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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,

Belated Turkey Day! Hope that you and yours had a good time. Merry X'Mas & Happy New Years and please celebrate safely! I'm inviting you to join us in our December General Body meeting via Zoom (**you can also call-in**).

As always, wanted to share a few thoughts: First let me say I hope that you, your family and friends are safe and well! Secondly, this is the Season of thanks and here's what I'm most thankful for: The Front-Line Workers in DC and across this Country! For the medical, retail, post office, first responders, teachers, gas station, local/county/state/federal, restaurant folks and others who do their jobs every day to help keep us safe and well; Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Covid19 is not over: get your flu shots and keep your family safe! It's still surreal to do much at the moment but we continue to move forward. And please take care of your mental, emotional and spiritual well-being, those things matter!

Talk about a good national election, now that's what I call voter turnout! Best wishes to the Biden-Harris Administration!

LRCA continues its work for all residents in our Community! **You can help** by becoming a member, serving on a Committee, *donating to our scholarship fund*, joining the Board, etc. and helping us figure out ways to improve the Lamond-Riggs Community! See page 4 for membership info. and please contact any Board member if questions.

Our Senior Committee continues to distribute disposable/cloth face masks and hand sanitizers for Seniors & families "in need". So far, we've distributed over 185 masks + hand sanitizers to over 41 Seniors and families! We're also figuring out if we can do a hybrid in person/virtual workshop that'll help Seniors apply for City Benefits (taxes, cameras, etc.)!

Help us reach residents who may not use emails/social media by sharing this newsletter/Zoom info with your neighbors, especially Seniors! If you want to add an email to our list, please send it & full name to lamondriggscainfo@gmail.com!

Safety remains an issue with 5 reports of guns being used + a stabbing in Riggs Park. MPD will provide info in the mtg.

Lastly, the agenda includes an "Evening with Ward 4 Councilmember Brandon Todd". He's leaving office and we'll say good bye to over 13 years of a good partnership! Please join us as he shares his memories of LRCA & our Community.

See you on Monday, December 7th and Stay Safe Everyone!

Rodney

NOTICES & AGENDA

**LRCA Virtual Zoom Meetings
(residents can call-in as well!)**

1st Monday of the month 7pm to 8:45, Oct. to Dec. **We resume in February 2021 to June.**

Please join us in welcoming Ms. Sierra Dickerson as our new Correspondence Secretary! Sierra is a recent graduate of Boston College and lives in Riggs Park. We look forward to her being on the Board for a long time and providing insight on how we "reach out" to younger residents!

December 2020 Agenda

Welcome and Opening Prayer

- MPD and Elected Officials Updates: 30 Mins.
- Officer's Reports: Minutes & Treasurer: 5 Mins.
- Intro Sierra Dickerson, Correspondence Secty.: 2 mins.
- Committee Reports: 15 Mins. with Q & A
- Celebration of Councilmember Brandon Todd & His Work for the Lamond-Riggs Community! 20 mins.
- Community Concerns & Announcements: 20 Mins.

Closing Prayer

Please have this agenda with you during the meeting!

Safety News

4th District MPD Sector 2 Captain Bryan Christian
Bryan.christian@dc.gov; work # (202) 715-7471.

Sector 2 Team Lts.: Tatjana Savoy tatjana.savoy@dc.gov,
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There's been a spike in thefts from autos where air bags have been stolen. Stop thieves by placing keys in a metal box at night, which will block your car's remote access signal!

311 vs. 911: Continue calling 911 for all emergencies including if you see what looks like drug sales (**safely** get car color, tag #, clothing, etc.). Use 311 for non-emergency calls.

It's winter now so please "check on" your neighbors, especially Seniors to make sure they're ok, heat is working, need help shoveling snow, etc. Ensure all smoke alarms and surge protectors/ext. cords, are in good working order!

Please Apply for DC's Security Camera Programs

The Private Security Camera Voucher Program provides private security cameras to eligible residents **free of charge**. Residents—either owners or tenants—who receive public assistance may be eligible to have it installed, see # below.

