



NEWSLETTER 2019Q2 | SPRING

MEMBERS AND RESIDENTS | CONTRIBUTION 2019

The residents' association is a stronger party when more residents are members. Transfer your contribution of EUR 12.00 to bank account NL98 SNSB 0772 8532 66 of De Gaarden, stating "your street, your house number, membership fee 2019".

See: <https://www.degaardenvoorburg.nl/lidwoorden>

MEMBERS | AGM 2019

Many topics were addressed during the best attended Annual General Meeting (AGM) in years. We dealt with the annual reports quickly and then spent most of the evening on more interesting subjects:

Vesteda's 'mitigated' rent increase for 2019-2020

Vesteda has indicated that it will increase rents by a 'mitigated' amount, meaning: a maximum of 4.1% for regulated leases (was: 5.6%) and a maximum of 4.3% for liberalized leases (was: 2.8% + contractual raise percentage).

WOZ-values 2019

We started discussions with the municipality on this subject in 2016 and, as of this year, we are of the opinion that the WOZ-values are representative values. We are closing this case.

Questionnaire 2019

Residents have indicated that the following subjects contribute greatly towards the livability of De Gaarden:

- Well-kept greens & waters
- Taking measures regarding parking problems
- Promoting security (in all its aspects)
- Prompt removal of waste and litter

Next to that residents have asked of us to continue our efforts in promoting the interests of the residents.

Redevelopment Appelgaarde 2-4

The municipality would like the apartment building Appelgaarde 2-4 to be redeveloped in order to meet the demand for living space and small-scale commercial activity in Voorburg-Leidschendam. According to the municipality, the location could serve this demand well due to its proximity to the Mariahoeve station. A business case, based on the Ambition document of April 2019, will answer the question whether the redevelopment is financially feasible.

Extended Velostrada

Redesigning the junction with the Hofzichtlaan by creating separate bicycle lanes and introducing intelligent traffic control systems is not possible without additional financial support from the province of South Holland. It is not yet clear whether that additional financial support will be given and, if so, when the junction will be tackled.

Parking ban in De Gaarden

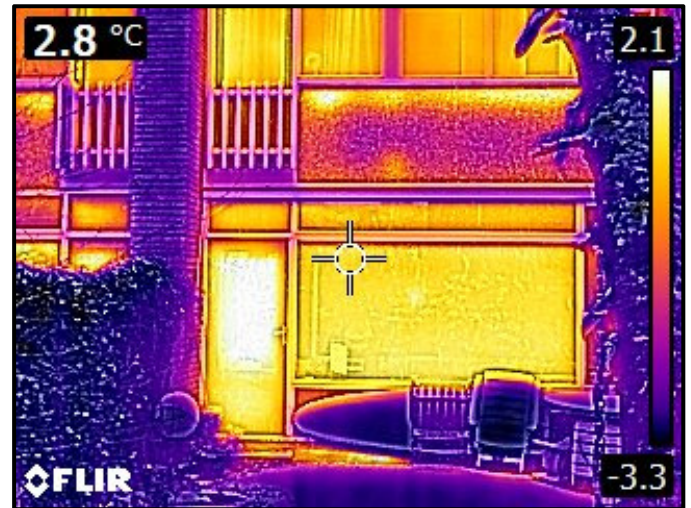
After the re-paving of the Appelgaarde the municipality intends to extend the zonal parking prohibition, which now only applies to the Extended Velostrada, to the entire

Appel- and Kersengarde. After the extension of the zonal parking prohibition, parking will only be permitted on your own property and in the designated parking bays.

Energy transition / Sustainability

Pierre Lemain informed the AGM about energy transition for De Gaarden. Afterwards, a few residents volunteered to join the 'Committee Sustainable Gaarden' and a constructive kick off-meeting has since taken place.

In addition, committee members will discuss with Vesteda how to further the sustainability of rental properties. Better insulation of our homes should have a high priority considering the thermal image photo below. The thermal bridges of our homes, resulting in heat losses, are indicated in white and yellow.



See: <https://www.degaardenvoorburg.nl/jaarstukken2019>

RESIDENTS | RE-PAVEMENT

The re-paving of Appelgaarde 201 to 335 will last until the end of May 2019. In the meantime, the "desire line" between Kersengarde 25 and 37 has been surfaced as well!

TENANTS | FRAGMENTED GREENS

The municipality and Vesteda are in consultation about the renting out of 'municipal fragmented greens' to renters. Our advice is to await individual communication from Vesteda.

RESIDENTS | "SUMMER SWEEP-UP" | SAT. 6/15/2019

In cooperation with Vesteda ("Go Green-day") and parents and children connected to the "Beestenbende", the board is organizing a "Summer Sweep-Up" on Saturday 15th June 2019.

During this "Summer Sweep-Up", we want to make an extra effort for a cleaner neighborhood and we invite you to participate. In return, the Board of the Residents' Association will treat you to coffee and cake. We hope to meet you in front of Kersengarde 41 at 11:00 A.M.!