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"A Community Newsletter" —LRCA, P.O. Box 60272, Washington, DC 20039

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## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings Neighbors,

Please join us for LRCA's December Meeting and Merry Christmas, to you and yours! It will also be an opportunity for us to "fellowship" with each other, over finger food and drinks. So please come!

We'll hear the latest from the Mayor's Ofc., Councilmembers Todd and McDuffie, the Police, our ANCs and you'll have some time as always, to get answers to your questions.

Our agenda includes a discussion of Walmart's application for a Beer and Wine license. How do you feel, about them selling Beer and Wine? LRCA must decide to 1- Do nothing, 2- Take a vote in favor or 3- Take a vote in opposition. So this meeting is the only time, LRCA will have to officially engage in the process, before the City reviews their request in the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of December.

A draft budget will be presented, with a vote in the February meeting. Draft guidelines for newsletter sponsorship ads, will also be presented for a Feb. vote.

Then tell us, what you would like LRCA work on? Do you need help in "figuring out" finances, how to "stay in your home", etc., especially if you're a Senior? Is it City resources, to replace lead pipes on your property? Or cutting limbs that block lights/"take out" power lines, during storms? Etc?

Lastly, let's fellowship during this time of thanks and re-connect with old friends or meet new folks!

Have you paid your membership yet? It covers the cost of this newsletter, student scholarships, etc. Please fill out the appl. on the last page and bring it with payment to the meeting or mail the form/ payment to LRCA, PO Box 60272, Washington, DC 20039 or pay online at <http://lrcadc.org/join-lrca>. Please consider donating more during this Season of Giving! And thanks to those who already have.

Look forward to seeing you in the December Meeting, regardless if you're Naughty or Nice! Rodney

## NOTICES & AGENDA

### LRCA Meetings

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

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

**HAPPY NEW YEAR! No Jan. Mtg. Party!**  
The next LRCA meetings will be held on:  
**Monday, February 3, 2020 and**  
**March 2, 2020 at 7:00 pm in the LaSalle-Backus EC Auditorium (Riggs Rd. & Madison St. NE)**

### AGENDA

Welcome and Opening Prayer

- MPD and Elected Officials Updates
- Officers Reports: Minutes and Treasurer
- Intro of New Officers
- Walmart Beer & Wine Application Discussion
- Draft Budget Presentation
- Draft Newsletter Sponsor Ad Guidelines Pres.
- Community Concerns & Announcements
- Fellowship

Closing Prayer

Please bring this agenda with you to the meeting!

## Safety News

### **Sector 2 Captain Bryan Christian**

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**There's been a spike in thefts from auto.** Please don't leave any valuables in your car and make sure it's locked!

**311 vs. 911:** DC has revived 311 for non-emergency calls. Call 311 for non-emergency issues such as noise complaints, vandalism, and non-occupied vehicle-related incident. Continue to call 911 for all emergencies.

### **Culture Coffee Too Cares About Neighborhood Safety**

And continues to host its monthly "Sip and Safety For Seniors" from 10:00am to 12:00 noon, at Culture Coffee Too. Lisa Ellis Williams of Damsel In Defense, will help seniors be more aware of their surroundings and create a personal safety plan for home and in the community. Safety products like personal alarms for your door and a Road Trip flashlight (cuts seat belts & charges your cell phone in an emergency). Attendees will receive 10% discount on a large regular coffee or cold brew. Future dates are 11/13, 12/11 and 1/18/2020 with a different theme each month. Call Ms. Williams for ques. 202-567-7186.

**It's getting darker now and it's the holidays,** so please so be extra careful! Park in well-lit areas at home or while out shopping, visiting folks, etc. where possible. And if you're taking a lot of items to and from your car, ask store clerks, family and friends for help. Trees blocking the street lights? Call 311 and ask that they be trimmed!

**ANC 4b08 meets the 3rd Sat. of the month, 12 Noon** at Christian Reformed Church, 5911 New Hampshire Ave. More info contact: Commissioner Alison Brooks, 2-423-0826 or [4b08@anc.dc.org](mailto:4b08@anc.dc.org).

