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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings Lamond-Riggs,

Please join us for our next meeting on April 2. Hear from Casey Trees and also get an update on the transition plan for the middle school at LaSalle-Backus to a new Ward 4 middle school campus at Coolidge. Follow the school transition planning process at <https://dcpsplanning.wordpress.com/category/coolidge>.

At last month's meeting we heard about the new DC Fire & EMS transport policy. Learn more at <https://fems.dc.gov/page/frequently-asked-questions-right-care-right-now>. We also received information about DC government's home rehabilitation program (<https://dhcd.dc.gov/SFRRP>) and home purchase assistance programs, HPAP (<https://dhcd.dc.gov/service/home-purchase-assistance-program-hpap>) and DC Open Doors (<http://www.dcopendoors.com>).

In this issue, read about new library programming for seniors, how to get a free smoke detector, the new school garden at LaSalle-Backus, and neighborhood events taking place in April, including a pet adopt-a-thon on April 7, the Riggs Park Art Crawl on April 6 & 7, and LRCA's spring cleanup on 14. **And remember** that LRCA's website also provides up-to-date information about neighborhood development at <http://www.lrcadc.org/development>.

We are still accepting scholarship applications from graduating high school seniors who live in Lamond-Riggs and who attend a public school in DC. The application deadline is April 18, 2018. For eligibility guidelines and to download an application, visit <http://www.lrcadc.org/scholarships>.

As always, please feel free to reach out to us to let us know how we can be of assistance.

In service,
Uchenna Evans

NOTICES & AGENDA

LRCA Meetings

General meetings are scheduled for the first Monday of each month from October thru June, 7:00 pm—8:45 pm at:

LaSalle-Backus Education Campus
501 Riggs Road, NE, Washington, DC, 20011

The next LRCA meetings will be held on:
Monday, April 2, 2018
Monday, May 7, 2018
Monday, June 4, 2018
7:00 pm in the LaSalle-Backus EC Auditorium (off Madison Street).

AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Updates from PSA Officers
3. Guest Speakers
4. Updates from Elected Officials
5. Officer's Reports: Minutes and Treasurer
6. Committee Updates
7. Closing Remarks

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**Social Saturdays with
ANC Commissioner Barbara Rogers (4B08)**

Follow on facebook @ANCBBarbaraRogers
3rd Saturday Monthly
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Culture Coffee Too (300 Riggs Road NE)

**ANC 4B09 SMD Meeting with
Commissioner Tischa Cockrell**

Every 3rd Tuesday Monthly
6:30 pm

Riggs-LaSalle Recreation Center (501 Riggs Road NE)

Free Food Pantry

4:00 pm, 3rd Thursday Monthly
LaSalle-Backus Education Center (501 Riggs Road NE)
Free bags of groceries for community members

Free tax assistance

Every Monday & Thursday (February through April)
10:00 am

Lamond-Riggs Library
5401 South Dakota Avenue NE

AARP provides free tax assistance for qualified individuals.

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**New Lamond-Riggs Library Senior Programming
Senior Speakeasy Café**

April 4, 2018 (and every 1st Wednesday monthly)
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm
Lamond-Riggs Library
5401 South Dakota Avenue NE
Contact: (202) 541-6255

Join neighbors for informal conversation & light refreshments

Humane Rescue Alliance Adop-a-thon

April 7, 2018

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Fort Circle Park (Galloway Street NE)

RSVP at adoptathon.splashthat.com

Cats and dogs looking for a fur-ever home. Donations of blankets, toys, and unopened wet and dry pet food welcome. Food truck. Hosted by The Harrison Beacher Group

**LaSalle-Backus Education Campus Seeking Volunteers
For School Garden**

Calling all Lamond-Riggs gardeners! On April 14, come see the latest updates to LaSalle Backus Education Campus' new school garden! In partnership with City Blossoms, the school community will be implementing Phase 2 of their school garden. Community members are invited to meet the school garden committee and take part in the garden work day from 12pm-3 pm, rain or shine.

DC Water Town Halls

6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Ward 4: April 5, 2018 - Paul Public Charter School Auditorium (5800 8th Street NW)

Ward 5: April 19, 2018 - Trinity University Main Hall O'Connor Auditorium (125 Michigan Avenue NE)

New Crime Map Tool

DC government rolled out a new crime mapping tool. Check it out at crimecards.dc.gov.

