

Lamond-Riggs Citizens Association Newsletter

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello Lamond-Riggs Family,

I hope you and your family are doing well. I want to remind you to check on a senior if you have not done so recently. The seniors are the pillars of our community. We live in this great community because of their hard work and dedication and we look forward to honoring them at the 75th anniversary next year.

To that end, we hope you will come and participate in the 75th anniversary celebration. By paying your annual dues this year, you will not only be entitled to a ticket to this exciting event, you will also be supporting the LRCA's scholarship program for our community's bright and deserving students as well as providing the the organization with some of the necessary financial resources that we need to support our operations (administrative functions, etc.), host neighborhood activities, and assist our efforts to give back to our neighborhood. Dues may be paid online at lrcadc.org/membership-join or may be submitted by mail using the membership form on page 4.

I look forward to seeing you on November 7, 2022 at 7PM.

Most Respectfully,
Barbara Rogers, LRCA President

JOIN THE LRCA MEETING on Monday, November 7, 2022, at 7:00 PM EST

Join us online by clicking the link OR scanning the QR code below:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87099555539?pwd=anhjeE9ickRiREwzMIRUS3V5MFFsUT09>

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November 2022 Meeting Agenda

- Welcome/Invocation
- Officers Report, Minutes, Treasurer Report, Budget Review/Approval
- Updates from Elected Officials & PSA
- Speaker from Attorney General Karl Racine's Office & Essie Bowman from Lamond Rec Center
- Community Concerns/Closing

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Thanksgiving is Thursday,
November 24, 2022



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NEWS YOU CAN USE!

Department of Public Works (DPW) Leaf Collection Schedule Released

- **Leaf collection for Ward 4 (Riggs-Park area)** will occur the week of November 21-26 (excluding Thanksgiving Day, November 25). Rake leaves to curb or tree box on November 20.
- **Ward 5 collection (Riggs-Park area)** will occur the week of November 7-12 (rake leaves to the curb or tree box on November 6).
- Download the full DPW leaf collection schedule here: <https://dpw.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/dpw/service/content/attachments/2022-2023%20Leaf%20Brochure.pdf>

WMATA Better Bus Survey

Take the WMATA's Better Bus online survey and provide the department with your input to better bus operations. Participate by November 11, 2022 for a chance to win a \$50 SmarTrip card.

Take the survey here:

<https://selfserve.decipherinc.com/survey/selfserve/225e/220903#S>

Lee Little League Food Ministry

This ministry will be offering a FREE Food Pick-up for families in need at the Riggs-LaSalle Recreation Center—501 Riggs Road, NE—every third Saturday from 11:30AM to 1PM (next pick on 11/19).

Clinics in the Area

Monkeypox Clinics operated by DC Health now only offer walk-up vaccinations. Also, eligible individuals (see <https://bit.ly/monkeypox-vax> for eligibility requirements) no longer need to pre-register to receive the vaccination. The clinic located closest to Wards 4 and 5 is located at 7530 Georgia Avenue NW and is open Sunday - Friday from 12PM to 8PM. Need information on Covid Center locations/operating hours, Covid-19 Therapeutics, and Rapid Antigen and K95 LIVE inventory maps? Refer to the DC Covid Center site at <https://coronavirus.dc.gov/covidcenters>.

Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway

The LRCA along with Councilwoman Janeese-Lewis George will be distributing (uncooked) turkeys to Ward 4 residents for your holiday meal at the Lamond Recreation Center (20 Tuckerman St NE) on 11/19/2022 from 11 AM to 1PM. Turkeys will be offered—for free—on a first-come, first-served basis. Come early!

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

From Council member Lewis-George's Office (Ward 4)

Safe Routes to School Act—Legislation for this bill passed its markup hearing. The Act will bring improvements in traffic safety around schools.

