

Lamond-Riggs Citizens Association Newsletter

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello Lamond-Riggs Family,

Thank you for joining us at the March meeting and we hope to see you on April 3 at 7 PM.

This year is an election year, the election will be held on May 1, 2023. A nominating committee chaired by Heather Rodgers and committee members Patricia McCallan and Tanya Slade will provide an update on the voting process at our April meeting. We encourage residents to get involved and run for a position. A list of LRCA Board positions may be viewed online at <https://lrcadc.org/about-the-lrca/the-bylaws>. If you are interested in running for office or want to vote in the next election, you must pay your dues by **April 3, 2023**. You can easily pay online at <https://lrcadc.org/membership-join> or fill out and mail in the membership form on page 4 of this newsletter (mailed-in forms must be postmarked no later than April 3, 2023). Plus, membership entitles you to a pass to our upcoming 75th Anniversary celebration on **April 22, 2023, from 12 PM to 2 PM**. See <https://lrcadc.org/75th-anniversary-sponsorship> for details.

If you have questions about serving on the board, please reach out to any of our executive board members.

Most Respectfully,
Barbara Rogers, LRCA President

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JOIN THE LRCA MEETING on Monday, April 3, 2023, at 7:00 PM EST

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

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83844158799?pwd=ckxPZThHN2ZOME5hNXhNdmlxd1NmZz09>

Webinar ID: 838 4415 8799 Passcode: 574995



Dial into the meeting by phone:

Call: (301)715-8592

(use the webinar ID and passcode noted above)

April 2023 Meeting Agenda

- Welcome/Invocation
- Officers Report, Minutes, Treasurer Report
- Updates from Elected Officials & PSA
- Remarks from the DC Office of the Attorney General
- LRCA Nominating Committee—May election process and procedures; Board position nominations accepted from the floor during the meeting as well as during the May General Body meeting
- Community Concerns/Closing



ALL MEMBERSHIPS PROVIDE:

- members will gain the eligibility to vote in organization elections;
- members will have the ability to make a difference in the community by being presented with opportunities to serve on one or more of the following LRCA committees: Youth Development/Recreation, Education, Environmental, City Services/Public Safety, Membership, Senior, Newsletter, Communication, Scholarship, and the LRCA Development Task Force;
- members may qualify for special educational scholarships and other such awards;
- ...and more!

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NEWS YOU CAN USE!

NEW DC Summer Camp Registration Lottery System

A new DPR registration system is available for the DC summer camp registration. Instead of all residents competing to sign up for programs at the same time, the new lottery system will allow residents to submit their camp preferences from March 13 until April 5. Once the lottery registration window has closed, the registration system will randomly select participants from those who have registered and announce summer camp placements on April 18 so parents can make their payment and lock in their registration. Learn more about the new system and 2023 summer camp offerings on DPR's website: <https://dprsummercamp.com>

Need Income Tax Help?

Do you still need to file your income taxes for the year and need some help before the filing deadline? The DC Public Library is hosting income tax return preparation for qualified residents. The library partners with the AARP Foundation to provide service to eight of our neighborhood locations. Assistance is **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**. Reach out to the number/email listed below to schedule an appointment:

Petworth Library

Monday and Friday
12 PM - 4 PM

Phone: 202-656-1341

Email: 20051013@aarpfoundation.org

States: DC

FREE Downspout Disconnections Program w/a Free Rain Barrel

Ward 4 Mutual Aid located at the Brightwood Park United Methodist Church (744 Jefferson Street NW) will continue to provide gift cards, diapers, food, and other necessities to the first 100 families on **February 15 at 5 PM AND February 18 at noon**. If you physically cannot make it to the church, please call or text the Ward 4 Mutual Aid Hotline at 202-681-3098 to sign up for delivery. See <https://ward4mutualaid.org> for more information.

HS Students, Apply to Qualify for a 2023 LRCA Scholarship

Are you a graduating High School Senior?
Will you be attending college this coming Fall, 2023?
Are you a resident of the Lamond-Riggs community?
Do you attend a DC public school (traditional or charter)?
If you meet the requirements listed above, then consider applying for this great scholarship opportunity! Go to <https://lrcadc.org/scholarships> for more information.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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

The Council passed:

- the first of two votes on a bill that would lift barriers to licensing so street vendors can safely sell their goods and foods without fearing arrest or massive fines.
- legislation renaming Good Hope Road in Southeast DC after the late, great Marion Barry, DC's "Mayor for Life."
- multiple ceremonial resolutions introduced to honor Ward 4 ANC Commissioner and community leader Stephen Whatley, celebrate Coach Rob Nickens of Roosevelt High School, mark March as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month and as National Social Work Month, and celebrate the St. John's High School Boys and Girls Varsity Basketball Teams.

