



BUURTKRANT 'KIJK OP DE WIJK'

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VERENIGING MAREDIJKBUURT

New secretary for the neighborhood association:

After 10 years, she's stepping down. Not because she's moving or no longer involved... Christa de Boer is stepping down as secretary of the board. It's time for the younger generation with new ideas. Sign up for this fun position!

The three-member board currently consists of Ad van der Steld, Willy Loomans, and the secretary. Tasks are globally divided, but the work is split by mutual agreement. The interests, skills, and availability of the board members are the most important.

We are also looking for an extra board member to help manage the many tasks that come our way. It would be great if this is someone who can manage the finances, but this can also be discussed and in mutual agreement.

If you're interested, please sign up by May 24th at maredijkbuurt@gmail.com or call Christa de Boer at 06 62649828.



IS AUGUST 31ST MARKED IN YOUR CALENDAR?

We're putting together an exciting neighborhood party program. At 11:30, we kick off with a parade featuring a street organ and decorated bicycles, and we will wrap up with a pub quiz and music. There's something for everyone, young and old. In the playground, there will be face painting, crafting, fort building, and more. In the cage, we'll be practicing handball and basketball. Along Maredijk, there will be a flea market, a coffee cart, painting, and much more. On the water around Adventure Island, Aaf Verkade will perform with her Water Theater. And start thinking about what you'll bring to the neighborhood meal.

Butttt: we can't do it without helping hands. So, sign up at maredijkbuurt@gmail.com!



FIRST RESIDENT MEETING ON SUSTAINABILITY

The first resident meeting on sustainability, which had quite a few attendees, took place on the evening of Wednesday, April 10. Afterwards, all attendees went home feeling both satisfied and well informed due to the advice offered by the "energy coaches" of Energiek Leiden as well as other residents.

The meeting was organized by the Sustainability focus group from the neighbourhood association in collaboration with Energiek Leiden. Promoting sustainability in de Maredijkbuurt is one of the aims in the neighbourhood plan, and the focus group wants to give support to residents and encourage them to start looking at ways of making their houses more sustainable.

Energiek Leiden was represented by four energy coaches. It is their duty to assist homeowners in the possible steps they can undertake, be it simple or very complex, to make their houses more sustainable. To start, it is key to gain insight into the current state of a house with respect to sustainability (such as energy usage) as well as the personal wishes of the homeowners. Based on this information, Energiek Leiden will guide residents to the first possible steps they can undertake.

Ester Nieuwhuis and Yolanda Hakemulder, who are both residents of the Maredijkbuurt, tried out the option to gain advice from Energiek Leiden, and



were present at the meeting to share their experiences. It became clear to them that filling in the details about their respective houses was no picnic. Still, even if you can't fill in everything, Energiek Leiden is able to give you a report that helps you get going by giving some suggestions and estimating the costs.

During the meeting, there were three tables where you could seek information and advice on different subjects, in great detail if so desired. The subjects were solar panels, insulation and quick wins.



Based on the feedback we received at the end of the evening, the meeting proved to be very informative and helped gain more insight. It also became clear that some measures are much more complex than others, for example, those needed for older houses (built before 1930).

The focus group Sustainability is going to organise a new meeting on WEDNESDAY MAY 22 2024.

Residents who would like to receive personal advice from Energiek Leiden can apply on their website <https://www.energiekleiden.nl/duurzaam-advies/> or send an email to info@energiekleiden.nl. Our neighbourhood's focus group Sustainability consists of Ad van der Steld, Aad van den Berg, Ester Nieuwhuis, Leo Joosten and Kees Paalvast.

The topics that residents would like to know more about:

- Heat pumps;
- Group buying (for example, of green roofs);
- How to become a gas-free neighbourhood;
- Points of concern for historic properties;
- Joint solar roof on the Ons Doel building;
- Community battery.

JIGSAW CONTEST, MARCH 10



The jigsaw contest was very exciting! The whistle was blown at 14.00 sharp. The contestants could choose between 500-piece jigsaws by Jan van Haasteren. After 1 hour and 15 minutes of toiling, sweating and having quick looks at the other teams, the table of the Broerse family shouted 'FINISHED'. A great accomplishment!

