

Making Christmas arrangements on



December 10

Making Christmas arrangements at the Neighborhood Committee. Being creative with Christmas stuff and greenery on Wednesday evening, December 10 from **7:30 pm**.

We provide various greenery, decoration, etc. Do you bring your own container and candle + tools? Maybe you have some stuff left for others? Address: building of De Horizon, **Amundsenstraat 5**. The participation, the greenery, oasis and other materials are **free**, as are the coffee and tea.

Free TEEN DISCO November 7



Kerkakkers Kidz, together with other neighborhood committees, is organizing a TEEN DISCO on Friday evening, November 7, especially for youth from **10 to 14 years old**, in the main hall of Playground Geenhoven at the Hoppenbrouwers. **Start 7:00 pm**, end 10:00 pm. Admission is FREE.

Drinks at a reduced rate. Sign up by e-mail:

tienerdiscovalkenswaard@gmail.com

Indicate whether you can cycle home yourself or whether you will be picked up.

Volunteers wanted

The neighborhood committee is looking for some extra volunteers. You can think of: working group Biodiversity, Children's Activities or as a board member. More information and registration via 064224 9471 or bestuurslidkerkakkers@gmail.com

Christmas gathering on December 11

Cozy festive evening in a Christmas atmosphere for everyone from our neighborhood. Will you also come and look back on 2025, with a drink and a free snack? There is nice music by the band Gee Whizz. Various Christmas arrangements will also be raffled off that were made the day before, see text on the right.

Thursday 11 December 2025, start **8:00 pm**, building of De Horizon, Amundsenstraat 5. The hall is then in a cozy Christmas atmosphere. Admission is **free**, as is coffee and tea.

Sculpture collective De Verbeelding

They are a group of 15 people who are all engaged in their own way and skill as artists.

Some are very experienced sculptors, others have had this hobby for a shorter period of time. There is always someone who can help when and where needed.



It is also not only sculpture in stone, there are also those who are working with wood, clay or iron.



With some regularity, a group of people from the Taxandria care center in Valkenswaard comes to work with them on an art project. Some artists from the group are happy to lead this. On

Thursdays they work on the former site of timber merchant Daams at Dommelseweg 171. The gate is wide open, so feel free to come and see what they are doing.



Voor de nederlandse versie van deze nieuwsbrief zie onze website:

www.wijkcommissiekerkakkers.nl

Hey, will you plant with us?

With this newsletter you will find a bag of flower bulbs in your mailbox offered by our biodiversity working group. You can plant them now. Autumn is the time to plant flower bulbs in your garden. Around February you can already enjoy the first crocuses, around March/April the first daffodils and grape hyacinths. They are an important source of pollen and nectar for many insects. Don't have a garden? Then plant them in a flower pot on your balcony. Have fun! Maybe you will get a taste for it and buy even more flower bulbs....

How beautiful our neighborhood will be with all those first harbingers of spring... The bees are grateful to you.

Lantern parade 13 December

On Saturday, December 13, 2025, we will walk another 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** at Lunet community center "in de inloop" Mgr. Zwijzenstraat 4.



Participation is **free**. We leave at 19:00 and walk for about three quarters of an hour. Then we drink hot chocolate in the community center, with a cake.

We provide a lantern, but of course a homemade lantern is also very nice to take with you. You can register by e-mail, to kerkackerskidz@gmail.com. If you sign up before **December 6**, we can provide a lantern for each child.

We do expect the children to be accompanied by one of their parents/guardians.

Also like our facebook page **Kerkakkers Kidz**, then you will stay informed and there will also be any photos taken. 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 works fine. We look forward to seeing you on December 13, 6:45 pm at "in de inloop".

Biodiversity and the vegetable garden

In my vegetable garden I had to deal with all kinds of attackers of my crops again this year:

Green peach aphid, black bean aphid, mealy cabbage aphid, cabbage beetle, cabbage gall midge, cabbage whites, cabbage fly, leek fly, carrot fly, bean fly, pea pod borer, cherry fly, suzuki fruit fly, plum moth, codling moth, gooseberry caterpillars, root-knot nematodes, raspberry fly, snails, cutworms, spider mites, bugs.

There are insects that parasitize on those attackers, such as ladybugs, lacewings, parasitic wasps, predatory bugs. The ants, on the other hand, defend and care for their lice colonies for the honeydew they excrete. This sugar-rich honeydew also attracts flies, wasps, bees, etc.

A whole bunch of animals and that on a hundred square meters. Not to mention the earthworms, woodlice, centipedes and all kinds of free-range stuff that we never pay attention to.



There are about 20 different crops in my garden, something lives on every plant, they are all host plants. We are willing to accept minor damage. But cabbage, carrots and leeks can only be done under insect netting. In the broad beans I had to fight the aphids with a biological agent otherwise I would not have had a harvest. We must be satisfied.

