

Lamond-Riggs Citizens Association Newsletter

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello Lamond Riggs Family,

Thank you for attending our February meeting and we hope to see you on March 4, 2024. We have 2 speakers on the agenda, see below. We are all concerned about crime in our community as we've had a couple of carjackings in our neighborhood, **so we are excited to raffle off some air tags and smart tags to help combat crime.** These small devices can be placed in your vehicle, and enables you to track your vehicle on your Apple device/smartphone. **You must be a paid member to participate and present to win.** If you have not paid your dues, please go to our website, <https://lrcadc.org/membership-join>, use the membership form on page 4, or come to the March meeting to pay your dues.

We want to hear from you, if you have an idea of a community event you want LRCA to host, or have a community concern, please send us an email to ask@lrcadc.org. Remember to check on your neighbors, especially our seniors. We will also stream the meeting online, see details below. Please get involved in our community by joining a committee.

In community service,

Barbara Rogers, President

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ATTEND THE FEBRUARY LRCA GENERAL BODY MEETING on Monday, March 4, 2024, 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:

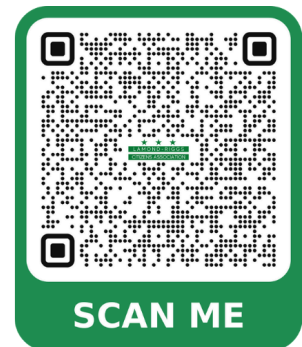
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83726154641?pwd=Nmd6WFRyQ2RjZ0hVQ0JECmSlk4Zz09>

Or dial in by phone: 301-715-8592

Webinar ID: 837 2615 4641

Passcode: 842799

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



March 2024 Meeting Agenda

- Welcome/Invocation
- Officers Report, Minutes, Treasurer Report
- Updates from Elected Officials & PSA
- Dolly Turner, Department of Insurance Securities and Banking
- Joanna Ha Yean Shin, Project Manager APAH (Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing)
- Community Concerns/Closing

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NEWS YOU CAN USE!

UPDATE FOR SENIORS

Seniors who are not on our Listserv or do not use a computer are encouraged to contact Rev. Mays or Mr. Sheppard. They will be happy to provide community updates over the phone.

Contact Senior Chair Rev. Johnnie Mays at 202-210-2941 or Co-chair Mr. Edgar Sheppard at 202-306-0410

YOUR OPINION MATTERS!

Help decide the art for traffic control boxes in Riggs Park. Participate by typing the following information in the search bar to access the Traffic Control Box Community Art Project – Survey: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSemi5NPFoOGMF519NPwit7qBlWBLWu_xdl-FiAY42GOrXjw/viewform

Need a paper survey? Send an email to info@theparksmainstreet.org or call 202-747-5595.

APPLY for the SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Applications are now open for the Mayor Marion Barry Summer Youth Employment Program for DC youth ages 14-24! Youth can apply for SYEP through March 6 and organizations can also apply to host SYEP participants.

[https://webapps.does.dc.gov/syep/\(S\(agolbcupyxlltd45f2jp3l55\)\)/hostreg.aspx](https://webapps.does.dc.gov/syep/(S(agolbcupyxlltd45f2jp3l55))/hostreg.aspx)

COMMUNITY BLOG

Be sure to check out the blog **Next Stop...Riggs Park** for news and commentary about Riggs Park and surrounding communities.

<https://nextstopriggspark.com/>

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. COVID test kits are also available at the Lillian J. Huff Library.

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) MPD Amazon Lockers Program Expands to 4D and 2D

If you are having problems with package theft, Ward 4 residents ordering from Amazon now have the option of ordering their packages to be delivered to new Amazon Lockers at Fourth District Station (6001 Georgia Ave NW) or Second District Station (3320 Idaho Ave NW). We should not have to take these precautions, but this is a valuable resource for residents who want to take advantage of it while package thefts are high. Learn more from MPD's notice.

Free Income Tax Help at DC Libraries for Seniors

The AARP Foundation is providing free income tax filing assistance for eligible seniors at libraries across the District until April 15. In Ward 4, income tax help is offered at Petworth Library on Mondays and Fridays from 11 am-4 pm, and residents must make an appointment ahead of time by contacting 202-656-1341 or 20051013@aarpfoundation.org. Review the list of participating libraries and the list of documents that seniors should bring with them to their appointments on DCPL's website.