The Private Security Camera Rebate Program creates a rebate for residents, businesses, nonprofits, and religious institutions to purchase and install security camera systems and register them with MPD. The program provides a rebate of up to \$200/camera, max rebate of \$500/address, etc. For more info visit www.ovsig.dc.gov or call (202) 727-5124.

The Safe at Home Program provides minor home changes and adaptive equipment to frail/disabled seniors allowing them to continue living at home, rather than require institutionalization. The program is specifically intended to increase the safety of one's home by reducing the risk of falls by providing benefits such as chair lifts, shower seats, and handrails. Free private security cameras are an option for some beneficiaries and are meant to deter crime and create a safer neighborhood for the program participant. For more info. contact 202-724-5626.

From Ward 4 Councilmember Todd: My office is operating as usual, please call us at 2-724-8052 if you need help!

Advisory Commission Meetings for Lamond-Riggs

ANC 5A meets the 4th Weds. of the month, 6:45pm. Go to anc5A.org for more info. and meeting Zoom access info.

ANC 4B meets the 4th Mon. of the month, 6:30pm. Go to anc4B.org for more info. and meeting Zoom access info.

Newsletter Staff: President Foxworth (Lead), Rev. Mays.

NEWS YOU CAN USE!!

Mayor's Office Constituent Services Liaisons (MOCRSL)

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COVID19 Resources

The Mayor's Situational Update link is: [Mayor Bowser's November 23, 2020 Situational Update](#) (hold Ctrl. + left click).

Lost your job because of COVID19? Here're steps to lessen the financial blow & prepare you to recover once the economy is better.

- 1- Apply for unemployment benefits.
- 2- Tap into your emergency savings, if you have any.
- 3- Review your monthly bills and find ways to reduce.
- 4- If you have a mortgage, inform your lender/servicer.
- 5- If you have student loans, suspend your payments.
- 6- Get in touch with your bank.
- 7- Stay away from payday loans.
- 8- Communicate with your utility and service providers.
- 9- Use your retirement accts. but avoid if possible.
- 10- Take advantage of community programs.
- 11- Look at job postings.
- 12- Be flexible about new opportunities.
- 13- Pay attention to the news!

Worried about making your mortgage payments? Inform your lender or servicer asap! Many states and the Fed. Govt. have programs to help homeowners during this outbreak.

In March, the Federal House Finance Agency told Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, to allow borrowers to suspend their payments for up to 12 months. Got to [Making My Home Affordable.com](http://MakingMyHomeAffordable.com) to see if your mortgage is covered.

DCs Covid19 Mortgage/Rent Protections provides support for residents, businesses affected by Covid-19. The following are selected aspects of the Housing & Tenant Protections.

- 1- Residential, many commercial landlords may not increase rent and must make rent payment plans available to eligible tenants affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 2- Covered mortgage lenders must create payment deferral programs for eligible borrowers affected by COVID-19.
- 3- Evictions and residential (and condominium) foreclosures are deferred until after the public health emergency.

For more info re: DC's protections call Councilmember McDuffie at 2-724-8028.

LRCA General Body Mtg. Minutes 11/2/2020; Pres. Foxworth opened mtg. at 7:05, welcomed residents, Rev. Paul Smith led prayers.

