

Lamond-Riggs Citizens Association Newsletter

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello Lamond-Riggs Family,

We hope to see you at our November 6, 2023 meeting at the Lamond-Riggs Lillian J. Huff Library at 6 PM EST. As we did in October, we will broadcast the meeting online via the Zoom webinar platform (see details below).

Become a member. We need your support by joining a committee and paying your membership dues. If you were a previous member, log into your online account at <https://lrcadc.org> using the 'My Account' link (feel free to reset your account password if you've forgotten what it is); become a member for the first time by paying your dues online using the 'Join' button on the site; or pay your dues by surface mail by completing the membership form on page 4 of this newsletter and mailing in the form with a signed check in the amount of your membership dues level to the provided PO Box. Paying your membership will go towards community events we organize, scholarships, and support we provide to other organizations in our community. As an example, the LRCA recently supported the 3rd Annual LCAG Halloween Parade and the 1st Annual Basketball Tournament featuring the Riggs LaSalle youth and Metropolitan Police Department.

Have you been thinking of getting more involved in your community? Joining an LRCA committee is a great way to achieve that thought. We also invite you to join the events that are posted to our Google Group. If you have not yet joined the LRCA's Google Group, Lamond Riggs Community, follow the instructions to join (<https://support.google.com/groups/answer/1067205?hl=en>).

We look forward to seeing you on Monday, November 6th.

In community service,

Barbara Rogers
LRCA President

**ATTEND THE NOVEMBER LRCA GENERAL BODY MEETING on Monday, November 6, 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/81992495353?pwd=bHBleis1SUJlZHZhd3h1dEV3a2MvZz09>

Or dial in by phone: 301-715-8592

Webinar ID: 819 9249 5353

Passcode: 769432

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



November 2023 Meeting Agenda

- Welcome/Invocation
- Officers Report, Minutes, Treasurer Report
- Updates from Elected Officials & PSA
- LRCA Committee Introductions
- Community Concerns/Closing

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NEWS YOU CAN USE!

DC Tax Revision Commission Public Town Hall

The upcoming public Town Hall hosted by the Tax Revision Commission will take place on **November 6 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** The event will be held at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Library, located at 901 G St NW, in conference room 401-A. Your participation is crucial in shaping the city's future tax code. Learn more:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/in-person-public-town-hall-dc-tax-revision-commission-tickets-723019499787?aff=oddtcreator>

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>

Applications Closed for Emergency Rental Aid

The current round of applications for emergency rental assistance has concluded for this quarter, as the DC Department of Human Services (DHS) received 3,500 applications in under 10 days. The application process will resume in 2024 on the 1st of January, April, and July, with an additional capacity to accept 3,500 applications each quarter. If you need assistance with your ERAP application, please contact email erap.program@dc.gov.

DON'T FORGET: FREE COVID-19 Tests are Still 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>).

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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

The Councilmember took steps to advance transit equity for Ward 4 students by effectively launching the DC School Connect pilot shuttle program. Learn more about this program by going to: <https://www.dcschoolconnect.com>

New Building for Friendship Ideal Public Charter School

In the Lamond community (Ward 4), Friendship Ideal Public Charter School's new state-of-the-art facility was recently inaugurated. The building includes community meeting spaces serving the wider Ward 4 community. The Councilmember anticipates the positive impact this facility will have on the learning and growth of our local students.

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)

School Improvement Amendment Act of 2023

Alongside Chairman Phil Mendelson, Councilmember Parker introduced 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://zacharyparkerward5.com/the-school-improvement-amendment-act-of-2023>

Bladensburg Bus Garage Reconstruction Project

DC Metro is hosting the Fall 2023 Community Meeting for the Bladensburg Bus Garage Reconstruction Project on **Monday, November 6 at 6:00 PM**. This meeting will be held in person and virtually. In-person attendance—Woodridge Library, 1801 Hamlin St NE; Virtual attendance—A meeting link will be emailed after you register online:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bladensburg-bus-garage-reconstruction-project-fall-community-meeting-tickets-721526684737?aff=oddtcreator>

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

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OCTOBER 2023 MEETING MINUTES—October 2, 2023

President Barbara Rogers opened the meeting at 6:30 PM and welcomed everyone to our first hybrid meeting. President Rogers also reminds guests that the new library closing time of 8:00 PM requires that we modify meeting time to 6:00-7:30 PM.