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 Parker's Office (Ward 5)

Beginning in early June, the Glenmont, Wheaton, Forest Glen, Silver Spring and Takoma stations on the Red Line will be closed. The closure will continue through early September with the possibility of reducing the work zone to allow Takoma Station to reopen prior to the end of construction. Additionally Metro is seeking public input on their latest fiscal year 2025 budget proposal. Ward 5 residents are urged to complete the survey by March 5.

Survey Information:

<https://wmata.questionpro.com/a/TakeSurvey?tt=rHO2gutFWB8EChrPeIW9eQ%3D%3D>

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

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FEBRUARY 2024 MEETING MINUTES—February 5, 2024

Welcome by **President Barbara Rogers**. Invocation by **Apostle Paul Smith**. The December minutes were approved as shown in the newsletter, moved and seconded.

Treasurer Report: Laverne Johnson, Treasurer

Beginning Balance: \$16,661.11

Deposits: \$1,584.26 (memberships)

Expenses: \$2,985.62 (printing, technical support, events sponsored)

Ending Balance: \$15,259.75

The balance of the EYA funds were placed into a separate account for scholarships.

Carlos McKnight - Councilman Parker's Office:

- Councilman Parker has authored legislation "Water Is Life Act 2024" Prevents water shutoffs as water is an essential right. Prevents DC Water from conducting shutoffs and provides money to address the bill issue.
- Councilman Parker also has a bill to Keep Nurses in Schools and address the short staffing issue with school nurses.
- Budget hearing for programs and for residents to give feedback in preparation for the Mayor's budget which in March. Please send in your testimony.

Derrick Johnson, Mayor Bowser's Office:

- Secure DC Omnibus Legislation vote will take place on 2/6/24. Please express your support with your Council Member. Committee on Judiciary and Safety and will cover loopholes in current legislation.
- There is a Hiring Fair at the MLK Library on 2/13, 10AM-4PM. Please attend. DCHR.DC.Gov to pre-register.
- Leaf Collection continues with Section C. DPW.gov for details. Any Christmas trees can be placed in your tree box for pickup.
- The Mayor's Summer Jobs Program continues. Summerjobs.dc.gov.
- There are HBCU Public Service Internships, HU/UDC collaboration. DOES.DC.Gov

Commander Lavenhouse, 4D Commander, Capt. Chatman, and Officer Hemrick: There has been a decrease in property and retail theft. Package Theft is up - please avail yourself of the Amazon Lockers at 4D to reduce package theft. Residents are advised to walk in groups if at all possible and utilize security cameras.

Shawaan Robinson, LRCA 2nd VP: LRCA will be offering a drawing for Apple and Tile Airtags at the next meeting. These tags can be hidden in your vehicle so that in the unlikely event your car is stolen tracking data can aid in locating your car. Details to come.

Edwin Washington, Parks at Main Street: An Art Installation will give local artists a chance to use their art skills on one of several Traffic Control Boxes in our area. The contest comes with a \$500 prize for designs. Please complete the survey online at TheParksAtMainStreet.org

General Reminders:

- Food Giveaway at the Riggs LaSalle Rec Center Every 3rd Thursday and 3rd Saturday
- If there are any students that would like to earn Community Service Hours assisting with newsletter distribution please contact President Barbara Rogers at 202-904-1027.
- If you have any concerns regarding the newly installed DDOT DC Smart Street lights (too bright or not bright enough) please contact 202-673-6813.

Meeting adjourned 7:30pm

/s/ Lori LaRue, Recording Secretary

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Community Events

Apple Air Tag/Android Smart Tag Raffle



LRCA paid members are eligible for the Air tag/Smart tag raffle.. If you have not had a chance to join the LRCA, you may join online or complete the membership form included in this newsletter and bring it to the next general membership meeting on March 4, 2024. Must be present to win!

Upcoming Events:

- Food Distribution at the Riggs LaSalle Rec Center Every 3rd Thursday and 3rd Saturday
- LaSalle-Backus' Family Food Market Food Bank Distribution is March 21st, 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm.

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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