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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Happy Holidays Lamond-Riggs,

Please join us for our next meeting on December 3. We have the honor of welcoming Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton. We will also meet the owner of new local pharmacy Ramdass Pharmacy located at 475 Ingraham Street NE. In addition, residents will have the opportunity to vote on final designs for three storm drain murals in the neighborhood, courtesy of the Anacostia Watershed Society. The Anacostia Riverkeeper will share information about its water quality monitoring project. Due to the Ward 4 State Board of Education special election, our December 3rd meeting will be in the cafeteria at LaSalle-Backus.

As you know, our neighborhood public library will be rebuilt in its current location. DC Public Library officials have selected the design-build team, HGA and Consigli. DCPL officials are very interested in getting community input on this project. Find survey information inside the newsletter.

On the last page of the newsletter, find information about the new coat & toy drive for LaSalle-Backus. Please support. Councilmember Todd will hold his annual holiday party & coat drive on December 8; call (202) 724-8052 or email kyoshino@dccouncil.us for sizes needed. Also save the date for Councilmember McDuffie's holiday party & new toy drive on December 19. Free RSVP at <https://bit.ly/2PFonWi>.

As we enter the holiday season, we are especially grateful for residents who have made donations, large and small, to LRCA, and to everyone who has paid membership dues this program year. For just \$1/month, your dues payment supports scholarships for deserving neighborhood students and the operations of LRCA. Easily pay your membership dues online at <http://lrcadc.org/join-lrca>. Alternatively, fill out the last page of the newsletter and bring it with payment to the next LRCA meeting on December 3, or mail your membership form with payment check to LRCA, PO Box 60272, Washington, DC 20039.

We will not meet in the month of January 2019. Please have a safe and enjoyable holiday season.
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, December 3, 2018
Monday, February 4, 2019
Monday, March 4, 2019
7:00 pm in the LaSalle-Backus EC Auditorium (off Madison Street NE).

AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Officers Reports: Minutes/Treasurer
3. Guest Speakers
4. Updates from PSA and Elected Officials
5. Committee Updates
6. Community Concerns

Safety News**PSA 405**

Lt. Matthew Domas –

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Lt. Charles Barnes-Tutt –

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Lt. Andrew Zabavsky

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Lt. Ozetta Posey

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December 4, 2018, 6:30 pm-7:30 pm

Riggs-LaSalle Recreation Center (501 Riggs Rd. NE)

ANC 4B09 SMD Meeting with Comm. Tischa Cockrell

Tentative SMD meeting with Office of Tax & Revenue

December 5, 6:30 pm, Riggs-LaSalle Recreation Center (501 Riggs Rd. NE)

Contact Commissioner Cockrell for confirmation

LaSalle-Backus Free Food Pantry

3rd Thursday monthly, 4:00 pm

LaSalle-Backus Education Campus (501 Riggs Rd. NE)

Free bags of groceries for community residents

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**Art Place at Fort Totten Development Phase 2 Community Survey**Complete community survey on the 2nd phase of this project at <https://goo.gl/forms/smbqFaoHPuDm1mWZ2>FAQs and overview of the project available on LRCA's website at lrcadc.org/development. Project plans available for viewing at Lamond-Riggs Library reference desk and on the DC Office of Zoning website at <https://dcoz.dc.gov> under case number 06-10D.**Lamond-Riggs Library Reconstruction Survey**The Lamond-Riggs Library, at 5401 South Dakota Avenue NE, is being rebuilt. DCPL is engaging the community to develop the "Building Program" for the new Lamond-Riggs Library's design. The Library wants to hear from you about what you want in your new library. Please take a moment to complete the survey at <https://bit.ly/2Dv0I9I>Project website: dclibrary.org/newlamondriggs**Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners Elected in the 2018 General Election**

ANC 4B07 – Geoff Bromaghim

ANC 4B08 – Alison Brooks

ANC 4B09 – LaRoya Huff

ANC 5A01 – Frank Wilds

ANC 5A 08 – Gordon Fletcher

Register for 2019 Visitor Parking PassIf you live on a block with zone parking, remember to register for your 2019 visitor parking pass by visiting <https://vpp.ddot.dc.gov/vpp> or calling (202) 671-2700**DC EdFest: DC's Annual Public School Fair**

December 8, 2018

11:00 am-3:00 pm

DC Armory (2001 East Capitol Street SE)

<http://www.myschooldc.org/events/edfest>

Free admission/parking. Meet the principal of the New North Middle School that will open in the 2019-2020 school year.

Holiday Safety Tips

- * Do not leave anything visible in your cars
- * Break down boxes and place in recycling receptacles.
- * Place a hold on your mail & newspaper delivery if you will be away from home for an extended period of time.
- * Track deliveries & ask neighbors to accept deliveries if you will be away from home
- * Always be aware of your surroundings

For more tips, visit <https://mpdc.dc.gov/page/winter-holiday-safety-tips>

LRCA

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

President Uchenna Evans opened the meeting with a silent invocation at 7:08pm. Mr. Frank Wilds put forth a motion to open LRCA general meetings with a Christian prayer. The motion was approved by membership. A motion to approve the October General Meeting Minutes was approved by membership. President Evans noted error on page 4 of the October 2018 newsletter referencing LRCA's 75th anniversary; that should have read 70th anniversary. The online version has been corrected.

