

Lamond-Riggs Citizens Association Newsletter

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello Lamond-Riggs Family,

Spring is in the air! Thank you for joining us last month and I hope to see you on March 6 at 7 PM.

This year is an election year with the election day slated to be held on May 1, 2023. A nominating committee chaired by an executive board member and prior-year committee members has been established. I encourage residents to get involved. If you want to run for office or vote in the next election, **you must pay your dues by April 3, 2023.** You can quickly pay online at <https://lrcadc.org/membership-join> or fill out and submit the membership form on page 4 of this newsletter. Please be sure to see a description of the positions on the board on pages 2 and 3 and also listed in the Bylaws section of our website (<https://lrcadc.org/about-the-lrca/the-bylaws>). If you have questions about serving on the board, please reach out to any LRCA executive board members for details.

It's scholarship time! If you know of a graduating HS Senior who lives within the LRCA organizational boundaries, they may wish to apply for the LRCA's scholarship award opportunity. **Contact us by email at scholarship@lrcadc.org.**

And, don't forget about the LRCA's 75th-anniversary celebration on April 22! Learn more about the event and how you can help us make this day even more amazing with a tax-deductible donation by visiting our website at <https://bit.ly/75thAnniversarySponsorship>. Anniversary flyers are also available at the Lamond-Riggs Recreation Center and the Lillian J. Huff Library.

Most Respectfully,
Barbara Rogers, LRCA President

JOIN THE LRCA MEETING on Monday, March 6, 2023, at 7:00 PM EST

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

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86390885790?pwd=dEhyNUpnWEZLdlhyN0g2OVJPN3B1dz09>

Webinar ID: 863 9088 5790 Passcode: 917284



Dial into the meeting by phone:

Call: (301)715-8592

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March 2023 Meeting Agenda

- Welcome/Invocation
- Officers Report, Minutes, Treasurer Report
- Updates from Elected Officials & PSA
- LRCA Budget Review
- LRCA Bylaws updates and review w/The DC Bar Pro Bono Center
- Green space Development Project, LRCA Development Taskforce
- *Upcoming Changes to the District's Medicaid Program & Restart of Medicaid Renewals*
—Danielle Lewis-Wright, LRCA Trustee/Chair, Health & Wellness Committee
- Community Concerns/Closing

Join us for a Farewell Event

300 Riggs Rd NE, Washington, DC 20011

Culture Coffee Too will be closing on March 31, 2023. Join other Riggs-Park neighbors and owner/operator, Ms. Veronica Cooper, on March 18, to celebrate all that she brought to our community and to wish her a fond farewell!

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Interested in serving in an LRCA executive role? Consider campaigning this May for one of the positions noted below.

LRCA PRESIDENT—The President shall conduct the regular, special, and Executive Board meetings of the Association and shall be an Ex-Officio member of all standing and temporary committees, with the exception of the nominating committee. The President shall have such other responsibilities as may be assigned to him or her by the members. When quick decisions are needed on critical issues, the President must contact a total of two Executive Committee members in this order: the two Vice-Presidents or if not available, the Secretary or Treasurer to get a majority vote on the action in question. The issue and resulting vote must be presented at the next Executive Board and Regular Body meeting. The President shall appoint standing, special, and temporary committees as the need arise and he or she shall designate which of the Officers shall be responsible for the operation of each said committee. Each Officer shall Chair or Co-Chair at least one of the following as designated by the President and report out to the General Body at least bi-monthly: City Services/Public Safety, Seniors/Community Economic Development (including businesses, churches, non-profits, etc.), Youth Development/Recreation (incl. the Rec. Ctrs., After School Programs, Youth Leagues, etc.), Education (Library, Schools, etc.), Budget/Auditing, Nominating (temporary committee), Newsletter and membership.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT—The First Vice President shall preside in the absence (or at the request) of the President. In the event that the President's office becomes vacant, he or she succeeds thereto for the unexpired balance of the term.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT—The Second Vice President shall preside in the absence of the President and First Vice President. In the event that the President's and First Vice-President's offices become vacant, he or she succeeds thereto for the balance of the unexpired term.