Free Smoke Detectors

DC Fire & EMS offers free smoke detectors and installation for District homeowners. Submit a service request online at 311.dc.gov or call (202) 727-1614. For more information, visit <https://fems.dc.gov/service/free-smoke-alarms>

In Memoriam

Caesar Dudley; Towana L. Dudley; Valerie Belinda Joyner; Ruth Harrison Perry

LRCA

LRCA General Membership Meeting Minutes LaSalle-Backus Education Campus March 5, 2018

President Uchenna Evans called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM. Minutes from the February general membership meeting were approved. LRCA Scholarship applications for high school seniors due April 18. Applications available at www.LRCADC.org. A hearing for the amendments to the comprehensive plan will be on March 20 at Wilson Building. Written comments can be submitted until April 3. A moment of silence was held for Mr. Dudley, former president of LRCA, and Valerie Belinda Joyner who passed away recently. Pepco holding March 22 community hearing on the Capital Grid Project at 6:30 PM at LaSalle-Backus.

Iyanna Holmes, Financial Secretary – LRCA started the year on September 1, 2017 with \$3,420 and collected \$3,855 from membership and contributions for printing of newsletter. LRCA has since spent \$1,959 on printing and copying, PO Box fees, corporation filing fees, and miscellaneous supplies and other expenses. Ending balance is \$5,317 as of end of February. Financial report approved by membership.

Barbara Mitchell, Legislative Director to Ward 5 Councilmember Kenyan McDuffie – DPW is resuming residential street sweeping. Council's budget oversight hearings start on April 11 after the Council receives the Mayor's budget on March 21. There will be a hearing on the comprehensive plan on March 20.

Faye Caldwell, Special Assistant to Ward 4 Councilmember Brandon Todd – DPW will have their oversight hearing on Thursday, March 8. There are 6 trashcans in front of Walmart but only two of them are emptied each night by Walmart. If the community continues to have issues with trash not being emptied in front of Walmart, contact 311 and make sure to obtain a confirmation number for the report. 835 Oglethorpe has been reported as blighted. LaRoya Huff is now working at Councilmember Todd's office.

Kenny Crosswhite, Deputy Fire Chief, DC Fire and EMS – On April 19 DC Fire and EMS will launch a program called *Right Care Right Now*. The aim of the program is to help connect residents to primary care for outside of the ER. When residents call 911 the operator will ask a series of questions that will inform the operator if patient is having an emergency. If not, they are transferred to a Nurse for immediate assistance and the caller is then transported to one of 16 different triage locations for treatment. For those with Medicaid or Medicare, the service is free of charge. If you have any questions about the *Right Care Right Now* program, call Doug Buchanan (202) 673-3394.

Archie Williams, DC Public Library – Request for proposals to decide on an architectural team that will design the library has been released. Selection of a team expected to take 60 days. After design team selected, official community engagement process will start. The process is a one year engagement process where the library will hold community meetings at the library and invite the community to talk about what they want in library program and design. For more information, visit www.dclibrary.org/newlamondriggs. Email archie.williams@dc.gov with questions.

Bill Milko, DC Housing Finance Agency – DC Open Doors program provides 0% interest down payment assistance loan if you work with participating lender. Visit <http://www.dcopendoors.com>

Sara Imhulse, DC Department of Housing and Community Development – Work to provide safe and accessible homes – single family rehab grants (accessibility and roof grants) as well as home loans with 0% interest rates available. Apply for grants through community based organizations. For more information visit <https://dhcd.dc.gov>

Lamont Lee, DC Department of Housing and Community Development – The Home Purchase Assistance (HPAP) program provides interest-free loans and closing cost assistance to qualified applicants to purchase single family houses, condominiums, or cooperative units. Eligibility is based on not having a home in the district yet, preferably living in the DC, and income based on household size. The whole process can take about 45 days depending on how prepared someone is to go through the process. For more information, visit <https://dhcd.dc.gov/service/home-purchase-assistance-program-hpap>

DC Council Chair Phil Mendelson – Proposed legislation to break up DCRA into the Department of Building and the Department of Licensing and Consumer Protection. There was a vote on Tenant Opportunity to Purchase (TOPA) in March to amend TOPA to exempt single family home owners who are renting portions of their home.

Ward 5 Councilman Kenyan McDuffie – Regarding energy service providers who are conducting door to door sales calls – if you feel that you are being harassed, call the councilmember's office to report these actions. The Office of the People's Counsel is charged to be the advocate for consumers when it comes to the utilities that are under the oversight of the Public Service Commission. Be careful about fraud and make sure you have all the information available when making a choice about switching energy providers.

LaSalle-Backus Principal Justin Ralston – Thanks to community members who donated, every 6th, 7th, & 8th grader was sponsored to see Black Panther last week. He is working with DPR on playground access. DDOT recommended placing cones in front of school to increase safety for students during arrival and dismissal. CM Todd staffer LaRoya Huff stated the councilmember's office has been alerted of out-of-state attendance issue, and the office will investigate.

