

Lantern parade December 14

On Saturday, December 14, 2024, we will again walk a lantern parade through the neighborhood for children and people with disabilities, but everyone is of course welcome to join. We gather at **6:45 pm** in



"in the Walk-in" of Lunet at Mgr. Zwijsenstraat 4. Participation is free. We leave at 7 pm and walk for about three quarters of an hour. Afterwards we drink hot chocolate with a cake, which is consumed at Lunet. We provide a lantern, but of course a homemade lantern is also very nice to take with you. You can sign up by e-mail to kerkakkerskidz@hotmail.com. Sign up before Sunday **December 1**, so we can provide a lantern for every child. We do expect the children to be accompanied by their parents/guardians.

Also like our facebook page **Kerkkakers Kidz**, then you will stay informed and any photos taken will also be on it. If you don't want to be photographed, please let us know, and we will take that into account.

If it rains we also walk the tour, with an umbrella, that is fine. We look forward to seeing you on December 14, 6:45 pm in "in de Inloop".

Kerkkakers Kidz.



Voor de nederlandse versie van deze nieuwsbrief zie onze website: www.wijkcommissiekerkakers.nl

Making Christmas arrangements on December 18

Making Christmas arrangements at the Neighborhood Committee. Get creative with



Christmas stuff and greenery on Wednesday evening December 18 from **7:30 pm**. We provide various greenery, candles, and so on, will you bring your own container and tools? Maybe you have some stuff left over for others?

Address: building of Buurtvereniging De Horizon, **Amundsenstraat 5**. The entrance, greenery, oasis, candles and other materials are **free**, the coffee and tea too.

Christmas gathering on December 19

Christmas gathering for everyone in our ward. Will you also come and look back on 2024, with a drink and a free snack? There will be cozy Christmas music by the 5-piece band **Cosy**.

Various Christmas pieces that were made the day before will also be raffled.

Thursday December 19, 2024, starts at 8:00 pm Community building De Horizon, Amundsenstraat 5. The room is then in a cozy Christmas atmosphere. Admission is **free**, as is the coffee and tea.

Looking for people with interesting hobbies or talents!

Do you want to give a small-scale music performance? Do you make delicious food that you want to share?

Do you want to teach others something about your hobby or work? Would you like to give a workshop or show objects you have made?

Show or hear it to people in the neighborhood or other visitors who come by at the **Valkenswaarden Community Centers Festival**

which will be held on May 18, 2025. Let us hear from us no later than Wednesday **November 6** via secretariaat@wijkcommissiekerkakers.nl. Whatever you want to show or hear at the community centres festival, we hope to meet many of you there.

Former drop-in centre sold



Makelaarskantoor Niels de Cort heeft een koper gevonden voor het pand aan de Kardinaal de Jongstraat 6. Deze projectontwikkelaar is in gesprek met de

gemeente om de nieuwbouw van circa 12 stuks appartementen op die plek mogelijk te maken. In afwachting van de benodigde vergunningen zal het huidige pand tijdelijk gebruikt gaan worden voor de opvang van een groep van acht minderjarige statushouders, waarmee de gemeente deels kan voldoen aan de verplichting om asielzoekers te huisvesten.

Deze AMV-ers zullen begeleid worden door een team van mentoren die dagelijks aanwezig zijn. De jongeren zijn in de leeftijd van 16-18 jaar en kennen al een hoge mate van zelfstandigheid. Ze gaan naar school (ISK of MBO) en/of werken veel. Daarlangs vinden ze ontspanning door te gaan sporten. Voetbal en fitness zijn favoriet bij onze jongeren. In november staat er een kennismakingsavond gepland voor de omwonenden. Zij hebben daar bericht over gekregen.

Uiteraard bent u ten alle tijden welkom op deze locatie! Meer informatie: www.hilzijn.nl (YUNA)

Toys in neighbourhood library cabinets



With December approaching, we ask you to put your surplus toys in one of the two neighborhood library cabinets, so that others can make their children or grandchildren happy with them.

Thank you on behalf of Sint and Piet.

Of course, your books are always welcome.

Please no crockery, clothing and so on.

Expansion of Kerkkakers?

Not all residents of Valkenswaard live in an area where a neighborhood committee is active. These are streets that fall under the "Centrum" district, this is an area without its own neighborhood committee. We have been asked if we would like to "adopt" about 400 addresses. You have to think of part of the Waalreseweg and the Dijkstraat, but also the Kerkhofstraat and Torenstraat. This includes, for example, Elcoma Park. We have indicated that we want to do that and our representatives are busy looking for street contacts for the streets that are located in that expansion area. As soon as we have found one for a street, we will expand our network to it. If you know someone who lives in that area who might want to become active as a street contact for us, please tip our secretariat the name and address.

