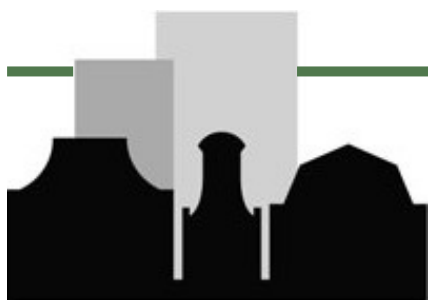




BUURTKRANT 'KIJK OP DE WIJK'

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VERENIGING MAREDIJKBUURT

MAREDIJK DAY 2026: STORIES FROM THE NEIGHBOURHOOD – THE HISTORY OF THE MAREDIJK DISTRICT

Are you looking forward to our annual neighbourhood festival this Saturday, 5 September? It's going to be another wonderful day packed with fantastic activities. Here's a sneak preview of what's in store!

OPENING CEREMONY

We'll kick off the festivities at **12:00 noon** in the marquee next to the playground. Our neighbourhood choir will provide the musical opening.

PLAYGROUND ACTIVITIES

From 12:00 noon, there will be plenty for children to enjoy in the playground. Technika 10 will be there, and children can have their faces painted, build huts, and take part in painting activities.

OPEN STAGE

Everyone is warmly invited to take to the stage **between 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm** to showcase their talents. Whether you play music, perform a dance, juggle, or have another act to share—anything goes! To sign up, email marij8@hotmail.com

BOOK ABOUT THE MAREDIJK NEIGHBOURHOOD

Midway through the afternoon, Jan Hengstmengel will join us for a talk show, sharing fascinating stories from our neighbourhood. He will also be selling the new edition of his book about the Maredijk neighbourhood. If you pre-order the book, you may even receive a discount. To express your interest, email maredijkbuurt@gmail.com.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WALL POEM

Last year, our city poet wrote a poem about our wonderful neighbourhood. We now plan to immortalise it as a wall poem on the wall at the corner of Aloëlaan and Maredijk. Barbara van Druten has created three different designs, and during the afternoon everyone will have the opportunity to vote for their favourite.

TRADITIONAL GAMES CHALLENGE

Afterwards, you can take part in our six-game challenge featuring six classic Dutch games. Collect all the stamps on your card and you'll receive an official Maredijk Certificate!

MINI PANCAKES

From 3:30 pm, our poffertjes stall will be serving delicious **gluten-free Dutch mini pancakes** for all ages.

CAKE-BAKING COMPETITION

At 6:00 pm, it's time for the cake-baking competition. The cakes will be presented and judged by an expert jury, and the winner will receive a fantastic prize. After the judging, we'll gather for our traditional street dinner. Om 18.00 uur vindt de taartenbakwedstrijd plaats.

NEIGHBOURHOOD BAND AND PUB QUIZ

Following the street dinner, our Neighbourhood Band will perform, and we'll round off the day with our ever-popular Pub Quiz.

CALL FOR STORIES

We're still looking for fun, exciting, and amusing stories from the (recent) history of the Maredijk neighbourhood. Please send your story to maredijkbuurt@gmail.com



AND... LET'S ROLL UP OUR SLEEVES!

You've just read all about the neighbourhood festival on Sept. 5. We're looking forward to making it a fantastic day—but first, we need your help to make it happen!

On 5 September, we're looking for volunteers to help with setting up and clearing away after the festival. Tasks include putting up and taking down the marquee, setting the tables for the street dinner, supervising the hut-building and traditional games, serving coffee, and much more. If you'd like to help, please sign up by emailing maredijkbuurt@gmail.com.

When you get in touch, please let us know if you have a preference for certain tasks and what times you'll be available.

JOIN US FOR THE NEIGHBOURHOOD SHARED DINNER

Our neighbourhood shared dinner has become a much-loved tradition at the annual festival, and of course it will return on 5 September.

Prepare something delicious and share it with your neighbours! Simply place your dish on the buffet tables so that everyone can enjoy a taste. The wonderful variety is what makes the meal so special, ensuring there's something for everyone.

Please bring your dish to the buffet table next to the main marquee by 6:00 pm. It would be helpful if you could add a small card with the name of your dish.

For dessert, we'll enjoy the cakes entered in the Cake-Baking Competition, along with some ice cream.

Suggestion: Why not bake a delicious cake and enter it in the competition?



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INTERESTED IN THE BOOK ABOUT THE MAREDIJKBUURT?

