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“A Community Newsletter” —LRCA, P.O. Box 60272, Washington, DC 20039(202)997-1875

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## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings Neighbors,

Please join us in LRCA's November Meeting and Happy "Turkey Day" in advance! The Agenda includes updates from the Mayor's Ofc., Councilmembers Todd and McDuffie, the Police, our ANC Commissioners and as always, you'll have some time to ask questions (see minutes for Oct. Q & A).

Our invited Guest will be the District's Department of Health. We have concerns re: rodents in our Community. From eating holes in trash cans, to building nests by our homes/buildings and to "living" under our cars, we must find a "Community Wide" solution to this issue!

There are things we can do to help incl. ensuring all trash is in our trash cans (with tight lids), removing cars that don't work from our property, etc. DOH can also help.

We'll ask the General Body to approve a request from Culture Coffee Too, for LRCA to assist with their Thanksgiving Dinner. Then Chick-fil-A will explain their plans, to open where the KFC is now.

Lastly, what's on your mind (Community Concerns, Announcements)? What would you like to see us work on? Is it Seniors Services (i.e. selling your house), Public Safety (i.e. bike patrols), Traffic (i.e. DDOT directing AM/PM traffic by our 6 schools/major intersections), Parking (i.e. requesting Resident Parking on your block), etc? And re: parking, please try not to park in front of your neighbor's house and use your parking pad (for guest too) where possible.

Have you paid your membership dues? The dues support scholarships for our students and LRCA's Newsletter. You can pay online at <http://lrcadc.org/join-lrca> or fill out the last page of the newsletter & bring it with payment to the November 4<sup>th</sup> meeting or mail the form/payment to LRCA, PO Box 60272, Washington, DC 20039. You can also donate more and our thanks to those that've done so!

Look forward to seeing you in the November Meeting! Rodney Foxworth, President

## 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

The next LRCA meetings will be held on:  
**Monday, December 2, 2019**  
**HAPPY NEW YEAR! No Jan. Mtg.**  
**Monday, February 3, 2020!**  
**7:00 pm in the LaSalle-Backus EC Auditorium (Riggs Rd. & Madison St. NE)**

### AGENDA

Welcome and Opening Prayer

1. MPD and Elected Officials Updates
  2. Officers Reports: Minutes/Treasurer
  3. Intro of New Officers
  4. Guest Speaker, DC's Department of Health
  5. Support for Culture Coffee Too's Thanksgiving Dinner
  6. Chick-fil-A Presentation
  7. Community Concerns & Announcements
- Closing Prayer

## 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.

### ANC 4B09 SMD Meeting with Comm. LaRoya Huff

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday monthly, 6:30 pm Riggs-LaSalle Recreation Center (501 Riggs Rd. NE) [4b09@anc.dc.gov](mailto:4b09@anc.dc.gov)

**LaSalle-Backus Free Food Pantry**, 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday monthly, 4:00 pm LaSalle-Backus Education Campus (501 Riggs Rd. NE). Free bags of groceries for community residents

### UDC Bertie Backus Farm Stand, 9am to 12 noon

UDC-CC Backus (5171 South Dakota Avenue NE) Fresh, sustainably grown, local produce for sale November 9 & 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Culture Coffee's Nov. 24 Thanksgiving Dinner** (5pm - 8). See any LRCA Board member if you'd like to attend or recommend someone!

### Come read to your P.A.L. at the Lamond-Riggs Library!

For kids 4 to 12, who want to meet and read to dogs. 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tues. of each month at 7pm, 5401 South Dakota Ave. NE. Kids under 9 must be with an adult. Call 2-541-6255 for info.

**LRCA Newsletter Editors:** Rodney Foxworth (Lead) and Rev. Dr. Johnnie Mays.

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## NEWS YOU CAN USE!!

### New Mayor's Office Constituent Services Liaisons (MOCRS)

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**LRCA's Development Task Force Meetings**, Nov. mtg. 7pm at the Library. 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues. of the month and for more Task Force information go to: <https://lrcadc.org/development>.

**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!

**Volunteer to help the Community!** LRCA is looking for a Trustee, Scty, Delegates, a Recording Scty. and Committee members. Go to <https://lrcadc.org> for a list of Committees or see any Board Member.

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

**LRCA is looking for a CPA to volunteer to conduct the Assn's Annual audit.** It's not a lot of work and please see any Board member if interested or if you know of someone.