TREASURER—The Treasurer shall keep an accurate and detailed account of all monies received and expended by the Association; shall keep all the financial records of the Association in such form as the Executive Board shall prescribe; shall pay all duly business of the Association in Regular, Executive, or Special meetings, in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order where appropriate.

authorized vouchers; obtain and give out receipts as appropriate and, shall be the recipient and custodian of all monies of the Association, such monies to be deposited in such banking institution as may be designated by the Executive Board. It shall further be the duty of the Treasurer to submit a written monthly financial report and a semi-annual detailed financial report to the Association at the regular meetings of the Association. The "Books" must be closed, balanced, and submitted to the Budget/Auditing Committee as provided for in Article 7 Section 2 E, in July. The Treasurer shall be bonded.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY—The Financial Secretary shall receive all dues and other monies from the Association's members and transact same as provided in the fiscal policies of the Association; work with the Treasurer in the transaction of all Association financial business; determine financial roster of paid members; reconcile any budget discrepancies with Officers and committee chairs; provide up-to-date information re: dues, fees to the membership; and submit a quarterly report to the Association on the expenses and income of the Association officers, Standing and Ad Hoc Committees. Copies of the reports shall be filed with the Treasurer, Auditor, and Recording Secretary.

RECORDING SECRETARY—The Recording Secretary shall keep accurate minutes of the proceedings of the Association at regular, special, and Executive Board meetings; perform all other duties incident to the office of Secretary; and such other duties as may be assigned to the Secretary by the President or the Association members. Copies of the minutes of the proceedings of any meeting shall be submitted to the President and the two Vice-Presidents within one week after such meeting is held. The Recording Secretary shall take the roll at all General Body and Executive Board meetings, and inform the Executive Board of the absence of any Board member for three successive Board meetings. The Recording Secretary is the custodian of the Association's records during his or her term.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY—The Corresponding Secretary assists in developing or develop correspondence (written, phone, or electronic) and is charged with forwarding such correspondence of the LRCA as requested by the President; assist in notifying Association members of regular membership meetings, Executive Board meetings and other activities as may be necessary; and, make presentations to the Association regarding correspondence for information and action.

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FEBRUARY 2023 MEETING MINUTES—February 6, 2023

President Barbara Rogers opened the meeting at 7 PM by welcoming residents, announcing that the meeting would include a full agenda. President Rogers asked Angelyn to review the LRCA's meeting 'housekeeping rules' and then requested Reverend Paul to give the invocation. Prior to the invocation, Rev. Paul addressed meeting attendees noting that the current executive board, in his opinion, has been the best board he has had the pleasure of serving on and he encouraged residents not to listen to idle chatter to the contrary. He thanked the community for participating in LRCA meetings and for respecting the LRCA's executive board. Following the invocation, President Rogers moved to the officers' reports: minutes from the December 2022 meeting were presented for comment; a motion was made to approve and seconded; and was passed/accepted into the record. Following this, President Rogers announced that per Robert's Rules of Order, the treasurer's report is not required to be approved. In the Treasurer's absence, Tischa Cockrell, Financial Secretary, presented the Treasurer's report—beginning balance: \$8,048.53 (eight expenses totaling \$3,552.15 and two deposits totaling \$3,497.83). Ending balance: \$7,994.21.

