

Neighbourhood support

Your neighborhood committee has been working hard for 10 years to achieve our objectives and to create such a pleasant living environment for all residents that everyone feels at home.

Togetherness is of paramount importance. The neighborhood committee consists of local residents and they have been volunteering for years.

Together with about 100 volunteers from the neighborhood, we have already achieved a lot. However, community work is constantly evolving and more and more is being asked of the district committee.

Because we are all volunteers, we need support from professional people.

The municipality has taken our cry for help seriously and various forms of neighborhood support have now been created.

These are our district support workers in Kerkakkers from January 2026:

1. District coordinator **Peter Franken**

At the municipality, he is mainly involved in policy matters, helps with the realization of neighborhood accommodations and helps with overarching tasks for a more efficient neighborhood organization.

2. Neighborhood networker **Danielle van Rens**.

She ensures the connection of all organizations in Valkenswaard, she helps with the coordination of working groups and with the development of new activities. She is also the informant for the district coordinator.

3. Sports and exercise director **Eric Craemers**.

He is mainly concerned with seniors and (fall) prevention. He makes an inventory of the needs in the neighborhood and links it to the policy officers. He helps develop new activities.

4. Volunteer organization **Cordaad**.

They support our neighborly help for each other and our network of volunteers and they help with applying for funds.

5. Independent Client Supporter (OCO) Margriet Akkermans is a volunteer who is trained to refer to the right agencies when asking for help. She is present at our coffee walk-in on the first Monday of the month from 10:00 to 12:00, and is easily approachable: You can call her on 06-151 22 367.

We as a neighborhood committee are very happy with this development. This is a recognition of our many good work and we now feel really supported. Together we can still get a lot done in our beautiful neighborhood of Kerkakkers.

Would you like to participate as a volunteer? Then walk in very easily at our coffee walk-in, Send an email or simply call 06 4224 9471. You are welcome to join!!

Free flower seed promotion

In collaboration with the Municipality, some neighborhood committees and the IVN



Valkenswaard-Waalre, among others, there is a promotion with **FREE** flower seeds. Residents of Valkenswaard can

sign up for this promotion until Sunday March 1.

You can register on the website:

<https://valkenswaard.hetbloemenproject.nl>

The bags can be picked up on **Saturday March 14**. For our neighborhood, this is at **De Biezenrijt at Dr. Schaepmanstraat 52**, between **10:00 and 12:00** hrs.

Information Asian Hornets

Our biodiversity working group has an extra activity there, to inform you about the Asian hornet and its control.

We will therefore show a film that the municipality has made about this. You can also get information on how to sign up to help control these hornets by managing a special "queen bait pot".



Voor de Nederlandstalige versie van deze nieuwsbrief, zie onze website www.wijkcommissiekerkakkers.nl

Biodiversity

Nitrogen, phosphorus, potash, magnesium, lime, sulfur, iron, manganese, boron, molybdenum, zinc, chlorine, sodium, silicon, nickel, aluminum are all substances that play a role in the growth of plants. Not every plant needs all these elements. It is only in the cultivation of cultivated crops that certain so-called deficiency diseases become apparent: without molybdenum you get cauliflower with a clamped heart, with a boron deficiency you get heart rot in beets. Peat colonial oat disease was caused by copper deficiency.

The same applies to wild plants, only we don't notice it: plants or plant groups that do not want to grow due to the lack or excess of certain substances are simply not there. Then something else grows. Other growth factors are acidity, dry, wet, salt, humus, animals, fungi, etc. Much is determined by what happens to be present in the ground. The difference in location creates diversity.

It is defensible for a beet grower, in addition to NPKMg, to spread boron fertilizer to be able to grow beets. That a nature manager is going to modify his site by spreading large amounts of calcareous fertilizer, as happened on our Malpie, is a mortal sin. The abundant sundew has now almost disappeared, there is a fear of bone break, bell gentian and marsh St John's wort.



Photo sundew June 2022

Impoverishing farmland by removing the humus-rich, i.e. nitrogen-rich, topsoil with earthmoving machines is also a blunt way of creating wishful nature.

