

Kicked out of the board....

Did you not be able to sell everything you wanted to lose with the free market on King's Day or did you just not have time that day? Then make an inventory of what useful items you still have that you do not want to give away and sign up for the Kerkakkers Garagesale. Information about this can be found elsewhere in this newsletter

Two Bloemencorso hamlets are active in our catchment area, Kompas with construction site at the intersection Dommelseweg / Nieuwe Waalreseweg / Vasco da Gamastraat and Buurtschap Kerkakkers with construction site on Dr. Schaepmanstraat. The tents remain until the parade on the second Sunday of September. Feel free to show your face during that period.

The renovation and insulation of the roofs in the Dr. Ariënsstraat is ongoing. We hope that the building materials stored there on the pavement when the job is done will not leave such traces that the municipal service will have to have it leveled and paved again. Something she had to have done at the corso construction site on the Dr. Schaepmanstraat in connection with the safe installation of the scaffolding in the tent.



Did you find any books you'd like to get rid of for the September 17 garage sale? Then consider exchanging those in our neighborhood library cabinets (at the playground on Columbusstraat or in the parking lot at the Nettorama) for another piece of inspiring literature. Also intended for toys.



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KansPlus for people with disabilities

For people with an intellectual disability, coming from Valkenswaard, but also from surrounding villages around Valkenswaard, the clubs of Vereniging KansPlus have a lot to offer for relaxation. KansPlus Valkenswaard e.o. is an interest group for people with intellectual disabilities, their families and/or representatives and has been in existence for 60 years this year.

At relaxation club **De Uitlaat** there is room for new



members on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. De Uitlaat has its own cozy club room in Cultuurcentrum de Hofnar in Valkenswaard. Activities are very diverse with input from the members.

Baking, crafts, kienen, games, trips. Each club night has its own permanent supervisors. At Disco de **Opkikker**, participants with an intellectual disability are also welcome, please after registration. De Opkikker organizes a disco evening 6 times a year at Feesterij Lugano. KansPlus also organizes the Eetcafé. Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month there is a snack bar in the restaurant of Cultuurcentrum de Hofnar. Cozy healthy food for a small price, provided by butcher Hans Adriaans. New members from Valkenswaard or surrounding villages are welcome. Moreover, if there is enough enthusiasm, a second eating group starts every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month. The target group for this is people with a slight disability who live independently with a little guidance.

Finally, our call for guidance of our swimmers in De Wedert for Saturday 11-12 o'clock. Do you want to do something for your fellow man as a thorough swimmer / instructor? Are you looking for a lot of fun and satisfaction. Feel free to call Jan Tillemans 06-53772015 for information. Take a look at our website: www.kansplusvalkenswaard.nl Information for all this: José Heesterbeek, telephone 06-51251973 e-mail joseheesterbeek@gmail.com

Project “Goede Buren” is already in its fourth year

This project is a collaboration between vegetable garden association De Rijt and the Kerkakkers district committee. From about 15 July, the gardeners of the vegetable garden association will make their surplus vegetables, fruit and herbs available to our local residents.

The gardeners are happy that their surplus sustainably grown vegetables end up well and the local residents are grateful.

If you think you can qualify for the free vegetables, sign up with us! Or if you know someone or a family in our neighborhood who can use the free vegetables, please let us know to our secretariat! Our e-mail address can be found at the bottom of this page. If you are not good with the internet, you can also just put a note in our mailbox.

The selected residents can come on Saturday mornings at 11:00 am for the vegetable distribution. If there are any vegetables left after that, we will put them at the gate of the vegetable garden association at Le Sage ten Broekstraat 80 and all other interested residents can pick them up.

The district committee is very happy with this collaboration. Our goal of connecting people, social cohesion, is achieved with this project. The district committee is therefore very grateful to vegetable garden association De Rijt for this collaboration.



Local police officer Vincent Janssen

On the Door & Voor evening of April 12, our neighborhood agent Vincent Janssen came, where we learned more about his work. But more importantly, we asked how we as local residents can help to keep our neighborhood safe. These are the most relevant lessons:

- Look outside every night when you go to bed. You will almost never see anything strange, but if you do, you can report it immediately.
- Do you see a situation where the police need to be involved quickly? Then call 112. This does not always have to be a life-threatening situation! A theft caught red-handed is at least as relevant to the police.
- Do you have information about another crime where the police do not have to act quickly? Then call 0900-8844.
- If you are afraid of retaliation after a report, you can always use Report Crime Anonymously. Then call for free with 0800-7000.

