number 14071	

### Maredijk neighbourhood market – give you stuff a second chance at a neighbour!

Do you also have a garage filled with unused stuff? But do you think it a shame to just toss them out? We're organising a garage sale during the block party on 16 September. Perfect opportunity to clear out and sell some of that stuff! And maybe even find a new treasure at another stall ;-)

Start collecting those books you've finished, the toys the kids no longer play with and the clothes that don't fit anymore. On 16 September, simply put down a blanket to exhibit your wares and start hustling! And how much fun could it be for the kids to sell homemade cupcakes and lemonade?!

We'll bring the coffee; will you bring the clutter?

**When** 16 September  
**Time** 10:00 – 12:30  
**Where** 'Sassenstraatje' (dead-end part of the Aloëlaan)  
**Questions?** maredijkbuurtmarkt@gmail.com

Sigrid Jansen, Frouke Lampe, Ester Nieuwhuis, Sofia Sbaysi en Esther Sibbel

### Become a member!

We need your support!

The neighborhood association has approximately 225 members, people who feel connected to each other and to the neighborhood. Furthermore, we are an active neighborhood association that organizes many activities for and by residents.

Are you not already a member of the neighborhood association? Then 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 from Christa de Boer, Aloëlaan 41a.