

## Children's contest

Do you know a nice name for the playground on the Columbusstraat?



We have three playgrounds in our Kerkackers district, one of which does not yet have a name. The Kerkackers Kidzclub wants to change that. The playground on the Dokter Schaepmanstraat is called 't Schaepke and the one on the Minister Aalbersestraat is called 't Mollenveldje. What name do you want to give to the playground on the Columbusstraat? The jury will pay attention to originality, appropriate to the place and recognizability.

Send the name you came up with before May 15, 2024 to [bestuurslidkerkackers@gmail.com](mailto:bestuurslidkerkackers@gmail.com) with your own name and phone number. We will make a nameplate of the best entry and the inventor will receive a nice prize. Together with the district alderman of Kerkackers Mieke Theus the winner will be allowed to unveil the nameplate on Wednesday 29 May at 12:30 pm. Moreover, we hereby invite all entrants to be present because they will also receive a prize. We also have something tasty for everyone present during the unveiling of the nameplate. Come to the playground on Columbusstraat immediately after school on Wednesday afternoon, **May 29, 2024 at 12:30 p.m.** and enjoy this festive event.

Kerkackers Kidzclub.



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## 2024 Year of the House Sparrow



Every year, Sovon and the Dutch Society for the Protection of Birds choose a bird species that deserves extra attention. This year it's the house sparrow. One of the most famous and numerous birds of our country. Because there are always several of them together, it seems like there are a lot of house sparrows. Yet their numbers have halved since the 1970s.

## Hands-on tips for the birds in your garden

Make cupcakes for birds:

1. Get creative with bird food and treat birds to some treats: cheerful bird cupcakes to



make yourself. The birds in your neighborhood will surely come to your treat soon! Here's how to make cupcakes for birds:

2. Slowly melt some hard frying oil in a pan.
3. The heat can be turned off before all the fat has melted. It takes quite a long time for the fat to solidify again.
4. Add a lot of seeds to the liquid fat. Now it's just a matter of waiting for the fat to cool down slightly.
5. Then pour it into the desired molds.

Tip: you can also use a milk carton





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## “Door & Voor” Evening 8 May 2024

Tenants Interests Association Valkenswaard. Every tenant should be a member of the HBV, Tenants Interests Association Valkenswaard, the more members the stronger the association. Have you ever thought about this? Your home and all other homes of the housing corporation together represent a substantial asset. The HBV Valkenswaard is committed to good and suitable housing in Valkenswaard and to a strong position of the tenants. HBV Valkenswaard also attaches great importance to topics such as quality of life, affordability and good services provided by Woningbelang. In the consultation with the landlord and the Municipality of Valkenswaard, HBV Valkenswaard has an important place. The landlord cannot simply ignore advice (solicited and unsolicited) from the HBV, but will have to take a serious look at it and respond to it (right of advice). In addition, agreements can be made about the right of consent. The presentation answers questions such as:

- Who is HBV?
- What does HBV do?
- Which working groups does HBV have?
- What is the Valkenswaard Living Circle?

More information about HBV: [hbvvalkenswaard.nl](http://hbvvalkenswaard.nl)

## 12 June excursion Vegetable gardens

Vegetable garden association De Rijt celebrated their fifth anniversary last year. We are happy with this thriving association in our neighborhood. She has vegetable gardens at two locations in Kerkakkers that they rent out to people with green fingers. Some local residents have indicated that they would like to take a look inside the gates. They are curious to see how all those vegetables come to fruition. You are very welcome to come and take a look at Moestuin-vereniging De Rijt on Wednesday evening 12 June. Some enthusiastic gardeners will show you their garden and tell you about this fun hobby. We meet at the location on the Minister Aalbersestraat at **7:30 pm**. Afterwards we will continue the excursion at the location on the Le Sage ten Broekstraat.

Participation is **free**, as is the coffee and tea.

## Volunteers wanted



The neighborhood committee is looking for some extra volunteers. You can think of:

**Neighbourly help:** walking buddy, keeping company, administration help, doing chores, cooking together, shopping, helping with transport, looking after children, etc.

**Children's activities:** devising and organizing activities for the children in the neighbourhood, a few times a year and/or structurally.

**Working group biodiversity:** helping to create more variation in nature in the neighbourhood, more flora and fauna and thus help shape a better living environment.

**Street contact person:** being the eyes and ears of the street, signalling is an important task, without prejudice, with an open attitude and with discretion.

**Neighborhood libraries:** help maintain our neighborhood libraries, they are used a lot.

**Social Media:** share our messages and calendar on our website and the most common social media.

**Providing lunch:** ones a week helping to provide lunch for local residents.

**Hostess/host:** during our coffee walk-in moments and our Door & For evenings.

**Organize an activity yourself:** You can also organize an activity yourself, with the support of the neighborhood committee.

## Hey join us?

Of course, the district committee is also open to new structural activities. We invite you!

You can register via our secretariat:

[secretariaat@wijkcommissiekerkackers.nl](mailto:secretariaat@wijkcommissiekerkackers.nl)

by phone on 06-41234138 or simply with a note in our mailbox: Dr. Ariënsstraat 20 Valkenswaard..