Treasurer's Report: Laverne Johnson, Treasurer, beginning balance, 7,174.58, deposits of \$62,423.92, (\$60,000 from EYA part of community benefits agreement of which \$50k will be used for scholarships), \$2,423.92 membership dues, \$7,021.71 (newsletter, back to school backpack event and scholarships), Ending balance \$62,576.79. Minutes from the last meeting as shared in the newsletter: No requests from the floor or from Zoom to edit the minutes. The motion to approve was moved, seconded, and approved.

Community/Legislative Reports

Carlos McKnight, Councilmember Zachary Parker's office (cmcknight@dccouncil.gov)—Addresses Public Safety Emergency Legislation which Councilmember Parker supported passed the council. Identifies New Police Chief Public Safety Plan (Holistic). The Council will hold hearings regarding the recent flooding at Rhode Island Row as well as the more recent flooding at Rhode Island Avenue and Mount Olivet Road including the DC Office of Unified Communications (OUC/911) responses to said events on 10/5/23, 10/11/23, Metro Public Safety Hearing. A new system coming forward for testimony on hearings that offers the opportunity to upload text/video/live testimony. Emergency Rental Assistance Program will be open Oct 1, 2023, for the 1st quarter. Going forward it will be open quarterly with a maximum of 3,500 applications/quarter. Burroughs Elementary received \$181,000 for repairs including playground upgrades; McKinley received \$50,000 for HVAC work; Noyes Ceiling repair funds granted. 311 will now take 311 requests for public areas of schools and playgrounds (instead of DC's Department of General Services (DGS)).

Travorious Culpepper, PEPCO—reported on the Multi-Year Rate Plan that will be coming into effect. The rate plan will reportedly result in a \$6.13 per month average increase for the years 2024, 2025, and 2026.

Pepco Racial Equity Capital Funds—Residents are reminded that PEPCO offers Energy Assistance Plans including RAD, Senior Discounts, and LIHEAP.

Charon Hines, Director of Dept of Aging and Community Living and past LRCA president swore in the following officers: Shawaan Robinson, 2nd Vice President; Lori LaRue, Recording Secretary; Theodore Ngatchou, Trustee; and Elizabeth Pavick, Trustee.

Alice Thomas, Dept of Aging and Community Living—Safe At Home. New Funding for the new fiscal year coming in for their programs which include preventative adaptive equipment to reduce fall risk, Senior Rehab Programs, Assistance for the visually impaired, Mom's Meals, case management, and more. Maximum income limits have been increased. Contact: dacl@dc.gov, phone: 202-724-5626

Lillian Huff/Lamond Riggs Library Branch Manager David Gaston—Welcomed everyone to the Library. Welcomed his newest School Year Intern, Zanaya. Identified upcoming community events including Sip and Paint. Please go to the library website for more information.

Ed Washington, Parks at Main Street—Art All Night, Holiday Lights Coming Up, Upcoming Art Installations for Traffic Boxes, Riggs Senior Crossings

Commissioner Allison Brooks (ANC 4B)—Commissioner Huff has resigned. Awaiting an official letter from her. Any interested parties for ANC4B10 can obtain petitions for a special election, date TBA.

Sophia Tekola (Mayor's Office (MOCR))—Curfew Enhancements for those age 17 and under, midnight to 6 AM. OSSE Dual Enrollment applications are due by 10/20/23, and admissions will be processed by 11/14/23. \$2.2M in grants. Confirmation hearing on Chief Smith is ongoing as of Oct 2, 2023.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM

/s/ Lori LaRue, Recording Secretary

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Community Events



Upcoming Events:

Ward 5 Community Happy Hour—November 2, 2023, from 6 PM to 8 PM at The Pub & The People. 1648 North Capitol St NW, Washington, DC 20002

Ward 4 Turkey Giveaway, Saturday, November 18, 2023, at 11 AM. Join the Lamond-Riggs Citizens Association and Councilmember Janeese Lewis George for a Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway for Ward 4 families in need. A FREE turkey will be provided to families on a first-come, first-served basis. Limit one turkey per family. Proof of Ward 4 residency is required. **Giveaway location:** Riggs LaSalle Recreation Center, 501 Riggs Road NE, Washington, DC 20011.



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.

Salutation	First Name	Last Name	Evening Phone #	Daytime Phone #
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Email: _____ # children at home: _____

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Email: _____
 Address: _____ Washington, DC 20011

I/We volunteer for the following committee(s): *check a box below* Use CODE: 1=Self, 2=Spouse/Partner, 3=Both, 4=Other DONATION

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