

DE HEIK(R)ANT

September '26 Edition

"We miss a newsletter with information only about our neighbourhood" and "Where can we find what is happening in Heikant?" were comments made during one of the meetings at Community Centre 'De Erikant' last year. And that is how THE HEIK(R)ANT was created. A newspaper with all the ins and outs of Heikant de Kelen. Residents share their stories, activities are highlighted, and there are CONTESTS for both young and old. In short, a newspaper with information by and for residents. Nothing more, nothing less.

Would you like to know what is happening in your neighbourhood? What activities are available for young families, older adults and everyone in the area? Or would you like to know who you can contact with questions, concerns or new ideas? Then read the Heik(r)ant.

Would you like to contribute, do you have comments or suggestions, or do you have new ideas for the newspaper or for your neighbourhood? Then contact us at heikant@cordaadwelzijn.nl.

RENOVATION OF COMMUNITY CENTRE DE ERIKANT

At **Norenberg 19** you will find Community Centre De Erikant, a slightly hidden building with many possibilities. From meeting rooms to a large hall with a stage, a kitchen with several cookers, and various facilities that are still being developed. Recently, several improvements have been made through the cooperation between Seniorenvereniging Heikant de Kelen and the Municipality of Veldhoven. Doors have been painted, the floor has been renewed and the dartboard has been installed. The stage has been opened up and the windows have been fitted with beautiful curtains. To all volunteers who helped: THANK YOU!



OPEN HUIS ERIKANT

What is there to do at De Erikant? We would love to show you during **Open Huis Erikant** on **Sunday 20 September**, together with Seniorenvereniging SVHK, Cordaad Welzijn and the Municipality of Veldhoven.

Come by for a drink and see the renovated building. There is still plenty of space for new activities, so maybe you will get inspired yourself. Or perhaps you already have an activity and are looking for a location. Bring your neighbours and friends. You are welcome on **Sunday 20 September, between 11:00 and 16:00** at **Norenberg 19**.

From September, Community Centre De Erikant will be open every week on:

- Monday from 09:30 to 14:30
- Wednesday from 11:00 to 17:00
- Friday from 09:30 to 17:00

SCHOOL- EN CULTUURFEEST

Maybe you noticed it when passing by, or maybe you missed it completely. This summer, many renovations took place at **Primary School aan 't Heike**. The school has been renovated and everyone is proud of it. This year, the very first **School- en Cultuurfest** will take place. Cordaad Welzijn, Primary School aan 't Heike and Kidsworld Childcare have joined forces. The festival is not only open to parents and pupils, but also to people from the neighbourhood. Come and see the school between 17:00 and 17:30, enjoy food and drinks, and watch performances by the children. Please let us know if you can bring snacks. Register via aantheike@veldvest.nl. You are welcome at Primary School aan 't Heike (Heike 19). Celebrate with us on **Thursday 24 September, from 17:00 to 19:00**.



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

In this section, we highlight a resident in every edition. In this edition, we share **Cobi's story**. Since 2022, Cobi and her husband Rudi have managed a **neighbourhood sharing cabinet on Zeelberg**. They saw that people were struggling because of high energy prices and wanted to help. They started independently and quickly connected with other sharing cabinets in Veldhoven. Today, it has become a daily commitment. They check and distribute products, keep supplies stocked and visit generous donors. A local meat supplier regularly provides chicken schnitzels, and the Poverty Fund supplies products such as sanitary pads and tampons. Do you run out of money each month and struggle to pay for everything? Feel free to visit **Zeelberg 9**. All news about the neighbourhood cabinets is shared on the Facebook page "**Buurtkastjes Veldhoven**". On behalf of the Heik(r)ant and the residents: THANK YOU, Cobi and Rudi, for your dedication!



P.S. Do you have non-perishable food or other essential products for people on a limited budget? Bring them to **Zeelberg 9**. The local supermarket also supports this initiative with a donation trolley for products. Thank you in advance on behalf of your neighbours.

Does one neighbour put all the bins out for the whole street? Does your neighbour help you with groceries every week? Or are you, or do you know, someone who contributes to the neighbourhood in any way, big or small? Then this section is for you. A special hobby, collection or amazing story about the neighbourhood can also be shared. Send an email to heikant@cordaadwelzijn.nl and mention "In the Spotlight" in the subject line. Your story might appear in the next edition.