OUTDOOR PARTY ANIMAL BLOWOUT ON JUNE 30

There is going to be a (free of charge) Party Animal Blowout at the tearoom in the Tuin van Noord on June 30, from 12.00-17.00.

During the party, children and their parents can join in on all sorts of adventurous activities.

For example, there's a fire to prepare snacks on, and there's an arts & crafts activity using materials from nature. From bird watching to a "ditch safari", sports and games, there will be lots to discover. So come and learn new skills, and get to know new friends!

There's music, fun and games, so it's an exciting event for every party animal!



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 time she's meeting Emma.

Guus is walking along with us. Well, walking. Emma tells us exactly in what manner we need to move ourselves forward: first, backwards. Then with a hop and a skip and then we're running. This is how we get to one of Emma's favourite spots: a chestnut tree she calls 'Bollebosseboom'. "I walk past here sometimes when I'm on my way to the parking garage. And then I say: 'Hallo Bollebosseboom, do you remember me?'" When Emma was little, she used to come by here looking for chestnuts with her kindergarten group. Emma and Guus tell me they went to the same kindergarten. "I was also in the same class as Guus, from grade 1 through 3. But now I changed schools."

"What would you guys do with these chestnuts?" I ask.

"We did arts and crafts with them and make a spiderweb." Says Emma.

"Oh, I remember." Says Guus. "And then we threaded yarn around them."

"And the teachers would prick satay skewers in the chestnuts." Remembers Emma. "Those were the legs, and so we made spiders."



But the chestnut tree isn't her only favourite spot. In the playground there's this new, yellow slide, connected to the play castle. "And that," says Emma. "That one is so much fun. Because it's new. With new things you can learn new things."

Emma tells me that she overcame her fear of heights in that slide. She had gotten that fear from a friend, but was able to lose it because she went down the yellow slide.

"Is your fear of heights still stuck in that slide? Because you lost it in there?" I want to know. But Emma is convinced her fear has evaporated. Which is a good thing, because otherwise anybody going the slide would get that fear of heights.

Then Emma and Guus discover a horizontal bar. "Is that bar new?" This is the perfect time to say goodbye, because Emma and Guus have devoted all their attention towards the horizontal bar. Emma waves at me as I walk away. I had a really nice time with these two.

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: gemburkurstiens@gmail.com. Your mum and dad are more than welcome to join us on our walk through the neighbourhood.

Plant market 14 April



The plant market that was held on April 14 was a busy event. Hundreds of plants received a new life in gardens and on windowsills.

We're doing it again next year! Thanks to all the plantsuppliers.

SHORT NEWS

Dinner on the Marewijk

On May 17 we will be eating on the Marewijk again! This year the theme is quiche and pizza.

It starts at 18:00 uur (6pm). For adults the price is €5 and for children €2,50. Please let us know you'll be attending by sending us an email:

etenopdemarewijk@gmail.com



Arts workshop for kids

The past 2 years were great success, so this year Driekse Bakker will again be leading a workshop for kids. This time the children will learn to paint 'The City'.

The workshop will take place on 9 June, from 14:00 to 16:00 uur (2 to 4pm) in the Marewijkhuis. Bring an (make-shift) apron and blow dryer.

If you want to participate in the workshop, please sign up by mailing: drieksebakker@gmail.com. Material costs are €10 per child. This can be paid at the start of the workshop.

Decorated bikes

On 31 August at 11 o'clock we will open the Buurtfeest (block party) with a parade of decorated bikes, wheelchairs, walker or other rolling material, headed by the barrel organ. Everyone can participate and there's no real jury that will judge whose means of transport is decorated the best. The only rule is: no motor or battery is allowed.

On 30 August you can come to decorate your means of transport in the Marewijkhuis between 15:30 and 17:30 uur (3:30 and 5:30pm).

You may also decorate your bike at home!

