

## HAPPY NEW YEAR 2024

The board of the Kerkkakers District Committee wishes you good luck in good health and hopes to meet you again in 2024 at the activities of the district committee. See page 4 for the Agenda.

## The canon of Valkenswaard

'The story of a landscape and society in fifty windows'. This is the subtitle of the book 'The canon of Valkenswaard', which was presented at the end of last month during a well-attended meeting in theatre De Hofnar. Mayor Anton Ederveen received the first copy from Mart Wijnen, chairman of the Weerderheem local history society. In more than two hundred beautifully illustrated pages, the book introduces the reader to the history of Valkenswaard, Borkel and Schaft and Dommelen. For more than nine months, seven authors, two guest writers and an editor-in-chief worked on the creation of the canon, published under the responsibility of Weerderheem and made financially possible by the municipality of Valkenswaard. What is striking is the enormous variety of subjects: we read how nature and the landscape have changed over a period of thousands of years, how hunters became farmers, how they lived, what they ate, how they defended themselves against enemies. The book tells about the historical role of the Abbey of Echternach, the monastery of Sint Agnetendal, the 'teuten' of Borkel en Schaft, the brewery in Dommelen. Of course, the windows also take us past more recent facts and events: the rise and fall of the cigar industry, the two world wars, the 'rich Roman Life', the Handelse procession, the flower parade and the flourishing club life in our municipality. Each and every one of these elements is part of the history of what is now 'Groot Valkenswaard'. The canon of Valkenswaard costs € 19.95 and is available at local history society Weerderheem, the VVV, readshop De Boekenwaard and gift shop De Buren.

**Façade gardens and tree mirrors** Would you like to request another façade garden from the municipality? You can now apply for a façade garden in 2024. In 2023, 35 were realized in the municipality. The land of the gardens remains public and the property of the municipality. The gardens are laid out by the municipality where you can choose which plants will be in the garden. You can also get advice on the care of the plants and if necessary, guiding climbing plants. The Dijkstraat in our neighborhood is very active in this and set to work with ten pieces of façade gardens. For more information and registration:

[www.valkenswaard.nl/geveltuinjes](http://www.valkenswaard.nl/geveltuinjes)



The municipality has already received 75 applications for the planting of a tree mirror. The bare pieces of land around a tree are called tree mirrors. You can turn this into a mini garden on request. These gardens brighten up the street, provide cooling on hot days and attract insects and birds.

Neighbours from the Barentszstraat, among others, have made each other enthusiastic about adopting a tree mirror. You can request a mini garden by sending a photo of the tree mirror in front of your house and emailing it to [groen@valkenswaard.nl](mailto:groen@valkenswaard.nl). You can pick up a free plant package at the Bannenbergh garden centre. Several signs have already appeared in our neighborhood, stuck in a freshly planted tree mirror. We hope that this action will take place in 2024. We will keep you informed. Hey, join us? Tile out, greenery in, tree mirrors planted or a façade garden? If you have green ideas or if you want to help/think about making our neighborhood even more thriving, please contact us via: [biodiversiteitkerkakers@gmail.com](mailto:biodiversiteitkerkakers@gmail.com)



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## Her-onthulling kunstwerk Het Kompas



On Monday 27 November, the time had come: the artwork "The Compass" was unveiled again.

In 1970 it had already been installed against the façade of the then new school Het Kompas on the Barentszstraat. Later, the building was also used for the local food bank De Boodschappenmand.



When the school was demolished at the end of 2019, this ceramic relief, made by the Nuenen artist Hugo Brouwer (1913-1986), was carefully dismantled and preserved for relocation against the new building on that site. After a thorough



refurbishment and some repairs, it has now been given a prominent place against the end façade of the new block of houses of landlord Woningbelang. With a festive gathering with dozens of interested people, the relocation by construction company Van Montfort was celebrated with a word of thanks from alderman Mieke Theus and director Maarten Meulepas of Woningbelang, on the left in the photo

## Neighbourhood families also in

**Kerkkakers** Under the motto 'Parenting is something we do together', Buurtfamilies connects families who could use support to a stable family in the neighbourhood. parents are relieved.

This prevents problems from worsening and ensures that children grow up positively in their own families.



It is a national initiative and is now active in 115 municipalities. Families help each other on a voluntary, but not without obligation, and there is guidance from a coordinator from Neighborhood Families. Also in our municipality we have already been able to make nice connections between families! We are not social workers, but as parents and educators we have a good basis to know what parents are up against and how we can help each other. Take a look at the website [www.buurtgezinnen.nl](http://www.buurtgezinnen.nl) what it entails and who knows, maybe I'll come and have a coffee soon and get to know you! You can also call me with a question about Neighborhood Families. Greetings, Cora van Herk, coordinator for the municipalities of Valkenswaard and Heeze-Leende. Phone: 06-3941 5313 [cora@buurtgezinnen.nl](mailto:cora@buurtgezinnen.nl) Facebook: Buurtgezinnen in Valkenswaard Instagram: buurtgezinneninvalkenswaard

## Dear fellow residents,

During a walk through the neighborhood, I noticed that in some streets nothing or very little is done to front gardens. What a pity! It's much nicer for each other, if it looks neat, construction waste and the like doesn't belong here. Submitted message from Ria Fraaije.