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## Good turnout and lots of 'green' ideas at biodiversity workshop

On 13 March, the theme of the 'For & Door' meeting was biodiversity in the neighbourhood. With a good turnout and even better 'green' results, we can speak of a successful workshop and a pleasant evening. About twenty local residents visited the evening. Three people from the IVN Valkenswaard-Waalre were also present. This was a welcome addition. They were able to share their knowledge and experience in the field of greening and biodiversity projects with us. The workshop started with an overview of the municipal 'actions/projects and subsidy opportunities; Subsidies for disconnecting rainwater or for green (sedum) roofs, for example. Municipal green projects that have been carried out in recent years or are still ongoing: adoption of a tree mirror, façade gardens, tile flipping, tiny pools and the free boxes. Afterwards, the local residents were inspired by a presentation of 'green' actions that take place elsewhere in our country and abroad.

## Results workshop

We split up into groups to brainstorm about green projects for our neighborhood, and with results! A total of twenty ideas were written down.

- 1) At number one was 'Expedition 10' by Early Birds. A new initiative to introduce as many children as possible to ten animals and plants in their own environment. Can you name 10 plant species and 10 animal species? That's why the idea was born to turn it into a neighborhood safari walk for all local residents.
- 2) A shared second place for the theme "more flowery grasslands/(median) verges" was shared with the theme "green walls and green façade cladding". You can think of ivy, honeysuckle, and wisteria against the wall for example.
- 3) Thirdly, there is the wish to organize a plant, cutting, and/or seed exchange day (again). A fun social activity where local residents can also meet each other.

## What's next??

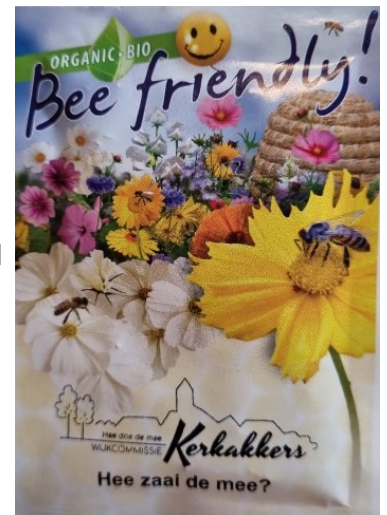
Within the biodiversity working group, we discuss all twenty results and investigate how and when we can get started with some of the activities. This will depend on capacity, time and financial resources. We can pick up various ideas with the municipality, other ideas with other working groups from the neighborhood and we can look at other partners such as the IVN, Lunet and primary school De Pionier. To be continued! Would you like to participate in one of these projects or are you the driving force? Then sign up with the Biodiversity Kerkackers working group by email: [biodiversiteitkerkackers@gmail.com](mailto:biodiversiteitkerkackers@gmail.com)

## Sow with us?

Will you help transform our neighborhood into a flowery environment for bees, butterflies and other insects? After a successful flower seed campaign last year, we have chosen to repeat this campaign. That's why this newsletter includes a bag with a special bee mixture.

Scatter the seeds in your (front) garden or (balcony) pot. A flowery environment not only contributes to a wonderful place for insects, but it will also give our neighborhood a colorful appearance! Last year we received nice pictures of pots full of flowers and colorful (front) gardens, Thank you for that!

Also this year you can send in a photo and maybe it will be placed in a next edition of this Kerkackers newsletter. Mail to: [biodiversiteitkerkackers@gmail.com](mailto:biodiversiteitkerkackers@gmail.com)



## New shops in our district

One of the objectives of our neighborhood committee is to support starting entrepreneurs in brand awareness in the neighborhood. Below is a club that has recently been established in our neighborhood:



### Nutrition Club De Stal

Recently, Angela, Toine and Robyn opened a place at **Dommelseweg 148** to have a healthy breakfast (together), to work on (health) goals and to start the day with positivity, togetherness and enthusiasm. De Stal is open from Monday to Saturday from 7:00 am to 11:00 am.

Contact them for more information or a FREE Wellbeing Analysis via [www.fitenfunclub.nl/destal](http://www.fitenfunclub.nl/destal) or call/app to: 06-19334028 (Robyn), 06-22562245 (Toine) or 06 46318116 (Angela).

If you also have a start-up company or shop in our neighbourhood and would like some extra brand awareness for free, please let our secretariat know.

## Outdoor play day Wednesday 12 June

The Outdoor Play Day is an initiative of Jantje Beton and Nickelodeon. June 12 is the largest outdoor play action in the Netherlands. On this day, they turn the whole of the Netherlands into one big playground! Children are playing outside less and less. Actually, you're pretty lucky if you can play outside. The best recipe for healthy growing up can be found outside on the street and in the playground. Every father, mother, grandfather, grandmother grew up with it; Free outdoor play. Coming up with things. Connect with others. Freshen. Children are now playing outside less and less. Because of screen addictions, because there are too few friends on the street or because they are not stimulated. Fortunately, there are three public playgrounds in our neighborhood and there is also Playground Geenhoven, where the children can play to their heart's content for a small contribution to the costs. Take a look at their Facebook page for the opening hours or call: 040-2016007

## Walk-in centre agenda



Walk-in center "**In de inloop**" **Mgr. Zwijzenstraat 4**. While enjoying a free cup of coffee or tea, have a nice chat, be creative and/or play games. Are you coming too? **EVERY WEDNESDAY**-morning from **10:00 to 12:00 am**.

## Door & Voor 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 8 may 8:00 pm**  
Theme: "Huurders Belangen Vereniging Valkenswaard" for social housing tenants and other interested parties.
- **woensdag 12 juni PLEASE NOTE: 7:30 pm**  
Theme: excursion at Vegetable Garden Association De Rijt, start 7:30 pm, location **Min. Aalbersestraat**.