

# OP DE PUNKT.

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## POLITIC WORK

Since February 2021, the municipality of Strassen has a new council of aldermen with Nico Pundel (CSV) as mayor, Betty Welter (LSAP) and Jean-Claude Roob (LSAP) as aldermen.

The new council has of course continued the good work of its predecessors, while adding its own ideas.

A lot has happened since then and there is still a lot to be done in the coming months.

We are active in all areas. Whether it is for our children, young people, singles, families or seniors, whether it is for sport, culture or soft mobility, we have projects that we are implementing at all levels.

Strassen is a town of about 10,300 inhabitants. We are growing relatively fast, which brings many challenges. In 2021, we inaugurated the new school „Antoine de Saint Exupéry“ for Cycle 2, and at the same time we launched the planning for a new additional school for our Cycle 1 preschool/kindergarten, a school that will have a capacity for more than 450 children.

In our youth work, we have hired a new youth worker, we are reviewing the concept of our house for our



youths and we are organising streetwork activities for young people who feel uncomfortable at home. We are planning a new skateboard track and a new home for our youth, which will be a place to make music, celebrate birthdays or just relax.

For our families, who are often stressed by their workload, we try to make life more pleasant by organising interesting cultural events, a well-functioning Maison Relais, and by giving effective support to our clubs so that children can take up sport or music.



At the moment we are developing our „Senior Citizen Plan“ to see where we can, should and must make improvements for our seniors. The development of a CIPA (care home) next to our Riedgen residence has also started, so that we can provide all current residents as well as other citizens of Strassen, with the possibility to stay in Strassen should they need care.

The biggest challenge, however, is to offer people the possibility to live here in Strassen. On the private housing market, property prices continue to rise and we, as a municipality, have no real leverage to break the price spiral. However, we can try to buy flats and sell them on under a long lease and thus only charge the price of the accommodation without the cost of the land. But we can also develop innovative ideas, that do not yet exist in the country, such as the „Tiny House“ project. A small house for everyone.

Of our 10,300 citizens in Strassen, 64% are not Luxembourgers. It is therefore clear that one of the aims of municipal policy must be to pursue an effective integration policy.

We got involved very early in helping Ukraine and created our Ukrainian House, which has opened its doors to all Ukrainian citizens of this country for 6 months now.

However, we have not forgotten our other citizens who need our help. Whatever their nationality, whether they are Luxembourgers, Syrians, Eritreans..., through our Social Office, under the presidency of Mrs. Josée Majerus, we are always in contact with people seeking help. Strassen alone has more than 50 social housing units!

One of the most important points to improve the quality of life is the reduction of noise, for example from

traffic in Strassen. It is not easy to get the attention of the different ministries and administrations. But we will not give up until we are heard and we demand the addition of a noise barrier on the motorway, plantations on our construction debris dump and the improvement of the traffic flow on the ‚route Arlon‘.

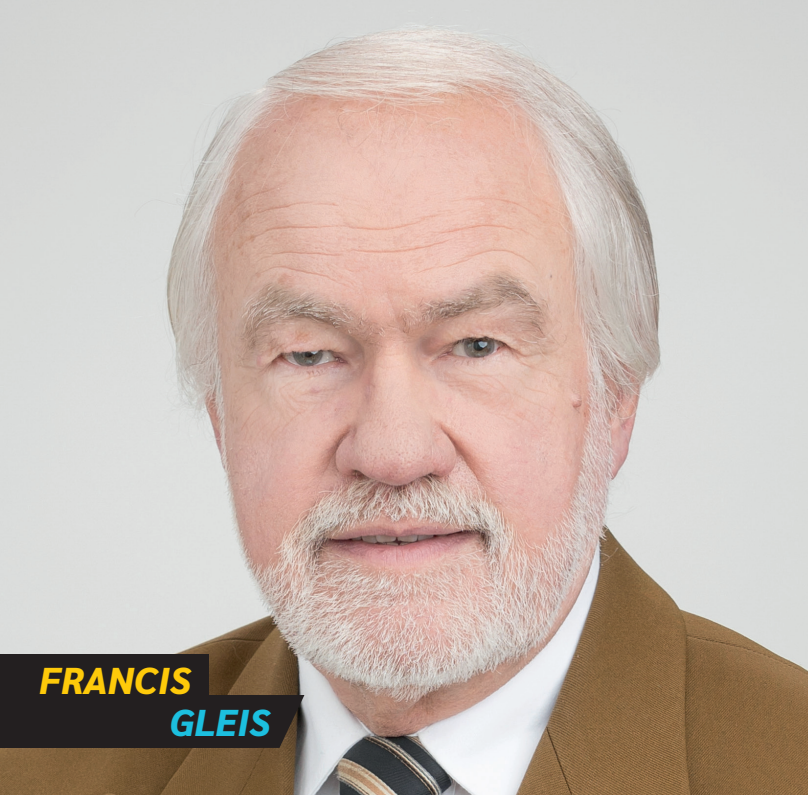
It's also nice to see that many people are getting back on the bike, whether it's for school, work or just to ride in their spare time. That's why we need good infrastructure and designated cycle paths like the Bechel (rue des Romains).

