



# BUURTKRANT 'KIJK OP DE WIJK'

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## VERENIGING MAREDIJKBUURT

### PROGRAMMA BUURTFEEST 31 AUGUSTUS

Vrijdag 30 augustus  
van 15.30 – 17.30 uur:  
fietsen versieren in de speeltuin



31 augustus, vanaf 11.30 uur gaan we los!  
Achter de muziek van het draaiorgel aan,  
door de buurt.  
Wie heeft de mooiste versierde fiets, rolstoel,  
rollator, kinderwagen, buggy, het maakt niet  
uit, als het maar rijdt.



Van 12.00 – 15.00 uur:  
Technika 10  
in de speeltuin



Vanaf 12.15 uur:  
rommelmarkt op de Maredijk



Workshops op de Maredijk:  
Armbandjes knopen



Springkussen in de  
speeltuin



Schminken



Vanaf 12.00 uur: In de voetbalkooi  
handbal- en basketbal clinic  
(leeftijd vanaf 6 jaar)



Vanaf 15.00 uur: Watertheater van Aaf Verkade  
in het water rond het avontureneiland.  
We hebben schepnetjes, bakjes en vergrootglazen.  
Doe mee en ontdek wat er bij ons in de sloot zit.



Om 18.00 uur: Buurtmaaltijd  
Ook dit jaar schuiven we weer met  
z'n allen aan bij de marktkramen.  
We gaan genieten van alle  
heerlijkheden die buurtgenoten  
bereid hebben. Dus maak wat  
lekkers, mag van alles zijn,  
zet het op de buffetafels en  
vanaf 6 uur gaan we aan tafel.  
Als toetje zorgen wij voor  
ijs en koffie of thee.  
Graag zelf zorgen voor een  
bord, bestek, glas of beker.



Om 16.30 uur  
speelt theater Ploef



Om 20.00 uur sluiten we af  
met een Pubquiz.  
Stel je eigen team samen en  
ga voor de mooie prijzen!

Vanaf 17.00 uur is er muziek in de  
muziektent op het pleintje  
bij de speeltuin



PUB QUIZ

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT: TINY DELMEER



I often see her walking briskly through the neighbourhood: an elderly lady of slim build and her hair white. Today I'm speaking with Tiny at the walk-in coffee hour in the Maredijkhuis, and she proves to be a pleasant conversationalist. "I turn 90 in July. And I have six great-grandchildren!"

"I've lived in the Maredijkbuurt for about 60 years, at various addresses. Naturally, a lot has changed over the course of time. There were no expats living here back then, and there were quite a few shops. There was a bakery, a dairyman, and also a cigar shop across the street from greengrocer Sassen. There was even a haberdashery where I bought cotton fabrics to sew sheets from. Then there was a snack bar where I once saw mice running around through the windows. Obviously, I never stepped inside to order fries there.

"The Maredijkbuurt is a lovely neighbourhood to live in. Until recently, I was able to take two-hour walks without using a cane or rollator, but these days I get tired after 45 minutes, and my sense of balance gets upset too. Fortunately, a family member gave me a rollator to use in due course, so I'm still getting on very well.

"I enjoy taking part in various community-activities. On Thursdays, I go to 'senior gymnastics'. I'm the oldest person in a group of about 12 women." Tiny stands up to demonstrate an exercise: crouching down on your haunches, with a chair on either side for support if need be, but that doesn't seem to be the case for Tiny.

"I go to the walk-in coffee hour on Tuesdays. It's always good fun, and the coffee is great.

There's always someone who brings a little something to eat too. And once a month, there's 'Dinner at the Maredijk': a delicious meal and good company. Yes, there are genuinely nice people here who will help you if you need anything.

"What is a shame though, is that we don't do the at-home fashion show anymore. We used to do it at my place. I would put a large mirror in the room and invite a few ladies. Then, a lady from the clothing manufacturer would come over too, bringing a rack full of clothes with her that were to our tastes and sizes (mine was small), or clothes that were going on sale. If you wanted, you could pick something to try on. We would tell each other whether it looked nice or not."

When I ask Tiny there is anything she would like to see changed in the neighbourhood, she thinks deeply before saying "Less expats, though it isn't because I'm troubled by them. In fact, I used to live abroad too, in Germany. The problem is that there are so many people now who speak a different language and with whom I can't get in touch. I really think it's such a shame."

Tiny can't think of any other specific downside to the Maredijkbuurt, although she does have a more general point of criticism: "All those pings from apps and texts. Those really bother me and drive me crazy. Isn't phoning someone for a chat much more enjoyable?"

In other words, dear members of our community, if you wish to congratulate Tiny for her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, please do so over the telephone. As for me, I'm telling her through this newsletter: "Tiny, congratulations, and my best wishes for your birthday."



## General Meeting and goodbye to a boardmember

During the general meeting on June 7, we said goodbye to Christa as one of our boardmembers. After dealing with the more official matters of the meeting, our chairman Ad van der Stuur presented Christa with a bouquet and gift, thanking her for her dedication to our neighbourhood for years and years in a beautiful speech.

Christa is not moving away though, so you can still meet her on our streets and have a chat!

Fortunately, we have found a great successor in Sigrid Jansen. From now on, she will be the board's secretary. A hearty welcome to the board Sigrid!



## 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 Guus, but not for the first time. We met Guus before when he came along with Emma when we went to see all her favourite spots. But he has his own favourite hang-outs. And his shirt already gives us a hint: we're headed to the basketball field. The basketball is coming too.

On the way to 'the cage' he's giving me pointers on how to dribble. "Don't dribble with a flat palm, 'cause that hurts. Also the ball will bounce every which way. And you're supposed to keep the ball close when you dribble." And it's true, it becomes much easier. Best trainer ever!