The year 2013 was the 400th anniversary of the founding of the Maredijkbuurt. To mark the occasion, a book about the history of our neighbourhood was published, written by resident Jan Hengstmengel. It turned out to be a bestseller, as it was sold out in no more than six weeks. This meant that some people were unable to get their own copy. Moreover, since 2013 the neighbourhood has welcomed many new residents who might be interested too. That is why we are looking into getting a reprint of the book, to be published around the neighbourhood fair on September 5. The book has 144 pages, sized 26 x 19,5 cm (portrait orientation), and is illustrated with 132 images, nearly all of them in colour. It is bound with a flexible cover. The book will cost about €17,50. Maybe we can even offer a discount for those who sign up beforehand.

The republication is only financially viable if enough people are interested, so if you are, please let us know as soon as possible (June 30 at the latest) by sending an email to maredijkbuurt@gmail.com. We will go ahead with the republication when 150 people have signed up.



Did you inform us of your interest already, perhaps in response to the online newsletter in early May? Then there's no need to do it again.

So: are you interested in one or more copies of the book, or do you know of a former resident or someone else who might be interested? Don't forget to let us know via email! It would be a shame if the republication could not go ahead because we were not aware of your interest!

SUSTAINABLE LIVING – TEAM UP WITH YOUR NEIGHBOURS/NEIGHBOURHOOD

Sign up and find fellow eco-conscious home-owners!

The gas and electricity prices are going up and the idea of upgrading your home to make it more sustainable becomes more and more appealing. The time of going gas-free is getting nearer, and rather than wait for that moment to overtake us, we should take the reins ourselves!

Our neighbourhood is going to bring together residents who are looking to make their homes more sustainable. It'll be easier if we team up, and Energiek Leiden is going to help us. Additionally, some residents already have the necessary experience with heat pumps.

Sign up to work together with your neighbours if you are interested in:

- Floor insulation
- Cavity wall insulation
- Roof insulation
- Replacement of windows to improve insulation
- Heat pump solutions (hybrid/fully electric)
- Ground source heat and/or aquathermal energy
- Other measures

Collaboration pays because installers and suppliers can lower the quotation the more people sign up.

The Maredijkbuurt is bringing residents with similar interests together and organising small-scale meetings (informal). We're going to schedule these in September, depending on the applications and availability. To sign up, email maredijkbuurt@gmail.com



JULY 3 – GENERAL MEETING AND SUMMERBORREL

The general meeting for members and borrel (informal reception) are on July 3! We begin at 8:00 p.m. with a short general meeting for members of the neighbourhood association. On the agenda, among other things, is the changing of the chairperson. If you are interested in performing this function, sign up by emailing maredijkbuurt@gmail.com. We will send a separate email with the complete agenda for the general meeting soon.



The summerborrel starts at 9:00 p.m. and is for all residents. So, invite your neighbours and come join us! Let's all raise our glass to the start of summer!

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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 Magnus (who is Erik's brother, who was interviewed for the last edition of the KidsKorner).

Magnus isn't quite sure where to start. "I actually don't have a favourite spot in the neighbourhood..." He realises as we get outside. We decide to just start walking and have a talk.

"I just really like the entire neighbourhood really." He says suddenly. "We have secret passages that lead you to the canal. It's not a simple circle, like other neighbourhoods sometimes are." Magnus know a few of these secret passages. "I could show you." "And then we can go into them as well?" I suggest.

However, the first passage we come across is next to the house De Vette Gans on the Maredijk but we're not allowed in. "Can't go in there then." Magnus decides, even after I try to convince him we can take a little peak. Luckily, we can go into the second passage we find. The path ends at house numbers 67 and 69. "I've never actually seen this. It's nice here." We look around with smiles on our faces.



After that we get to the Vaartkade. "So fun! The alley looks just like a tree." He explains what he sees. "The main alley is like the trunk and the little side alleys leading to the houses are like the branches." Once we get to the end of the alley and reach the canal Magnus is clearly amused by the view from the small, individual gardens at the front of these houses. "It just looks so cozy around here!"

We move on. Magnus keeps talking enthusiastically about the Maredijkbuurt. "This neighbourhood is the perfect mix between alleys and houses. Houses that are close together but next to a green area. And if you go in here..." We go underneath an apartment building. "...you're suddenly on a small parking lot." He shows me how we get from the small parking lot via a backway back on the Maredijk. "And we have so many different kind of houses here. From different times in history too. We pretty much have everything in this neighbourhood. It's like a town all on itself." When he tells me he wants to be an architect it doesn't surprise me. "Or an actor."

But first he needs to attend secondary school. He's in his last year of primary school right now. "Either Socrates (Stedelijk Gymnasium location) or Rijnlands Lyceum in Oegstgeest. One or the other. I like Socrates because the building has a lot of windows and nice views. And Rijnlands just feels right."