### Culture Coffee Too Cares About Neighborhood Safety!

Beginning Weds. November 13, they will host a monthly "Sip & Safety For Seniors", 10:00am-12 noon with Ms. Williams, of Damsel In Defense. This will help seniors be more aware of their surroundings and create a personal safety plan, for home and in the community. She will have displays where you can try safety products like personal door alarms, *Road Trip* flashlights that cuts the seat belt & charges your cell phone in an emergency. Attendees receive 10% discount on a large regular coffee or cold brew. **Watch this space** for a different theme each month and for questions call Lisa Williams 202-567-7186. Program Dates: 11/13, 12/11 & 1/18/2020.

**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.

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B, Regular Public Meeting**, Monday, October 28, 2019, 6:30 p.m. Emery Recreation Center, 5801 Georgia Ave. NW

**President Rodney Foxworth opened the meeting at 7:05pm**, welcoming residents to year's 1<sup>st</sup>. meeting and noting the last-minute change to the School's Media Arts Rm. (plumbing issue by auditorium) and how the Media room was "kinda" cozy. Rev. Mays followed with an opening Prayer.

**New Officers Introduced:** The following New Officers introduced themselves and their Committee Assignments: Rodney Foxworth President and Chair of the Development Task Force, Dr. Melvin Rhodes Historian and Co-Chair of the Development Task Force, James Thomas Trustee and Chair of the Public Safety Committee, Tischa Cockrell 1<sup>st</sup> VP and Chair of the Youth Development Committee, Sharolyn Mack Trustee, Marsha Pender Trustee and Chair of the Education Committee, LaRoya Huff 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Ebonie Purvis Parliamentarian and Co-Chair of the By Laws Committee, Tanya Slade Treasurer and Chair of the Membership Committee, Lisa Brannock Wray Financial Secretary, Frank Wilds Trustee and Newsletter Committee member, Sarah Shank Trustee and Co-Chair of the Membership Committee, Rev. Paul Smith Trustee, Rev. Johnnie Mays Trustee and Chair of the Seniors Committee, Helen Thompson Trustee, Elaine Gunter Trustee and Chair of the By Laws Committee.

**President Foxworth presented Minutes** - from the June 2019 meeting (in Oct. Newsletter), President Foxworth asked for a motion to accept the minutes as presented. It was made, seconded and approved with no opposition or abstentions.

**Tanya Slade, LRCA Treasurer** – LRCA's beginning balance is \$7,393.71 minus approx. \$90 for Oct. meeting refreshments leaves a balance of approx. \$7,301.71. The President asked for a motion to accept the Report, it was made, 2<sup>nd</sup> and approved with no opposition or abstentions.

**Glen Ogilvie, Executive Director of the Center for Non-profit Advancement (the Center):** Presented info. re: the Center and how it provides technical assistance, capacity building, training, etc. to over 340 member non-profits in metro Washington. In response to questions, he also noted now that LRCA is a non-profit, it needs to follow and be in compliance, with all local and federal laws/regulations and talked about how the Center can assist. The fee would be \$350/year for LRCA to join. President Foxworth noted that the Board is recommending we work with the Center and asked for a motion to do so. A motion was made and seconded for LRCA to work with the Center and approved with no opposition or abstentions.

**MPD Update from Lt. Schaut:** The Lt. noted the recent increases in thefts from auto and reminded residents to make sure no valuables are left in their cars. He also noted a growing safety issue on Jefferson St. and reminded residents to call in any suspicious activity. Thefts and or arrest for thefts from Walmart, "drives up" the crime stats. The 4<sup>th</sup> District is looking to maximize its patrolling and noted that it may review how officers are assigned to areas like the Rigs LaSalle Rec. Ctr. A statement was made for MPD not to consider that, given the progress that's been made here.

**Principal Gray, LaSalle-Backus Education Campus** talked about the new changes and the four principals that she uses in managing the School.

**Elected Officials Updates:** KeShawn Harris, Mayor's Office Liaison for Ward 4 provided info. re: the elimination of sales taxes on baby diapers, a Oct. 16 ground breaking for Homeless Vet housing, etc.; Gary Johnson, Constituent Services Coord. for Councilmember Todd provided info. re: the upcoming State of the Ward 4 Senior Address and other issues the Councilman is working on; Olga Agui of Councilmember McDuffie's Office provided info. re: projects that the Councilmember is working on as well; ANC Commissioner Bromaghim talked about the 3 new development projects in the Takoma part of his SMD and thanked President Foxworth for meeting with him and also attending his last SMD meeting; Commissioner Brooks noted some of the projects she's working followed by Commissioner Huff, who shared a few projects she's working on as well.

