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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings Neighbors,

Belated New Years to you, yours and I trust all is well! I'm hoping you can join our February 2021 General Body meeting via Zoom (**you can also call-in**). The agenda (below) includes our new Councilmember Janeese Lewis-George, Committee updates, vote on the draft budget, Community Concerns, etc. and we've invited MPD as well.

In welcoming 2021, I wanted to share a few thoughts: The 1st is that 2020 was a "hellava" year and all of us are glad to see it go! Now 2021 is like a new baby with all the promise of doing the right thing! Everyone is excited about what taking the vaccine means for our family and country, because an "ungodly" number have left us too soon. For those struggling financially, the new Covid19 relief package (other resources pg. 2) offers hope, as does a new President!

But embracing the New Year means letting go of bad habits and on the national level, we're seen 1st hand the dangers of folks spreading false and misleading info. So let go of "I won the election", "the virus will disappear by itself", etc. Locally, we experienced the same thing where facts don't seem to matter for a few who insist that LRCA correct its minutes for a discussion that never happened or saying that the majority of folks who live near 3rd and Quackenbos Sts., don't oppose a zoning request in their area, etc. *Our Community benefits from respectful, fact-based discussions!*

So let's embrace 2021 and a chance to get it right! This includes: Developing a consensus to improve our Community: Working closer with MPD, residents, our Councilmembers/ANCs and if possible effected families, to end gun violence in Lamond-Riggs: Welcoming new Councilmember Janeese Lewis-George, new ANC Comm. Damion McDuffie and working with them asap to address this issue: Passing out limited newsletters (hard copies) given Covid19 restrictions and the digital divide, to reach/inform/engage large parts of our Community who don't use social media/listservs/emails and Helping any of LRCA's 6 working Committees (*the most we've had in decades*, pg. 4), improve our quality of life!

Despite the Pandemic/recession, we still work hard; **please help** by paying your dues (pg. 4), serving on a Committee, donating to our scholarship fund (pg. 4) or join the Board. We have May elections, why not "run" for office or join the Nominating Committee that's responsible for conducting our elections?

Lastly, help us reach your neighbors who may not use emails/listservs/social media by sharing this newsletter/Zoom info with them, especially Seniors! To add an email to our list, send the full name to lamondriggscainfo@gmail.com!

See you on Monday, February 1st and Stay Safe Everyone!

Rodney

NOTICES & AGENDA

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

Feb. 1st, 2021, 7pm to 8:45. We meet 1st Mon of every month, Oct. to June (no Jan. mtg.)

Brrrr! It's cold now so please "check on" your neighbors, especially Seniors to make sure they're ok, heat's on, shovel snow, check your/their smoke alarms, ext. cords/surge protectors (fire hazards), etc. As a curtesy, try not to park in front of your neighbor's house and talk to your guest as well! It's easier to carry stuff inside, if you can park closer to your door!

December 2020 Agenda

Welcome and Opening Prayer

- MPD and Elected Officials Updates: 25 Mins.
- Officer's Reports: Minutes & Treasurer: 5 Mins.
- Committee Reports: with Q & A: 15 Mins.
- Intro New WD 4 Councilmember Janeese Lewis-George with Q & A: 20 mins.
- Vote of proposed Budget (attached): 10 mins.
- Community Concerns & Announcements: 15 Mins.

Closing Prayer

Please have this agenda with you during the meeting!

Safety News

4th District MPD Sector 2 Captain Bryan Christian
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We've had a spike in serious crime over the last few months. So please: Be aware of your surroundings at all times; See something say something, get security cameras (below); If possible keep your porch light on overnight; Get to know your neighbors and watch out for each other; If you can keep your car keys in a metal box at night, we were told it stops thieves from copying your remote signal and using that to open your car doors.

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.

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.ovsjg.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 options for some recipients. For more info. contact 202-724-5626.

New Ward 4 Councilmember Janeese Lewis-George's
Office is 2-724-8052.

Ward 5 Councilmember McDuffie's Office is 2-724-8028.

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 (MOCR)

WD 4: Anthony Mitchell, Anthony.Mitchell@dc.gov, 2-436-2087 and Yamileth Escobar, Yamileth.Escobar@dc.gov, 2-603-7182 WD 4 and

WD 5: Mr. Nokomis Hunter, (Nokomis.hunter@dc.gov) and Ms. Brittany Butler (Brittany.butler@dc.gov).

COVID19 Resources

Call DC's Covid19 Hotline at 855-363-0333 or go to vaccinate.dc.gov for more info.

Lost your job given 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. Go 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 and **when they expire** please call Councilmember McDuffie's Office at 2-724-8028.

