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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 and as always hoping that you and yours are well!**

Please join us for our June General Body Meeting via Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85118722146>. Residents can call 301-715-8592 or 312-626-6799 with Meeting ID: 8511872 2146 and Passcode: 691825 to attend.

Let's all welcome LRCA's New Officers (see below) and we wish them the best. Their success is our success!

I've been asked by many of you to share reflections of LRCA's success over the last two years and they follow. They are quite remarkable, include some historical 1st for LRCA and occurred during the worst pandemic in this country in over 100 years! Our successes include: \* Providing critical info to residents re: Covid19/ testing/vaccinations, rent/ mortgage resources plus free food \* Sending MPD Public Safety suggestions to stop the violence in our Community (1st time in our history) \* Helping over 60 Seniors get vaccine appts. \* Giving out 200 free face masks/hand sanitizers to 50 Seniors/Families \* Resuming limited newsletter delivery to Seniors who don't use the internet, social media, listservs, etc. \* Assisting over 17 Seniors vote via absentee ballot in Nov. Elections \* Voted on a budget every year (1st time in our history) \* Resumed prayer in our meetings as overwhelmingly voted by residents \* Continued LRCA General Board and Committee meetings via Zoom when other assoc. did not \* Supported Citizen's Aware (LRCA Block Club) residents opposing a Zoning Request \* Coordinated 7 Committees (1st time in decades) \* Created an electronic voting system (1st time in our history) \* Integrated our manual/electronic voting systems \* Created a new website \* Approved Walmart's Beer and Wine license \* Protested the Takoma Liquor Stores license renewal \* Appointed 4 residents to serve as Community Liaisons for development projects \* Submitted all DC and Federal non-profit filings \* Switched from Salesforce to Excel for our membership data base \* Raised over \$3,400 in donations for our scholarship fund (1st time in our history) \* Coordinated over 50 Committee volunteers \* Helped organize Birthday Car Parades for 2 residents who turned 100! \* The Board's dedication to serve this Community while working thru several intense challenges!

**As always, we continue to reach residents who may not use listservs, social media, etc.** by distributing limited numbers of newsletters door to door and with copies placed in the Lamond Post Office, Culture Coffee, Riggs Park Liquors, Hunan Shrimp Boat, Subway, Riggs Park Cleaners, the Exxon Station, etc. You can help by referring your neighbors to these locations if they want a "hard copy" and share the Zoom access with them.

Lastly, we helped to organize and led **Mr. Martin's 100th Birthday Celebration Car Parade**, what a really good event! See you **7pm on Mon. June 7th and this is our last meeting until October!**

On behalf of LRCA's Officers and Trustees, it's been an honor to serve. Stay Safe Everyone! Rodney

**NOTICES & AGENDA**

**Welcome to all New LRCA Board Members!  
(their term begins Oct. 1st. \*)**

President Barbara Rogers, 1st Vice President LaRoya Huff, 2nd Vice President Sierra Dickerson, Corresponding Secretary Mateen Rabihah, Trustees: Patrice Richardson, David Kosub, James Gaston, Heather Rodgers, Reverend Paul Smith, Sharolyn Mack, Edgar Allen Sheppard, Danielle Lewis-Wright, Paquita Wiggins and Rev. Johnnie Mays.

\* Per our Bylaws, the write-in candidates for Treasurer and Financial Secretary that were announced as winners by the Nominating Committee. are not valid.

**June 2021 Agenda**

**Welcome and Opening Prayer**

- **MPD, Elected Officials Updates with Q & A:** 25 mins.
- **New Officers Sworn in, Councilmember Lewis-George** 25 Mins.
- **Officer's Reports: Minutes, Treasurer:** 5 Mins.
- **Committee Reports with Q & A, & awarding a 4th Scholarship - Education Committee:** 15 Mins.
- **Volunteer Appreciation Awards:** 20 Mins.
- **Community Concerns & Announcements:** 15 Mins.

**Closing Prayer**

**Safety News**

**4th District MPD Sector 2 Captain to be named.** Thanks Captain Christian for all your years of service to the Lamond-Riggs Community! Enjoy your well-deserved retirement!