"I'm here often," Guus says when we arrive. "With Noud and Luuk. And then we often play football." But today he decided on basketball. Through 'schoolsport' (a way for kids to explore different sports without having to make a commitment) he was able to take 9 lessons. And for 2 weeks now he's going for real. One of his trainers even lives in the neighbourhood. Convenient!

"I like playing defence," and he shows me as he explains. "You bend your knees and you go back and forth." It's a little like jumping I see. I learn even more: the position of my hands to dunk and how to do a dribble offence. I need more practice, but I can already tell I'm getting better.

Guus can also do tricks. He bounced the ball smoothly between his legs. And with ease he's able to dribble the ball behind his back. He hopes the people organising the block party will do another basketball workshop this year. He participated last year too.

Then it's time for a real match. Guus' friend Noud has also come along and luckily I can join his team. This way the teams are somewhat fair and I can avoid being completely defeated.

Dripping from the rain, I walk Guus home. And as it suits a proper coach, Noud and I receive tips and tops. So, if you see Guus playing basketball in 'the cage', join him! He's loves giving tips and tops. And take it from me: you'll improve immetiatly.

*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.*

## 31 August 2024 – Maredijkbuurt Market

*Give your stuff a second life with a neighbour*

Do you have stuff that you would rather be rid of, but don't want to just throw out? A kids' bike, a nice jacket or a good book? Or would rather sell homemade cupcakes, hotdogs or cotton candy?

Join us for the Maredijkbuurt Market on 31 August between 12 and 15 o'clock!

The garage sale is part of the yearly Maredijkbuurt block party. Along the Maredijk, between the Poelgeeststraat and the playground, there will be 12 stalls that will be available to put out your stuff.



Want to participate? We'd like to hear from you before 12 July 2024. You can scan this QR-code to go straight to the registration form:

Or use the link: <https://forms.gle/1eMKhJdFkY3ZdsGh7>

Questions? Mail us at [maredijkbuurtmarkt@gmail.com](mailto:maredijkbuurtmarkt@gmail.com)



#### ACTIVITIES AGENDA

Sunday		Basketball in the Kooi	Dik Toet, 06 2334849
Monday	11.00	Sing In' (Neighbourhood Choir)	Joke Spanenburg, 071 5222509
	14.00	Walking with neighbours	Gathering in front of the Playground
Tuesday	10.30	Coffee morning (walk-in)	Christa de Boer, 06 52649828
		Needlework	
		How to use your i-Pad	
		Neighbourhood Library	
Wednesday	10.00	Speel-o-Theek (toys)	<a href="http://www.sot-klapstuk.nl">www.sot-klapstuk.nl</a> , 06 24211018
	10.00	Neighbourhood Library	
Thursday	10.30	Fit with Kit (fitness)	Sigrid Jansen, 06 11524565
	20.00	Klaverjassen (card play)	Gé van Vliet, 06 22258969
Saturday	10.00	Speel-o-Theek (toys)	<a href="http://www.sot-klapstuk.nl">www.sot-klapstuk.nl</a> , 06 24211018
	11.00	Cleaning up the Maredijkbuurt	Gathering in front of the Playground

#### PLANNED ACTIVITIES

30 <sup>th</sup> of August	15.30	Decorating the bikes	Playground
31 <sup>th</sup> of August	12.00	<b>Neighbourhood Party</b>	Program on page 1
15 <sup>th</sup> of Sept.	14.00	Book Club	Peter Cambier, <a href="mailto:p.cambier@planet.nl">p.cambier@planet.nl</a>
16 <sup>th</sup> of Sept.	20.00	Meeting of residents of Virulypad and Parmentierweg	

#### OTHER CONTACT PERSONS

Neighbourhood garden	Bert van Sprundel, 06 13681169
Workshops on Sunday	Sigrid Jansen, <a href="mailto:sigridmcjansen@gmail.com">sigridmcjansen@gmail.com</a>
Facade gardens	Marian Smit, <a href="mailto:mariansmit@casema.nl">mariansmit@casema.nl</a>
Maredijk dinners	<a href="mailto:etenopdemaredijk@gmail.com">etenopdemaredijk@gmail.com</a>
Playground	Regular opening hours Monday – Friday 10.00 – 17.00; often also open on sat. and sun., <a href="http://www.svmaredijk.nl">www.svmaredijk.nl</a>
Neighbourhood police officer	Lakhdar ben Taleb, 0900 8844, Langegracht 11, 071 5258865 Notifications living environment, 14071

#### JOIN US

We need your support!

Our neighbourhood organization has about 225 members, who want to be engaged with each other and with the Maredijk neighbourhood. It undertakes a lot of activities. New members are most welcome! It only costs € 7,50 a year. Join us through the form on our website [www.maredijkbuurt.nl](http://www.maredijkbuurt.nl). You can also pick up the form at Aloëlaan 41A, Christa de Boer.



#### LOOKING FOR HELPING HANDS AT THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTY

The program for the neighbourhood party on August 31 is almost final; the permits and subsidies have been granted. We can now 'go crazy' and fully enjoy the party! We start at 11.30 hrs. with a parade through the neighbourhood on decorated bikes accompanied by a barrel organ. Followed by many activities, like a garage sale, a water theatre, neighbourhood dinner, etc.

Who likes to help? The success of the party depends on many minor chores. For instance, putting up the tent for the music bands, making coffee, setting the tables for the dinner, cleaning up afterwards. In addition, Aaf Verkade will bring crayfish from the local waters of Leiden. We are still looking for someone to prepare them for the dinner party.

Do you have some time spare to help us? Please let us know through [maredijkbuurt@gmail.com](mailto:maredijkbuurt@gmail.com).