No Door & For evenings

In the months of July and August there are no Door & Voor evenings due to holidays. On Wednesday evening, September 13, we will start again, with a walk through the Valkenswaard nature. Put this in your agenda.

Neighbours Day 2023

We invite you to organize something for the neighborhood on Burendag 23 September



(24 September is also allowed). Come up with a fun activity together with a few neighbors and start organizing it. You may be able to receive a subsidy from the Oranjefonds for

your activity. Look for the conditions on:

www.burendag.nl/voorwaarden-particulieren

Good luck and have fun!!

Neighbor help.

By means of maps distributed throughout the neighborhood, the neighborhood committee has asked you if you want to help with neighbor help. We found out that many neighbors already help each other. Fortunately, we received some applications and we were able to help many neighbors with a volunteer.

Some examples:

- An older couple in their eighties could no longer manage to maintain their garden. Two gardeners had offered themselves and so the couple has a beautifully maintained garden again.
- A 90-year-old lady had surgery on her eyes and had to be dripped for a few weeks. Two volunteers from her street took on that task and that lady really liked that.
- A gentleman well into his 70s felt lonely. A volunteer had signed up to keep someone company. They now meet almost every week and have a good time together.
- An elderly gentleman is still able to walk well but is unable to walk independently. A volunteer had signed up as a hiking buddy. Now they take beautiful walks together.

You may have been inspired by these examples. You may also want to be of significance to someone in our neighborhood. Volunteering does not have to take a lot of time and is very satisfying, it gives a good feeling to be of value to someone else. You can register as a volunteer at our secretariat, see the contact details at the bottom of this page. If you are not handy with sending an e-mail, you can also just put a note in our mailbox. Describe what you would like to do for someone else. Many thanks in advance!!

Speeltuin Geenhoven looking for help

Do you have a few hours a week to come and help in the shop or in the main hall? Then sign up in the playground. Even if it is only for 1 time a week, or as a substitute if someone is sick or on holiday.

Last Friar Minor van Valkenswaard leaves: 'We are the lesser among the least'

Minderbroeders Conventueel is on the nameplate under house number six on the Kardinaal de Jongstraat. This beautiful building - originally a general practitioner's house with practice space - has housed Franciscans (Friars Minor) for years. But in June of this year, the curtain falls on the last resident: Brother Bert Tilmans. He moves to the Glorieuxlaan in Eindhoven.

And the convent? That will be sold by the order.



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There is a banner on the sidewalk and the front door is ajar. Everyone is regularly welcome here for coffee and a good conversation. Once inside, Friar Minor Bert Tilmans (1942) sits in a large circle, together with five other gentlemen and two ladies. It is cozy and acutely the coffee is poured. If you think these are prepared conversations on religious topics, you're wrong. 'The building is open to catch up with each other', according to the Newsletter of The Kerkkakers District Committee. One of the guests, Jan Sanders, says that Brother Bert is moving to Eindhoven and that some of the attendees may move into



the building as an anti-squat while waiting for building plans. It soon turns out that it is very worthwhile to come back in the afternoon for a conversation with Bert-alone. "We had three houses, and I'm the very last resident," he says at the last minute.

New surname

A few hours later, Bert tells him that he is a foster son. "I was born in Leiden and then ended up with foster parents in Geulle, municipality of Meerssen, via a children's home in Oegstgeest, in 1946. " I was happy there. The grandparents of my real parents (the De Wit couple) had a traveling saloon car with which they sold snacks at fairs. They spent the winter in Geulle and my foster parents in that village were looking for a menneke. The foster parents were sent to De Wit because their youngest daughter had received a menneke who was now in a shelter in Oegstgeest. Through the official channels I was adopted by the foster parents Tilmans of a miner's family, with the words: Let him eat a sandwich with him. When I was twenty, I took their last name." Bert never had contact with the De Wit family. "I never knew them, I forgave them and focused on the Tilmans family." Bert grew up in Geulle, attended the HBS in Maastricht and also followed a Catholic education in Doorn to become a trade union administrator. He also successfully completed the social academy in Sittard, as well as a university study in the social field, in Nijmegen.

