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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings Lamond-Riggs,

At our next meeting on June 3, a new board will be installed to represent the LRCA for the 2019-2021 term: President - Rodney Foxworth; 1st Vice President - Tischa Cockrell; 2nd Vice President - LaRoya Huff; Trustees – Elaine Gunter, Sharolyn Mack, Johnnie Mays, Marsha Pender, Sarah Shank, Tanya Slade, Rev. Paul Smith, James Thomas, Helen Thompson, Frank Wilds. Vacancies remain for Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Recording Secretary, and Corresponding Secretary. We will also recognize residents who served on LRCA committees and volunteered for events.

We are also pleased to recognize this year’s scholarship recipients: Jade Charity, Zakia Faiza, and Noah White. Read more about the students on the last page of the newsletter. Each one will receive a \$1,000 college scholarship. Thank you so much to those residents who paid membership dues and gave donations to support LRCA’s scholarship program. Your support means a lot and really makes a difference.

Inside the newsletter, find information about summer happenings like the Bertie Backus Farmstand, the Fridays at Fort Totten Concert Series, and the 2nd Annual Riggs Park Art Crawl.

As the program year and my term close, I extend a huge thank you to all of the board members who served. As the bylaws note, LRCA is a nonreligious, nonpartisan, and nonprofit organization with a mission to represent *all* of the residents who call the neighborhood home. With the support of residents, the board helped to beautify the neighborhood, sponsor boat trips of the Anacostia River, hold a community day, make pedestrian safety improvements, get the community playground reopened after several years of being closed, ably represent the interests of residents in development projects, make progress in implementing elements of the neighborhood’s area development plan, and keep the community engaged and informed. A huge thanks also to every resident who made a positive contribution to the community.

LRCA will take a summer break after the June meeting. Unless a special meeting is called, meetings will resume in October. Please have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Signing off in Service & Gratitude - Uchenna Evans

NOTICES & AGENDA

LRCA Meetings

General meetings are scheduled for the first Monday of each month from October through June, 7:00 pm—8:30 pm at:

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

The next LRCA meetings will be held on:
Monday, June 3, 2019
7:00 pm in the LaSalle-Backus EC Auditorium (off Madison Street NE).

AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Officers Reports: Minutes/Treasurer
3. Public Safety Report
4. Scholarship Recognition
5. Community Recognition
6. Swearing-in of new board

Safety News

Sector 2 Captain Bryan Christian
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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 incidents. Continue to call 911 for all emergencies.

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ANC 4B Monthly Meeting – 4th Monday, 7:00 pm, MPD 4D Headquarters (6001 Georgia Avenue NW)

ANC 5A Monthly Meeting – 4th Wednesday, 6:45 pm, UDC-CC Backus (5171 South Dakota Avenue NE)

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

Remember to water the street trees during the summer season! Check out DC's Riversmart program for information on how you can save on rain barrels, landscaping, and shade trees: <https://doee.dc.gov/riversmart>

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**Rock Creek East I Livability Study Public Workshop**

Wednesday, June 12, 2019

6:30pm - 8:30pm

Brief presentation at 7:00 PM

Holy Comforter Episcopal Church

701 Oglethorpe St NW, Washington, DC 20011

The purpose of this neighborhood study is to enhance the community quality of life through improvements to transportation safety and connections to destinations for all modes. At the second public workshop, DDOT will present the Livability Study's initial focus areas based on comments received from the previous community outreach efforts as well as extensive data research and analysis. Public workshop attendees will have an opportunity to evaluate and share their ideas for specific livability design improvements at these focus areas through interactive workshop activities. This public workshop will be followed by a public pop-up event at one of the focus areas this summer.

Study Area

Rock Creek and the Maryland border to the West, Eastern Avenue to the North, New Hampshire Avenue NE and the Red Line Metrorail tracks to the East, and Military Road NW, Missouri Avenue NW, and Riggs Road NE to the South.

Bertie Backus Farmstand

UDC-CC Backus, 5171 South Dakota Avenue NE

Every 9:00 am-12:00 pm

2nd & 4th Saturday, June – November 2019

June 8 & 22

July 13 & 27

August 10 & 24

September 14 & 28

October 12 & 26

November 9 & 23

Fridays at Fort Totten Free Concert Series

Corner of South Dakota Ave. & Galloway St. NE

6:00 pm-8:00 pm

June 14 – Jarreau Williams Xperience

June 21 – Jah Works

June 28 – Allthebestkids

July 5 – The Monster Band

July 12 – Pebble to Pearl

July 19 – Sol Roots

July 26 – Cecily

August 2 – Oh He Dead

August 9 – The JoGo Project

August 16 – Feel Free

August 23 – Deacon Izzy & The Congregation

August 30 – Rain Date

LRCA

LRCA General Membership Meeting Minutes
LaSalle-Backus Education Campus
May 6, 2019

President Uchenna Evans opened the meeting at 7:05pm. Minutes from the April 2019 meeting approved with no opposition.

Commander Randy Griffin, MPD 4th District – The two recent shootings in the neighborhood are under investigation by MPD 4D detectives. The two victims are known to the police department.