Nitrogen is only one of the many factors that determine what happens in nature, no more and no less. The fact that our new cabinet is allocating 20 billion euros for a Nitrogen Fund to largely dismantle Dutch agriculture, the undersigned vegetable grower does not agree.

Nature is like a low-maintenance garden: you hardly have to do anything about it.

Jan Gijsbers

Jarno candidate Municipal councillor



Jarno van de Giessen has been treasurer on the board of our district committee since 2023. In addition to contributing to the neighborhood activities, he has also represented the interests of the neighborhood residents as a citizen committee member in the city council.

In daily life he worked as an engineer, teacher and nurse, but above all as a just and loving father. For the municipal elections on **March 18**, he is number two at **Valkenswaard Lokaal**. Important topics are appropriate care for everyone, normal streets and roads and the expansion of residential areas and business parks. In the spirit of good communication with citizens, he publishes a summary of municipal council meetings on the Facebook group "Lokale Politiek Valkenswaard".

His personal appeal: *"Please go and vote, there are also very good candidates from other parties. Who do you want to be represented by?"*

Valkenswaard municipal politics, What does that look like on the inside?

Door & For information evening **Wednesday evening March 11** in Buurthuis De Horizon, Amundsenstraat 5 coffee 19:30 hrs, **start 20:00 hrs**. Presentation in the context of the upcoming **municipal elections**:

Our treasurer **Jarno van de Giessen** has been a citizen committee member for the city council for the past four years.

Together with **Peter Plompen**, who has been a city councillor for eight years, they come to tell how it is.

- What does the organization look like?
- Which rules and collaborations are important?
- What do we actually get out of the city council?

In addition, all questions can be asked!

Whether you have full confidence in the municipality or think that they are all pocket-fillers.

The more questions, the better.

Honey bee German wasp

Illustration:
Nederlandse
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Vereniging

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Hooray, it's almost Easter



The Easter Bunny needs help.... Letters are hidden everywhere and only real sleuths can find them! Join our Easter Scavenger Hunt on **Sunday March 29** and go on an adventure with your friends.

At the end, of course, a tasty Easter surprise awaits!

You can start on **March 29** between **11:00 and 12:00** at the playground on **Columbusstraat**.

You can register until March 25 by e-mail: kerkakerskidz@gmail.com

The Asian hornet

Door & For presentation on **Wednesday 8 April** in community centre **De Horizon** Amundsenstraat 5. Coffee from 19:30, start **20:00 hrs**.

The Asian hornet, *Vespa Velutina*, is a wasp species that you have certainly heard or read about. It is an invasive exotic species that does not belong in our biodiversity, it has virtually no natural enemies in our country.

The Asian hornet threatens our pollination, fruit growing, beekeeping, biodiversity, public health. Last year, about 50 nests of this wasp were reported on www.waarnemingen.nl in our municipality. There could be many more in the coming year.

Ankie Slaats, initiator for our municipality and also for the municipality of Veldhoven, will tell you everything about the Asian hornet and how to control it in Valkenswaard.

Will you come and listen?

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

Asian hornet

European hornet



New e-mail address Wijkcommissie

Our old e-mail address does not work properly and we cannot get it to work properly, so the board has decided to only use the following e-mail address for our secretariat:

bestuurslidkerkakers@gmail.com

Will you write it down? Please also note our telephone number: 06-4224 9471.

Redevelopment of the Dr.

Schaepmanstraat green strip, what are your ideas?

Our municipality has plans to redesign the green strip of Dr. Schaepmanstraat. The playground "Het Schaepke" will remain a playground for the little ones from 0 to 6 years old and will have all new playground equipment.

A few footpaths will be laid out in the green strip and



benches will be placed.

The environment of the large Hungarian oak will also be adapted.

The municipality is now asking for your cooperation in thinking along.

The wish is to build something

for seniors. The municipality is thinking, for example, of a "jeu de boules court". We would like to hear if you can agree with this. Or do you have other ideas? We would love to hear them!!

We look forward to receiving your email at:

bestuurslidkerkakers@gmail.com or your call to:

06-422 494 71 or walk in during our coffee walk-in, see page 4.