"I have always been a believer: God, Jesus and Francis always helped me on my way. I have nothing to do with the church itself, but as a boy I became interested in Francis through a book from the series Old Gold, with classic children's stories. Later I started dating a Frenchwoman who I took out of the gutter in Heerlen. "We temporarily got a LAT ratio and I got bored of the social work I was doing. And Francis was getting closer and closer." Bert would like to join and therefore knocks on the door of the Friars Minor in Beek. "I had to follow a novitiate (probationary period) in Padua, Italy, where Saint Anthony was born. In 1990 I left for Treviso, just above Padua. I was the oldest of the group that consisted exclusively of Italians. I had a wonderful time there and learned the Italian language. The whole atmosphere, including the religious one, was perfect for me." Bert chooses not to become a priest, but Friar Minor with a good education.

Mess of disorder

The brother elaborates on the characteristics of the Order of Friars Minor and explains that the order is close to Jesus, because it is always about the Sermon on the Mount, love, mercy, peace, receptivity and respect for the environment. "Respect for creation and we must not have barriers; You should always be welcoming. Most monasteries are surrounded by walls, which is actually not the Friars Minor. In fact, we are a mess, in the good sense of the word." Bert continues: "Francis had many followers and therefore a structure became indispensable. A battle of directions broke out between the brothers of the community (the conventuals), which we are, and the observers. It lasted until 1517 and the Pope gave both groups their own right to exist that year." A few years later, a group of observers separated under the name Capuchins, because of their pointed cap (hood).

Na de studie wordt Bert door de provinciaal van de Franciscanen geprofest in Duizel en komt uiteindelijk samen met nog vier Minderbroeders in 1993 te wonen aan de Kardinaal de Jongstraat in Valkenswaard, in het pand waar vroeger huisarts Van de Griendt woonde en werkte. In Italië maakte Bert kennis met vluchtelingenwerk, en zet in Valkenswaard dit werk voort. "Ik was naast vluchtelingenwerker ook nog acht jaar vrijwilliger op Kempenhof." Bert werkt onder de vlag van Paladijn, wat nu Cordaad Welzijn is en heeft wekelijks spreekuur in het typische Engelse-Drop-gebouw dat vroeger op de plek van de brandweerkazerne stond. "Dit werk is echt Franciscaans", zegt de gastheer, die een begenadigd spreker blijkt te zijn. Inmiddels zijn alle medekloosterlingen overleden en woont Bert nog alleen in het grote pand. Nog steeds zet hij zich in voor enkele vluchtelingen uit het dorp. Zijn habijt draagt hij nog bij speciale gelegenheden.

Tau-symbol

Bert does the daily shopping of his AOW, and the order ensures from Würzburg that he can continue to live here, until the moment of moving to Eindhoven. "After thirty years it's been beautiful, I can't do very well anymore," and he points to his walker. "A big difference from the time I was busy in habit in Assisi and Padua. As a student at the University of Padua and as a guide. I have heard thousands of deep conversations from tourists and other visitors." After a tour of his Valkenswaard house, Bert donates a cross in the shape of the capital T, the so-called Tau cross, made of olive wood, at the end of this special meeting. It is the symbol of the monastic community. Some Francis books from the very impressive library of Brother Bert Tilmans are also given as a sign of 'farewell'.

Do you know a temporary accommodation for our Walk-in House??

Now that the host of our walk-in house Bert Tilmans has moved to Eindhoven, we are looking for another space where we can chat twice a month, while enjoying a cup of coffee.

There should be room for about fifteen people. The intention is that in the planned new



building of school De Pionier on the Kromstraat there will also be a space for our walk-in house, but we will have to wait for that. Do you know a temporary space? Please let our secretariat know.

New construction Knarrenhof Franciscus

Now that the building of our walk-in house on the Kardinaal De Jongstraat is no longer used, that plot is available for redevelopment. There is a plan to realize a new building "Knarrenhof" on the plot of 1500m² with approximately 12 owner-occupied apartments for one, two or three-person households, including seniors. A recreation room is also planned for meeting and relaxing. A number of residents may also be able to eat together there. Because the garden can be used together, meeting each other is also possible there.