Jasmin Benab, Deputy Mayor's Office, Public Safety – DPR is instituting a lot of security measures surrounding the Riggs-LaSalle Recreation Center including increased lighting and security cameras surrounding the playground area. Also increasing security measures for after closing and after dark. Effective May 14, Shirleta Settles will be the full-time manager at the rec center.

Iyanna Ndomale, LRCA Treasurer – Started the month of April \$10,230; income of \$831 from newsletter sponsorship, membership dues, and selling of tote bags; expenses of \$356 expenses from printing of the newsletter; ended the month with a balance of \$10,705. Financial report approved with no opposition.

Gwen Cofield, LRCA Development Task Force – Presented longstanding draft community benefits agreement between LRCA and EYA/JBG related to mixed-use townhome project slated for South Dakota & Riggs Road. Motion to amend the CBA to say that the Association does not have to return to EYA for bucket amount reallocation passed with opposition. Motion to reallocate funds from public space programming to other undefined programs did not pass. Motion to approve CBA as amended passed with opposition.

Lauren Boyd, LRCA Nominations Committee – Motion to close nominations passed with no objection. Candidates for officer positions: President: Gwen Cofield, Rodney Foxworth; 1st VP: Tischa Cockrell, Anita Purvis; 2nd VP: LaRoya Huff, Lisa Wray. Candidates for Trustees: Theodore Ngatchou, Tanya Slade, Masha Pender, Rev. Paul Smith, Helen Thompson, James Thomas, Michael Varela, Elaine Gunter, Sharolyn Mack, Frank Wilds, Johnnie Mays, Marsha Pender, Sarah Shank, Melvin Rhodes, and Linda Hodges.

Barbara Mitchell, Deputy Chief of Staff to Councilmember Kenyan McDuffie - In the current budget, CM put \$3 million toward crime and public safety, protected the Main Street budget, building the only statue of women in the district, and funding portions of the senior strategic plan.

Jackson Carnes, Director of Constituent Services for Councilmember Brandon Todd – There is a \$15.5 billion budget vote on May 14. The budget includes investments in transportation, education, senior programming, and Main Street. 19th annual family fun day will be on from 3-5pm on June 23, 2019 at Kingsbury Day School.

KeShawn Harris, Mayor's Office Liaison for Ward 4 - The READY Center at 1910 E Street SE just opened for those released from Federal Department of Corrections to provide resources and support for their transition.

ANC Commissioner Alison Brooks (4B08) – Currently also serves as the President of South Manor Neighborhood Association. The Association will have a meeting with DDOT and residents are encouraged to attend to share any DDOT related concerns. Meeting will be on June 1 at 7pm at Plymouth Congregational Church (corner of North Capitol and Missouri NW).

ANC Commissioner LaRoya Huff (4B09) – Currently in discussion about bus route changes and with the city administrator about the playground.

Robert Oliver, President Lamond Riggs Library Friends – The architecture firm chosen for the new Lamond-Riggs library, HGA, will have a community engagement meeting with renderings of the new library. The meeting date has not been set but will be after Memorial Day.

Election results – President - Rodney Foxworth; First VP - Tischa Cockrell; Second VP - LaRoya Huff; Trustees – Tanya Slade, Elaine Gunter, Sharolyn Mack, Johnnie Mays, Sarah Shank, Rev. Paul Smith, James Thomas, Helen Thompson, Frank Wilds, Marsha Pender

Meeting adjourned at 9:46pm.

/s/ Helen Li, Recording Secretary



Lamond Community Action Group Spring Clean

On April 27, 2019, the Lamond Community Action Group (LCAG) held its annual Spring Clean event. The event was a roaring success with over 25 neighbors participating. This annual community cleaning and beautification effort affords our residents and neighbors an opportunity to pick-up trash, spread mulch, and plant flowers in conjunction with Earth Day (April 22, 2019). Additionally, Sela Charter School held a Spring Clean event on the same day and combined, these efforts succeeded in making the community cleaner and more beautiful. The day of work culminated in LCAG neighbors and friends enjoying lunch on the community lot. Next year all are encouraged to join LCAG in this splendid event. The photo shows some of the happy participants.

LRCA 2019 Scholarship Recipients

Jade Charity is a student at Capital City Public Charter School. After participating in Tuskegee University's AgDiscovery program, she developed an interest in agriculture and growing food locally. The research paper that she wrote as a part of this program earned her an invitation to an agriculture conference in Iowa where she presented her research to members of the industry. She will be attending Florida A&M University in the fall.

Zakia Faiza attends Theodore Roosevelt High School and has been named the Valedictorian of her class. She interned at the World Bank and they liked her so much, they kept her on as an employee during the school year. Zakia has an interest in criminology and the law. She will be attending Clark Atlanta University in the fall.

Noah White attends Benjamin Banneker High School. On the weekend, he is a volunteer instructor at Northeast Taekwondo where he gets to teach the young "Tiny Tigers" class. He speaks French and last year, he went on a European study abroad trip with his school. He will be attending the University of Wisconsin-Madison in the fall where he hopes to study Biomedical Engineering.

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SAVE THE DATE – June 14 & 15: 2nd Annual Riggs Park Art Crawl

The Riggs Park Art Crawl returns for the 2nd year! Events for the entire family - artist meetup, photo booth, craft vendors, sip & paint, music, & dance. Stay tuned for details.