

Lamond-Riggs Citizens Association Newsletter

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello Lamond-Riggs Family,

We hope you all had an enjoyable summer. The new executive board is excited to get back to the business of the LRCA to support and bring resources to the residents of Lamond-Riggs. Our first meeting will be held in person on Monday, October 2, 2023, at the Lamond Riggs Lillian J. Huff Library at 6:00 PM. As there has been a recent uptick in Covid-related cases, masks will be optional (a mask will be available to attendees upon request upon entry or you may choose to bring your own from home). The meeting will also be broadcast online via the LRCA's YouTube channel for those unable to join in person (see the meeting link below for details).

We hope you will support the LRCA by paying your membership dues. See the membership form on page 4 to pay your dues by mail or go to our website at <https://lrcadc.org> to pay your dues electronically. Your membership will go towards community events that the organization organizes, fund scholarships for students in the neighborhood, and aid in the support that we provide to other organizations in our community.

We look forward to seeing you on Monday, October 2, 2023.

In community service,

Barbara Rogers
LRCA President

JOIN THE LRCA MEETING on Monday, October 2, 2023, from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM EST.

Doors open at 5:45 PM

Attend IN PERSON at the Lillian J. Huff Neighborhood Library, Meeting Room 1

5401 South Dakota Avenue NE, Washington, DC 20011

The meeting will also be broadcast via Zoom webinar. Access the meeting using the link below:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83284914051?pwd=OTBaUCtta1RWTGlrjDBlaStpMml4Zz09>

Or dial in by phone: 301-715-8592

Webinar ID: 832 8491 4051

Passcode: 114578

Scan the QR code below with your mobile device to watch the meeting:



October 2023 Meeting Agenda

- Welcome/Invocation
- Officers Report, Minutes, Treasurer Report
- Updates from Elected Officials & PSA
- LRCA Board: Swearing in of new members
- Guest Speakers: Travoris Culpepper, External Affairs Manager, Pepco and Alice Thompson, Community Outreach Specialist, Department of Aging & Community Living
- Community Concerns/Closing

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NEWS YOU CAN USE!

FREE COVID-19 Tests are Available

Beginning September 25, every U.S. household can again place an order to receive four more free COVID-19 rapid tests delivered directly to their home. Go to <https://www.covid.gov/tests> for more information.

Before You Throw Out "Expired" Tests: Check to see if your COVID-19 tests' expiration dates have been extended (<https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/coronavirus-covid-19-and-medical-devices/home-otc-covid-19-diagnostic-tests#list>).

DC Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) 4D Sector 2 Monthly Meetings

Meet with MPD officials to discuss crime statistics and issues in the Ward. Sector meetings occur virtually, the second Tuesday of every month at 6 PM EST for approximately one hour. Meeting link:

<https://dcnet.webex.com/dcnet/j.php?MTID=m01f4c1efb0649ca109f08036d30bbacf>

ANC 4B Student Art Submission Contest

Students in the 3rd-12th grades who live in or attend school within ANC 4B boundaries can submit original art to 4B08 Commissioner Alison Brooks (4B08@anc.dc.gov) for the ANC 4B Student Art Contest. Winners will receive a prize and be featured in ANC 4B's annual report. Learn more at <https://janeeseward4.com/ward-4-dispatch-conservation-legislation-council-recap-storm-readiness-and-chevy-chase-day>

Ward 4 Weekend Farmers Markets are Back for the Season!

- **Uptown Farmers Market** at 5501 Colorado Ave NW on Saturdays from 9 AM-1 PM
- **Chevy Chase Farmers Market** at Lafayette ES on Saturdays from 9 AM-1 PM
- **Petworth Community Market** at 9th & Upshur NW on Saturdays from 9 AM-1 PM
- **Takoma Park Farmers Market** at 6931 Laurel Ave on Sundays from 10 AM-2 PM
- **Whittier Farm Stand** at 6201 5th St NW on Tuesdays from 3 PM-5 PM

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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

The Councilmember introduced legislation to address how the DC government maintains its facilities, namely the Office of National Area Conservation Establishment Act of 2023. The Act will transform how DC manages its forest land, community partnerships, and strategic vision for conservation in DC. Learn more about this act here:

<https://janeeseward4.com/ward-4-dispatch-conservation-legislation-council-recap-storm-readiness-and-chevy-chase-day>

Looking to complete a masters program in Social work at UDC (for DC residents). Read the bill proposal here:

