

## Newsletter October 2024

**Dear gardeners,**

We can enjoy beautiful autumn weather. It's great to be outside! In this newsletter, we still have plenty of things we want to share with you.



### **Please note: December 1<sup>st</sup> AGM**

Since last year, we have been organizing a General Members' Meeting (AGM) twice a year. The second meeting of this year is on Sunday, December 1st at 11:00. In principle in our clubhouse, If that is not possible, we will let you know in time. We will present the budget for next year here, among other things. We will of course provide coffee and tea with something tasty. We will send out the agenda at the beginning of November.

### **From now on our newsletters will also be available in English.**

Nanet Post, one of our gardeners, has offered to translate the newsletters into English. We think that this will make the information accessible and understandable to more gardeners. We are therefore very happy with Nanet's offer! The English-language newsletters will only be available on our website. With some delay, because Nanet can only get started once the Dutch version has been published.

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**New: the garden clean-up team (TOT in Dutch)**



We are very happy with the initiative of a few gardeners to help clean up a number of gardens. Work is being done on Friday mornings. At the moment, this is still a small group. It would be great if some more volunteers would like to join us. We can then work in shifts on Friday and Saturday mornings. It is meaningful work, you are moving in the fresh air, together with fellow gardeners in a positive atmosphere. Do you want to contribute to this or do you want to get more information first? Then contact Erwin Lagarde. He can be found almost every day at garden 199, 240 or 241. You can also register via [secretaris@oudebogten.nl](mailto:secretaris@oudebogten.nl)

What happens to the waste from the cleared gardens? The TOT temporarily stores it in the empty gardens diagonally opposite the clubhouse. In consultation with the board, this is taken to the recycling center. The renovation of the clubhouse sometimes also produces waste, which is temporarily stored near the clubhouse. The board ensures that it is taken to the recycling center.

**Please note:** It is absolutely forbidden for members to dump stuff outside their own garden or around the complex. So definitely not in those empty gardens or around the clubhouse. We have a **zero tolerance policy**. **If you are caught doing this, your membership will be terminated immediately.** The vegetable garden association incurs a lot of extra costs for the removal of 'illegally dumped waste'. And we have to recover these costs from all members by increasing the rent. Very unfair, right?

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There is a mountain of sand on the empty gardens, purchased by the board. And we have a destination for it. Some of it has already been removed. That is called theft.



To be clear: entering other gardens without permission from the board is not allowed.

### Who does this belong to?



This rubbish was dumped on Friday afternoon October 25<sup>th</sup> between 4:00 PM and 4:45 PM. The TOT had just cleared up a lot of waste from these empty gardens. And yes, someone thought it was necessary to dump something again. To those we would like to say: 'how would you feel if someone did that in your garden'? Do you know more about this? Then please contact one of the board members or via [secretaris@oudebogten.nl](mailto:secretaris@oudebogten.nl)

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### **Locks Wensheuvel side vandalized several times**

We have received a tip that young people have regularly been spotted hanging around the entrance to our complex. They may also be responsible for the repeated vandalism of the locks of the gates. We are in contact with the police about this. They advise you to call 112 immediately in case of suspicious situations around our allotment complex. The chance of catching troublemakers red-handed is then greatest.

### **New gates, main path will soon be temporarily closed to cars.**

We will soon be installing new, higher gates on both sides of our complex. As a result, the main path will probably be inaccessible to cars for a few days.

### **Many gardens in poor condition**

Renting a vegetable garden, in addition to all the positive aspects, also entails obligations. One of these is that you maintain your garden regularly and do not neglect it. Unfortunately, there are still many gardens with overdue maintenance. Never before has the board had to address so many gardeners about this. 'It's too wet', 'I don't have much time', 'I've been on holiday', we often hear. One thing you know for sure: it won't get any better if you pay little or no attention to your garden. So if you think: that also applies to my garden: roll up your sleeves and get started! If you get your garden in order, you can start again next year with a clean slate. Not sure how to tackle it? Ask for advice from one of board members or fellow gardener.

Of course, it's not all doom and gloom. Take a walk around our complex. And you'll also see beautiful, well-maintained gardens. Maybe you'll get some good ideas!

### **Do you want to cancel your garden?**

Members who want to cancel their garden can pass this on to the association's secretariat via [secretaris@oudebogten.nl](mailto:secretaris@oudebogten.nl). Do this before December 1<sup>st</sup>. If your cancellation has not taken place before December 1<sup>st</sup> of the current calendar year, you are obliged to pay the rent for the following year.

Please note that if you are going to stop using your garden, you must first bring it into good condition yourself - with or without help from your own network - in accordance with our regulations. Otherwise we cannot rent it out again. You have until 31 December to do so.

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### Is your garden ready for winter?

Autumn has been quiet so far. But we will undoubtedly be treated to a few autumn storms again. And who knows, we may get a serious winter. So take a critical look at your garden. Is it prepared for that?



A number of tips and points of attention:

- Does anything still need to be repaired? Check for damage to raised beds, garden sheds and compost bins and protect them with a new coat of stain or paint if necessary. Replace rotting fence posts so that your fence does not blow over in a storm in the winter. Also make sure that the roof of your garden shed does not leak and replace the broken glass in your greenhouse.
- Is everything firmly secured or is everything stored properly?
- Dismantle plastic tunnel greenhouses. The frame can in principle remain (provided it is sturdy). Remove the plastic. It would be a shame if you or your neighbours were to suffer damage as a result. The costs that the board has to make due to negligence of members will be charged to the members concerned.
- Do NOT leave (bags of) waste lying around in the garden. This only attracts vermin and nobody wants that. Take it home or compost the green waste.
- Leave plants with decorative seed heads, because they provide seeds for birds, while the dead stems and leaves provide shelter for insects, for example.
- Remove the dead leaves and stems of perennials and remove unwanted (un)weeds. Apply a mulch layer of compost to insulate the plant roots. The worms will work this layer through the soil in the winter.
- Remove nest boxes from their place and empty them (wearing gloves!). Old nesting material, unhatched eggs and other junk can harbour diseases, so wash the boxes with hot water before hanging them back up.

### Water pump out of order around November 1st

The water pump will be switched off again, and there will be no more water on the taps. When frost sets in, the taps will be opened halfway again, and this should remain the case until the risk of frost has passed. Newsletter October 2024

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### Clubhouse renovation

The next phase in the renovation is the front facade. As you can see, the construction team started working on the doors. Hopefully, construction can continue in full swing in the coming weeks, because we would like to hold the AGM on 1 December 1<sup>st</sup> in the clubhouse.



### Coffee hour

From November on, there will only be a coffee hour on Sundays - and only in good weather - from 10 to 11 am. Next spring we will pick it up again and then again from our renovated clubhouse!

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### Rabo Club Support voting campaign

This year we received an amount of €226.94 from Rabobank from the Rabo Club Support campaign. That is 75% more than in 2023. A great result and we would like to thank all voters for that.



### Ordering seeds, potatoes, etc. through our vegetable garden association

Not yet known to everyone: In November, the Garant seeds catalogues will be available again. You can then order seeds, potatoes and other garden supplies through our association. With that you also support us because we receive a percentage of the sale. Garant seeds has a very extensive assortment at very reasonable prices. More information will follow.