Sector 2 Team Lts.: Troy Jessup [troy.jessup@dc.gov](mailto:troy.jessup@dc.gov), Patrick Schaut [patrick.schaut@dc.gov](mailto:patrick.schaut@dc.gov), plus Sgt. Austin [Joseph.Austin@dc.gov](mailto:Joseph.Austin@dc.gov)

**The spike in serious crimes continues.** So please be aware of your surroundings at all times, see something say something; get security cameras, keep your porch light on overnight, know your neighbors and watch out for each other, keep car keys in a metal box at night, it stops thieves from copying your remote signal and opening your car door.

**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., meeting Zoom access info.

**ANC SMD Meetings**, Contact Commissioners on page 1 if ques.: 4B09 Comm. Huff, 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs. of the month at 7pm; 4B08 Comm. Brooks, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. of the month at 12 noon.

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

**Newsletter Staff:** Pres. Foxworth (Lead), Rev. Mays.

**NEWS YOU CAN USE!!**

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

**WD 4:** Anthony Mitchell, [Anthony.Mitchell@dc.gov](mailto:Anthony.Mitchell@dc.gov), 436-2087 and Yamileth Escobar, [Yamileth.Escobar@dc.gov](mailto:Yamileth.Escobar@dc.gov), 603-7182.  
**WD 5:** Nokomis Hunter, ([Nokomis.Hunter@dc.gov](mailto:Nokomis.Hunter@dc.gov)), Brittany Butler [Brittany.butler1@dc.gov](mailto:Brittany.butler1@dc.gov).

**Financial Resources for Homeowners/Renters Given Covid19**

**DCs COVID19 Mortgage/Rent Protections** provides support for residents and businesses affected by COVID19. 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, residential foreclosures are deferred until after the public health emergency. For more info call Councilmember McDuffie's Office at 2-724-8028

**June 2021 LRCA Scholarship Award Recipients**

The Education Committee is pleased to recognize the 2021 Scholarship Recipients: Ezinne Anyanwu, Zannat Faria and Camille Jones! Each recipient receives \$1,000 to further their college education at an accredited college or university. We wish them well and know they'll be successful!

Thanks to Committee members who evaluated applications: Nickolas Barber, Brenda Coley & Sandra Montgomery.

**Workshops for Seniors and the Elderly**

LRCA's Senior Committee is offering **FREE** virtual workshops (on-line) for Seniors/Elders that you can attend from your home! The first workshop is "Reverse Mortgages: What You Need to Know" and will be held **June 15<sup>th</sup> at 11am.** **You can attend the Zoom presentation by calling at 301-715-8592 with meeting ID: 857 5477 8030 and Passcode: 285441 or by using <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85754778030>.**

We're working with DC's Department of Insurance, Securities and Banking to provide the workshops in recognition of Older Americans Month & World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.

For Seniors/Elders who have smart phones, tablets or laptops, Culture Coffee Too is providing limited space for residents to attend the workshop on a "*first served first come bases*". Attendees will receive help with Q & A, logging into the workshop and refreshments provided.

To *confirm attendance or reserve "a seat" in Culture Coffee* or for more info please contact: Rev. Mays (Chair, 2- 210-2941) or Pres. Foxworth (Vice-Chair, 2-997-1875) **by June 10th.**

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**Draft LRCA General Body Mtg. Minutes of 5/3/2021:** Pres. Foxworth opened mtg. at 7pm, wished all good health, asked all to take precautions, respectfully disagree, noted meeting recorded, thanked Angelyn Boose for Zoom volunteer work, Rev. Smith led prayers.

