

Lamond-Riggs Citizens Association Newsletter

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello Lamond Riggs Family,

Spring is here! Thank you for attending our March meeting and we hope to see you on **April 8, 2024**.

The air and smart tags giveaway at our March meeting was a big success! We have several smart tags left to distribute at our April meeting. Place a tag in your car, and you can track your car on your smartphone. **You must be a paid member to participate and present to win.** If you still need to pay your dues, please go to our website at <https://lrcadc.org/membership-join>, use the form on page 4 of this newsletter, or come to the April meeting to pay your dues.

We received a community concern at the March meeting about the fees on utility bills. We will have a representative from the Office of the People's Counsel at our April meeting to explain the fees and how you can apply for payment assistance.

As always, we want to hear from you, if you have an idea of a community event you want the LRCA to host, or have a community concern, please send us an email at ask@lrcadc.org.

Remember to check on your neighbors, especially our seniors. The next meeting will be streamed online. See the meeting details, below, on how to join us. Please also remember to get involved in our community by joining an LRCA committee.

In community service,
Barbara Rogers, President

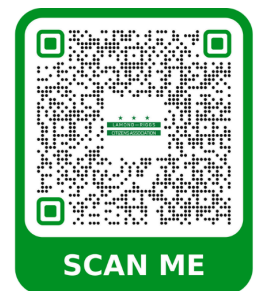
**ATTEND THE APRIL LRCA GENERAL BODY MEETING on Monday, April 8, 2024, from
6:00 PM to 7:30 PM. Doors open at 5:45 PM**

**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 streamed via Zoom webinar. Access the meeting using the link below:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82279633260?pwd=KzZKK0dSSUFqOVZGQW14c1dGZnhxUT09>

Or dial in by phone: 301-715-8592
Webinar ID: 822 7963 3260
Passcode: 197609

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



April 2024 Meeting Agenda

- Welcome/Invocation
- Officers Report, Minutes, Treasurer Report
- Updates from Elected Officials & PSA
- Office of the People's Counsel
- 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

WING STOP JOB FAIR



The first Wing Stop restaurant in the District of Columbia is opening in our community on April 22, 2024. The Department of Employment Services (DOES) will host a job fair on:

- April 9th at Riggs Lillian J. Huff Library Room 1- 10 am-2 pm
- April 12th at the Department of Employment Services, 4058 Minnesota Avenue, NE 10 am-2 pm

CLOSING OUT WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

As we close out Women's History Month we would be remiss if we didn't acknowledge LRCA's past and present leaders as well as DC's local political leaders.

- Simon L. Cain
- Dorothy Maultsby
- Jonnie Wilson
- Lillian Huff
- Alice Gilmore
- Charon P.W. Hines
- Uchenna Evans
- Barbara Rogers
- Mayor Muriel Bowser
- Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton
- Councilmembers Janeese Lewis George, Anita Bonds, Christina Henderson, Brianne Nadeau, and Brooke Pinto

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

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)

Prepare to Apply for Rental Assistance

The Department of Human Services will reopen applications for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) (<https://erap.dhs.dc.gov>) on Monday, April 1 at noon. DHS will close the portal once it receives 8,500 applications. The next application cycle will not be until July 1 with about 4,000 application slots available. Learn more about what you will need to apply on the ERAP website.

Healthy Homes Fair

On Saturday, April 6 from 1 pm-5 pm, there will be a major Healthy Homes Fair (<https://www.healthyhomesfair.org>) at Stadium Armory for DC residents interested in electrifying their homes! Come learn about exciting state-of-the-art technologies like heat pumps, induction, battery storage, EV chargers, and more.

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.

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)

Addressing Truancy and Chronic Absenteeism

Council Member Parker will introduce the **Showing Up for Students Amendment Act of 2024**

(https://zacharyparkerward5.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/PressRelease_ShowingUpForStudents_Mar2024.pdf). This legislation will revamp the District's approach to truancy and chronic absenteeism and set higher expectations for schools, parents, and District agencies.

New Podcast: The Ward 5 Wave

This weekly podcast will aim to give you a quick, 10-minute or less overview of what's highlighted in the newsletter each week. You can listen in on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, and Overcast.