**ANC 4b09 meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues. of the month, 6:30pm** at Riggs LaSalle Rec. Ctr. (Riggs Rd. and Nicholson St. NE). For info contact: Commissioner LaRoya Huff, 2-704-2427 or [4b09@anc.dc.org](mailto:4b09@anc.dc.org).

**ANC 4B Regular Public Meeting,** every 4<sup>th</sup> Mon., 7:00 p.m. in the community room at the Metropolitan Police Depart's. 4th District, 6001 Georgia Ave. NW

**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.

**LRCA Newsletter Staff:** Rodney Foxworth (Lead) and Rev. Mays.

## NEWS YOU CAN USE!!

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**LRCA's Development Task Force (DTF) Meets,** Dec. 17, 7pm at the Riggs LaSalle Rec. Ctr. The DTF meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues. of the month. For more info: contact Rodney Foxworth, Chair at 2-997-1875 or Dr. Melvin Rhodes, Co-Chair at 2-731-1668 or go to: <https://lrcadc.org/development>.

**Volunteer to help your Community!** LRCA is looking for Trustees, Scty., Delegates, a Recording Scty. and Committee members. Please contact any Board member or go to <https://lrcadc.org> for questions and list of Committees.

### **Riggs LaSalle Rec. Ctr. (Nicholson & Riggs Rd. NE) News**

**Holiday Decorating,** Dec. 4, 2019, 4:30p-6:30p. All ages welcome and you must "sign up" at the Recreation Center by the 27th. We will decorate the Recreation Center for the Holidays. Light refreshments will be served.

**Children's Holiday Party ,** Dec. 20, 2019, 5p-8p. We will make holiday crafts, play games and win prizes!

For more info contact: Riggs LaSalle Rec. Ctr. 202-576-5225

**Like What LRCA Does?** If so, why not donate? Any amount helps and pays for the newsletter, scholarships, etc. We are a Non-profit 501-C-3 with tax deductible donations!

**Need To Register To Vote?** You can do it at the Lamond-Riggs Library. Just bring a valid government pic.ID!

**Can You Say New Years Resolution!** Need to work out? Lamond Rec. Ctr., 20 Tuckerman St. OR the Riggs LaSalle Rec. Ctr., 501 Riggs Rd. Both open Mon - Fri: 10 am - 9 pm, Sats. 10 am - 4 pm & closed Suns.

### **SPECIAL THANKS!!**

Printing of this newsletter brought to you by:

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**President Rodney Foxworth opened the meeting at 7:05pm**, welcoming residents to the meeting. Rev. Smith followed with an opening Prayer.

**MPD Lt. Schaut:** Provided an update from last month re: cars parked on private property for a long time, on Kennedy St. He noted that when cars present a Public Safety hazard (crime, folks living in the cars), MPD can tow. Dept. of Public works can tow if they are a public health hazard or abandoned (rodents, etc.). None of the cars in question, met the criteria to be towed but he reminded members to still call 311 for other vehicles. He also noted: they're increasing visibility near retail along South Dakota where there'd been recent thefts; increased visibility has stopped folks from hanging out on Jefferson St.; be mindful of buying items off of apps and exchange money in public places given robberies; holiday packages can be sent to your job, nearby 7-11 or to your home after work to stop thefts; and there's no plans to "pull" the Special Patrol around the Rec. Ctr.

**President Foxworth Presented the Oct. Minutes** (in Nov. Newsletter), and asked for a motion to accept the minutes as presented. There were revisions to the minutes raised by David Kosub, Uchenna Evans and a motion was made, seconded and approved with no opposition or abstentions, to accept the minutes as presented with the revisions. David, Uchenna were asked to send the Pres. their revisions, they have not been received.

**Tanya Slade, LRCA Treasurer** – Presented monthly cost for the newsletter (\$356), other expenses and noted LRCA's ending balance of \$7,813.29. The President asked for a motion to accept the Report, it was made, 2<sup>nd</sup> and approved with no opposition or abstentions.

**Barbara Mitchel, Councilmember McDuffie's Deputy Chief of Staff:** Provided an update from last month's ques. re: parking for short term rentals in the neighborhood and noted that residents cannot "pass along" their parking permits to their guests. She also noted that the Councilmember's Holiday Party on December 12<sup>th</sup>, 6pm to 8:30pm, Dock 5 at Union Market (reservations at <http://Ward5holidayparty.Eventbrite.com>) and that residents should be sure to complete the 2020 Census, which can be done on-line next year and there're also hiring for full and part time jobs.

