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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,

Welcome to our October General Body meeting via Zoom (**you can also call-in**) and wanted to share a few thoughts:

Covid19 is not over, get your flu shots; please keep your family safe and we'll continue to provide timely, critical info!

It's getting darker and colder now so please be aware of your surroundings. Park by lights at night, turn your porch light on and call 311 to have tree limbs cut, if they block the street lights. And if possible, please don't park in front of your neighbor's house. Let's continue that courtesy that's existed in Lamond-Riggs for decades.

ANC Commissioner and LRCA 2nd VP LaRoya Huff did an excellent job in rallying support for neighbors whose homes were lost in fires. Her actions remind us, that we are a caring Community and the outpouring of donations of clothes, money, etc. to assist those families was overwhelming!

Saw a few deer last month in the field across the street from Walmart, where the new EYA townhouse/apartments are being built. Think they were interested in the apartments.

The overwhelming majority of LRCA's Board won the last election on a promise to be transparent and not go backwards, when major decisions were made without the Community's knowledge/consent. We pledged to be fair, transparent on all issues, decisions. *When residents are given factual info, the Community can make informed decisions!* Providing false and misleading info, doesn't help us at all..... On a related note, see page 4 for a tabulation of the proposed playground comments.

Tell your family, friends, and neighbors here & across the US, to make a plan to vote and to vote early if they can. My hope is that the process works well but given how things are happening now, why take the chance!

Watching Black Panther on the Riggs LaSalle football field on Sat. 9/26 with chairs, blankets, snacks, social distancing, etc. was cool! As a fellow So. Carolinian, Chadwick Boseman is really good and left us way too soon!

We've recently lost too many neighbors (see page 2) and LRCA took many of those families sympathy cards thanks to the efforts of 2nd Vice President & ANC Commissioner Huff, who took the time to buy and deliver the cards for us.

Think the neighbors in the 500 block of Nicholson St's. Friday after work sets, are "da bomb", distanced & really cool!

See you on Monday, October 5th.

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.

We are pleased to introduce Edgar Sheppard as LRCA's new Recording Secretary! Edgar brings a wealth of experience having served as a Recording Secretary on several boards.

We are glad to have him join the Team and he's a long-time resident of our Community!

October 2020 Agenda

Welcome and Opening Prayer

- MPD and Elected Officials Updates: 20 Mins.
- Officer's Reports: Minutes & Treasurer: 5 Mins.
- Committee Reports: 15 Mins. with Q & A
- ANC Candidates for contested Wd. 4 & Wd. 5 seats in Lamond-Riggs: 20 Mins.
- Proposed Playground by Riggs LaSalle Rec.: 20 Mins.
- Community Concerns & Announcements: 15 Mins.

Closing Prayer

Please have this agenda with you during the meeting!

Riggs Park and Manor Park Businesses Deliver! For Prescriptions, Vaccines & Food delivery/pick-up for ethnic, vegan & American dishes available from 5 Parks Main St. businesses. Call **Ramdass Pharmacy**, 2-526-2200; **Culture Coffee Too** (Coffee, Sandwiches), 2-507-8349; **Hunan Shrimp Boat** (Chinese Food), 2-635-6666; **Peaches Kitchen & Rest.** (Jamaican, Amer. Food), 2-722-5250; **Senbeb Café** (Vegan/Vegetarian "Soul Food"), 2-249-0917. For ques., Call Edwin Washington 202-423-1014.

Free meals for "medically fragile" Seniors. Call Food & Friends 2-269-2277 (need Drs. referral) to help or volunteer.

Free meals for Seniors delivered by DC's Dept. of Aging and Community Living. Call 2-724- 5626 for help or to vol.

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

IN MEMORIAL - In Memory of our neighbors who've recently passed. Our sincere condolences to their families & friends. Mr. Waldon Adams - 650 Riggs Rd., (a long time LRCA member with his wife Ms. Adams at 443-985-0031), Ms. Ruth Bowman - 5502 Chillum Pl., Mr. Melvin Dock Sr.- 5503 Chillum Pl., Mrs. Beatrice West - 5508 Chillum Pl., Mrs. Lucille Robinson-Williams - 5518 Chillum Pl., Mrs. Kay Douglas - 5512 Chillum Pl., Ms. Anna Sellers - 5536 Chillum Pl., Ms. Alice Lucas 5567 Chillum Pl., Ms. Susie Kidrick - 650 Jefferson St., Ms. Yvonne "Bike Lady" Morris 5725 Chillum Pl., Ms. Emma Billingslea – Jefferson St., Ms. Irma Tiller - Eastern Ave., Ms. Lois Brown – 1004 Galloway St., Ms. Regina Lanham - Jefferson St., Ms. Parker – 8th St., Ms. Betty Bennet Jefferson St.