**MPD, Elected Officials Updates:** Parks Main Street Edwin Washington noted they awarded \$20K in grants to area business, 2<sup>nd</sup> round of grants up to \$15K awarded later, sponsoring the July 9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> Riggs Park Arts Crawl, celebrating May Asian Pacific and Islander and DC Small Business month. MPD, Lt. Savoy noted 2 domestic assault cases with dangerous weapons that ended in arrest, 2 car thefts with 3 thefts from auto and decrease in violent crime. Their Dedicated Unit responded to gunfire in Kennedy/Jefferson St. area, stopped suspected vehicle and driver fled, recovered 2 guns, since then reports of shots fired have decreased. They're using a light tower in different areas with a 2<sup>nd</sup> Dedicated Unit to deter crime and Pres. Foxworth asked folks to send suggested locations to our Public Safety Chair for a coordinated approach, Lt. Savoy noted Cptn. Christian retired. Mayor's Ofc., Anthony Mitchell (WD 4 MOCRS) thanked all for supporting vaccination efforts when Mayor canvassed the neighborhood, **call 855-363-0333 to get vaccinated at home**, contact [www.Stay.DC.Com](http://www.Stay.DC.Com) for funds to pay your rent/utilities, FEMA helps pay for funeral assist., businesses now open to 50% capacity, parking enforcement resumes 6/1, DMV Services, car booting, etc. resumes 7/1 and the Ticket Amnesty Prog. ends 9/30. Councilmember McDuffie's Office: Brett Allen noted 5 walk-in vaccination sites incl. Turkey Thicket, Langdon Community Center and Providence Health Systems (old Hosp.), Mayor submits Budget to the Council in May for review and affirmed that Public Safety in our Community is a priority. Councilmember Lewis-George, Tamira Benitez noted preparing for Comp Plan Vote and concerned re: resident displacement & racial impacts, new website [www.Janeeseward4.com](http://www.Janeeseward4.com), submitting legislation to not reduce Ward 4 school budgets, looking to extend Covid19 protections to July 15<sup>th</sup>, May roundtable re: traffic deaths/Vision Zero, separate meeting re: Police reform legislation

**ANC Updates:** Comm. Brooks (Chair of 4B & Comm. 4B09) asked residents attend the 4B and her SMD meetings (see page 1 for mtg. info), noted traffic issues at North Capital and Longfellow St. with flexi-rods and a one way on Longfellow. Comm. Huff shared pre-Mother's Day wishes, noted movie night on Sat. at LaSalle Rec. Ctr., Councilmember Lewis-George did a walk thru on Sat. when LRCA held it's Earth Day Clean Up, playground open and a 4B resolution to move remaining storage containers that harbor rodents, noticing adults are using new playground and will work with the Rec. Ctr. to address, considering speed bumps on Kennedy and other streets.

**Officer and Treasurer Reports:** April Minutes, correction for Danielle Lewis-Wright's name and added that ByLaw Committee also include request for residents to contact a Board member if they want to join the Committee. With those corrections, a motion was made, seconded to approve the minutes as revised and it passed with 1 abstention and 0 no votes. Treasurer's Report: Tanya Slade noted balance of \$9,917.96. A motion was made, seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report, it passed with 0 abstention and 0 no votes.

**Takoma Park Liquor Store License Renewal:** Pres. Foxworth noted given the store's license renewal, LRCA has a chance to protest the license. Mr. Ferrand lives across the street and made a presentation re: why the license should be opposed. Mr. Ferrand's presentation noted how trash, cars/delivery trucks block the street/resident's driveways, negative effects on property values and how LRCA can protest the renewal. A motion was made, seconded to protest the license renewal and it passed with 0 abstentions and 2 no votes. Pres. Foxworth asked that if anyone is interested in working on this issue, to contact a Board member asap.

**Nominating Committee:** Tanya Slade introduced candidates and positions seeking, candidates introduced themselves and why they are running for office. After that nominations were accepted from the floor and accepted by David Kosub, Sharolyn Mack and Paquita Wiggins. Another person was nominated but was not eligible. Candidates for LRCA President answered questions from the Tanya. Angelyn Boose and Tanya walked thru the new website and electronic voting process, how candidates nominated and accepted from the floor tonight memberships are confirmed before voting begins, the Weds. vote tallying, Tanya responded to ques. re: secrete/manual voting, Pres. Foxworth again thanked the Committee and Angelyn for all their efforts under really bad conditions, to make all this work!