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Draft LRCA General Body Mtg. Minutes 12/7/2020; Pres. Foxworth opened mtg. at 7pm, welcomed residents with holiday greetings, celebrate safely and reminded folks to renew membership/join with extra donations for scholarship fund. Rev. Paul Smith led prayers.

MPD, Elected Officials Updates: MPD did not attend. Mayor's Ofc.: Keyshawn Harris noted Phase 2 Covid adjustments encouraging telework, limiting attendance indoor/outdoor, restaurant alcohol sales/closings; DC recognized as #1 for Covid19 testing, over 700 folks tested; new \$1M Housing Stabilization Grant helping residents pay rent, \$9M in affordable housing funds & \$1M for other housing providers; new \$100M Bridge Fund to help hotel/restaurant/entertainment staff & \$35M for small businesses; ShopintheDistrict.com launched to help business (list your business) & DCtogogo.com launched to order restaurant food lastly he's moving to another position in DC govt., appreciated working with LRCA, helping to hold DC Agencies accountable, new MOCRs starting soon, residents thanked him for all his hard work, noted he'll be missed! Councilmember McDuffie's Ofc., Brett Allen shared happy greetings, Council Ofc. providing turkeys, helping Food & Friends, following up on (Riggs Park) surge in violence, thought MPD would attend the mtg. and Councilmember quite concerned. Comm. Brooks noted: more patrols in 200/300 blks. Riggs Rd.; no Dec. ANC mtg.; submitted resolutions for speed bumps in 200/400 blocks of 1st St., doing 2 more in Jan. ANC mtg. for Riggs Park where they welcome 2 new Commissioners, also say goodbye to 2. Comm. Huff (Comm. Brooks initially, Comm. Huff later): noted WASA, Pepco attended SMD mtg., re: flooding in Riggs Park, power outages & power grid project, same concerns in North Michigan Park.

LRCA Officer Reports: Minutes. Pres. Foxworth (on behalf of Recording Secty.) noted correction to Nov. minutes adding Ms. Patrice Richardson as resident who lives by the day care, that opposed the zoning request. David Kosub interrupted and stated his request to correct the minutes. Pres. Foxworth noted David's request was denied as noted in the minutes, because the topic was not discussed. David re-stated his request, which was denied again. Pres. Foxworth continued, David interrupted the mtg. again and Comm. Brooks clarified that his comments were never discussed in the mtg., not aware of any organization that corrects minutes, for a discussion that didn't happen and this seemed purposeful to disrupt the mtg. David continued to disrupt the mtg. and said that Pres. Foxworth's email to him was rude and unprofessional. Pres. Foxworth noted to get respect you have to give respect. Comm. Brooks noted emails from both not respectful, seems personal, suggested both settle privately and other members agreed. Pres. Foxworth continued the mtg. with motion made, 2nd to add Ms. Richardson's correction, passed with no abstentions or opposition. David interrupted again, asked minutes be corrected to remove comments re: LRCA opposing the zoning request because it wasn't stated in the mtg. but in emails. Pres. Foxworth reminded folks that Oct. & Nov. Newsletters, contained articles re: LRCA's successes that incl. the Board's vote to oppose the Zoning request in support of Citizen's Aware, an LRCA Block Club for that area. He denied David's request, David interrupted again saying that it wasn't in the mtg. when Comm. Brooks said it was because she mentioned it in talking about working with Pres. Foxworth, LRCA who provided a letter of opposition to the zoning request, it's in her SMD, etc., the mtg. resumed. Treasurer's Report: didn't get to.

Committee Reports: Seniors. Rev. Mays, noted bed pads available; Education. Ms. Pender, thanked donation to Scholarship Fund, need to raise \$3K; DC requires Srs. to do Community Service, ANC Comm. Huff has 2 students ready to help; Dev. Task Force (DTF) Pres. Foxworth noted Michael Biddle as our Liaison to EYA, his experiences and EYA at Dec. mtg. for updates on design, construction schedule, employment oppty's., etc. 1st VP Cockrel: noted Riggs Liquor gives scholarships beginning 12/31, helped before, will send info to Ms. Pender, DPR installing 2 new 14 ft. lights, all lights go out at night when park closed and more Police presence given crime concerns; Newsletter. Pres. Foxworth noted sent electronically now, asking Board/Communications Team to figure out feasibility of distributing limited # of hard copies for those who're not on social media, emails or listservs; Public Safety, 2nd VP Huff (Pres. Foxworth intro. as new Chair) noted being careful re: "putting out" adds; call 911, it's anonymous; will go beyond MPD, reach out to grass roots orgns./other agencies to help families; call her at 2-704-2427. Communications Team. Angie Boose (Pres. Foxworth intro. as new Chair) noted working to improve LRCA's website, twitter, Facebook and listserv platforms. May release updated draft website in spring for Community feedback, hoping journalist, writers, etc., young or old volunteer to help.