<https://janeeseward4.com/councilmember-lewis-george-introduces-legislation-to-make-sweeping-traffic-safety-improvements-around-d-c-schools>

Domestic Work Employment Rights Act—The legislation passed its markup hearing and is nearing passage. The bill would provide legal protections to domestic workers (i.e.-nannies and housekeepers). <https://lims.dccouncil.gov/Legislation/B24-0712>

Emergency Reforms to the DC Housing Authority Pass

Reforms such as requiring training for DCHA leadership, increasing transparency, to support consumer protections. These emergency reforms address the failures highlighted by HUD (see: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/dc-md-va/2022/10/07/hud-report-dcha-failures>).

Become a part of Council member Lewis-George's Office Team

Learn more here: <https://bit.ly/ServeWard4CLG>

Sign-up for Councilmember Lewis-George's electronic community newsletter and receive the latest updates here:

<https://bit.ly/Ward4newsletter>.

From Council member McDuffie's Office (Ward 5)

Save the Date—Ward 5 will host the Jobs Not Guns Recruitment Fair. Find out more and register at

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/jobs-not-guns-ward-5-recruitment-fair-tickets-449753092607>

To Contact the Council member:

Phone—(202)724-8028 or signup for the newsletter at:

<https://kenyanmcduffieward5.wpcomstaging.com/signup>

DC General Election

It's time to cast your votes! DC early voting runs from October 31-November 6. The General Election Day is November 8, 2022.

Find ballot mail-in drop box locations here:

<https://dcboe.org/Voters/Where-to-Vote/Mail-Ballot-Drop-Boxes>

Find election voting centers here:

<https://www.dcboe.org/Voters/Where-to-Vote/Find-Out-Where-to-Vote>

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OCTOBER 2022 MEETING MINUTES—October 3, 2022

President Barbara Rogers opened the meeting at 7 pm with a warm welcome to all. Angelyn read the housekeeping rules. President Rogers mentioned and welcome all to the program year 2022-2023 and we need your support by paying your dues. Your dues are tax deductible since LRCA is a 501©3. She also mentioned LRCA will be celebrating their 75 years anniversary next year. LRCA will plan a big event for the paid members of LRCA and the community. President Rogers mentioned that dues collected go to events in the community and to scholarships to deserving students. President Rogers thanked all involved in making the 1st program year a success. She personally thanked Tanya Slade and Harrison Beacher for sponsoring the newsletters.

- After the welcome, President Rogers requested that Reverend Paul give the invocation. After the invocation, President Rogers proceeded to make a change to the agenda, and request approval of the minutes and treasurer's reports.
- Change to the agenda: Ms. Rogers asked for a motion to remove the budget review/approval items from the agenda. The motion was moved, and duly seconded. The body passed the motion.
- Minutes from June 2022 meeting: Ms. Rogers asked if there were any comments or edits to the June minutes. There was a correction, "Our Place" was written, the correction is "Art Place". The motion with the correction was moved, and duly seconded. The body passed the motion and the correction will be accepted into the record.
- Treasury Report: Ms. Rogers indicated that Audrey Walker, treasurer, was unable to attend the meeting and Tischa Cockrell, Financial Secretary will give the treasurer's report. The beginning balance is \$10,355.32, with \$3,023.38 in expenses, and \$15 deposited, with an ending balance of \$7,346.94. Hearing no objections to the report, it was moved and duly seconded, to vote as reported by Tischa Cockrell. The body passed the motion that the Treasurer's Report be accepted into the record.

Elected Officials and PSA

Eskedar Girmash, from the Constituent Services team of Councilmember Lewis-George's office, joined office on August 15, 2022. She thanked residents for showing up to Care Day. Councilmember Lewis George knocked on 50 doors, provided resources, and flagged DDOT on traffic issues at Riggs & South Dakota especially around the Chick-fil-A. Please join the email list to get the senior newsletter that will be mailed to seniors.

ANC (4B08) Alison Brooks Meetings are held on the 4th Monday of the month at 7 p.m. Last meeting DDOT did a presentation on the cycle track (MBT), coming out of 1st Place NE (from Ft. Totten metro) and turning right onto Riggs. If you are interested in receiving the presentation, please go to anc4b.org or contact Allison with any concerns. She also mentions the ongoing contact with DDOT to make changes on 3rd Street NE by the Chick-Fil-A. Commissioner Brooks can be reached at: 240-423-0826 or via email: 4b08@anc.dc.gov

Silas Grant, Senior Advisor for Councilmember Kenyan McDuffie's office, mentioned that the Council is back in session. He did not have an update specific to Lamond-Riggs, but was open to take any questions.