Welcome to the Friends of the Riggs-LaSalle Rec. (FORLR)

FORLR's Executive Board, DPR, and the Riggs-LaSalle Rec. Ctr. Staff, are pleased to announce the creation of the Friends of Riggs-LaSalle Rec. Ctr. (non-profit 501(c)3 organization). Due to the COVID-19, we have not been able to operate at full capacity. We've had a few virtual gatherings with Exec. Board members and hope to get fully underway when the city enters its last opening phase.

FORLR's mission is to encourage learning, fun and activities in the area of Riggs Park, to unite the community, and to encourage participation of all residents, young and old. We have committees that will be open to the community to join once we have been given the go ahead to do so. Stay tuned for future info. Tischa Cockrell, President.

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

NEWS YOU CAN USE!!

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Concerned about Development in the Community? Then please join LRCA's Development Task Force (DTF). The DTF advocates for Community priorities with developers, DC Govt., etc. DTF meets the 3rd Tues. of every month, Oct. to Dec., then Feb. to June via Zoom (residents can also call-in). Please contact Rodney Foxworth, Chair (2-997-1875) or Dr. Melvin Rhodes, Co-Chair (2-731-1668) for info., Zoom access.

PLEASE VOTE!! DC's General Elections are scheduled for November 3rd. Please contact the Board of Elections at (727-2525) or visit their website at www.dcboe.org/FAQS/Election-Day asap to confirm where you can Vote and if questions!



Like what LRCA does? If so, please renew your membership or join for the 1st time now! Your membership pays for our: Emergency Funds for families, scholarships to college bound seniors from our Community, website fees, Zoom Account, post office box, etc. plus hard copies of our newsletter (when it's OK to print/deliver again).

And we've done a lot, see last year's successes on page 3!

Your membership is the major source of funds for our budget and allows us to "reach" residents, provide the facts, hear all concerns and effectively advocate for those issues. So please join us or renew your membership now, via our website www.LRCADC.org or print the membership form in this newsletter and mail it with your check/money order to the Lamond-Riggs Citizens Assn. And if you're giving more, note how the extra donation is to be used (scholarship, needy families, etc.).

Your membership of \$10 to \$15 really helps! Remember to make a donation for our scholarship fund. In June, \$3,000 was! As a non-profit 501(C)3, your membership & donations may be tax deductible (see your tax preparer for more info.)!

The LRCA Education Committee is pleased to recognize the 2020 Scholarship Recipients and the colleges they will attend:

Lysander Boroff (Kalamazoo College, Michigan), Immanuel Charles (Elizabeth City State University, North Carolina) and Rosalie Ngatchou (University of Massachusetts-Lowell, Massachusetts). Each student received \$1000.00 to further their college education. Thank you to our neighbors who diligently evaluated and scored the applications: Nickolas Barber, Brenda Coley, and Sondra Montgomery.

LRC General Body Meeting (via Zoom) Minutes*

June 1, 2020

President Foxworth opened the meeting at 7:03 pm and welcomed residents, Rev. Paul Smith led an opening prayer.

Tanya Slade, LRCA Treasurer: Presented the Treasurer's Report including LRCA having a balance of \$8,465.11 (written copies available). A motion was made, seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report and it was approved.

President Foxworth presented the March Minutes (from our last in-person meeting given Covid19) and a motion was made, seconded to accept the minutes as presented in the newsletter.

Ward 4 Councilmember Todd's Office: Gary Johnson provided an update on planned street improvements, also noted that rental cars left in our Community should be ticketed, etc.

Ward 5 Councilmember McDuffie's Office: Barbara Mitchell provided an update on public safety concerns, etc., noted that she's leaving the Councilmember's Office for another job and that this will be her last meeting. President Foxworth thanked her for all that she's done for the Lamond-Riggs Community, noted that we enjoyed working with her and that she'll be missed!

Guest Speaker: Ronald King, DC Dept. of Health: Provided an update on DC's Covid19 response. His remarks included reminders to wash your hands frequently throughout the day, wear a mask, keep at least 6 ft. away from others when you're out and limit going out of the house. Ronald also noted that there's a chemical in soap that actually the virus, that's why washing your hands frequently is so important!

Committee Updates: Our Education Committee, Chair Marsha Pender noted that they have begun reviewing applications the LRCA scholarship and will award a total of \$3,000 to college bound graduating seniors who live in Lamond-Riggs. Our Senior Committee, Vice Chair Rodney Foxworth reminded all that the planned workshop for June has been cancelled due to Covid19. Our Development Task Force, Chair Rodney Foxworth noted that Task Force members participated in meetings with the developers of the proposed Chic Fil A and EYA Townhouses. We have the plans for both project and will review, provide feedback to the developers re: any Community issues. LRCA and ANC Commission Gordon Fletcher will work together to provide oversight of the Cafritz project and have appointed Deborah Grimsted as the Community Liaison to that project. Our Newsletter Committee, Chair Rev. Mays noted we'll resume producing, distributing the newsletter electronically in the Fall.

