

Lamond-Riggs Citizens Association Newsletter

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THE PRESIDENT’S CORNER

Hello Lamond-Riggs Family,

Thank you for joining us at the April meeting and we hope to see you on May 1, 2023.

We will have nominations during the May 1, 2023, meeting and online and in-person voting will be held on May 2 (see the final page of the newsletter for additional details). I encourage residents to get involved and run for a position. You are allowed to nominate yourself or someone else from the floor during the May meeting. Please see a description of the positions in the LRCA’s bylaws that are located online at

<https://lrcadc.org/about-the-lrca/the-bylaws-2>. If you have questions about serving on the LRCA Board, please reach out to any Executive Board member for help.

We’ve also received some applications for scholarships and will provide updates during the May meeting.

I look forward to seeing everyone on Monday, May 1, at 7 PM!

Most Respectfully,
Barbara Rogers, LRCA President

JOIN THE LRCA MEETING on Monday, May 1, 2023, at 7:00 PM EST

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

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87950325529?pwd=VXJkZ3JpalZvT2NCVWVzbEkvRldqQT09>

Webinar ID: 879 5032 5529 Passcode: 993136



Dial into the meeting by phone:

Call: (301)715-8592

(use the webinar ID and passcode noted above)

May 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
- Community Concerns/Closing

JOIN A COMMITTEE



Do you have ideas on how to make our community the best that it can be? Consider getting involved in an LRCA Committee. Email us at getinvolved@lrcadc.org

- Bylaws
- Budget/Audit
- Bereavement
- Communication
- City Services/Public Safety
- Development Task Force
- Education
- Health
- Membership
- Newsletter
- Nominating
- Senior
- Scholarship
- Youth Development & Recreation

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NEWS YOU CAN USE!

MetroRail Summer Service Updates

Washington Metro Area Transit Authority (WMATA) announced that there will be several travel alternatives during the summer. The Fort Totten Metro Station is a station that will be affected. From July 22-24, there will be no Green Line service for the Fort Totten station, further, the stations north of Fort Totten will be closed from July 22-September 4, 2023. Free shuttle bus service will be available for riders during the aforementioned times. See the WMATA site for more information:

<https://www.wmata.com/about/news/2023-Major-Construction-travel-alternatives.cfm>

Need Groceries? Ward 4 Mutual Aid Can Help.

Ward 4 Mutual Aid is providing free gift cards, diapers, food, and other items at Brightwood Park United Methodist Church located at 744 Jefferson St NW to the first 100 families that arrive on the following dates:

Wednesday, May 17, at 5 PM

Saturday, May 20, at Noon

Wednesday, June 21, at 5 PM

Saturday, June 24, at Noon

Learn more here: <https://ward4mutualaid.org>

HS Students, There's Still Time! THE DEADLINE IS MAY 5, 2023.

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.

eCycle DC

eCycle DC is a program to provide opportunities for District residents to safely dispose of electronic items. These events are approved by the Department of Energy & Environment (DoEE) as required by DC law. Computers, TVs, and related equipment are accepted for free from DC residents, small businesses, and small nonprofits. The next drop-off will be on Saturday, May 13, 2023, 9 AM-1 PM, near 700 Monroe St NE.

Learn more here: <https://doee.dc.gov/ecycle>

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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

the DC Council Committee on Facilities and Family Services, chaired by Ward 4 Councilmember Janeese Lewis George, approved strong investments in the maintenance and security of DC schools and rec centers, programs that serve residents with disabilities, the welfare of children, and other priorities for DC families. The changes include:

- DC Department of General Services (DGS): \$7.1 million (5%) increase to the District's facility operations budget to improve preventative maintenance, keep projects on track, and complete faster repairs in our schools, rec centers, and other DC facilities
- DC Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA): \$1.3 million to fully fund the Safe Shores program, which provides survivor-centered intervention and healing for children and families affected by abuse, trauma, and violence in DC — and helps prevent child abuse. This program was defunded in the Mayor's proposed budget.
- And much more. See <https://janeeseward4.com/making-major-investments-in-maintenance-disability-programs-children-and-families> for more information.

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)

Bladensburg Bus Garage Reconstruction Project

A community meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 2, from 6 PM - 7 PM at the Woodridge Neighborhood Library, 1801 Hamlin Street Northeast. The meeting will also be streamed online.

Register for the event at

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bladensburg-bus-garage-reconstruction-project-spring-community-meeting-tickets-590114928637>

Open Streets in Ward 5

There are only two Open Streets events, and Ward 5 will again be one of those. Mark your calendar for Sunday, June 4, from 9 AM to 3 PM on 12th Street NE between Franklin Street and Michigan Avenue. Learn more about Open Streets here:

<https://open-streets-dcgis.hub.arcgis.com>.

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

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APRIL 2023 MEETING MINUTES—April 3, 2023

President Barbara Rogers opened the meeting at 7 PM. She mentioned it is election season and encouraged all residents on the call to join the LRCA. There are a lot of positions available.