For a farmer or horticulturist, whose job it is to feed large numbers of people, it is different. He cannot afford crop failures, not for himself and not for his consumers. This is not meant as a big lament, don't be discouraged, gardening remains a nice activity.

Text: Jan Gijsbers

Wednesday morning, January 7, 2026 Kerkakkers New Year's coffee

In Lunet Community Center "in de inloop" at Mgr. Zwijzenstraat 4. Start **10:00 am**.

Admission is **FREE**, coffee and tea too.

We provide something tasty. Will you join us?

New AED at Van Linschotenstraat 1

A new AED is available on the façade, next to the front door of the white house at



Van Linschotenstraat 1. This new AED was created by an initiative of neighborhood association 't Leste Endje of the Dommelseweg. Various local residents, companies and the district committee have contributed financially. The AED is available 24/7.

PLEASE NOTE: ALWAYS call 112 first so that an ambulance comes. If you want to take a course to use this AED, please visit the website of EHBO-vereniging St. Nicolaas in Valkenswaard:

www.ehbo-stnicolaas.nl

On that website you find also many other locations in Valkenswaard where an AED can be found,

for example, next to the front door of De Biezenrijt, at the entrance to the hall of Playground Geenhoven (during opening hours waste paper).



Toys in neighborhood library cabinets



With December in sight, 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 Saint Nicholas and Piet. Of course, your books are always welcome. Please no crockery, clothing, etc.

Workshop "Drawing with Zentangle"

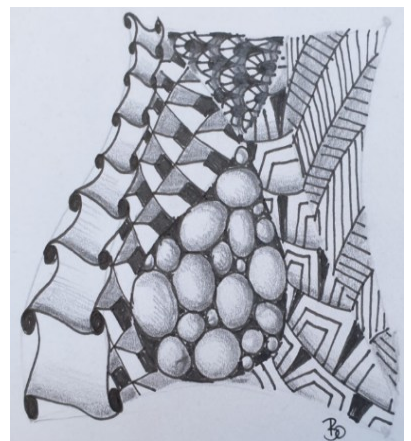


If you feel like being creative and relaxing in an accessible way, come **on Wednesday mornings 5 and 12 November from 10:00 to 12:00 am to Wijkcentrum "in de inloop"** Mgr. Zwijzenstraat 4. to participate in the Zentangle workshop. Line by line you make simple patterns, with

which you then fill a surface and create unique

works of art. Anyone can do it. Come once and experience what it does to you.

The workshop is given by our neighbor Brigit Ederveen and this time you can also work with the theme "Christmas cards". There are several examples.



December 31: Oliebollen at Buurtvereniging De Horizon

Like every year, Neighborhood association

De Horizon bakes them also this New Year's Eve



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brown again. The oliebollen are for sale on December 31 at the community center, Amundsenstraat 5, between 9:00 am and ±3:00 pm (gone is gone). You can choose: with or without raisins.

The proceeds will go to various activities of Neighborhood Association De Horizon for the youth and neighborhood.

Walk-in centre Agenda



Walk-in center "In de inloop" Mgr. Zwijzenstraat 4

EVERY MONDAY MORNING from 10:00 to 11:30, cozy to discuss 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. Will you join us?
On the **third Wednesday** of the month around 10:00 am there is a short presentation on an interesting topic.

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



Good food together for € 5.00 per person, with singles from our neighborhood.
Register from the 15th until the Monday before at the latest, by sending an email to bestuurslidkerkakkers@gmail.com or by phone 06-4224 9471.
Coming days: November 28 and **December 19**.

"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.
For details see the Agenda of our website.
Admission is **free**, as is coffee and tea.

Agenda "Door & Voor" evenings

1. **Wednesday 10 December** making Christmas arrangements
2. **Thursday 11 December PARTY EVENING** in a **Christmas atmosphere** with cozy music and a free snack and drink. For **all** local residents.
Admission is **free**, as is coffee and tea.

The Asian hornet

The nests of the Asian hornet are also hanging in our neighborhood. This invasive exotic species does



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not belong here and therefore has no natural enemies. One hornet eats about

500 insects a day and there are tens of thousands of hornets in a large nest. They eat our bees and other pollinators; Our biodiversity is at risk; Without pollinators, there are no crops and fruits. From October onwards, hundreds of queens fly out of the nests and they make new nests next year. Beekeepers and vegetable gardeners are sounding the alarm. The Asian hornet can attack you with many, spray poison in your eyes and sting you if you come within three meters of their nest. So they are also a danger to us and our pets. Our municipality does not yet have a budget at all to search for and remove nests. That is why local resident Ankie Slaats has taken the initiative to start a working group with volunteers to combat this invasive exotic.

Do you want to help? Then sign up via bestuurslidkerkakkers@gmail.com