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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,**

Hoping that all is well with you and yours! I'm inviting you to our March 2021 General Body meeting via Zoom (**you can also call-in**). The agenda is below and we are especially pleased to have two very important guest speakers!

The first speaker is Dr. Patel, Covid19 Clinician Champion from DC's Department of Health who'll share info re: types of vaccines, side effects, vaccine sites and how the vaccine might affect folks with high blood pressure, diabetes, etc. This is very helpful given the majority of our residents are African-Americans, who have higher rates of these illnesses.

Then we'll hear from DC Public Library's Capital Construction, Community Engagement Staff. They'll share info re: the new library's construction, traffic/community impacts, estimated completion date, etc. This includes what to expect in the new building from its appearance (exterior/interior), functional spaces, natural lightening, study/meeting space, etc.

LRCA has taken a forceful stand on Public Safety and submitted recommendations to the Acting Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and to MPD's 4th District. We look forward to engaging with them soon, to add value to what works and explore new strategies to improve Safety in our Community. We are also committed to providing you with "all things Covid19" and in working with Councilmember Lewis-George, submitted 60+ names of Lamond-Riggs Seniors to MedStar for vaccinations. Our Seniors Committee is considering if there's anything else we can do, to help more Seniors (and residents) register for the vaccine. In working with the Mayor's office, we've sent out a comprehensive list of Covid19 info including vaccination site contact info, how to register for appointments, Public Schools updates, Phase 2 Adjustments, (excerpt on page 2), etc. For those struggling financially, see page 2 for Covid19 financial resources.

We understand there's a digital divide which impacts low-income residents and Seniors disproportionately, so we added funds to the budget to print limited numbers of newsletters as a pilot to reach Seniors/others who are not "tech savvy".

Despite Covid19 we're still working! *You can help* by (see page 4): paying your dues; serving on any of our six (6) working Committees; *donating scholarship funds, etc.* or join the Nominating Committee to conduct our elections and decide, how to manage voting given Covid19 restrictions! *Our elections are in May*, why not "run" for office? You must pay your dues **no later than** April 1st to "run" or vote, candidates are initially presented in our April meeting.

Lastly, help us reach our neighbors who may not use emails/social, media, etc. by sharing this newsletter/Zoom info with them, especially Seniors! To add an email to our list, send their full name, email to [lamondriggscainfo@gmail.com](mailto:lamondriggscainfo@gmail.com)!

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

**NOTICES & AGENDA**

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

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

**Brrrr! It's still cold now so please "check in" on your neighbors**, especially Seniors to make sure they're okay and if they need any assistance (heats on, check smoke alarms, ext. cords/surge protectors, etc.). *As a courtesy, 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!

**March 2021 Agenda**

**Welcome and Opening Prayer**

- **MPD, Elected Officials Updates with Q & A:** 25 Mins.
- **Officer's Reports: Minutes, Treasurer:** 5 Mins.
- **Covid19 Presentation: Dr. Patel, COVID Clinician Champion, DC Dept. of Health with Q & A:** 20 mins.
- **New Lamond-Riggs Library Presentation: Library Staff with Q & A:** 20 mins.
- **Committee Reports with Q & A:** 15 Mins.
- **Community Concerns & Announcements:** 15 Mins.

**Closing Prayer**

**Safety News**

**4th District MPD Sector 2 Captain Bryan Christian**  
[Bryan.christian@dc.gov](mailto:Bryan.christian@dc.gov); work 2-715-7400.

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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); keep your porch light on overnight; get to know your neighbors and watch out for each other; keep your car keys in a metal box at night, 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.ovsig.dc.gov](http://www.ovsig.dc.gov) or call 2-727-5124.

**The Safe at Home Program** provides minor home changes, equipment to frail seniors to continue living at home. The program increases safety by reducing falls, providing chair lifts, shower seats, etc. For more info. contact 2-724-5626.

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

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

**ANC Commission Meetings for Lamond-Riggs**

**ANC 5A meets** the 4<sup>th</sup> Weds. of the month, 6:45pm. Go to [www.anc5A.org](http://www.anc5A.org) for more info., meeting Zoom access info.

**ANC 4B meets** the 4<sup>th</sup> Mon. of the month, 6:30pm. Go to [www.anc4B.org](http://www.anc4B.org) for more info. and meeting Zoom access info.

**LRCAs Public Safety Committee** meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs. of every month, 6pm to 7. See page 4 for more info.

**Save The Date:** LRCAs will participate in the Anacostia Watershed Society's Earth Day Cleanup April 24. Details in April's newsletter.

**Newsletter Staff:** President Foxworth (Lead), Rev. Mays and David Trigaux

**NEWS YOU CAN USE!!**

**Mayor's Office Constituent Services Liaisons (MOCR)**

**WD 4:** Anthony Mitchell, [Anthony.Mitchell@dc.gov](mailto:Anthony.Mitchell@dc.gov), 2-436-2087 and Yamileth Escobar, [Yamileth.Escobar@dc.gov](mailto:Yamileth.Escobar@dc.gov), 2-603-7182.