MPD, PSA 405 and PSA406 – Violent crimes are down this year compared to last year. Rebate programs for cameras are helpful to the MPD to solve crimes in the community. MPD encourages resident to take advantage of the camera rebate program. Always see an uptick of robberies during the holidays. If you see something, report to MPD immediately. You can remain anonymous if you do not want to report your name. Contact information for MPD officers is located at www.mpd.dc.gov

Uchenna Evans, President LRCA – Bertie Backus farm stand on Saturday, November 10 from 9am-12pm in front of UDC Bertie Backus campus. Voting day is tomorrow; polls are open from 7am-8pm.

Iyana Ndomale, Treasurer– Balance at the start of the month - \$6,834.07. Revenue since start of the month - \$3,554.69 mainly from dues and the 70th anniversary celebration. Expenses - \$2,445.33. Closed the month with a balance of \$7,943.43. Membership approved financial report as stated by treasurer.

Candidates for Ward 4 Member of the State Board of Education – Introductions from candidates for candidates for Ward 4 member of the State Board of Education – Rhonda Henderson, Elani Lawrence, Frazier O'Leary, and Ryan Tauriainen. The special election will be on December 4, 2018.

Barbara Mitchell, Legislative Director for Councilmember McDuffie's Office – A roundtable to discuss the closure of Providence Hospital was held on October 10. Councilmember McDuffie determined that emergency legislation was needed to clarify that DC's Department of Health has the authority to deem closures of hospitals appropriate or inappropriate and to approve/disapprove closures. Proposed legislation for short term rentals will be up for a second vote on November 13.

Paul Tummonds, Counsel, Goulston & Storrs; Matthew Bell, Perkins Eastman – Zoning Commission process for 2nd phase of Art Place likely to take one year. Anticipated and ambitious timeline is completion of 2nd phase by 2022. The goal is to build a project that will be of interest to many members of the community. There are plans for an interactive play area or theatre, grocery store, food hall, artist housing, additional retail, children's museum, and residences. There are 765 parking spaces planned for the facility. A packet with additional information was handed out at the meeting. Plan to announce the grocer in the new development around Thanksgiving. LRCA has a survey online about the development project that residents are encouraged to take.

Ward 5 Councilmember Kenyan McDuffie – Ascension executives did not attend the hearing about Providence Hospital on October 10. There was a continuation of the hearing held on Friday, November 2. There is no indication that Providence Hospital will be left open, just possibility of delaying closing – current, anticipated close date is December 14, 2018.

John Stokes, DC Department of Parks and Recreation – The playground at Riggs-LaSalle Recreation Center will be open to the community once the playground is ADA accessible and has new security cameras and new lights installed. Current timeline has ramp construction completed in January 2019. LaSalle-Backus EC will still have access to the playground throughout the school day and DPR will open the playground on the weekends. The playgrounds will be opened and locked daily by Park Rangers and cleaned daily. The playground will be open from 7am until dark on the weekends.

Interim Principal Nikeysa Jackson, LaSalle Backus EC – The school is holding a pie fundraiser for all athletes for an end of the year. Order by November 9.

ANC Commissioner Tischa Cockrell (4B09) – October 16 meeting notes handed out. November 20 at 6:30pm about Tax and Revenue. Complete survey for community use of Riggs-LaSalle field.

Joyce Hill, Family Engagement Committee and First Grade Teacher, LaSalle Backus EC – There will be a new coat and new toy drive from November 13 through December 14, 2018.

LaRoy Huff, Deputy Director of Constituent Services, Ward 4 Councilmember Brandon Todd – Ward 4 Young Professionals Happy Hour will be on Wednesday, November 14 from 6:30-8:30pm. Location will be posted on the facebook event. The 18th Annual Ward 4 Holiday Party and New Coat Drive will be on December 8 from 6-8pm at Lafayette Elementary. Call 202-724-8052 if you have any questions.

Meeting adjourned at 8:52pm. /s/ Helen Li, Recording Secretary.



LRCA Insulated Tote Bag

At our next meeting on December 3, we will have a limited number of LRCA-branded insulated tote bags for sale for \$5.00. Pick one up and support LRCA. Sponsored by LRCA board member Sarah Shank.

**LaSalle-Backus Education Campus New Toy & Coat Drive
November 14, 2018 – December 14, 2018
501 Riggs Road NE**

Share the joy & warmth this holiday season with families in need at LaSalle-Backus. Drop off new coats (adult and children) and toys in the donation box in the lobby at LaSalle-Backus.

Riggs-LaSalle Playground ADA Ramp Project

DPR is reopening the Riggs-LaSalle Community Playground at 501 Riggs Rd. NE to the community after several years of being closed. An ADA ramp & pathway, light fixtures, and gate to access the playground from the rec center grounds will be installed.

Proposed Project Schedule

1. Design: November 5, 2018 to December 10, 2018
 2. Permits: December 11, 2018 to January 2, 2019
 3. Construction Phase: January 8, 2019 to January 25, 2019
- Project website: <https://dgs.dc.gov/page/riggs-lasalle-recreation-center-0>
 For questions, contact John Stokes at john.stokes@dc.gov

(Cut here and mail your membership form with payment, or bring to the next meeting)

**Membership Form - October 2018 through September 2019
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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<i>Address:</i>				Washington, DC 20011
I/We volunteer for the following committee(s):			Use code:1=Self, 2=Spouse/Partner, 3=Both, 4=Other	
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<i>Budget/Audit</i>	<i>Environmental</i>	<i>Communications</i>		<i>Development Task Force</i>
<i>Education</i>		<i>Newsletter Distribution</i>		<i>Youth Development/ Recreation</i>
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