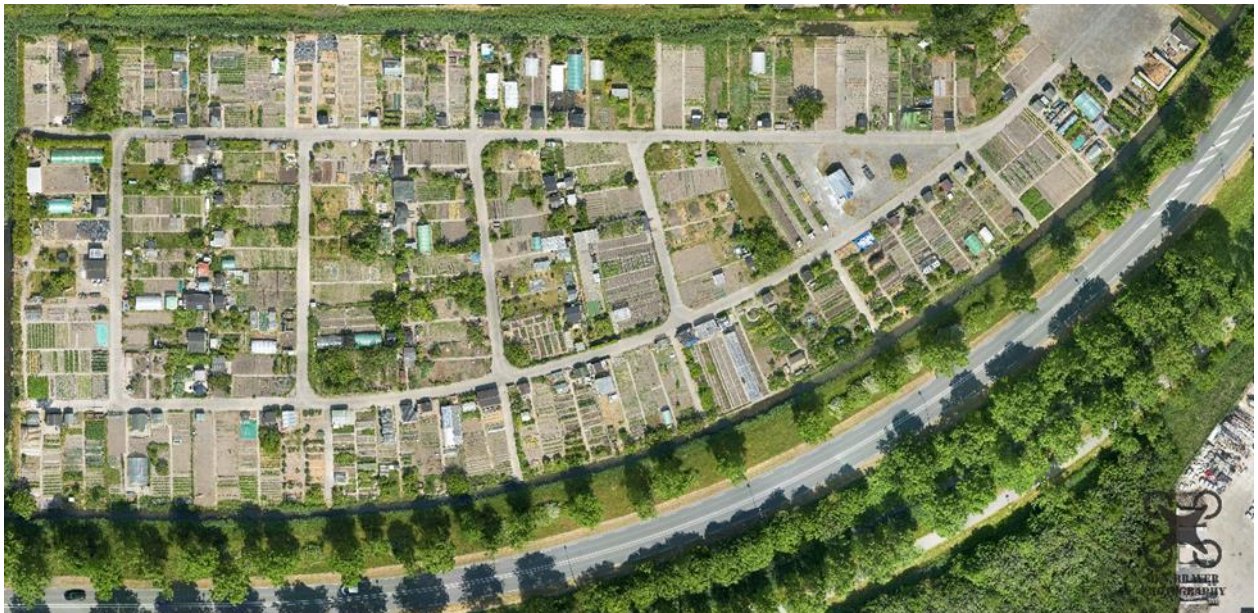




volkstuintenvereniging “DE VISAREND”

Introduction for new gardeners

Welcome to our beautiful allotment garden complex. In this introduction we will explain how our association works. And what you need to take into account.



Allotment garden association de Visarend

If you rent a garden, you also become a member of our association. We have approximately 90 members, all of whom rent a garden. There are statutes, a privacy statement and internal regulations. Before you can become a member, you will be asked to read and sign the internal regulations carefully. They contain rules that are important for the maintenance of the gardens and what is and is not allowed. Our association also has a social function: we look out for each other and help each other when necessary.

Once a year - usually in February - there is a General Members Meeting. And twice a year we organize a fun event for all members on the grounds at the clubhouse: the Plant Exchange Day in May and the Harvest Festival in September. With a drink offered by the association and snacks brought in by gardeners.

Maintenance of the garden

The soil in our gardens consists of very fertile clay. Most vegetables and fruits grow well there. But so do weeds! It is therefore important to weed very regularly. Otherwise, the sown and planted vegetables

will be overgrown in no time and the weeds will spread again. As a rule, we do not use chemical pesticides for this. Should this be necessary in an emergency, then always after consultation with the board.

You must take into account a time investment of at least 12 hours per week from March to September to maintain a garden of 200 m², certainly for a new garden. If you do not have that time, it is better not to take a garden or take half a garden. You can also consider becoming a co-gardener in another garden. That way you can still enjoy gardening.

The garden committee

There is a garden committee that checks all gardens once a month during the season. In the event of overdue maintenance, the committee consults with the gardener on how the maintenance can be improved. If the situation does not improve after repeated consultation and warnings, the board can ultimately terminate the membership and rent of the garden.

New gardeners who have little experience with gardening or growing vegetables and fruit can contact other gardeners and/or the board for advice. The garden committee can also mediate in finding a permanent garden coach.

Ploughing, tilling and compost

How you want to maintain the garden is your own choice. Some dig annually, others only loosen the soil a little. A new garden is also always ploughed first. Many gardeners till the garden at the beginning of the season and you can also have this done for a fee. And we collectively order organic waste compost in March to add more humus to the clay. You can also order fertilizers cheaply from the association at the beginning of the garden season. Horse manure is available free of charge on the complex.

Waiting list

Gardens regularly become available, usually because gardeners can no longer maintain the garden sufficiently due to their health. But we have more registrations than gardens become available. You can register for the waiting list. For this you pay a one-time registration fee of €10. Please take into account a waiting period of 1 to 2 years.

Communication via email

All important communication to and from allotment association de Visarend is done via email addresses of de Visarend. It is sometimes possible that emails from Visarend end up in your spam box or do not arrive at all. Hotmail.com addresses in particular suffer from this. Thus, if you have such an address, allow senders with the domain name "de-visarend.nl" to be approved in your email program to end up in your mailbox. It is also important that you check your email regularly. If not, it is possible that you will never get a turn to rent a garden and will also miss information from the association later.

We hope that you are still enthusiastic about coming to garden with us. So who knows, see you soon!