

NEWSLETTER





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Energy prices

As previously indicated, the fuel gas contract expires at the end of this year. This contract had a favorable price rate for the residents of Belvédèrebos. Unfortunately, from January 1, 2024, this will be at a completely different price level. We expect that this will on average be a factor of 3 of the current prices. Together with VZB manager, the board has looked for an energy rate that best serves the residents. There is no solid predictability of what the rates will do next year, we have struggled for a long time to decide whether to enter into a fixed or other type of contract. In addition, quotes from energy suppliers for large consumers are not valid for longer than 48 hours and this gives no time for a general member meeting to make a decision. However, a small difference of a few cents can quickly yield a benefit of €100 per year per home, with which a board certainly serves the interests of the residents. For now, it has been decided to continue with a variable rate with another supplier and to make a decision for a definitive type of contract in the spring. The urgent advice to all residents is to significantly increase the advance payment for heating costs, preferably threefold, so as not to be confronted with a high additional payment amount when the settlement for 2024 is made.



Fireworks and animals

After two consecutive years with fireworks ban, every firework enthusiast yearns for a turn of the year as we know it from before the corona period. Looking at current developments in society, it seems that consumers will be allowed to set off fireworks themselves in the coming New Year of 2022-2023. So good news! In this article you will find all information regarding the fireworks rules for the coming New Year. In addition, an overview is given of the general fireworks rules, since it is important that everyone knows how to handle fireworks safely and responsibly. Be prepared and above all keep enough distance!

If you do set off fireworks, please think of your fellow residents. Find a spot away from fellow residents, animals, and parking lots. Let bystanders keep a distance of at least six meters. Wear safety goggles.

parklers are also fireworks

Sparklers, seen by many as children's fireworks and even misleading 'cold fire' mentioned lead to the most accidents involving legal fireworks. Because the fire particles are very small, they feel like pinpricks, but the heart of the fire can get as hot as 1100 degrees. So be careful with synthetic clothing and never just grab a burnt-out sparkler in the middle.

Tips for a quiet new year for your pet

If you still have time, you can slowly get your pet used to loud noises. Let your pet out during the day in a quiet place and make it tired. Distract your pet with a toy or give him a feeding game. Close all curtains on time and stay calm yourself. Be supportive to your pet, but



don't pet or reward fearful behavior. Let your pet choose where he feels safe. If necessary, provide a vaporizer with a calming fragrance. In the worst case, ask for a sedative from your vet.

Contact Information

Heimstaden, every day 00:00 - 24:00 hours. 085 - 0866039 service@heimstaden.nl

Elevator problem ORONA 24/7 breakdown 0172 - 446111

emergency number 070-311 02 44 info@vzbvastgoed.nl

office hours 09:30-17:00

Apartment owners

General Failures

VZB Vastgoed.

070-4273 372

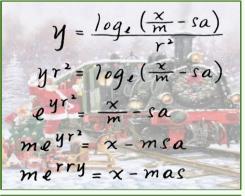
<u>Sewerage</u>

088 - 030 13 13

For all failures

(or online service portal)

FACEBOOK en WHATSAPP are useful for mutual communication between residents, but please note: it is not a means of reporting malfunctions and/or complaints to the VvE board.



From the board:

The board would like to take this opportunity to thank all members who attended the genera; meeting last December 7. The board and the members present are disappointed that despite the well-known importance of this meeting, no majority of members had registered. The support for and decisiveness of a homeowners' association is the responsibility of every member who is part of it. The board implements and monitors the decisions taken at an GM. A (1st) GM requires a required majority of votes to be able to make decisions, for the Belvederebos this is 124. If that number is not reached, a 2nd GM will be held within 6 weeks whereby there is no requirement for a majority, to make decisions. In that case, a minority can make decisions for a majority. The 2nd meeting is now scheduled for January 11, 2022. Members have been informed by email.





How much do you know about Christmas? We have listed the most important facts about Christmas for you.

1. Christmas is moved if the holiday falls on a Sunday

If Boxing Day falls on a Sunday, it is moved to Monday in many former British colonies. In some countries, the entire Christmas is even moved to Monday and Tuesday.

2. We celebrate the most important Christmas the night before Christmas

The fact that the most important Christmas mass takes place the evening before Christmas dates back to Judaism. According to that tradition, the day begins with the night. That's why, for example, the Sabbath begins on Friday evening when the sun sets.

3. Santa Claus is not only descended from Sinterklaas

No, Santa Claus is not only descended from Sinterklaas. He is a combination of Sinterklaas, Father Winter (Scandinavia) and Father Christmas (England). He probably owes the current look to a Coca-Cola commercial.

4. Most babies are born nine months after Christmas

Most babies are born nine months after Christmas. Not because we have more sex, but mainly because we forget contraception more often. Probably because of the alcohol.

5. The difference between Christmas and Easter bread

The difference between Christmas and Easter bread? Powdered sugar belongs on the first, but not on the other.

6. Jesus was not born on December 25

The exact birthday of Jesus Christ is not known at all. But we can safely assume it wasn't around December 25th. The Romans celebrated on December 25 and the days after that only got longer. In the 4th century, Emperor Constantine merged that festival with the birthday of Jesus.

7. Boxing Day was for people who had to work on Christmas Day

Boxing Day came about because service personnel had to work on Christmas Day. The next day they were free and they were given food for the family. The Christmas gift originated from that tradition.

8. That Mary was a virgin is a translation error

Mary was probably not a virgin at all. In the Antiquity became the stories from the Old Testament from Hebrew to Greek, the common language, translated. The word for 'young woman' became sloppily translated into a Greek word that also means 'virgin' can be understood.

9. The tallest Christmas tree in the world is in the Netherlands

The Gerbrandy Tower in IJsselstein is 367 meters and the tallest tower in the Netherlands. Around Christmas the tower gets extra cables and lights for decoration. Then it is the largest Christmas tree in the world.

10. You can calculate how many balls fit in your tree

The British department store Debenhams wanted to know What the ideal number of balls for each Christmas tree.

Two students from the University of Sheffield went up to the challenge. And within two hours they came up with a detailed formula. This is how you get in in no time at all how many lights, garlands and Christmas baubles fit on your tree.

