

NEWSLETTER

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New VvE board members

Unfortunately, VvE president Alinda Drogd had to resign her board duties for health reasons.

The good news is that two new board members signed up at the recent 2023 ALV. For the time being, they will do the job together with interim board member Luuk Overman, who wishes to end his board position as soon as possible. So we are in urgent need of new candidates for the VvE board!

Robert Camphuysen will be our new president and the person to contact for board affairs.

Ria van der Rijst will become a general board member. They introduce themselves elsewhere in this newsletter.



Robert Camphuysen

I have been living at no. 225 for over ten years now. My wife and I have two lovely daughters. I work for the council of the City of Utrecht and as such, I am a great advocate of a clean city. So I keep a close eye on our container island.

It was certainly not without hesitation that I applied to be a board member of the VvE. To my surprise I was promptly appointed as chairman. For now, I am going to try it for one year and who knows, maybe I will like it so much that I will stick to it for a few more years.

Underground containers

A few weeks ago, 'our' former paper container has been replaced by a smart container. Which is quite a welcome improvement, as it compresses paper and cardboard so it can hold more. Also the cleaning service can immediately see when it needs emptying. It is now a lot less common for all kinds of cardboard boxes etc. to be dumped next to the container, which is a welcome improvement to our environment.

Speaking of these underground containers...

Apparently some folks don't realise that there are no less than 4 containers available for residual waste. In case one of these containers is full, it shouldn't be too much of a trouble to dump your rubbish in one of the *other* three.

NB: For those who should feel addressed: throwing your rubbish bag stupidly over the balustrade in the middle of the night is dangerous, dirty and no less than straightout moronic.



Ria van der Rijst

I have been living at no. 139 for 20 years now. For about five years I have personally made up the (1-person) cleaning committee of the VvE, which means that I discuss with the professional cleaners what needs to be done and at which time. Of course, I make sure that this gets done, although I am a little less strict about this than I used to be. Why did I join the VvE board? Well, no one else applied and someone has to do it anyway. I have no board experience as of yet, so I will just take it 'come what may'. Cleaning remains my foremost point of attention, of course.

General areas

The entrances, lifts, stairwells and galleries of our building belong to all of us. This means that all owners and tenants not only are free to use them, but also that it is our own responsibility to keep them tidy as if it were a piece of our own flat. We have a professional cleaner for 9 hours a week (excluding the gallery floors!) to keep clean at a reasonable level, who is being paid for by all owners together. Our available budget is unfortunately not sufficient for more cleaning hours.

It is unavoidable with 80 households in a building to have things get dirty at times outside those 9 hours a week. So – Is it your rubbish bag that has leaked? Is it your mud tracks on the gallery? Is your pet shedding its hair badly? Please clean it up yourself as you would in your own flat. We kindly ask you to comply with this request.

Official collection or a scam?

As it turned out again recently, not every collector has good intentions. A young man supposedly came to collect money for sanitary pads and tampons for poor girls (menstrual poverty). Could he perhaps also be pleased with some of those drugstore items instead of money? No, he had absolutely no interest in that...

It is preferable not to allow any strangers access to the flat. If you do want to open for collectors, first check with CBF whether they have permission to collect that week – or if they are to be trusted at all.

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