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

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MARCH 2024 MEETING MINUTES—March 4, 2024

Welcome by **President Barbara Rogers**. Invocation-moment of silence. The February minutes were approved as shown in the newsletter, moved, and seconded with corrections.

Treasurer Report: Laverne Johnson, Treasurer

Beginning Balance: \$15,259.75

Deposits: \$432.75 (memberships)

Expenses: **\$1333.94** (printing, technical support, events sponsored)

Ending Balance: \$14,063.56

Scholarship Account Beginning Balance: \$46,000.00

Interest Earned: \$5.34

Ending Balance: \$46,005.34

Sophia Tekola, Mayor's Office

- The Council will vote on all initiatives tomorrow. Come by the Council Chambers at Wilson Bldg 10:30 am. RSVP in the chat.
- Summer Programs for family Raymond Elementary April 6th.
- Fire—1300 block of Peabody Street. There have been a record number of fires due to lithium batteries in electric scooters/ebikes. Do not plug your ion battery e-bikes into the wall in your home. It is a fire hazard.
- Will keep checking in on the homeless woman at the corner of Riggs Road adjacent to the Walmart particularly when there is a Hyperthermia alert; she can not be forced to move.
- Secure DC legislation coming up for a vote on March 5th with amendments.

Jim Lewis—Council Member Lewis-George's Office

- Takoma Fitness Center has reopened.
- SNAP payments expanded beginning March 1st.
- Tax Season—AARP and others offer free tax preparation.
- Oversight slowing down and now in the Budget season.
- Find updates at <https://Ward4News.com>.

Carlos McKnight -Council Member Parker's Office. Councilman Parker issued his budget letter regarding his requests for Ward 5.

ANC Commissioner Thompson 4B09 - Reported success in clearing the sidewalk in front of Walmart. Thank you, residents, for their support in getting that done.

ANC Commissioner Berry 4B10—Spring Clean Up Event coming up on April 20th

Edwin Washington—The Parks Main Street-Survey Closes at 11:59 pm tonight. People supported Murals, Crosswalk Art, and Vacant Window Art.

Dolly Turner—Chief of Staff for the Office of Insurance Securities and Banking, Phillip Edmunds—Director of Compliance Analysis at the Office of Insurance Securities and Banking

- Preparing for Flood Season—Financial Stability in the face of a catastrophe. A standard homeowner's policy doesn't cover flooding or water damage. Check out <https://Floodsmart.gov>.
- Get this through your regular insurance agent; there is a flood risk in DC.

Joanna Shinn—Project Manager for APAH/Mitch Crispell—Director of Real Estate Development at APAH

- Riggs Crossing: For questions contact email mcrispell@apah.org or jshin@apah.org.
- 93 fully affordable senior units; January 2025 is the targeted grand opening.

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm

/s/ Lori LaRue, Recording Secretary

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Community Events

Explore The World With Chess - Join International Master Oladapu Adu

Every Thursday, 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
Lamond-Riggs Neighborhood Library
AGE GROUP: 5 - 12 YEARS OLD 13 - 19 YEARS OLD (TEENS)
EVENT TYPE: CHESS CLUB

Here's the *Stitchuation* - Knitting and Crocheting Group

Every Friday, 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Lamond-Riggs Neighborhood Library
AGE GROUP: SENIORS ADULTS 5 - 12 YEARS OLD 13 - 19 YEARS OLD (TEENS)
EVENT TYPE: ARTS & CRAFTS

SHH & Paint - NO art experience is required!

Thursday, April 18: 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm
Lamond-Riggs Neighborhood Library
AGE GROUP: ADULTS 5 - 12 YEARS OLD 13 - 19 YEARS OLD (TEENS)
EVENT TYPE: ARTS & CRAFTS

Upcoming Events:

- Food Distribution at **the Riggs LaSalle Rec Center Every third Saturday** at 11:30 am **while food supplies last.**
- **LaSalle-Backus Family Food Market Food Bank Distribution every Thursday, 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm.**
- **Mayor Bowser presents Senior Fest- Riggs LaSalle Rec Center - May 1, 2024**
Visit <https://dprprograms.com> for more information

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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