Councilmember Todd, intro by Pres. Foxworth who thanked him on behalf of residents/Board, for all his contributions to Lamond-Riggs over 13 years. The Councilmember noted working with us 1st as Senior Staff for Councilmember Bowser then past 5 ½ years as our Councilmember. Thanked the Community for backing him and his support of 1K units of affordable housing/100 for Srs.; plus, 1K more affordable units in 2021; \$800M for school modernization; \$500K for our new playground; Safe at Home; 10-year Srs. Strategic Plan, Public Safety, etc. Recognized 2nd VP/ANC Comm. Huff, Jackson Carnes plus all staff for hard work on behalf of the 20 communities in WD 4 and we'll get 5 Year Report that notes most of his accomplishments. Thanked the Community for trusting, believing, supporting him and thanked Pres. Foxworth, LRCA as a good long serving assn. that does a great job. Pres. Foxworth, residents, Board members, and Parks Main Sts. Prog. all offered heartfelt praise for his 13+ years of service to our Community!

Community Concerns, Announcements: Pres. Foxworth noted Ms. Brooks, Huff and Mr. McDuffie, Fletcher and Bromaghim winning ANC seats in Nov. elections; our Budget presented in Feb. like before; colls./univs., bars, restaurants, offices and retail top 5 sources for covid19 in DC; see newsletter for financial resources if impacted by pandemic. From residents; DC VS Steelers score cheered a few times; concerns re: MPD not in mtg.; Comm. Huff noted providing free food boxes at Culture Coffee to 12/19, 2nd Toy/Clothing Drive to 12/21; concerns re: late notice for her SMD mtgs.; Tischa noted Coach Nickens providing food boxes, provided his email. Rev. Mays closed with a Prayer. Motion to end mtg., all yes votes with no abstentions or "no votes", mtg. ended 8:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted Pres. Foxworth, Edgar Sheppard/Recording Secty., 1/27/2021.

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Want to Help Your Community? Join our Committees by contacting the Chairs below for Zoom mtg./call-in access, schedules, etc.

Education Chair: Marsha Pender mkpender1@gmail.com. Last year we awarded \$3,000! Scholarship info. on website and please share with graduating Seniors in Lamond-Riggs as soon as possible!

Development Task Force (DTF) Chair: Rodney Foxworth rdmorganfoxworth@gmail.com (2-997-1875), Dr. Melvin Rhodes Vice Chair, silverhobby22@msn.com (2-731-1668). DTF advocates for Community priorities with developers, etc. & meets 3rd Tues. of the month.

Seniors Chair: Rev. Mays akingskid72000@yahoo.com, Vice C. Pres. Foxworth rdmorganfoxworth@gmail.com, bringing svcs. to Srs.

Public Safety Chair: LaRoya Huff laroyahuff@gmail.com, given recent spike in gun violence/crime, over 90 residents attended the 1st mtg. on Jan 11 via Zoom. The Committee meets the 2nd Thurs. every month, 6pm to 7 & engages MPD, other agencies re: concerns.

Communications Chair: Angie Boose lrcadctech@gmail.com, improves website, newsletter and Twitter, Face Book. Listserv.

Newsletter Chair: Rodney Foxworth rdmorganfoxworth@gmail.com, produces the newsletter, meets as needed and looking for writers.

Like what LRCA does? If so, please renew your membership/join now for the 1st time! Dues (only \$10 to \$15) are the only dependable source of funds and pays for scholarships, post office box, website, Zoom Account and our newsletter (when OK to deliver again). Your dues allows us to "reach" residents, provide facts, hear concerns, develop consensus and advocate for those issues.

So renew/join at www.LRCADC.org or print the membership form below and mail it in as soon as possible. If you're giving more, note how the extra \$ is to be used (needy families, etc.). Please remember to make a donation for our scholarship fund, in June \$3,000 was awarded to college-bound Lamond-Riggs Seniors! As a non-profit 501(C)3, your membership & donations may be tax deductible.

Riggs-LaSalle Rec. Ctr. is Open with Covid19 precautions! Register at www.dpr.dc.gov and mask are required. Srs. can get help registering at the Ctr. Programs for youth, adults & seniors incl. Sr. Aerobics (social distancing); Fitness Room and Virtual Teen Progs.

Free meals for "medically fragile" Seniors (need Drs. Referral), call Food & Friends 2-269-2277 for help/volunteer. **Free food** at LaSalle Backus Elem. from Capital Food Bank, 2/18 & 3/18, noon to 4. **Free meals for Seniors**, Dept. of Aging 2-724-5626 for help/volunteer!

Cut here and mail your membership form with payment

Membership Form - October 2020 through September 2020-2021

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Education / Scholarship		Newsletter +Distribution		Youth Development/ Recreation
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