CLEAN-UP DAY WITH WOONSTICHTING 'THUIS

The Municipality of Veldhoven regularly sends a street sweeper to clean the roads. Green areas are maintained by the gardening service, and employees of Housing Association 'Thuis also help keep the neighbourhood clean.

This summer, they walked through the streets of Heikant together to remove litter from places the street sweeper cannot reach.



But it starts with us, the residents. Do you see litter in the street, or is there a corner or green area in your neighbourhood that you would like to take care of? Send an email to info@stichtinggocleanveldhoven.nl.

Would you like to become a litter volunteer? Register easily at:

<https://www.veldhoven.nl/ZAP-vrijwilligers>.

Other issues, such as a broken streetlight, a rubbish bin that is not being emptied, or a raised pavement tile that creates a hazard, can easily be reported using the **BuitenBeter** app.

DE ZWAAISTEEN

A small gesture that makes a big difference. De Zwaaisteen brings people together and encourages everyone to greet each other. And the best part? You can now win one for your neighbourhood. Scan QR code and perhaps De Zwaaisteen will be placed at the location you have chosen. De Zwaaisteen will be officially opened on **Wednesday, September 30 at 4:00 PM** at **De Erikant**. See you there?



CORDAAD POP-UP

Cordaad comes to you! At random times, we visit a pleasant location somewhere in Heikant-De Kelen with our Cordaad bus. What do we bring? Friendly conversations, coffee, tea, something tasty, outdoor benches and good music. Informal, without expectations and always open for a chat.

And you? Just come by whenever you feel like meeting us and other residents, or when you have questions. The Facebook page of Heikant de Kelen announces where we will be every time. Are you not a member yet? Search for **Heikant.Kelen** and click **Follow**. There you will find the latest news by and for residents of Heikant de Kelen. Will we see you next month?

DE BUURTVRAAG:



In every edition, we publish a question from a resident: the Neighbourhood Question. Today's question comes from **Ben Langeveld**. As a resident of Heikant, he organises the **Halloween Scary Walk**. It is a fun event for the whole family and aims to strengthen community spirit. Every year we hope for even more participants, both people who enjoy helping to build and organise the event and those who come to enjoy it afterwards. His question is:

"Who is willing and able to help the neighbourhood on 31 October with setting up and taking down this community activity? There are many ways in which you can contribute." Send your response to Ben at: Halloween.heikant@gmail.com.

Would you like your question included in the next edition? Email us at heikant@cordaadwelzijn.nl.

HEI-KAN-'T CONTEST

Every edition includes a new puzzle. There is something for everyone. Complete it together with your neighbour, because also **HEI-KAN-'t**.

In this edition: the word search puzzle. Find the Dutch words. All remaining letters form a word. Send your name and answer **before 27th of September** to heikant@cordaadwelzijn.nl and mention "Hei-kan-'t Contest" in the subject line. The winner will receive an honourable mention in the next edition and can expect a local prize. Will you join in?

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WOULD YOU LIKE TO:

- Fill in the Kids Corner once every two months?
- Create a puzzle for adults?
- Come up with a contest?
- Interview someone?
- Write an article about the neighbourhood?
- Share interesting facts about the area?
- Keep us informed about moves, births or anniversaries?
- Share stories or special events from the neighbourhood so we can include them in the newspaper?
- Ask a neighbourhood question?
- Help organise activities or start something yourself?
- Be involved in another way?

Then send your name and contact details to heikant@cordaadwelzijn.nl. We will contact you to discuss your interests and talents, so that this is not only the first edition, but certainly not the last.

KIDS CORNER

Solve the rebus puzzle. Send your name, age and the correct answer before Sunday 27 September to heikant@cordaadwelzijn.nl and you might be the winner of this edition. (The answer is in Dutch).



WERKGROEP “WE DOEN HET SAMEN IN DE HEIKANT”



"We doen het samen in de Heikant" is a pilot project focused on creating sustainable connections between people. Residents get to know each other: young and old, newcomers and those who have lived here for decades. The organisations involved currently include the Municipality of Veldhoven, Precies!, 'Thuis, SWOVE, ASML, Lunet and Cordaad Welzijn. Each of them contributes to life in the neighbourhood.

But what exactly do the people in this working group do? That will become clear in future editions. In every edition, one of the professionals working in the neighbourhood will introduce themselves or share a story. Because, as the name already says: We Do It Together in Heikant.

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