Ward 4 Jobs Fair in April—The Ward 4 Jobs Fair with DC Business Gun Violence Prevention Coalition and ANC 4B will be held on April 22 from 11 AM-3 PM at Coolidge (6315 5th St. NW). To participate email info@namcdc.org. Residents register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/jobs-not-guns-recruitment-fair-in-ward-4-tickets-563810722047>

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 Zachary Parker's Office (Ward 5)

Notices of Intent - Modifying Traffic/Parking Requirements

—The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) is required to give written notice of their intent to modify traffic and/or parking requirements to the Council and affected Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners (ANCs) to allow for a public comment period on the modifications. The following Notices of Intent (NOIs) for Ward 5 are open for comment:

- Parking Removal at 12th and Franklin St NE
- Installation of "No Turn on Red" Restriction at Rhode Island Ave NE and Eastern Ave NE
- Installation of All-Way Stop at 22nd St NE and Kearny St NE
- Installation of Left Turns Restriction along New York Ave NE between North Capitol St NE and First St NE
- Rhode Island Ave and Lincoln Rd NE Safety Improvements

Read more here:

<https://mailchi.mp/dccouncil/ward-5-weekly-march-17>

Sign-up for Councilmember Parker's community e-newsletter & receive the latest updates here: <https://bit.ly/Ward5newsletter>.

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MARCH 2023 MEETING MINUTES—March 6, 2023

President Barbara Rogers opened the meeting at 7 pm with a warm welcome thanking residents for taking time out of their busy schedules to join the meeting, announcing there was a full agenda. Following this, Angelyn reviewed the LRCA's meeting housekeeping rules. President Rogers announced LRCA would use the Zoom webinar format going forward, the same format used by ANC Commissions. This format will not allow participants to unmute themselves and start talking without being recognized. She also apologized for this occurring during the previous meeting. President Rogers announced Reverend Paul is in Africa and was unable to do the invocation and therefore requested a moment of silence. Following this, President Rogers moved to the officer's report.

Minutes from December 2022 meeting: Ms. Rogers asked if there were any comments or edits to the February minutes. The motion was moved, and duly seconded. The body passed the motion, and the minutes were accepted into the record.

Treasury Report: Audrey Walker, Treasurer. The beginning balance is \$7,994.21, 1 expense, PO Box \$230, 2 deposits, \$1,202.41 membership dues, and \$90.00 scholarship for a total deposit of \$1,292.41, ending balance is \$9,056.62.

Elected Officials and PSA

Jim Lewis, Councilmember Lewis-George's Office was absent, President Rogers reported that oversight is over and now the budget season begins.

Carlos MacKnight, Councilmember Zachary Parker's office President Rogers welcomed Carlos, a Riggs Park resident. He spoke about the office staff, recognized 8 people from Ward 5 for Black History Month, and new legislation, the District Child Tax Credit.

ANC (4B08) Alison Brooks: They are having a neighborhood cleanup on March 25. The ONES office presented at their last meeting and the Office of Unified Communications will present at March's meeting. She did reach out to the storage facility to clean up trash out front. President Rogers announced that she called the storage facility on behalf of Councilmember Janeese Lewis George's office also.

Sophia Tekola, MOCRA introduced the new addition to her team, Derek Johnson. Sophia mentioned if you have a Kia or Hyundai, to go to the 4D police station to get a free steering wheel lock in reaction to the uptick in car thefts; the DOB director is stepping down; all Covid centers are closing on March 31; DC is hosting World Pride in 2025; public safety walk in Petworth with the mayor; and 2023 Aspire Grants are now available.

ANC (4B07) Michael Cohen reported there will be a popup cleanup, and newsletter coming—go to his website, <https://cohen4B07.com>. Also, Ward 4 Office on Aging has monthly meetings addressing the concerns of seniors, and there are events at the Lamond Recreation Center.

ANC (4B07) Karlus Cozart will have a cleanup on March 25th at 9 am, all are welcome to come out. His website is <https://ANC5A02.com> to get the latest updates.