**Commissioner Brooks, ANC 4b08** noted her on-going work with DDOT, in improving traffic along New Hampshire Ave. and her SMD mtgs. on the 3rd Sat. of the month, 12 Noon at Christian Reformed Church, 5911 New Hampshire Ave.

**Commissioner Bromaghim, ANC 4b07** noted his work on several new development projects in the Takoma Historic District (part of his SMD), traffic issues along Kansas Ave. (in Lamond) and in commenting on the City's Comp Plan. His SMD meetings are held in the Lamond Rec. Ctr.

**Commissioner Huff, ANC 4b09** noted that she holds her SMD meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues. of the month, 6:30pm at Riggs LaSalle Rec. Ctr.

**Commissioner Wilds, ANC 5A01** noted his work with MPD re: folks smoking/drinking in the 5100 block of Eastern Ave., efforts to help with the traffic issue given resident's concerns of cars now going down Galloway to "beat back ups" at Sargent and Eastern Ave. He also noted that the Commission meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Weds. of the month at UDC (formerly Bertie Backus Middle School) on South Dakota Ave.

**Invited Guest: Mr. Gerard Brown from the Dept. of Health** spoke about: the City having 2,000 more rodent complaints than last year and how the City added 16 new employees/budget to combat this issue. He attributed the increase to A- More residents, B- Warner weather (increases birth rate) and C- More restaurants (a 25% increase in 2 years). Mr. Brown also noted that you can help by, 1- Getting/signing a petition with your neighbors, to have his Dept. come out and use poisons to kill rodents and 2- Put trash in cans to eliminate food and not on the ground. His Dept. also enforces commercial violations with fines up to \$500 and you can send him "date stamped" pics of commercial violators for follow up. He also noted that all new development must have a City approved rodent abatement plan. Mr. Brown provided his phone number and asked residents to call him for issues. He later responded to resident's questions and Pres. Foxworth said that if needed, LRCA can also follow up with resident's concerns.

**Culture Coffee's Free Thanksgiving Dinner (Sun 11/24, 5pm to 8 at Culture Coffee):** The Pres. presented Culture Coffee's request for LRCA to provide \$200, conduct the Community outreach to confirm attendees and to find volunteers for the event. He noted the Board is recommending approval of the request to do the Community Outreach and find volunteers but felt uncomfortable as a non-profit, providing funds to a for profit business and given that our funding is not that good, said no to providing funding. The Pres. also noted that a few Board members made private donations and that he was going to volunteer as well. A motion was made and 2<sup>nd</sup>, for LRCA to do the Community Outreach and find volunteers for the event. The motion passed overwhelmingly with a few "NOs" and 1 abstention.

**Invited Guest: Chi Fil A's Zachary Williams (of Bean, Kinney and Korman attorneys) and his Team** spoke about their plans to build a 2,600 "matter of right" restaurant on the site of the existing KFC. They explained that: "matter of right" means the project doesn't require any government, ANC, Board of Zoning Adjustment or Citizen Assn. approvals; it will only be a "drive thru"; and they will present to ANC 4B in December for support. Several residents spoke about the need for a "sit down" restaurant and asked the Team to include seating. Other residents raised questions re: the existing traffic problem at that intersection and how Chil Fil A, will only add to the "mess". The Pres. noted that they were invited to the Development Task Force's Nov. or Dec. mtgs. Where the Task Force would review their plans, echo Community concerns re: seating, etc.

**Community Concerns, Announcements:** Walmart: Has applied for a Class B Beer and Wine License. LRCA has until 12/9 to file a protest followed by a Roll Call Hearing, etc. It was also noted that Communities often file protest to get leverage with business, to get them to enter into a Settlement Agreement with those neighborhoods. In response to these concerns, the Pres. stated that Walmart Appl. will be on the Dec. Agenda.