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

**COVID19 Resources**

**Want to get Vaccinated?** Lamond Rec. Ctr. is a vaccination site! Call DC's Covid19 Seniors Hotline 855-363-0333 for appointments, or visit <https://coronavirus.dc.gov/vaccinatedc>.

Appointments are released **every Thursday 9AM** to eligible residents in priority zip codes below.

\* Priority zip codes will be 20001, 20002, 20009, 20010, **20011, 20012**, 20015, **20017, 20018**, 20019, 20020, 20030, 20032, 20039, 20040, 20056, 20059, 20060, 20064, 20223, 20242, 20260, 20306, 20317, 20340, 20373, 20375, 20422, 20441, 20509, 20542. More appointments **issued every Friday 9AM** for all zip codes.

**Additional Appointment Options with websites**

- \* Howard University School of Medicine, 2-865-7677.
- \* MedStar Georgetown Univ. Hospital: 2-444-2000, email: [platformsupport@medstar.net](mailto:platformsupport@medstar.net), [medstargeorgetown.org](http://medstargeorgetown.org)
- \* MedStar Washington Hospital Center: 2-877-7000, [covidvaccine.medstarhealth.org/vaccine-form](http://covidvaccine.medstarhealth.org/vaccine-form)
- \* MedStar Health: 2-416-2000 (NW Facility), [medstarhealth.org](http://medstarhealth.org)
- \* Washington Hospital Center: 2-877-2200 (Navy Yard Site).
- \* George Washington University Hospital: 2-715-4000 or 2-715-4833, [gwhospital.com](http://gwhospital.com)
- \* United Medical Center: Name: Toya Carmichael Office 2-748-7731 or 2-574-6123, Email [tcarmichael@united-medicalcenter.com](mailto:tcarmichael@united-medicalcenter.com)
- \* Kaiser Permanente: (800)-777-7902, [kp.org](http://kp.org)

**Worried about mortgage payments?** Inform your lender and go to [www.MakingMyHomeAffordable.gov](http://www.MakingMyHomeAffordable.gov) for more info. and help.

**DCs Covid19 Mortgage/Rent Protections** provides support for residents and businesses affected by Covid-19. See aspects below:

- \* Residential, many commercial landlords may not increase rent and must make rent payment plans available to eligible tenants.
- \* Covered mortgage lenders must create payment deferral programs for eligible borrowers.
- \* Evictions and residential (and condominium) foreclosures are deferred until after the public health emergency. For more info call Councilmember McDuffie's Office at 2-724-8028.

## LRCAs March 2021 Newsletter

**Draft LRCA General Body Mtg. Minutes 2/1/2021;** Pres. Foxworth opened mtg. at 7pm, welcomed residents with belated New Year's greetings, asked folks to follow the meeting rules, noted meeting is recorded, agenda is timed/must end by 8:45 and reminded folks to renew membership/join with extra donations for scholarship fund. Rev. Paul Smith led prayers.

**MPD, Elected Officials Updates:** 4th District: Lt. Savoy presented info re: spike from Nov. 2020 to present re: gun related crimes and one arrest made. She also stated that there were 10 to 20 "shots fired" reports in PSA 406 which covers all of Riggs Park and 41 reported offenses, down by 9 from last year. Residents asked questions re: the current spike in violence and the Lt. MPD noted that MPD is following leads, asked residents to contact her if they have any info and encouraged people to get the security cameras that's subsidized by the City. Mayor's Ofc., Anthony Mitchell (new WD 4 MOCRS) noted he's new and eager to assist LRCA in any way possible. Councilmember McDuffie's Ofc., Brett Allen noted his work re: crime in Riggs Park (WD5). **ANC Updates:** Comm. Brooks noted on-going Pepco work on our streets, upcoming Commission meetings and gave her contact info for those in her SMD that want to attend her meetings. Comm. Huff noted her on-going work in providing free food for residents and public safety efforts. Comm. McDuffie noted that is first meeting, working on public safety issues in his SMD and is here to listen to Community concerns.

**LRCA Officer Reports:** Minutes, Pres. Foxworth (on behalf of Recording Secretary) presented Dec. 2020 minutes as noted in the newsletter. A motion was made, seconded and the minutes passed with no abstentions or opposition. Treasurer's Report, Tanya Slade noted that as of Feb. 1, 2021 LRCA has a balance of \$7,460.35. A motion was made, seconded and the Treasurer's report was passed with no abstentions or opposition.