Gordon Fletcher, ANC 5A08 Commissioner – Arranging another tour for Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton – look for information to sign up for that in the spring. Councilman McDuffie will be meeting with Riggs Plaza tenants and The Modern about the difficulties with moving in. DDOT walkthrough Friday 9:00am.

Tischa Cockrell, ANC4B09 Commissioner – Next meeting March 20 at 6:30pm at Riggs-LaSalle Rec. DPW parking hotline 202-541-6083; MPD emergency text number 50411.

Gwen Cofield, Development Task Force – Task force now has one chair. Cafritz negotiating a lease on warehouses on Kennedy Street for a charter school. Storage facility – met with the task force, have not received any community complaints; will begin marketing by the end of the year. LRCA leadership had call with DMPED to express community's desire to maintain the green space in front of Food & Friends as public green space. EYA Fort Totten South Development Project has been updated to reduce number of homes, have more family size units, and same amount of below-market rate homes. Expect groundbreaking later this year

LaRoya Huff, Youth Development Committee – More slots available for internship program. If you know 18-24 year olds interested, please contact LaRoya. Culture Coffee Too hosting Food, Fun, and Friends Friday with live music and will be starting a storytelling hour on Saturday from 11am-1pm.

Olga Naidenko, Environmental Committee – Spring clean up is scheduled for April 14.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 PM. /s/ Helen Li, Recording Secretary

Riggs Park Art Crawl: Welcoming Art to Riggs Park
April 6 & 7, 2018

Hellbender Brewery (5788 2nd Street NE)
Friday, April 6, 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm
 Artists Celebrate New Beers Eve

Saturday, April 7, 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm
 Darts for Art
 Artists Networking

Newlen Early Childhood School Readiness Center
 (405 Riggs Road NE)
Friday, April 6, 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm
 Large Format Drawing for Kids
 Puppet Show
 Games for Prizes
 Day Care Tour

Riggs Wine & Liquor (5581 South Dakota Avenue NE)
Saturday, April 7, 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm
 Mural Opening Party

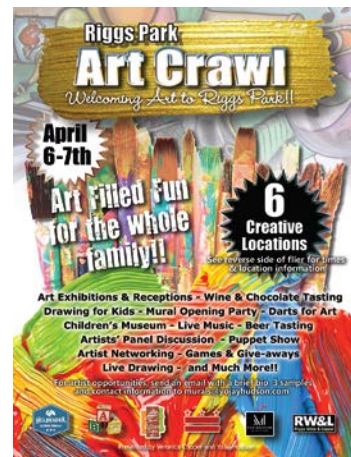
Culture Coffee Too (300 Riggs Road NE)
Friday, April 6, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
 First Friday Artist Reception

Saturday, April 7, 12:00 pm - 9:00 pm
 Live Drawing/Painting
 Coffee Tasting 11:00 am - 1:00 pm
 Wine & Chocolate Tasting 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
 Live Music 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Lamond-Riggs Library (5401 South Dakota Avenue NE)
Saturday, April 7, 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm
 Artists Panel Discussion
 Meet & Greet the Artists
 Drawing for Kids

The Modern at Art Place (400 Galloway Street NE)
Saturday, April 7
 Explore! Children's Museum Spring Festival 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
 Featured Artists on Display 11:00 am - 2:00 pm
 Artists Reception & Mixer 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm

For artist opportunities, send email with brief bio, 3 samples, and contact information to murals@yojayhudson.com



LRCA Spring CleanUp Day
April 14, 2018 (Rain Date: April 21, 2018)
9:30 am - 12:00 pm

Register to volunteer at <https://lrca-cleanup.eventbrite.com>

9:30 am – Pick up supplies at Riggs-LaSalle Rec. DC Water to provide cool water & free water bottles. Meet DC Water's Wendy the Water Drop Mascot

10:00 am – Clean-up volunteers meet with Street Captain at mutually-agreed location & clean up street/alleys. On your way, stop by Culture Coffee Too for a FREE cup of coffee generously provided by the store.

11:30 am - Noon -- Drop off filled bags either in front of the Rec Center or on the curbside near Hellbender Brewery.

Noon -- Meet up at Hellbender Brewery or Culture Coffee Too for group photo

To serve as a Street Captain or to join the planning committee, please contact the LRCA Environment Committee by email at environment.lrca@gmail.com or phone at 202-368-4850.

Hosted by the Environment Committee of the LRCA. Supplies generously provided by the Alice Ferguson Foundation

SAVE THE DATE: Riggs Park Day – May 19, 2018 – We'd like to collect copies of old neighborhood photos & historic documents. We kindly ask neighbors to please start gathering these items & make a copy so that our neighborhood history can be preserved!