ANC (4B09) Audrey Walker mentioned that residents with public safety concerns should go to the MPD section 2 meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of every month; she put the link in the chat (it was also posted to LRCA's listserv). Commissioner Walker will set up monthly meetings starting on March 16, please send her your emails. She mentioned 311 reports going unanswered, residents should provide the ticket number to their commissioner.

ANC (4B09) LaRoya Huff held her first meeting at the Lamond Recreation Center; her next meeting will be on March 18. She met with the owner of the lumber yard; there will be an entrepreneur event at Culture Coffee Too on Friday, March 17; and a Chromebook giveaway at the Lamond-Riggs Lillian J. Huff Library. For Giant carts left in the neighborhood, Giant will not pick them up on the Lamond side. Call 311 to have them picked up.

Heather Rodgers, Nominating Committee Chair reported it is an election year and encouraging residents to get involved and run for office. All positions are listed online and were listed in the March newsletter. Dues must be paid by the April meeting to run for office or to be able to vote. President Rogers read the message from Barbara Carter, Chair of the 75th bylaws committee.

Speakers

Danielle Lewis, LRCA Trustee and Chair of the Health Committee reported on the changes to the DC Medicaid Program and the start of Medicaid Renewal. She provided Medicaid basics including the requirements and qualifications. This year residents will receive renewal forms in the mail and must fill out and return the forms by mail. They may also renew online. There is no automatic renewal this year.

Tisha Cockrell, LRCA Financial Secretary and Chair of the Bylaws Committee reported the bylaws were presented to the executive board on Feb 16 and sent to paid members. There will be a March 20 meeting at 7 p.m. for paid members to discuss and vote on the bylaws. She introduced Mr. Jason Qu, managing partner with DC Pro Bono who discussed important principles when updating bylaws, legal compliance, clarity, consistency, flexibility, and completeness. Tisha asked paid members that did not receive the bylaws to please reach out to Angelyn to verify their membership so that they may receive a copy.

Deborah Grimstead, Co-Chair LRCA Development Task Force presented an updated rendering of the green space in front of Food and Friends. EYA prepared the rendering of what the space may look like based on the results from the survey put out to the public last fall. There is currently no money in the budget for this site. The site is currently under DGS and would need to be moved to DPR for planning. This will be shopped to the Councilmembers for support.

Edwin Washington, Executive Director of the Parks Mainstreet desired to place an ad in the 75th-anniversary souvenir booklet. He mentioned the annual meeting will be on March 16 at the Lamond-Riggs Lillian J. Huff Library. Parks Mainstreet also received a grant from the Office of Planning.

Angelyn Boose, Chair of the Communication/Membership Committees reviewed the budget. Residents with questions may contact her via email.

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 PM

/s/ Barbara Rogers, LRCA President

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The following LRCA Board members are seeking re-election:

Trustees—Danielle Lewis-Wright, Rev. Johnnie Mays, Edgar Allen Sheppard, David Trigaux

April 1: In collaboration with the National Cherry Blossom Foundation, the Department of Parks and Recreation is inviting you to fly a kite right in your neighborhood. DPR Park Ambassadors will host kite decorating and provide FREE KITES! (While supplies last; one kite per resident)

<https://dprkiteflying.splashthat.com>

April 7: Takoma Easter Egg Block Party—An egg celebration and hunt for kids in the neighborhood. Takoma Community Center/300 Van Buren Street NW—2:00 PM-7:00 PM

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At the Lamond Recreation Center:

Upcoming trips—

- Easter Crafting April 6th, 1-3 PM: Arundel Mills w/ Riggs LaSalle, April 13th, 10 AM to 3 PM
- National Portrait Gallery, April 14, 11 AM to 2 PM
- Dallas Black Dance Co. at the Public Playhouse Theatre, April 28, 11 AM to 1 PM

Senior classes—

- Tai Chi, Monday/Wednesday, 11-noon
- Chair Exercise Monday/Wednesday 12:30 -1:30 PM
- Senior Day Program, Monday-Friday 10 AM to 2 PM
- Stay Active & Independent for Life (SAIL), starting April 4, Tues/Thurs & Friday, 10 AM - 11 AM

Receive live updates about facility closures, programs, and events. Text 'DCDPR' to 888777 to receive DPR text message alerts

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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