MPD, Elected Officials Updates: Mayor's Office: Keyshawn Harris: DC has DC Can Covid19 app, tells if you've been near infected person; Oct. 13, 29 Rec. Ctrs. & 6 aquatic Ctrs. opened; 11/9 DPW resuming leaf collections, rake to curb: DC partnering with CVS, Walgreens to offer flu shots/Covid19 testing, need ID/ins.; asked to restore parking 600 block of Riggs Rd. and stop speeding (both ways) same block. MPD Sgt. Alston: Noted Kansas Ave. shooting, Riggs Rd. robberies (by LaSalle Elem./Ft. Totten Metro), increase in thefts from auto (Honda air bags). They'll have enough officers to patrol Community given downtown unrest & extra patrols election night, noted nuisance properties, asked to have an MPD at ANC 5A mtgs. and may post Traffic Officer 6th/Oglethorpe for speeders. ANC Comm. Brooks noted: Her request for speed bumps Oct. Comm., same for Quackenbos St. in Nov. mtg.; Work with nearby residents, BZA & home day care owner (Quackenbos and 3rd Sts.) asking for Zoning Exception, going from 9 to 20, build 3rd fl. on home and 3 floor addition. Initially OK with all but project changed significantly and so did support. She requested input from LRCA President, was involved/attended Community mtg., sent letter to BZA. Welcome compromise with residents, owner but not optimistic. Asked folks that live close to send her comments by Fri. with support/non-support and include why/why not. SMD meets 3rd Sat monthly, Comm. meets 11/23, contact her at 240-423-0826 or at 4B08@anc.dc.gov. Councilmember McDuffie: Marita Riddick intro Brett Allen, Ward 5 LRCA Rep. (Sr. Legal Advisor). Request made to support blind resident for DDOT to complete installation of cross walk light on South Dakota; 2nd request made to help with nuisance properties (Jefferson and Kennedy Sts.)/abandoned vehicles, asked we send him nuisance addresses in Wd 5 part of Riggs Park (ballen@dccouncil.us). Councilmember Todd: Gary Johnson noted Rigs Pk. UDC Covid19 testing; Council Ofc. "winding down", send any request for help asap. Asked to determine which Dept. owns green space by Food & Friends, pointed out in Wd 5, said he'll follow up, noted his last mtg., said liked working with us, Pres. Foxworth noted same.

President Foxworth presented Edgar Sheppard, Recording Secretary (both presented). Edgar noted happy to work with us. Request to correct minutes reflecting positive comments made on listserv, re: playground. Motion was made, seconded to accept minutes as presented and corrections to be submitted by David Kosub. Minutes approved with yes votes, no "no" votes or abstentions. *

LRCA Treasurer Tanya Slade: Presented Treasurer's Report with balance of \$5,172.44 and reminded folks to pay their membership, paying via Paypal is better and we get checks from our PO Box (60272, Wash. DC 20039). A motion was made, seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, it was approved with all yes votes, without any no votes, abstentions.

Committee Updates: Education, Chair Pender sent scholarship info to DCPS & 3 high schools, on LRCA website, asked for donations to scholarship fund and awarded \$3,000 in June. Seniors, Chair Mays noted 11 ballots taken to polling place, Rev. Paul added 6 (17 total), to help incapacitated Srs./those who didn't want to leave home, vote; we continue distributing PPE to Srs. and "needy families". Develop. Task Force, Chair Foxworth noted Oct. 30th EYA groundbreaking with Mayor, EYA, Councilmember Todd, residents, past LRCA Presidents/Task Force Chairs. EYA Liaison chosen soon, Comm. to begin drafting CBA submittals (with \$ for Lamond-Riggs groups). Newsletter, Pres. Foxworth (Lead) noted welcome volunteers, contact him if interested and will also ask Communication's Team to look at doing limited hard copies and how to get them to residents, who don't use emails, social media, etc.

Proposed Playground by Riggs LaSalle Rec. Ctr.: Pres. Foxworth's noted that Q and A from the last project mtg. on DPR's website, plans look good with trees, benches, 5 ft. fence, security cameras, trash/recycling cans outside the playground, etc.