Not to be forgotten, and no less important, are our projects in the area of our clubs, such as the new football field, an outdoor shooting range for the Guillaume Tell archery club and the construction of a new sports hall to give our sports clubs more training possibilities. In the scout home, the sanitary facilities have been renovated.

**There is still a lot to do. We don't do politics alone. Come and work with us! Your opinions and ideas are important to us! Together we can create a beautiful commune, a place for everyone.**

**Contact us via [CSV@strassen.lu](mailto:CSV@strassen.lu) or talk to us directly and give us your opinion!**

**CSV STRASSEN**



**FRANCIS**  
**GLEIS**

## THANK YOU FRANCIS!

On 27 April 2022, Francis Gleis attended his last municipal council and said goodbye after more than 28 years. It was not easy for Francis, but he left his place to Anne Arend ep. Lahaut, so that she can prepare herself as well as possible for the municipal elections of 2023.

*Respect for that, Francis!*

Francis Gleis was sworn in on 19 January 1994. Since then, he put all his energy into Strassen and its citizens.

From 2007 to 2011 and from 2017 to 2020, he was an alderman of the municipality.

Francis has a strong social commitment. Thanks to him, Strassen got its own 'office social' and he ensured that the 'cost of living' allowance was distributed fairly.

I realised through Francis that social policy is the most important point in politics. It was essential for Francis that all citizens of Strassen were well off.

He was also strongly committed to the elderly. He developed the „Mëttesdëch“, obtained the necessary spaces for the Club Senior... and much more.

At heart, Francis was also a trade unionist at the LCGB. That is why he made sure that our team of workers did not lack anything. He was also committed to improving the careers of our cleaning crew.

During these 28 years, Francis never missed a council meeting and spent thousands of hours in the community serving the citizens of Strassen. His wife Sanny always stood by his side and managed his agenda. Thank you Sanny, your contribution has not been small either during these 28 years.

Thank you Francis for all that you have done!

On behalf of all the members of the CSV Strassen,

**NICO PUNDEL**  
The Mayor

# MY VOICE, MY CHOICE FOR THE FUTURE OF MY MUNICIPALITY

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**ANNE AREND**  
**ÉP. LAHAUT**

## WHO IS THE NEW LOCAL COUNCILLOR FOR THE CSV?

### ANNE AREND ÉP. LAHAUT

Anne is originally from Strassen where she spent her entire childhood and attended the local primary school. After her secondary education, she went to England to study mathematics at Imperial College London. After a first professional experience of four years in investment banking in London, Anne returned to Luxembourg, where she worked for eleven years in a private bank, first as a trader of structured products and then as a credit analyst. During this period, she also taught at the Institut de Formation

Bancaire Luxembourgeois (IFBL). Since 2017, she is a bank auditor at the Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Bancaire (CSSF). Anne is married and has a daughter aged 11, who attends the local primary school and the Maison relais.

### VALUES AND COMMITMENT

Anne and her family are very active in the community life of Strassen with several committee positions in local associations. The Belgian origins of Anne's husband explain her commitment to the integration of all citizens of Strassen in the life of the village. To this end, she insists on multilingual and multimedia communication both at the level of the municipality and at the level of the associations in which her family is involved.

### POLITICAL PRIORITIES

Anne works for

- the promotion of local associations, which are an excellent means of integration in a village as multicultural as Strassen,
- an attractive Maison relais and a strengthening of the relationship between the latter and the primary school,
- Strassen to be a socially open and inclusive community, where all generations and nationalities can enjoy life and
- a clear communication and a transparent dialogue with all the inhabitants of Strassen, who must be able to express themselves on the major projects of the municipality.