- After the welcome, President Rogers asked for a moment of silence for the gun violence in the United States. Following this, Second Vice President, Angelyn B., reviewed the LRCA's housekeeping rules and noted the webinar format, provided instructions for asking questions/speaking during the meeting, and offered guidance for guaranteeing a successful and respectful meeting for all. President Rogers announced there was a telephone scam relating to taxes. The IRS will not call individuals directly for payment. Individuals should share this information with neighbors, including the neighborhood's senior residents. President Rogers asks the Executive Board to introduce themselves.
- Ms. Rogers asked if there were any comments or edits to the March minutes. The motion was moved and duly seconded. All were asked to raise their hands or *9 and the body passed the motion. The minutes were accepted into the record.
- Treasurer's Report by Audrey Walker, Treasurer. The beginning balance is \$9,056.62. Expenses include a voting system software purchase, \$90; DC Articles of Incorporation, \$90; newsletter printing, \$518.05; and 75th Anniversary Catering, \$1,537.50. The total expense is \$1,627.50 and two deposits: \$852.51, membership dues, and \$1,509, 75th-anniversary donations for a total deposit of \$2,361.51. The ending balance is \$9,790.63. *Correction to Treasurer's report: correct total expenses, \$2,235.55, and ending balance is \$9,182.58.*

Elected Officials and PSA

Councilmember Zachary Parker reported they are in the thick of the budget season. He mentioned rental increases of 8.9% and is instead proposing a maximum of up to 5%. He introduced the School Safety Engagement Act and a child tax credit of \$500 per child for up to three children for household incomes under \$120,000. He has concerns about the ERAP program being cut in the mayor's budget from \$40M to \$8M. He also wants to expand the bus service in Ward 5.

Carlos McKnight, constituent services coordinator with Councilmember Zachary Parker reported that there has been more gun violence in Ward 5 and that the Councilmember will produce a public safety plan. Ward 5 received a couple of budget wins in the mayor's proposed budget totaling \$800,000 for two parks in Ward 5 with one being in the LRCA's boundaries at the corner of South Dakota and Riggs Road. He thanked LRCA and the ANC 5A for their hard work.

ANC (4B08) Alison Brooks was absent. President Rogers updated that DDOT will put the flexipoles from the Walmart parking exit on 3rd St up to 2nd Street during the summer to help with traffic.

Sophia Tekola, MOCRA was absent.

ANC (4B07) Michael Cohen was absent.

ANC (4B07) Karlus Cozart was absent.

ANC (4B09) Audrey Walker had to leave the meeting but reported that she will host a Zoom meeting this month. She will reach out to the residents with a flyer.

ANC (4B09) LaRoya Huff's next meeting will be on April 15 at the Riggs LaSalle Recreation Center. She mentioned getting the 2-hour signs removed from Oglethorpe St NE, tree removal on Nicholson, residents wanting some development at the lumber yard in Lamond, and she is planning a peace walk. She mentioned the entrepreneur event at Culture Coffee Too and the Chromebook giveaway at the Lamond Riggs Lillian J. Huff Library as a success—64 Chromebooks were given out.

Heather Rodger, Nominating Committee Chair mentioned that serving on the LRCA Board is a great way to get involved in the community. She went through the nominating process for all positions and accepted nominations for the Second Vice President, Danielle Lewis-Wright; two trustees, Rev. Johnnie Mays, and Edgar Sheppard; and Parliamentarian, Shawaan Robinson. Requirements to vote: payment of member dues at midnight on April 3 and reside within the LRCA's boundaries. She placed her email in the meeting chat along with the membership dues payment link for reference. For the new Youth Delegate position, for individuals ages 16-24, contact Heather by email at heather@lrcadc.org if a young person is interested in running for the position.

Barbara Carter, 75th Anniversary Committee Chair mentioned checking your email as RSVPs are required to attend the anniversary event on April 22, 2023, from noon – 2 PM, at the Riggs LaSalle Recreation Center.

Tischa Cockrell, LRCA Financial Secretary and Chair of the Bylaws Committee reported the last bylaws meeting was on March 20th at 7 PM for paid members. The updated bylaws were presented and voted on by the executive board. Emails were sent to paid members. No questions were asked of Tischa. She thanked all that participated in the regular and special meetings along with the LRCA Executive Board.

Edwin Washington, Executive Director of the Parks Mainstreet mentioned the annual meeting was attended by 40 attendees. They have given \$30,000 to six businesses. Upcoming events include Hellbender cleanup, Art Craw on July 15th, and Art All Night on September 30th.

The meeting adjourned at 8:59 PM

/s/ Barbara Rogers, LRCA President

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Community Events



You're invited!
Wednesday, May 17
RSVP NOW:
bit.ly/ICAMFF

Save the Date:
**2023 International
AIDS Candlelight
Memorial
Observance
at Food & Friends**



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LRCADC Board Elections will be held on Tuesday, May 2, 2023, ONLINE & IN-PERSON. In-person voting will take place at the Lillian J. Huff Library, 5401 South Dakota Ave NE, from 6:30 PM - 8 PM. Online Voting will be held from 8 AM - 8 PM. All ballots will be counted during the day on May 3 and winners will be announced online via Zoom meeting that evening. Online voting information will be sent via email to eligible members by the evening of Sunday, April 30, 2023. Questions? Contact Nominations Committee Chair, Heather Rodgers, by phone at (803)269-8415 or via email at heather@lrcadc.org.

Recognized individuals running for Board election/re-election as per Nominating Committee records:

Barbara Rogers (President), Tischa Cockrell (1st Vice President), Danielle Lewis-Wright (2nd Vice President), Shawaan Robinson (Treasurer, was formally running for Parliamentarian), Trustees—Angelyn Boose, David Trigaux, Edgar Allen Sheppard, Rev. Johnnie Mays, Vandalia Joyner-Taylor.

FREE Lifeguard Training

DPR employs the International Lifeguard Training Program (ILTP) to train and certify lifeguards to work at both indoor and outdoor aquatic facilities throughout the District. The ILTP is an objective-driven program that produces lifeguards that perform at a higher level than those of other national/international training agencies. DPR is excited to offer these FREE lifeguard training certification courses for Summer 2023. Courses run through June 2023. <https://dprlifeguards.splashthat.com>



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