Are you interested in living in a new apartment, within walking distance of the supermarket? Then take a look at:

www.knarrenhof.nl or send an e-mail to: knarrenhoffranciscus@outlook.com

You can also call: telephone 06-5052 1018

Biodiversity in our neighbourhood - Getting to know the neighbourhood

At the end of April, as a biodiversity working group, we were introduced to the Dijkers Neighbourhood Association. It's great to connect with other active local residents and see what they're doing to make their street cozy and lively. She talked about their plans for a greener street. With no fewer than 10 façade gardens, they will work together with the municipality in the autumn. Do you also have an active street or neighborhood association or do you want to work with biodiversity? We would like to meet you. Send an email to

biodiversiteitkerkackers@gmail.com

Planting tree mirror

How nice it is to plant the tree mirrors in the street during Burendag (Sept. 23). This creates more color and biodiversity in the street. Request this from the municipality via: groen@valkenswaard.nl So that your tree mirror is not shaved during the maintenance work of the municipality.

You could even get a subsidy for this via

www.burendag.nl/voorwaarden-particulieren



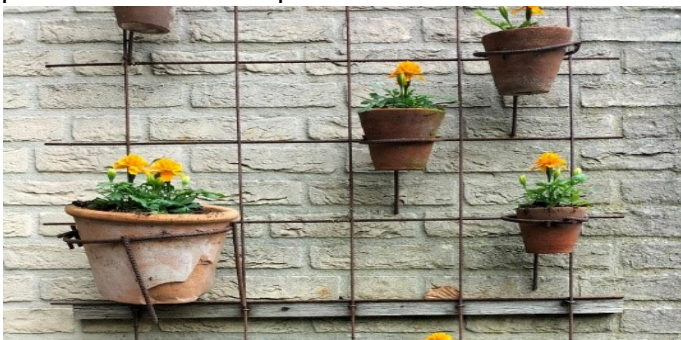
Facade gardens

You can submit an application to the municipality for this:

www.valkenswaard.nl/geveltuintjes

Do you have no patience to wait for this or does a façade garden leave too little space for sidewalk or street? There are also various other options to decorate your home or balcony with plants, for example with some flower

pots as shown in the photo below.



Hey sow your seeds

Did you sow the seeds of the previous newsletter? Send a photo to biodiversiteitkerkackers@gmail.com We are very curious.....

Ideas to stimulate biodiversity in our neighbourhood are also welcome at this e-mail address. In this way, together we can ensure that our neighbourhood is bursting at the seams with smell and colour. For the insects, but certainly also for our own experience, inspiration and positive vibe.

Sign up for Garage sale!

On Sunday 17 September from 10.00 am-4.00 pm we want to organize another garage sale in the Kerkakkers district. We are already looking forward to it, the preparations have already started. We have also heard that there is already a lot of interest in being able to participate (again), or to browse the items that are offered for sale.



Registration is now open, you can register by sending an email to

secretariaat@wijkcommissiekerkackers.nl

You will then receive a registration form from us on which you can indicate what you sell and at which address. You send this registration form back to the secretariat and you will receive a confirmation. A file is created of all registrations so that visitors can see where they need to be. We provide flags and balloons to make your participation recognizable. You can also participate without registering, but then the visitors will not be able to see your data. Of course we treat your data in accordance with the GDPR legislation. If you would like more information or if you have other questions, please contact Karin van den Boom via

secretariaat@wijkcommissiekerkackers.nl

or Valerie Habets via telephone nr. 06-2045 8323.

Work excursion to experience garden de BijenBerkt in Veldhoven

On Saturday 27 May, the kerkkakers biodiversity working group was a guest in the bijenBerkt experience garden in Veldhoven. A working visit in which hostess Hanny van der Heijden-de Greef and host Willem van Erk explained the start of their wild flower and bee garden 10 years ago. 'It all started with a number of enthusiastic volunteers who wanted to roll up their sleeves', says Hanny, 'mostly retirees who like to be outdoors and want to do something to help nature.'



Bee garden

The garden is specially decorated with many gestation plants, which are flowers especially for bees. The garden houses the bee association St. Ambrosius. This is also where the beekeeper course takes place in which some neighbors from our Kerkkakers district participate. This way they learn everything about bees so that they can take good care of the bees in our public orchard De Rijt on the Le Sage ten Broekstraat.

Construction

There is a lot involved in the construction of a garden. For example, soil quality is important. And depending on the type of soil, certain plants may or may not do well. For example, if you have a bit of acidic soil, that is ideal for planting Rhododendrons. If the soil is poor and dry, Salvia species and the Butterfly Bush will do well. Hanny gives the following

rule of thumb: when certain plant species do not do well, they do not belong there. In this way, a natural selection takes place.