Sports and exercise activities in Kerkackers.

The sports and exercise director of Kerkackers **Eric Craemers** would like to set up more sports and exercise activities in our neighborhood. Of course it is nice for you if you can participate close to home, just in your neighborhood, easily accessible together with your neighbors.

We are thinking of starting a walking club and/or maybe doing exercises together on the grass in playground "het Mollenveldje" in the Min.

Aalbersestraat. You can also play volleyball and/or football there. And what about Jeu de Boules?

Perhaps you have more ideas, we would love to hear them. Send an e-mail to

bestuurslidkerkakers@gmail.com or call our district telephone: 064224 9471.

Of course you can also walk in during our coffee walk-in, see the Agenda on page 4.

Community Center “in de inloop”



Mgr. Zwijsenstraat 4
EVERY MONDAY

MORNING from
10:00 to 12:00, chat
about the weekend
with neighbors, with
a **free** cup of coffee
or tea.

EVERY WEDNESDAY MORNING from
10:00 to 12:00, while enjoying a **free** cup of coffee
or tea, we have a nice chat and/or play games or
play cards. You can also come and knit, crochet
etc. or draw with Zentangle. Will you join us?

On the **third Wednesday** of the month, there will
be a short presentation on an interesting topic
during the coffee walk-in around 10:30 am.



**EVERY LAST
FRIDAY** of the
month there is a
Lunch for Singles at
12:00 pm.

Together with other
singles from the
neighborhood, good

food for € 5.00 per person. Register from the 15th
until the Monday before at the latest, by sending
an e-mail to bestuurslidkerkakkers@gmail.com
or by phone 06-4224 9471.

Door & Voor information evenings

Every **second Wednesday- evening** of the
month a **free**

lecture,
excursion or
workshop is
organized
"By & For"
neighborhood
residents, in
community
center

De Horizon,

Amundsenstraat 5 Start is 20:00 hrs.

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



Agenda

Admission **FREE**, coffee and tea too. See
elsewhere in this newsletter for further details.

March 2026

- Sunday 1 Mar **last day to sign up for the
free Flower Seed Campaign**
- Monday 2 Mar Coffee walk-in 10:00–12:00
- Wednesday 4 Mar Coffee walk-in 10:00–12:00
- Monday 9 Mar Coffee walk-in 10:00–12:00
- Wednesday 11 Mar Coffee walk-in 10:00–12:00
- Wednesday 11 Mar **presentation Municipal
Council elections De Horizon** 20:00–22:30
- Saturday 14 Mar **information about the
Asian Hornets at De Biezenrijt** 10:00–12:00
- Monday 16 Mar Coffee walk-in 10:00–12:00
- Wednesday 18 Mar **short presentation about
De Biezenrijt** Coffee walk-in 10:00–12:00
- Monday 23 Mar Coffee walk-in 10:00–12:00
- Wednesday 25 Mar Coffee walk-in 10:00–12:00
- Friday 27 Mar **lunch for singles**
contrib. € 5,- pp “in de inloop” 12:00–13:30
- Saturday 29 Mar **Easter hunt for young
and old: Columbusstr.** 11:00–12:00

April 2026

- Wednesday 1 Apr Coffee walk-in 10:00–12:00
- Monday 6 Apr **CLOSED due to Easter**
- Wednesday 8 Apr Coffee walk-in 10:00–12:00
- Wednesday 8 Apr **presentation on Asian
Hornets: The Horizon** 20:00–22:30
- Monday 13 Apr Coffee walk-in 10:00–12:00
- Wednesday 15 Apr Coffee walk-in 10:00–12:00
- Monday 20 Apr Coffee walk-in 10:00–12:00
- Wednesday 22 Apr Coffee walk-in 10:00–12:00
- Friday 24 Apr **lunch for singles**
contrib. € 5,- pp “in de inloop” 12:00–13:30
- Monday 27 Apr **King's Day with coffee
and goodies** Coffee walk-in 10:00–12:00
- Wednesday 29 Apr Coffee walk-in 10:00–12:00