

Lamond-Riggs Citizens Association Newsletter

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello Lamond-Riggs Family,

Happy Holidays to you and your family! We hope to see you at our meeting on December 4, 2023 at the Lamond-Riggs Lillian J. Huff Library at 6 PM. As previous, the meeting will be broadcasted online (see details below).

Please get involved in our community by joining a committee or paying your membership dues, see the membership form on page 4 or go to our website at <https://lrcadc.org/membership-join>.

This is the season for giving and volunteering. Please consider volunteering at Food & Friends in our neighborhood and/or donating to the LRCA this year. The LRCA is a 501c3 non-profit organization and as a result, your donation is tax deductible. If you have already donated, 'Thank you!'. Your support of what we do is truly appreciated.

Lastly, as we navigate this festive holiday season and changeover into colder outdoor temps, don't forget to check on your neighbors, especially our seniors as well as those who are disabled or are otherwise in need. Caring neighbors and watchful eyes help to further benefit our community.

We look forward to seeing you on Monday, December 4th.

In community service,

Barbara Rogers
LRCA President

**ATTEND THE NOVEMBER LRCA GENERAL BODY MEETING on Monday, December 4, 2023,
from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM. 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/88983349696?pwd=SlhWUXUxRjdGc1U0K0lvWDR6eUpNUT09>

Or dial in by phone: 301-715-8592
Webinar ID: 889 8334 9696
Passcode: 215823

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



December 2023 Meeting Agenda

- Welcome/Invocation
- Officers Report, Minutes, Treasurer Report
- Updates from Elected Officials & PSA
- Community Holiday Fellowship/Networking (for in-person attendees)
- Community Concerns/Closing

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NEWS YOU CAN USE!

Covid Test Kits Are Available for Distribution to DC Residents at Local DC Libraries

WARD 4

Shepherd Park/
Juanita E. Thorton 7420 Georgia Ave. NW

Takoma Park 416 Cedar St. NW

Petworth 4200 Kansas Ave. NW

WARD 5

Lamond-Riggs/Lillian J. Huff 5401 South Dakota Ave. NE

Woodridge 1801 Hamlin St. NE

Autumn Cleanup: Leaf Collection is Different This Year

This year, rather than sending a brochure containing the complete schedule to all residents, the DC Department of Public Works (DPW) will be providing weekly updates for the upcoming collection schedule every Friday on its website, through its leaf collection line (202-671-5323), and via neighborhood outreach.

This approach ensures that residents receive precise information about the timing of leaf collection on their blocks, eliminating the need to depend on a schedule that rapidly becomes obsolete and unreliable. **The leaf collection schedule, updated every Friday for the upcoming week, can be found here:**

<https://dpw.dc.gov/service/leaf-collection>

Don't Park or Idle Your Mobile Vehicle in Front of Bus Stops

DDOT has begun issuing \$100 tickets to cars parked or idled in the areas in front of bus stops through automated traffic cameras mounted on MetroBuses. The Clear Lanes project aims to improve bus travel times and enhance safety and accessibility by ensuring the areas around bus stops are clear for riders to safely board onto buses. DDOT is also planning to begin issuing tickets to cars that stop or drive in dedicated bus lanes (lanes painted in red) some time in January, 2024.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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

The Councilmember introduced new legislation to stop bad actor landlords from expanding their foothold in the community. The bill, would deny new building permits and new business licenses from being issued to any individual or landlord that has five or more serious housing code violations in a 12-month period. The bill would both heavily incentivize neglectful landlords to resolve maintenance issues in their existing properties and keep them from buying new properties until they have done so. Read for more information:

<https://janeeseward4.com/introducing-new-legislation-to-protect-tenants-from-unsafe-and-undignified-housing>

Car Breakins in Ward 4

Take advantage of DC's private security camera incentive program to ensure there is footage when these break-ins occur. Typically, multiple car break-in incidents are linked to the same small group of suspects, so making even one arrest can deter many future incidents. MPD also continues to remind neighbors to not leave anything valuable in their cars and to warn contractors who service their homes so they can take precautions against vehicle break-ins. Go to <https://ovsig.dc.gov/service/private-security-camera-system-incentive-program> 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>.

School Improvement Amendment Act of 2023

Alongside Chairman Phil Mendelson, Councilmember Parker continues his work on the legislation that will elevate support for DC schools—making school support an urgent priority. The legislation will disrupt inequities that have allowed some schools to remain low-performing. Go to the link to learn more about the amendment: <https://lms.dccouncil.gov/Legislation/B25-0540>

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

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NOVEMBER 2023 MEETING MINUTES—November 6, 2023

President Barbara Rogers opened our hybrid meeting at 6:07PM. She welcomed any new residents who are here for their first LRCA Meeting, both in person and on zoom. Invocation was provided by Rev. Paul Smith. President Rogers reminded everyone that we are in a new fiscal year for membership dues. Please send in your dues of \$10/person or \$15/family. Also please consider joining a committee to give back to your community. There are any number of activities reported on the listserv as well where you can participate. Treasurer's Report (\$62,576.79-Original Balance; \$1,074.79-Deposit; \$46,641.93-Transferred from Community Benefit Agreement for Scholarship Program; \$17,008.41). Minutes were moved and seconded.