Elected Officials and PSA

- **Jim Lewis, on the constituent services team, Councilmember Lewis-George's office:** reported that the Councilmember supports the construction of the 400 Takoma metro station apartments; DC Medicaid application was not being received or processed; DC OSSE bus issues; DPW completed both rounds of leaf collection; and schedules are set for performance and oversight hearings. They need ANC commissioners and residents to testify. Call constituent service for assistance with any of the above.
- **Carlos MacKnight, constituent services coordinator, Councilmember Zachary Parker's office:** reported Councilmember Parker will have office hours on Wednesdays and asked that Ward 5 residents share their community priorities for the oversight hearings.
- There was a question on public safety. President Rogers and LaRoya Huff mentioned that two public safety meetings were held in the community and encouraged residents to attend the MPD Sector 2 meetings. President Rogers announced that she is the new Community Engagement Director for Councilmember Janeese Lewis George's office, and looks forward to serving the community in this capacity.
- **John Stokes, Associate Director at DGS:** reported that all 16 lights around the Riggs-LaSalle Recreation Center are now working (seven were repaired). Lights around the field will be serviced soon. There was a question on how often the cameras are monitored and if cameras were working when a shooting occurred at the recreation center. Mr. Stokes reported that 39 cameras at the Center are checked daily.
- **ANC (4B08) Alison Brooks:** ANC 4B will have a speaker to discuss the Building Block program. She encouraged residents to let their voices be heard and not to solely rely on elected officials and the government to advocate for them. When they hear from residents, it focuses their attention. She invited residents to attend the next ANC meeting.
- **ANC (4B07) Michael Cohen:** His office hours are on Wednesdays at the Lamond Recreation Center from noon to 1 PM and online from 1-2 PM. He has been submitting DPW requests. His website is <https://cohen4B07.com>.
- **ANC (4B10) LaRoya Huff:** Her first meeting will be on February 18 from 12-2 PM at Lamond Recreation Center. Pepco will be on the agenda. She will discuss issues of traffic and public safety around schools. She will also address the vacant senior home with the Office on Building.
- **ANC (5A09) Zach Ammerman:** He reported on the possible toxic waste in the soil at Fort Circle Park. He met with Eleanor Holmes Norton and she will send a letter to the National Park Service to do an extensive test of the park. This is a small victory, but we want to hold the Park Service accountable. Visit his website at <https://ANC5A09.com> for crime data trackers, ANC Budget, maps, and his office hours.
- **ANC (5A02) Karlus Cozart:** He added his contact information to the chat as he had to leave the meeting.
- **Shirleta Settles, Area Manager, Riggs-LaSalle Recreation Center:** She provided updates on the senior exercise classes on Tuesday/Friday; looking for Tee-ball players; expecting new exercise equipment this Spring; and Summer camp registration opening on 4/4. There will be an adult kickball team at the center this Spring; and trauma counseling available at the center upon request.

Speakers

- **Edwin Washington, Executive Director, Parks Mainstreet:** Will give \$5,000 grants to four businesses; the newsletter changed to quarterly. The annual meeting will be held on 3/16 at the Lamond-Riggs Lillian J. Huff Library (6:30-8 PM).

LRCA Committees

- **Robert Oliver, LRCA Development Task Force:** The greenspace in front of Food and Friends is proposed to be developed into a useable park for the community. The next step: speak with Councilmembers of Wards 4 and 5 for support
- **Tischa Cockrell, Bylaws Committee Chair:** They are finalizing the Bylaws update and have met with attorneys about proposed changes and meeting with the executive board on February 16. Bylaws approval voting will take place during a special meeting, date, and TBD.
- **Barbara Carter, 75th Anniversary Chair:** This event will be on April 22 at the Riggs-LaSalle Recreation Center from noon to 2 PM. She put the flyer in the chat for review; event information is posted on the website.
- **Heather Rodgers, Nominating Committee Chair:** She is not seeking re-election and is part of the executive board. She is looking for another person to serve with her on the committee. Additional details regarding the election will be forthcoming.

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 PM

/s/ Barbara Rogers, LRCA President

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HISTORIAN—The Historian is appointed by the President and shall coordinate picture-taking of Association events; maintain a summary of all Association activities in a compiled scrapbook, including photographs, news clippings, programs, and other artifacts as may be necessary; and, submit a written chronicle of Association activities, no later than October 1, to be included in the Association archives. The Historian shall have custody of all pertinent material as may be deemed to be of historical value to the Association.

TRUSTEES—Ten (10) Trustees shall be elected to represent, whenever possible, the various geographic neighborhoods within the larger LRCA Community. The Trustees shall serve on the Association’s Executive Board.

DELEGATES—Eight (8) Delegates shall be appointed by the President to represent the Assn. in all affairs of the D.C. Federation of Civic Associations and other groups as requested by the President. Delegates serve as a vital link in informing the Assn. of City-wide issues from the Federation and other groups and bringing the Associations issues to the Federation or other groups as requested.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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

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)

Sign-up for Councilmember Parker’s electronic community newsletter and receive the latest updates here: <https://bit.ly/Ward5newsletter>.

SENIOR PROGRAMS @ Lamond-Riggs Rec

- Mondays**—2-3:30 PM, Knitting/Crochet
- Tuesdays**—12:15-1 PM, Chair Exercise
- Wednesdays**—1-3 PM, Chess & 1:30-3:30 PM, Arts & Crafts
- Thursdays**—12-3:30 PM, Bingo/Cards/Pokeno
- Fridays**—12:15-1 PM, Chair Exercise & 1:30-3:30 PM, Movie Day

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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