**The President** then asked for volunteers to fill a few open Board positions and to help with fundraising, **followed by a closing Prayer by Rev. Paul Smith and the meeting adjourned at 8:35.**

**These Minutes are respectfully submitted by President Foxworth, 12/2/19.**

**Mayor Bowser wants affordable housing to be equitably distributed across the District**

EXCERPTED FROM: HOUSING BY Brian Goggin (Greater Greater Washington), September 24, 2019

Neighborhoods west of Rock Creek Park, which are among the District’s wealthiest, have not built their fair share of affordable housing, said DC Mayor Muriel Bowser at a recent panel. And that’s a real problem in a housing-strapped city.

Now, armed with her new goal to build 36,000 new units citywide by 2025, Bowser has indicated she wants to change that.

Restrictive zoning has stymied new development, particularly of new subsidized housing, west of Rock Creek Park. Of the city’s approximately 50,000 subsidized housing units, only about 1% are located there.

In interviews with area stakeholders, some residents west of Rock Creek Park considered their relatively high share of rent-controlled units (16% of the District’s total) as their fair contribution of affordable housing.

However, other wards have comparable amounts of rent-controlled housing plus much more subsidized housing, which adds up to a lot more places for middle- and low-income residents to live in those areas.

After studying the issue, the Urban Land Institute’s Panel had many recommendations for Rock Creek West, which generally fell into three buckets:

- **Create more housing**
- **Streamline and improve the development process**
- **Gain community support**

Instead, our leaders have made political choices to channel most development elsewhere in the city. That the mayor may finally be standing up to these inequitable choices is huge progress.

This discussion is especially timely given recent debates over whether to prioritize affordable housing versus the physical and visual character of new development, in recently-proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan.

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

**Membership Form - October 2019 through September 2020**  
**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.

<i>Salutation</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>Last Name</i>	<i>Evening Phone #</i>	<i>Daytime Phone #</i>
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<b>I/We volunteer for the following committee(s):</b>			<b>Use code:1=Self, 2=Spouse/Partner, 3=Both, 4=Other</b>	
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<i>Education</i>		<i>Newsletter Distribution</i>		<i>Youth Development/ Recreation</i>
<i>Tax-deductible Membership &amp; Donation:</i>	Individual \$10	Household \$15 (2 adult members)	Corporate \$50	Additional Donation \$
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**LRCA DRAFT BUDGET OF 12-1 FOR THE 2019 - 2020 YEAR**

<b>Cost</b>	<b>Expense Description</b>	<b>Comments</b>
\$80	DC Government Report 2020 (all even years, 2022 in next due date)	
\$40	Update adding new officers now for same report (only due when adding)	
\$90	Sitebuilder web site, annual	
\$140	PO Box, annual	
\$50	DC Fed. Of Civic Associations Annual Dues	
\$350	Center for Nonprofit Advancement Annual Donation	RF negotiates lower
\$2,178	Newsletter for 8 months - Annual Payment	RF negotiated lower
\$3,000	Scholarships Allotment - Annual	
\$200	Refreshments (snacks for up to 3 meetings: \$65 average per mtg.)	
\$100	contingency*	
\$125	DC Fed ad*	
?	End of Year recognition	
?	Donations for neighborhood events (i.e., Riggs Park Day, Michigan/Riggs Park)	
?	Emergency funds for families in area displaced by fire or other issues	
?	Christmas give-away to those in need	

**\$6,353 ESTIMATED TOTAL (average \$880 month), NOT COUNTING \$ NEEDED FOR ITEMS WITH A ?**

**ESTIMATED REVENUE**

<b>Cost</b>	<b>Expense Description</b>	<b>Comments</b>
\$1,346	Memberships \$ TO DATE THAT WE COLLECTED AS OF 11/12/19 (102 members in 2017, 74 in 2018)	
\$100	Separate donations (Only Frank's \$100, so far) for the Yard Sale	
\$958	Newsletter sponsorships (October, Nov & Dec. so far)	
\$125	Frank Wild's paid for DC Federation Ad	
\$365	Membership pmts./Donations from Nov. PO BOx	

**\$2,894 ESTIMATED TOTAL**

**\$3,459 ESTIMATED NEGATIVE BALANCE, USE \$4,500 AS TOTAL EST. DEFICIT WHEN \$ FOR ? INCLUDED TO FUNDRAISE!**

RFoxworth 12/2/19