## Nuisance by air traffic

In recent months, more and more people have been inconvenienced by air traffic. Complaints have also been received from our neighbourhood. Reason enough to see what's going on. It turned out that many more people, both in Valkenswaard and Waalre, experienced this nuisance. Alderman Bram Bots had already been informed of this by the H&G faction. Only then did it turn out that a pilot had been started by Eindhoven Airport, in which the use of the departure route had been adjusted from 18 May this year. Due to a sharper turn when flying away, the planes went 170 meters lower over Waalre and Valkenswaard. No wonder, then, that more inconvenience was experienced by our residents. Due to pressure from residents of Valkenswaard and Waalre and both aldermen, the pilot was analyzed earlier. This analysis shows that the intended goal of reducing nuisance was not achieved and that there was actually more noise pollution. Fortunately, the pilot was stopped on 13 November with immediate effect. However, this is no guarantee that there will be no more noise nuisance from air traffic. We would therefore like to point out that as soon as you are bothered by excessive noise as a result of overflying traffic, you can report this on [www.samenopdehoogte.nl](http://www.samenopdehoogte.nl). Do this because it has been shown that only if you report something is really done with it!

## Waste paper collection day changed

From January 2024, the collection of waste paper will be changed. On the north side of the Dommelseweg (Kardinaal De Jongstraat and surroundings), the waste paper will be collected on Mondays from now on. On the south side of the Dommelseweg (Columbusstraat and surroundings) on Thursdays. For more information, download the Cure-Afvalbeheer app or look at the Waste Calendar on their website: [www.cure-afvalbeheer.nl](http://www.cure-afvalbeheer.nl)  
PLEASE NOTE: no drink cartons are allowed in the waste paper. These must be disposed of with the plastic waste.

## Art and Culture in the district

Dream – share – and make yourself heard. Have you ever dreamed of painting, dancing, singing, making music, taking pictures, acting or visiting more cultural activities (museums, theater, etc.)? Or maybe you've read about a great project somewhere and immediately got excited? Well, the Kerkkakers district committee would like to hear from you about dreams and ideas that we might be able to set up within the district. Send an e-mail to [secretariaat@wijkcommissiekerkakers.nl](mailto:secretariaat@wijkcommissiekerkakers.nl). But if you have a (hidden) talent that you would like to share with others – we would also like to hear this.

## Reporting fireworks nuisance

Fireworks nuisance and the importance of reporting. In 2022, we received several reports of fireworks nuisance in December. There is little we can do about this as a district committee.



What you can do yourself is to report it to the police, phone: 0900-8844 and to the municipality, phone: 040-2083444. You can also make a report online using [www.politie.nl](http://www.politie.nl) and search **Meldformulier** or via the municipality's website:

[www.valkenswaard.nl](http://www.valkenswaard.nl) click on **Melding, klacht of tip**

Why is it so important to report it? Because both government agencies make policy in this area. At the end of 2022, the municipality had received only six reports. This is not in line with the many complaining citizens. If the municipality receives a lot of reports, they will investigate whether there can be a restraining order or a village ban, or perhaps an annual fireworks show on the Markt. Reporting therefore has priority: take action yourself by reporting!

## Agenda Walk-in house



While enjoying a free cup of coffee or tea, have a nice chat. Are you coming too?

Walk-in house Kardinaal de Jongstraat 6.

- **monday 8 januar New Year's coffee**
- **monday 15 januar**
- **monday 5 februar**
- **monday 19 februar**

always from 10:00 to 11:30 am

## Door & Voor Information evenings

Every second Wednesday evening of the month, a free lecture, excursion or workshop is organized "By & For" local residents, in community center De Horizon, Amundsenstraat 5. Start is 8:00 pm. Admission is free, as is coffee and tea.

## Agenda Door & Voor evenings

- **Wednesday 10 januar 8:00 pm**

Theme: The Fire Brigade gives all kinds of practical advice for a safer home. Fire is something we'd rather not think about. Every year, the fire brigade receives thousands of reports of a fire in a home. Even a small fire can cause a lot of misery. Sometimes there is only material damage. But unfortunately, hundreds of people are injured and dozens of fatalities every year. What about fire safety in and around your home? What are the possible dangers and what can you do yourself to prevent fires in and around the house as much as possible? Egitte van Hoek of the Fire Brigade answers your questions and gives tips that you can certainly use. Egitte has been a firefighter in the Valkenswaard fire brigade for 23 years, she is also a Fire Prevention Specialist and



works for the Regional Fire Brigade as a Safe Living Advisor. In the course of her work, she has seen the damage and suffering caused by fire. Because she wants to spare everyone this, she hopes you will come too.

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- **Wednesday 14 februari 8:00 pm**

Theme: Theo Lammers talks about prehistoric excavations in Liessel in Brabant. Until 2002, the sand at the Hoogdonk sand-lime brick factory was dredged with a dredging installation. All the material was dumped on a large sieve and fossils were left behind on that sieve. These fossils, bones, whale vertebrae, shark teeth, but also petrified wood and fossilized plant remains date back to the Miocene and Pliocene eleven. The site is located in a geologically interesting location, namely on the so-called Peelhorst, east of the Peel Boundary Fault. Old layers of earth are relatively close to the earth's surface on that horst. Theo Lammers was there and knows all about it. Come and see his presentation "Liessel in the sea", Admission is free, so is the coffee and tea.

## 31 December Oliebollen at neighborhood association De Horizon

Like every year, neighborhood association De Horizon bakes them brown again this New Year's Eve. The oliebolle are for sale on December 31 at the community center, Amundsenstraat 5, between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. You can choose: with or without currants. The proceeds go to activities for the youth / neighborhood.

## Financial support for setting up a neighbourhood club

Would you like to organise something with some neighbours such as a card club, a neighbourhood barbecue or another neighbourhood event, but do you encounter financial obstacles? Please contact the neighborhood committee, in many cases we are able to support neighborhood initiatives financially!