**Federation of Civic Assns. (the Federation):** The President informed members of the Federation's Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards & Scholarship Event, that we are a paid member, always supported this organization and noted that several of our past presidents went on to become presidents of the Federation, we've won several "Newsletter of the Year Awards" etc. He also noted that Trustee/ANC Commissioner Frank Wilds, donated \$150 for us to have an ad in the event's booklet. The President stated the Board is recommending we pay \$35 of a \$65 ticket, for up to 4 LRCA members to attend. He asked for a motion to pay the amount, a motion was made, seconded and approved with no opposition or abstentions for LRCA to do so. Trustee/Commissioner Wilds was thanked for his support and it was noted that he also donated \$100 to our Yard Sale over this Summer.

**Exec. Board Spending limits:** The President informed the members that the Board wanted approval to spend no more than \$500/month to manage the Assn's. bills. The \$500 consist of \$357/month for 8 months to pay for LRCA's Newsletter with \$142/month balance, being used to pay for other Assn. expenses (i.e. website \$90, PO Box \$90 annually, etc.). The General Body did not support the Board's recommendation, asked ques. re: our total annual expenses, etc. President Foxworth then said that the Board will return in December and present a draft budget to the General Body for the whole year (Oct. '19 to Sept. '20). He also thanked the membership for their questions, guidance, talked about how the system is supposed to work like this and noted that the General Body probably hasn't voted on a budget in several years!

**Community Concerns, Announcements:** Members asked ques. and got responses as follows: Is there a limit to the number of "street" parking spaces, Air B & B can use for customers? The concern is that these vehicles are "taking up" residential parking. Councilmember Todd's Office said that no, there is restrictions in place. Can rental cars park on our streets without getting tickets (Ward 5 part of our Community)? The concern was that again, they "take up" our parking spaces? Councilmember McDuffie's staff said they should be ticked, just call DPW. There were other questions of the Mayor's Office, Council Staff and ANC Commissioners.

**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, 11/4/19.**

**Rocketship Public School is planning on opening in September 2020** and are renovating buildings at 5450 3rd Street, NE (behind Food and friends). The School will lease the buildings from the adjacent Cafritz Development. Rocketship will start small and “grow” from K1 to 5<sup>th</sup> grade. They met with LRCA’s Executive Board in Oct. and are aware of and responded to our questions re: safety/ security around the site (they’ll have external lightening, cameras and guards patrolling), traffic/parking (they’ll have pick up/drop off lanes, encourage/subsidize metro fares, investigate off street parking), etc. Rocketship may provide an update in the future to the General Body as needed. For more info. Please contact Joyanna Smith, DC Reg. Dir. Rocketship Public Schools (202-491- 4328).

**The Social Justice Public Charter School in September 2020** and will share space with Rocketship Public Schools, in the same building. The Social Justice School (SJS) opens in the Fall of 2020. Their intent is to catalyze an integrated community of middle school students, to be Scholar-Activists, who are designers of a more just world. The Social Justice School may provide an update in the future to the General Body as needed. For more info. please contact [www.thesocialjusticeschool.org](http://www.thesocialjusticeschool.org)

**Pepco’s Capital Grid project will begin in the Spring!** In Lamond-Riggs, the Project involves digging a “trench” along Riggs Rd. from North Capital St. to 6<sup>th</sup> St., then along 6<sup>th</sup> St. to Eastern Ave. and from Eastern Ave. to the intersection of Eastern and New Hampshire Aves. The Project will promote enhanced reliability and strengthen the District’s grid. The Public Service Commission recently approved phase I (incl. a 10-mile transmission line), of a proposed two-phase project. Pepco met with LRCA’s Executive Board in Oct., responded to questions and stated that: the Project will work between 9:30am to 3:30 to avoid “rush hour” traffic, they’ll continuously coordinate the Project with DDOT given other construction projects in/near Lamond-Riggs that will impact traffic, etc. The project expects to end by 2022. Pepco may return in the future and provide an update to the General Body as needed. For more info. Please contact: 1-833-227-4743 or email [CapitalGrid@Pepco.com](mailto:CapitalGrid@Pepco.com) or [www.pepco.com/Capital Grid](http://www.pepco.com/Capital Grid).

**The Petworth Neighborhood Library** is hosting Timothy Howard (Senior Advisors Plus) for a free monthly series on providing care to aging Seniors. Mr. Howard will present information over 6-months that emphasizes at-home care, companion care, community care, assisted living and much more. This free monthly program is geared to seniors and adults who care for seniors. The sessions will take place every first Saturday between Nov 19-April 2020 at the Petworth Neighborhood Library, (202) 243-1188, 4200 Kansas Ave NW.

(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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