<https://lms.dccouncil.gov/Legislation/B25-0055>

The Fairness in Renting Clarification Act was passed to eliminate loopholes that landlords use to charge exorbitant fees for rental applications: <https://lms.dccouncil.gov/Legislation/B25-0074>

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) Ward 5 Bus Network Task Force Report

Earlier this year, the councilmember introduced two pieces of legislation aimed directly at alleviating chronic childhood poverty, knowing that they would have a measurable effect on outcomes for children including health, education, public safety, and more. These pieces of legislation build on the well-documented success of pandemic-era programs. The bills are:

- [The District Child Tax Credit Amendment Act of 2023](#)
- [The Financial Support for Families with Children Amendment Act of 2023](#)
- And most recently, [The Grandparent and Caregiver Subsidy Eligibility Amendment Act of 2023](#)

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

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JUNE 2023 MEETING MINUTES—June 5, 2023

President Barbara Rogers opened the in-person meeting at 7:15 pm with a warm welcome thanking residents for joining us at the Lamond Riggs Lillian J Huff Library (there were audio issues with streaming the meeting on YouTube which was later corrected). ANC Commissioners present at the meeting were called up to receive certificates of recognition for the efforts that they exhibited throughout the fiscal year.

Commissioner Reports

- Commissioner Cohen reported on playground repairs needed at Lamond
- Commissioner Cozart encouraged residents to come to 5A meetings
- Commissioner Brooks noted that DDOT will be at the next 5A meeting regarding the cycle track at Riggs Road and encouraged residents to attend.
- President Rogers recognized the current board and thanked them for their service. President Rogers presented Isabelle Charles with a certificate as a winner of the LRCA's \$2,000 scholarship award.
- Edwin Washington, Parks Main Street Executive Director, was presented with an LRCA certificate of recognition. He mentioned several upcoming events.
- Councilmember Zachary Parker recognized the outgoing and income executive board members. He also gave an update on rent caps for rent control properties—able to increase affordable housing, vouchers, replaced rental assistance, etc.
- Councilmember Janeese Lewis George mentioned how LRCA has led the way. She mentioned some of the events LRCA sponsored such as Mother's Day Tea, Father's Day Brunch, and Bookbag and Turkey Giveaways. She mentioned SNAP benefits incurred a 10% raise. Councilmember Janeese Lewis George and Councilmember Zachary Parker swore in the new officers.
- Ms. Sharolyn Mack presented certificates to Andre Lee and DOH, Michael Parker.
- The LRCA's Development Task Force was presented with certificates of achievement.
- The Senior Committee was presented with certificates of achievement. Rev. Mays wants to get more seniors involved, active, and out of their homes.
- Certificates of recognition were presented to Sophia Tekola, MOCRS; MPD Officer Simon; Carlos McKnight; Mr. Culpepper from Pepco; David Gaston, Library Branch Manager (he also recognized his staff for their contributions).
- The Newsletter Distribution Committee and Bereavement Committee received certificates of recognition.
- Danielle Lewis was presented a certificate of recognition for serving as chair of the Health Committee and Uchenna Evans was presented a certificate of recognition for her continued donations to the LRCA.

At the close of the meeting, President Rogers thanked the people joining us on YouTube!

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM

/s/ Barbara Rogers, LRCA President

New Senior Activities at Our Local Recreation Centers

At the Lamond Recreation Center

Mondays-Wednesdays, 11:30 AM-12:30 PM—**Tai Chi**
 Mondays-Wednesdays, 12:30 PM-1:30 PM—**chair exercises**
 Mondays-Wednesdays, 12:30-3:30 PM—**jewelry making**
 Mondays-Fridays, 10:00 AM-6:00 PM—**computers**
 Tuesdays & Fridays, 12:30-1:30 PM—**SAIL Fitness**

At the Riggs LaSalle Recreation Center

Mondays, 12:30-1:30—**line dancing**
 Wednesdays—**board games**
 Thursdays—**arts and crafts**
 Tuesdays & Fridays, 10:30 AM-1:30 PM—**exercise classes**

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Community Events

Ward 4 Senior Jubilee at the Lamond Recreation Center, Friday, October 6, 2023, from 12:30-3:30 PM

This is a time for seniors to gather together, celebrate community, and enjoy music, dancing, food, games, prizes, and important resources from DC agencies. RSVP online at <https://actionnetwork.org/events/ward-4-senior-jubilee-2023> to save your spot!



Membership Form - October 2023 through September 2024

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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