

## **Newsletter December 2025**

First, we wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and enjoyable 2026!

### **Invitation**

In mid-December you will receive our Christmas card with an invitation for the Christmas tree collection and the New Year's reception. As always, this will take place at the Portuguese Centre on J.C. Beetslaan 134. Everyone is welcome!

### **10 January – Christmas Tree Collection**

From 15:00 to 16:00, a container will be available for all your Christmas trees. You get a raffle ticket and we will see how many trees each one of you will deliver.

### **New Year's Reception** From 16:00 to 18:30, J.C. Beetslaan 134.

Together with Meerlanden, we try to collect all Christmas trees in a single day. This helps reduce litter and avoids unnecessary driving.

The neighborhood council receives a small contribution, allowing us to hand out some nice prizes. But please note: everyone is welcome at the New Year's reception, also without bringing a tree!

### **Volunteers**

Wijkraad SHN consists of a group of volunteers involved in everything happening in the neighborhood. We have divided the tasks so everyone can focus on what they do best and/or enjoy most.

Think of contact with municipal authorities, construction projects, traffic and safety, nuisance at collection points, green spaces, the community BBQ and other events. Through the neighborhood council, we can participate, think along and critically assess plans from the very beginning.

### **What We Are Working On**

- New construction – Wormerstraat (working group)
- New construction – Het Nieuwe Noord / HONK
- Nuisance at recycling points (working group)
- Meetings with the municipality of Haarlemmermeer
- Event organization (working group)
- Green initiatives in the neighborhood
- Safety in the neighborhood
- Contacts with other district councils and organizations
- Informing and organizing the community

...and everything else that comes our way and for which we have volunteers.

### **Wanted**

We are looking for residents who want to help with:

- Organizing neighborhood activities (e.g. Sinterklaas afternoon, Halloween, Neighbors' Day, workshops). We can support both financially and with experience.
- Green and environmental projects.
- Working groups on new construction, traffic, public transport, construction drawings, architecture, etc.
- Political involvement, such as attending council meetings.
- Initiatives to make the neighborhood more "self-reliant" in case of emergencies.

We do this for and with each other, to keep our neighborhood clean, social, pleasant and livable. This depends on good cooperation between neighbors and districts.

## **Project Details**

### **New construction – Dik Trom School / Wormerstraat**

We have good contact with the municipality about this project, but we are genuinely concerned about the nuisance that may arise during construction. Also about the lack of parking spaces once new homes are added and Mevlana expands. The location of the new school and apartments also raises questions. There is no project developer yet, so much remains uncertain. We will keep you informed.

### **HONK – Het Nieuwe Noord**

Construction has now started, and pile-driving has begun. So far, the nuisance seems limited. For the future, we are concerned about the planned bus gate on the Hoofdweg. We fear that Hoofddorp Noord will get much more traffic as a result. Let's all remain critical. Information and complaints about this project: via the BouwApp or [HNN@vastbouw.nl](mailto:HNN@vastbouw.nl)

### **Nuisance at Recycling Points**

Many residents are annoyed by bulky waste dumped near the recycling points. This national problem must mainly be solved locally. It often concerns people from the neighborhood – sometimes out of ignorance, sometimes out of convenience.

We want to find a way to encourage residents and businesses to follow the rules.

Unable to dispose of waste correctly? Contact Meerlanden, the municipality, or the district council.

### **Did you know?**

- Meerlanden collects 2 m<sup>3</sup> of bulky waste for free per year from your home.
- You can drop off 3 m<sup>3</sup> per year for free at the recycling centers (Rijsenhout, Heemstede and Nieuw-Vennep – NV for household waste only).
- Recycling points are for private waste (glass, paper, plastic) and NOT for businesses.

Is the container full? Report it via Meerlanden's website or call 0297 381717.

Do you want to help keep your neighborhood clean? Become an ambassador and help keep your local recycling point tidy. You can sign up via Meerlanden's website.

### **Self-Reliance**

Self-reliance is playing an increasingly important role in Haarlemmermeer. Public campaigns are being launched to help residents become more resilient, both physically and digitally.

Soon, every household will receive an information booklet.

As a neighborhood council, we do not yet play an active role in this, but we are open to suggestions or volunteers who wish to contribute.

Will we see you on 10 January 2026?

On behalf of all members of the Wijkraad Hoofddorp Noord