**Committee Reports:** Seniors, Rev. Mays, said the Committee is figuring out how to offer a hybrid model for workshops re: resources combining in-person and web participation; Education, Ms. Pender, noted Committee preparing to award more scholarships and asked residents to inform graduating seniors who live in our Community and to send her their contact info for follow up. Development Task Force (DTF), Pres. Foxworth noted 5 development/construction projects within 2 blocks of each other by intersection of South Dakota Ave. and Riggs Rd. that overlap including the new library, Cafritz (next phase), EYA, Chic Fil A, Pepco. Goal to have coordination between project managers and LRCA Community Liaisons to resolve potential negative construction issues. Newsletter, Pres. Foxworth said he put funds in the budget for a pilot project to print 100 hard copies/month to distribute to Seniors/place in local businesses. He noted digital divide, not able to reach everyone given Covid19 and this effort to reach those who're not on social media, emails or listservs and lastly asked for volunteers to help with the newsletter; Public Safety, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Huff noted increase in gun violence, working with MPD to get additional resources and reminded residents that they can call 911 to report an issue without giving their contact info. Communications Team, Angie Boose said still working to improve LRCA's website, Twitter, Facebook and listserv platforms, Team took brief hiatus, resuming regular meetings and hoping journalist, writers, etc., young or old volunteer to help.

Councilmember Janeese Lewis-George: Intro by Pres. Foxworth who noted his conversations with her and how they agreed on several items. The Councilmember noted her first meeting and talked about her efforts to improve City's vaccine "roll out" for Ward 4 residents, on-going work with MPD re: public safety issues and asked residents to testify in upcoming DC Agency performance hearings.

Budget: Pres. Foxworth presented the budget (attached to email with meeting notice) and noted expenditures reduced to coincide with reduced revenue given Covid19. He answered questions, reduced one expenditure given suggestion by members, a motion was made, seconded and the budget passed as amended with no abstentions and one "no" vote.

Community Concerns, Announcements: Pres. Foxworth noted library demolition, local Covid19 resources, protections in newsletter, upcoming LRCA elections (May), asked for residents to join Nominating Committee, to "run" for office and to contact any Board member if questions. Uchenna Evans and Robert Oliver noted concerns re: the Dec. minutes in the newsletter, the President's message and asked the Board to be better stewards. Several LRCA Board members noted their request and stated they will address it in the next Board meeting. Pres. Foxworth noted that the December minutes were 100% accurate and factual as were his statements in the President's Message. Lisa Brannock-Wray noted how some folks are outspoken but are not even paid members and asked that people pay their dues. She also noted how Pres. Foxworth is always asking for help with the newsletter. Rev. Smith led a closing prayer, a motion was made, seconded and all voted to close the meeting with no abstentions or "no" votes. The meeting was adjourned at 8:59pm.

**Respectfully Submitted Pres. Foxworth, Edgar Sheppard/Recording Secretary 3/1/2021.**

**Free:** Meals for "medically fragile" Seniors (need Dr's. Referral), call Food & Friends 2-269-2277 for help/volunteer: Meals for Seniors, Dept. of Aging 2-724-5626 for help/volunteer! Food at LaSalle Backus Elementary from Capital Food Bank, March 18 noon to 4.

## LRCA March 2021 Newsletter

**Want to Help Your Community?** Join one of our six Committees by contacting the Chairs below for meeting schedules, etc.

**Education Chair**, Marsha Pender [mkpender1@gmail.com](mailto:mkpender1@gmail.com). Last year we awarded \$3,000! Scholarship info. on website and please share with graduating Seniors in Lamond-Riggs **by April 30th!**

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

**Seniors Chair**, Rev. Mays [akingskid72000@yahoo.com](mailto:akingskid72000@yahoo.com), Vice Chair Pres. Foxworth, informing Seniors re: City services and resources.

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

**Communications Chair**, Angie Boose [lrcadctech@gmail.com](mailto:lrcadctech@gmail.com), improves website, newsletter and Twitter, Face Book, Listserv.

**Newsletter Chair**, Rodney Foxworth [rdmorganfoxworth@gmail.com](mailto:rdmorganfoxworth@gmail.com), Meets as needed and looking for help editing, writing, layout, etc.

**Like what LRCA does?** If so, please renew your membership/join now for the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 allow us to “reach” residents, provide facts, hear concerns, develop consensus and advocate for those issues.

So, renew/join at [www.LRCADC.org](http://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, scholarship, etc.). *Remember to make a donation to our scholarship fund*, in June \$3,000 was awarded to college-bound Lamond-Riggs Seniors! As a non-profit, your membership and donations may be tax deductible.

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

**Cafritz Development concerns?** You can call them at 2-517-1919 or via email at [hello@fezartplace.com](mailto:hello@fezartplace.com) re: construction concerns or other feedback regarding Phase 2 (aka Block B) of Cafritz’s Art Place Development Project. Their website is <http://fezartplace.comn>.

Cut here and mail your membership form with payment

### Membership Form - October 2020 through September 2020-2021

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