Community Concerns, Announcements: There were none. President Foxworth thanked everyone for participating in the first LRCA meeting via Zoom and wished all a good and safe summer!

The meeting ended with a closing prayer by Rev. Paul Smith and adjourned at 8:45pm. Respectfully submitted by President Foxworth/Acting Recording Secretary/October 5, 2020, * This meeting was interrupted by a hacker, President Foxworth ended the video portion of the meeting & resumed it later via audio only

LAST YEAR'S SUCCESSES!!

Here's a summary of what LRCA did last year: 1- Provided timely, important Covid19 info to residents via emails, our listserv, website, Facebook/twitter accts., 2- Distributed 170 free face masks (cloth, disposable) to 40 Lamond-Riggs seniors, elders, families in need incl. bottles of hand sanitizers, 3- Strongly advocated for & worked with MPD to implement revised Sector Plan for Policing by the Riggs-LaSalle Rec. Ctr. and Backus Elem. Sch., 4- Had four Committees that worked hard all year: Ed - Marsha Pender Chair, Seniors - Rev. Mays Chair, the Development Task Force - Pres. Foxworth Chair and the Newsletter - Pres. Foxworth Lead, 5- The Sr. Committee developed a "first of its kind" workshop for Srs., to learn about & apply for City, Non-profit Sr. Services online/ manually in the workshop, 6- Assisted in, promoted the need for resources for families who experienced terrible fires in our Community, 7- Researched virtual meeting platforms (Zoom, Meet Up, Teams, Webex, etc.) and agreed to use Zoom, 8- Switched to virtual General Body, Board and Committee mtgs. via Zoom and held a Zoom training for the Board, 9- Provided factual info to the Community re: the proposed playground and asked that comments be sent to DPR, 10- Passed LRCA's 1st itemized budget in decades, 11- Helped to coordinate and participated in a Happy 100 Years! Car Parade to celebrate a resident's birthday, 12- Recruited a Treasurer, Financial Secretary and Recording Secretary for the Board, 13- Developed Task Force Community Liaison positions as "point persons" for the Cafritz, EYA developments, 14- Significantly reduced newsletter costs, 15- Sent reps. to DC's Federation of Civic Assn. Annual Mtg., 16- Joined the Center for Nonprofit Advancement to help with our non-profit responsibilities; 17- Filed reports with DCRA & IRS, 18- Made 1st ever robocalls to residents re: the June mtg. and finally 19- The Board held votes since April & agreed to: Award \$3,000 in scholarships; Raise at least \$3,000 annually for our scholarship fund and not use reserve funds without General Body approval; Send sympathy cards to 14 families of residents who recently passed; Support merger talks between DC Civic & Citizen Assns.; Send a support letter for our Main St. Program's proposal; Provide \$50 for cloth, disposable masks to distribute to needy seniors, elders and families; Opposed a day care's zoning exception, sent testimony to the BZA; Provide \$15/mth. for a Zoom acct.; Provide \$240 for a media consultant to provide TA for our Zoom acct., Board training and coord. Zoom General Body meetings (many associations across the City did not continue their meetings at all).

LRCA October Newsletter

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Membership Form - October 2020 through September 2020-2021 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 your tax professional.

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I/We volunteer for the following committee(s): Use code:1=Self, 2=Spouse/Partner, 3=Both, 4=Other Committee?				
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<i>Education / Scholarship</i>		<i>Newsletter +Distribution</i>		<i>Youth Development/ Recreation</i>
<i>Tax-deductible Membership & Donation:</i>	Individual \$10	Household \$15 (2 adult members)	Corporate \$50	Extra Donation of \$_____ to LRCA's College Scholarship, awarded annually.
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Tabulation of comments re: Proposed Playground by the Riggs LaSalle Rec. Center

It's important to provide the Community with transparency and factual info in this process. Given the above, here're the totals (removed input from folks who don't live in our Community) from the listserv comments & LRCA's recent Board meeting. Hoping that DPR will view this as a chance to do more outreach, provide answers to important questions and add to the transparency!

Number of statements made in support of the proposed project: **10**

Number of statements made not in support/or with serious questions re: the proposed project: **10**

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

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1- Apply for unemployment benefits. 3- Review your monthly bills and find ways to reduce. 5- If you have student loans, suspend your payments. 7- Stay away from payday loans. 9- Use your retirement accts. but avoid if possible. 11- Look at job postings. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2- Tap into your emergency savings, if you have any. 4- If you have a mortgage, inform your lender/servicer. 6- Get in touch with your bank. 8- Communicate with your utility and service providers. 10- Take advantage of community programs. 12- Be flexible about new opportunities. |
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13- Pay attention to the news.

Worried about making your mortgage payments? Inform your lender or servicer! 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. Find out if these servicers have your loan by searching: [Making My Home Affordable.com](http://MakingMyHomeAffordable.com).

Please remember if you receive a phone call from a bank offering to help with your mortgage, hang up. **This is likely a scam!**