Community Concerns/Announcements: Pres. Foxworth noted Mr. Dotson passing, owned barber shop where Walmart sits; Councilmember Todd/Staff honored in Dec. mtg; Pepco work in Community: Continue work with residents, ANC Comms., MPD and both Councilmembers on public safety issues/nuisance props.: LRCA formed Communications Team to improve newsletter/web site/ listserv/Twitter/Facebook and reach residents who don't use social media/email, Nov. 12 first mtg. Robert Oliver: DCPL opening 3 libraries on 11/9, ours small and not mtg. Covid19 stds., waiting "permit" confirming utilities no longer "tied" to building. He'll inform when ground breaking scheduled, 395 Ingraham interim library by Ramdass pharmacy, if close to building can use Wi-Fi. Lisa Brannock said folks "look out" for each other, given robberies, porch thefts, gun shots. Marsha Pender asked folks who attend CAC mtgs. (MPD's 4th District Citizen's Advisory Council) to report back to LRCA who'll share with whole Community. Pres. Foxworth reminded folks to apply for City's Security Camera Rebate Programs, allows camera footage viewing on phone. Ms. ? lives beside proposed day care center and oppose Zoning Exception. Said buying a house is a "purposeful decision", house was bought beside another home, not a day care center. Noted day care owner says she can't live in the house but Ms. ? says she can and asked for the Community's help to preserve her home. Pres. Foxworth noted with LRCA's involvement, Board voted to oppose the Day Care Ctr. and as requested by Citizen's Aware (CA) Pres. where property located, posted CA's petition to LRCA's Listserv, sked folks to sign and support CA.

Pres. Foxworth thanked Angie Boose for coordinating General Body technical Zoom aspects, noted she's been wonderful & gave contact info: angelyn@mymarketingdesignservices.com if ques. or if folks need help with their Zoom mtgs. Closing prayer by Rev. Mays followed by motion to adjourn, seconded with all saying yes, without any no votes or abstentions, the meeting ended at 8:45pm.

* LRCA does not correct minutes based on comments that were not actually made in the meeting. The comments David submitted were not made in the Oct. Mtg. and there will be no corrections. **Respectfully submitted Pres. Foxworth/Edgar Sheppard Recording Secretary/12/2/2020.**

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Lamond-Riggs Development Concerns? Join LRCA's Development Task Force (DTF) that advocates for Community priorities with developers, DC Govt. & meets the 3rd Tues. of the mth. (Oct./Dec.- Feb./June) via Zoom (or call-in). **We welcome Michael Biddle as our Community Liaison to the EYA Project!** Contact Rodney, Chair (2-997-1875) or Vice-Chair Dr. Rhodes (2-731-1668) for info.

Like what LRCA does? If so, please renew your membership or join for the 1st time now! Membership dues (only \$10 to \$15) really help, are the only dependable source of LRCA funds and allows us to "reach" residents, provide the facts, hear all concerns, develop consensus and advocate for those issues. Your membership pays for our: Scholarships to college bound seniors, post office box, website fees, Zoom Account, etc. and hard copies of our newsletter (when OK to deliver again).

So renew/join now via our website www.LRCADC.org or print the membership form below and mail it with your check/money order to the Lamond-Riggs Citizens Assn. And if you're giving more, note how the extra \$ is to be used (scholarship, needy families, etc.

Please remember to make a donation for our scholarship fund. In June \$3,000 was awarded to 3 Lamond-Riggs Seniors! As a non-profit 501(C)3, your membership & donations may be tax deductible.

LRCA Scholarship info. is on our website. Please share with graduating Seniors in our Community! Last year we awarded \$3,000!

Want to Help Your Community? LRCA is looking for Trustees, Board & Committee members. **Join our new Communications Team** and help improve LRCA's Communication Tools (social media, website, newsletter) and outreach! Contact any Board member.

Our Riggs-LaSalle Recreation Center is Open with CDC Covid19 precautions! To use the Rec. Ctr., you must register at www.dpr.dc.gov and mask are required. Srs. can get help registering at the Rec. Ctr. Available programs for youth, adults & seniors include: Senior Aerobics, Tues. & Fri. at 10:30 am to 11:15 (5 - 8 people & social distancing). Fitness Room Availability, daily from 6am to 6pm & Sat from 9am to 5pm. Virtual Teen Programs, see DPR website to register.

Free meals for "medically fragile" Seniors. Call Food & Friends 2-269-2277 (need Drs. Referral) for help or to volunteer. **Free meals for Seniors** delivered by DC's Dept. of Aging and Community Living. Call 2-724-5626 for help or to volunteer!

Cut here and mail your membership form with payment

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Your membership donation may be tax-Deductible. LRCA is a 501(c)3 public charity. Please consult your tax professional.

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