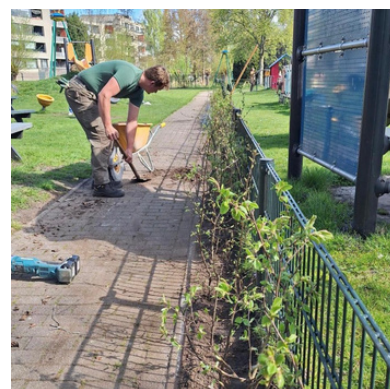
I wonder what you decided on in the end, Magnus. And I hope you will design neighbourhoods just like ours when you're an architect later. Because I completely agree with your opinion, we have an amazing neighbourhood!

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. Your mum and dad are more than welcome to join us on our walk through the neighbourhood.

NEW PLANTS IN THE PLAYGROUND!

You may have already noticed: hundreds of small bushes in many different varieties have been planted. Three people from the green department of the municipal worked hard for a couple of days. Now the playground looks fresh and green!

Now it's important we show the kids NOT to climb over the fences. But to walk around, it really isn't that far...



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ACTIVITIES AGENDA

Weekly activities in or around the Maredijkhuis

SUNDAY		Basketball in the cage	Dik Toet, 06 23348489
MONDAY	11:00	Sing-In' (neighborhood choir)	Joke Spannenburg, 071 5222509
	14:00	Walking with neighbors	Verzamelen voor de speeltuin
TUESDAY	10:30	Coffee or tea (free entry)	Christa de Boer, 06 52649828
WEDNESDAY	10:00	Speel-O-Theek Klapstuk	06 24211018, www.sot-klapstuk.nl
THURSDAY	10:30	Fit met Kit, nice exercising	Sigrid Jansen, 06 11524565
	20:00	Playing cards (Klaverjas)	Gé van Vliet, 06 22258969
SATURDAY	10:00	Speel-O-Theek Klapstuk	06 24211018, www.sot-klapstuk.nl
	11:00	Cleaning the neighborhood	Verzamelen hoek Aloëlaan - Maredijk

Ingeplande activiteiten in de buurt

June 27	12:00	Playground Day and eating pancakes	ledenmaredijk@gmail.com
July 3	20:00	AGM and summerdrinks	maredijkbuurt@gmail.com
July 5	14:00	Reading club	p.cambier@planet.nl
Sept.5	12:00	Maredijkdag - Neighborhood Party	maredijkbuurt@gmail.com
Sept. 13	11:00	Theater classes	theateropdemaredijk@gmail.com

Other contact persons

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Facade gardens	Yolanda Hakemulder, yolandahakemulder@hotmail.com
Neighbourhood clean-up	Yolanda Hakemulder, yolandahakemulder@hotmail.com
Playground	Open Mon-Fry 10 -17 uur, often Sat and Sun, www.svmaredijk.nl
Local police officer	Lakhdar ben Taieb, 0900 8844, Langegracht 11, 071 5258865
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SATURDAY JUNE 27 PLAYGROUND DAY

Free lemonade and ice creams!
The water playground is open!

13:30 Crafting with Pety/Technika10
14:00 Palenka building cabins
16:00 Theater performance by Ploef
18:00 Eating pancakes

From 18.00 hr. There are pancakes ready for you, sweet and savory variant. The pancakes are for free, but take your own plate and cutlery.

And we are still looking for people who want to bake some pancakes.
Sign up for this via etenopdemaredijk@gmail.com



On May 9th, the volunteers of the Maredijkbuurt neighborhood were invited to a high tea as a thank you for all the time and energy we collectively invest in our neighborhood. This joint effort keeps Maredijkbuurt beautiful, livable, and cozy. Between the courses of the high tea, the Buurtband performed. A successful afternoon!



BECOME A MEMBER

We need your support!
The neighborhood association has around 225 members—people who feel connected to one another and to the neighborhood. We are an active association that organises many activities for and by local residents. Not yet a member of the neighborhood association? Then fill in the registration form on our website: www.maredijkbuurt.nl. Membership costs only €7.50 per year.

You can also collect a registration form from Sigrid Jansen, Marislaan 59.

JOIN US AND BECOME A MEMBER!

READING CLUB

On Sunday, July 5th at 2:00 PM, the book club will meet at Sigrid Jansen's place. We will discuss the book *Man maakt stuk* by Maurits de Bruijn.



First, there was the noise. Then came the signs: empty wrappers, the butt of a joint, a broken flowerpot. Night after night, the same group of boys gathers beneath David's window. They smoke, chat, take up space. The artist's nights grow shorter and shorter. Yet he refuses to join the neighborhood's chorus of complaints, though he can't say what fuels his defiance. For while the group may rob him of his peace, David takes something from them in return. And it has disastrous consequences. Sign up via email at p.cambier@planet.nl