**Sharing of LRCA'S Membership List:** Pres. Foxworth noted as a nonprofit, it violates DC Regulations/Law, to share list as requested, and irresponsible for Board to do so, potentially invites a law suit; noted that's why LRCA has a Board ensuring we don't make decisions based on false or misleading info, especially if it violates applicable DC or Federal regulations/laws and cited the DC Code.

A passionate discussion followed re: General Body making decision to share the list over objections of an Officer/Pres.; how previous election involved 1<sup>st</sup> VP having access to the membership list and residents who ques. the Pres. access now, didn't have a problem with the 1<sup>st</sup> VP having access nor raised issues re: fairness then; how the Pres. has access to everything, in fulfilling those duties; a Board member noted since we got new info, sharing the info violates the law and implications for identity theft; how attorney's in the April meeting could have advocated that LRCA break the law; a Board member noted why was this bought up at the last minute in April and the law is clear with liability issues for the organization, that's why the Board decided unanimously to follow the law; concerns re: hypocrisy and sharing of info over last 2 years; issues with folks who don't live in Lamond-Riggs meddling in LRCA internal affairs and they should stop; how this administration is doing same thing it criticized past administration for re: prayer in our meetings; clarification that General Body was upset because the past leadership arbitrarily ended prayer without any discussion with members; how nondenominational prayer in our meetings don't violate the law or ByLaws; how a Board member received several nasty emails from folks in tonight's meeting that were very disrespectful; respecting the customs and traditions of this Community; the need for unity, stopping people from dividing us; how this discussion has "turned off" a few folks; a resident noted how the Board must get permission from individual members, to share their personal info; Pres. Foxworth noted that this is not how LRCA conducts its meeting and asked for a motion that was made, seconded to adjourn the meeting and it passed with no abstention or no votes.

**Submitted Pres. Foxworth, Edgar Sheppard/Recording Secretary 5/3/2021**

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**Thanks to all LRCA Committee Chairs, Members** for your dedication and hard work in the midst of the Covid19 Pandemic!

**Education Chair**, Marsha Pender [mkpender1@gmail.com](mailto:mkpender1@gmail.com). This year they awarded \$3,000 in scholarships (see winners on page 2) and may award a 4<sup>th</sup>! For more scholarship info. go to [www.LRCADC.org](http://www.LRCADC.org).

**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). Advocates for Community priorities with developers, etc., last meeting on June 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

**Seniors Chair**, Rev. Mays [akingskid72000@yahoo.com](mailto:akingskid72000@yahoo.com), Vice-Chair Pres. Foxworth and offering a virtual workshop for Seniors on June 10<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> at 11am (see page 2). Please attend and share this notice with other Seniors and the Elderly in our Community.

**Public Safety Chair**, LaRoya Huff [laroyahuff@gmail.com](mailto:laroyahuff@gmail.com), The last meeting is Thursday June 10<sup>th</sup> from 6pm to 7 and engages MPD, other agencies re: public safety issues, trends and solutions.

**Communications Chair**, Angelyn Boose [lrcadctech@gmail.com](mailto:lrcadctech@gmail.com), created new/improved website, along with our electronic voting!

**Newsletter Chair**, Rodney Foxworth [rdmorganfoxworth@gmail.com](mailto:rdmorganfoxworth@gmail.com), the June newsletter is the last for this program year.

**Nominating Committee**, Chair Tanya Slade [TANYA.SLADE@longandfoster.com](mailto:TANYA.SLADE@longandfoster.com), conducted May Elections, developed/ implemented manual voting system and worked with Communication's Teams to develop/implement electronic voting!

**Like what LRCA does?** If so, you can still renew/join at [www.LRCADC.org](http://www.LRCADC.org) or print/mail the membership form below (indicate this or next year). Dues (\$10 to \$15) are only dependable source of funds and pays for scholarships, post office box, Zoom Acct., newsletter, etc. Your dues allow us to "reach" residents, provide facts, hear concerns, develop consensus and advocate for those issues!

**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.com>.

**Join DPR for the movie "Soul" on the Riggs LaSalle Rec. Ctr's. football field, July 29 at 7pm!** Bring chairs, blankets, snacks, refreshments, etc. DPR practice social distancing as required, for more info contact the Rec. Ctr. at 2-576-5224.

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