Community/Legislative Reports

New 4B09 ANC Derrick Thompson reported his excitement in assisting the neighborhood. He will be visiting and looking for feedback from residents. He has been working on the broken glass window at Petco (Riggs Road), the unregistered street vendors in front of Walmart amongst other issues. He can be reached as ThompsonDC4B09 on Instagram and Twitter.

Councilman Zachary Parker's office report from Carlos McKnight:

- The Councilman introduced the Environmental Adjustment Act to address historic industrial burdens placed on Ward 5 residents. Primarily Brentwood and Ivy City residents. The objective is to reduce pollution and toxins in that area. This bill targets industrial businesses National Engineering Products (50 years of toxins) and the new OSSE Bus Terminal in Ivy City.
- Councilman Parker will hold several Public Safety Zoom calls with residents. One will be on 11/29/23 at 3PM.
- Remember that this is Open Enrollment season. Please visit DC Health Link or call 855-532-5465 to apply.
- There will be a Turkey Giveaway at Langston - Time and Date TBD

Sophia Tekola (Mayor's Office (MOCR)):

- 4B Leaf Pickup will begin on 11/12
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- Mayor has an HBCU Hiring Initiative which will encourage DC HBCU residents to go in public Service
- Nina Albert will now be Acting DMPED
- City is now updating all city Street Lights to NEON for better lighting (Smart St. Lights)
- We now have Keith Anderson as Dep Mayor for Infrastructure
- Dr. Christopher Rodriguez
- DC Veterans Hiring Event - 1/9 at MLK Library
- DC Mini Commission on Aging
- Open Enrollment - Please go to DC Health Link
- Mayor Introduced New Public Safety Legislation

Phil Thomas: Clean City—Roll off Day near Walmart—December 2, 2023. Bring your bulk junk.

Jim Lewis, Constituent Services, Councilmember Janeese Lewis George's Office

- SNAP Benefits are increasing for residents. \$40M. Increase of 10%
- Mayor's Public Safety Bill has been sent to the Council
- Curbside Composting has started. Very good participation in Ward 4

Mr. David Gaston, Lillian J. Huff Library, Branch Manager Book theme is on the face of the building. *We Are Water Protectors*

Upcoming businesses at Arts Place: Ice Cream Shop, Salon Suites, Italian Restaurant, Brewery, Aldi, Children's Museum, Food Hall

LRCA Committee Reports

Ms. Sharolyn Mack: Turkey Giveaway 11/18, 11AM - 1PM at Riggs LaSalle Recreation Center. There will also be fresh fruits and vegetables distributed. There will be a Senior Spa Day on 2/9—Details will follow.

Danielle Lewis-Wright, Health Committee is looking for members. Contact danielle@lrcadc.org.

Julie Larsen, Beautification/Public Safety is seeking to get more trash cans at the field at Riggs/LaSalle as well as identifying when the trash pick days are for more consistency of pickup.

Angelyn Boose, Communications Committee seeking individuals with Graphic Design/Website/Communication/Journalism experiences to participate in the committee.

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Community Events

Save the date for the annual Ward 5 Holiday Party! Make plans to join me on December 14 from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. at City-State Brewing Co. (705 Edgewood St NE) for a night of food, music, dancing, and celebration together as a community. More information coming soon!

Hellbender Brewery Record Fair

December 2, 2023 at 1:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Hellbender Brewing Company, 5788 2nd St NE, Washington, DC 20011, USA

Invasive Removal at Hellbender Hill with Casey Trees

December 16, 2023 at 11:00 am – 1:00 pm
Hellbender Brewing Company, 5788 2nd St NE, Washington, DC 20011, USA
Register in advance at Community Conservation: Invasive Removal at Hellbender Hill Tickets, Sat, Dec 16, 2023 at 11:00 AM | Eventbrite Join with Google Meet: <https://meet.google.com/sfi-ieng-xgg> Learn more about Meet at: <https://support.google.com/a/users/answer/9282720>

Upcoming Events:

LRCA Family Holiday Movie and Fun Day—Sunday, December 10, 2023, from 2 PM to 4:30 PM. Location Lillian J. Huff Neighborhood Library, 5410 South Dakota Avenue NE, Washington, DC 20011. Come out to enjoy hot chocolate, cider, popcorn, and most importantly meet and fellowship with your neighbors.

Senior Tree Trimming Party. Come join other neighborhood Seniors as we deck the halls for the holiday. Along with decorating the party will include music, food, games, fun, and a gift exchange (gifts should be priced no more than \$20). Contact Senior Chair Rev. Johnnie Mays at 202-210-2941 or Co-chair Mr. Edgar Sheppard at 202-306-0410 if you wish to participate.



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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