Speakers

President of UDC, Ronald Mason, spoke on the upcoming renovation at the Bertie Backus site on South Dakota Avenue NE, they are working on getting the master plan to Office of Zoning and looking for input from the community on what they want to see at site. There will be a public meeting on October 19th at 7 p.m. They are looking for input on naming the campus, he thought it should be Lamond-Riggs, but looking for community input.

Casie Dyson, Government Relations and Public Funding Director of Food & Friends, she reported that they prepare food for people that have severe illnesses. Last year they prepared 600,000 meals to serve the DMV. Recipients need a referral from your health care provider and the meals are free. They have about 20 volunteers in our area and are looking for additional volunteers for Thanksgiving. If you want to volunteer, please go to the website foodandfriends.org or give them a call 202-269-2277.

Edwin Washington, Executive Director of the Parks Mainstreet. He spoke on the successful Art All Night event, 6 locations, 30 performers. The Parks Mainstreet provided \$52,000 in grants to 21 small businesses.

Mr. Robert Oliver from LRCA Development Task Force, spoke on the 1.5 acres of land in front of the Food and Friends site. There is a public survey available to get input from the community on what that space can be used for. The survey is on LRCA's website. After the survey results, as part of the community benefits agreement, EYA will hold visioning sessions to further discuss the results of the survey and next steps.

Ms. Shirleta Settles, Site Manager at Riggs-LaSalle Recreation Center, reported on events at the recreation center. Please go by to pick up a monthly schedule. There are Senior computer classes on Friday at 1 p.m.

LRCA Committees—Tischa Cockrell, Chair of Bylaws, more upcoming meetings to be scheduled soon; **Danielle Lewis**, Chair of Health Committee, looking for suggestions on events for the committee; **Rev. Paul Smith**, Chair of the Bereavement Committee, reported on two deaths in the community.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

/s/ Barbara Rogers, LRCA President

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Eat Fresh this Harvest Season! Take advantage of the local farmers markets near you:
FreshFarm Markets: Saturdays from 9AM to 1PM (<https://www.freshfarm.org/markets>)

Chevy Chase Farmers Market—Lafayette Elementary School, 5701 Broad Branch Road, NW:
 Saturdays from 9AM to 1PM (<https://www.chevychasefarmersmarket.com>)

Takoma Park Farmers Market—6931 Laurel Avenue: Saturdays from 10AM to 2PM
 (<https://takomaparkmarket.com>)

LaSalle-Backus School Food Market, 501 Riggs Road, free fruits/vegetables from 3:30PM to 5:30PM on November 17, 2022 (every 3rd Thursday)

Volunteer this Thanksgiving at Food & Friends. From kitchen aids to meal delivery you can be a benefit to Food & Friends and those in need in the community. Sign-up today online at <https://foodandfriends.org/volunteer/volunteer-with-us>.

Rat Replacement Container Program. Call 311 and provide the number on the trash & recycle cans to get a replacement if you have rat holes in your containers.

GET INVOLVED!!!!
Riggs-LaSalle Recreation Center (501 Riggs Road, NE)

- Halloween Event—Monday, October 31, 2022, 5PM to 7:30PM. Contact Ms. Ronda Sweet for details by phone at (202)576-5224. Volunteers Needed.

At the Lamond Recreation Center (20 Tuckerman St NE)

- Chair exercise M/W 11:30AM to noon
- Wellness Walk every Tuesday 12:30PM to 1:30PM.

We Want You!!! Get involved in an LRCA Committee! Email getinvolved@lrcadc.org to express your interest.

Membership Form - October 2022 through September 2023

Send completed form w/payment to: LAMOND-RIGGS CITIZENS ASSOCIATION / P.O. BOX 60272 / WASHINGTON, DC 20039
 *Your membership donation may be tax-deductible. LRCA is a 501(c)3 public charity. Please consult with your tax professional.

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