Christmas Creative Workshops

We are happy to invite you to our Christmas Creative Workshops during our coffee walk-in on Wednesday mornings from 10:00-12:00 on the following dates: 6 + 13 + 20 + 27 November and 4 + 11 December 2024.

Our creative ladies have developed Christmas crafts by means of knitting, crochet, macrame, gluing, etc.

There are also some nice Christmas cards designed. Would you like to join us?



We ask for a small contribution of € 1.00 per project/Christmas card.



The creative group consists of: Jeanne, Sylvia and Jacqueline.

Hamlets thank helpers

The hamlets would like to thank all the local residents who helped to build the floats. Many helped during the prick weekend to provide the flowers with a nail or to pin them on the wagon, others built the floats in the weeks before. They hope to see you again next season. At the beginning of June, they rebuild the tents. You are always welcome to walk in or come and help. The coffee is ready. Also take a look at their Facebook pages.



The Brabantse Aap from Buurtschap Kompas won the eleventh prize.

Turn off your outdoor tap again

Don't forget to turn off your outdoor faucet and blow out the pipe so that it doesn't get damaged with the upcoming frost period. Also check the weatherstripping at windows and doors, they may no longer close properly.

Maybe you still have plants outside that are not hardy? Also check whether you still have cans of paint or cleaning products etc. in an unheated garden shed, these can also freeze.



The hamlet of Kerkakkers received the 2nd prize and also the innovation prize.

Neighbors' Day and Garage Sale 2024

In our previous edition, we asked if there was interest in a "walk-in dinner" on Neighbors' Day and for a "garage sale" in the neighborhood. We thank the people who have informed us that they need it, but since the applicants could be counted on one hand, it was not enough to follow up on that this year. The intention is to have both events take place next year. We are looking for volunteers who want to organize this, supported by the neighborhood committee. You can already register by e-mail: secretariaat@wijkcommissiekerkackers.nl. Then there is plenty of time for the preparations.

Agenda inloophuis

Community center "in de inloop" at Lunet



Mgr. Zwijsenstraat 4

While enjoying a free cup of coffee or tea, have a nice chat, do creative crafts and/or play games. Are you coming too?

EVERY WEDNESDAY MORNING,

always from 10:00 to 12:00 am.

(closed on Christmas and New Year's Day)

Wednesday 8 January 2025 New Year's Coffee

Hee plant ge mee?

Now it's flower bulb time. Planted now and in the spring color and fragrance in your garden! In spring, around February, you can already enjoy the first crocuses sticking their heads out of the ground. Around March/April the first daffodils and grape hyacinths. Besides the fact that flower bulbs brighten up your garden and our neighborhood, the flowers are very important for our insects! They are an important source of pollen and nectar at a time when not much blooms yet. With the slogan 'Hey are you planting with me?' we draw attention to our action. We call on everyone to plant as many bulbs as possible so that the insects have enough food in the spring. Don't have a garden? Then put them in a flower pot on the balcony.



If you have green ideas or if you want to help/think about making our neighborhood even more thriving, please contact us at:

biodiversiteitkerkakers@gmail.com

This year, the packing of the flower bulb bags was done by participants of daytime activities centrum de Biezenrijt van Lunet. They filled, closed and labelled the 1250 bags. Many hands make light work. And how convenient and good it is to provide the neighborhood with greenery together. In the coming period, the working group will discuss with the Biezenrijt how they could do even more for the district with a view to biodiversity.

A nice collaboration for many parties.

By & For 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:



Agenda Door & Voor evenings

1. Wednesday November 13 8:00 pm

Theme: Thank you evening (only for invitees)

2. Wednesday, December 11

No meeting (postponed to 18 December)

3. Wednesday, December 18, 7:30 pm

Theme: making Christmas arrangements together

4. Thursday December 19, 8:00 pm

Theme: cozy **Christmas party** for all local residents

Admission is **free**, as is coffee and tea.

Do you enjoy happy children's faces?

We do!! Do you, like us, want the children's and family activities in our Kerkkakers district to be preserved? Then come and lend us a hand. Sign up via email: kerkakerskidz@hotmail.com

or with a phone call: 06-422 494 71

You can also participate occasionally, you don't have to commit to a lot right away, everything is negotiable, you are very welcome.

In addition to parents/guardians, grandfathers, grandmothers, aunts, uncles, nephews, nieces, neighbors and others can also be those involved help with our friendly group.