Transforming our public orchard De Rijt into a flower garden?

Would you like to help transform the public orchard into a beautiful flower garden full of gestation plants for our bees? Do you not have a garden at your home and would you like to garden? Send an e-mail to: biodiversiteitkerkakers@gmail.com A note in the mailbox of our secretariat is also allowed.

Always welcome.

Would you like to take a look at the Experience Garden de BijenBerkt in Veldhoven? That's possible. The address is Berkt 37, 5508 EE Veldhoven.

Admission is free.

The public orchard on the Le Sage ten Broekstraat in our district is also free to visit.

Madeleine Wolterink, biodiversity working group.

Join the discussion with the alderman about the domestic help WMO on Monday 21 August.

There is so much demand for household help that the waiting time in the municipality of Valkenswaard has increased to six months. That's way too long. Under the motto 'Together we clean up the waiting list!' we as a municipality, together with our (care) partners, have been campaigning since this spring to see how we can ensure that household help is available more quickly for residents who really need it. These are the residents who cannot arrange the cleaning assistance themselves and cannot pay for it themselves.

Responsible alderman for Wmo (Social Support Act and Care) is Bram Bots. In the coming period, he would like to have a personal conversation with residents about domestic help and how they view it.

Come and have a say?

On Monday morning, August 21, from 10:00-11:00 am, the conversation will take place in the neighborhood walk-in center, Kard. de Jongstraat 6. While enjoying a cup of coffee or tea, you can start a conversation with the alderman.

Leave the BBQ outside

A BBQ is meant for outdoor use. Leave it outside too. Even if your party is in danger of falling into the water due to a rain shower. Putting a barbecue inside is literally life-threatening. The smoke from the bbq contains a high concentration of carbon monoxide. Carbon monoxide is highly toxic.

Tips for the barbecue

There are different types of barbecues: electric, gas and with briquettes. Whichever one you use: a barbecue is a combustion device and therefore you have a chance of an (uncontrolled) fire. Place the barbecue at a safe distance from fences, hedges, (party) tents, garden furniture and so on. Check the date on the gas cylinder and gas hose. Check the gas hose for holes.

Light the barbecue with extra long matches. Beware of rain at an electric barbecue. Water and electricity causes a short circuit. Also check the heat element regularly for rust and wear. Do not move the barbecue when it is on. Keep children and pets away from the barbecue.

It is also good to have extinguishers nearby, such as a bucket of water and a bucket of sand.

NOTE: do not throw water on a barbecue, this gives a lot of hot steam and splashes. Use the sand for that. Other objects can be extinguished with the water.

To protect yourself from splashes and sparks, it is smart not to barbecue bare-chested. Wear an apron or clothes that don't catch fire easily. Barbecue not on the balcony. The smoke can be blown into the house with a chance of carbon monoxide (CO) in the house (and also nuisance for your neighbors).

The cook is of course also BOB, do not drink and keep paying attention. Do not leave the barbecue unattended. If it still goes wrong and someone suffers burns, cool immediately, at least ten minutes with lukewarm water. Do not throw away ash residues too quickly in connection with possible scalding or ignition in, for example, compost and / or waste container More info: www.brandwonden.nl

The photo scavenger hunt in our neighborhood

On Sunday, June 4, in the bright sun, 16 adults and 17 children left our neighborhood with directions in hand for a photo scavenger hunt. The children searched the place of the photo for a beautiful cardboard flower with a letter in it. Together with mom, dad, grandpa and grandma, they wrote down the letter on their form. At the end of the search, words had to be made from the found letters, which gave the answer to the question: "What special day is today"? All the families found the right answer: "Grandpa and Grandma Day".



Since 2004, June 4 has been National Grandpa and Grandma Day. About halfway along the route, cans were thrown and cookies were chopped in the Mollenveldje on the Min. Aalbersestraat. There, too, was a letter hidden in the climbing frame. For the children there was ranja, for the adults coffee and tea and a nice waffle. At the end of the treasure hunt at LunetZorg on the Mgr. Zwijsenstraat, the children were all allowed to choose a candy bag and there was also something tasty to drink. Everyone, the children, the adults and also the many volunteers enjoyed this fun activity. And all under a bright sun. It is certainly for repeat vatbaar.

Maybe next time you would like to help organize an activity for children? Then sign up with an e-mail to: kerkackerskidz@hotmail.com
Welcome and conviviality assured!