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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,

As always hoping all is well with you and yours! I'm inviting you to join us for our May General Body Meeting via Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82796005487> or call 1-312-626-6799 (Meeting ID: 827 9600 5487, Passcode: 394921).

Our agenda includes updates from The Mayor's Office, MPD (invited), Councilmembers Lewis-George (WD 4) and McDuffie (WD 5), our ANC Commissioners (both WDs 4 & 5), Officer Reports, Updates from our seven Committee Chairs (not too late to join a Committee, see page 4 for details), decide what to do re: Takoma Liquors license renewal, review sharing LRCA's Membership List, along with Community Concerns/Announcements, where we'd like to hear from you re: birthdays, local events, concerns, etc.

As you know Covid19 has made LRCA re-think what we do, how we do it and adapt to this "new normal". That includes how we conduct our May Elections! So, our agenda includes a presentation from the Nominating Committee re: how they'll conduct the elections given Covid19 restrictions, with electronic and/or manual voting. *If you've paid your membership*, they'll send you a letter and/or email with a ballot and voting instructions for our May Elections (see page 2)! The Committee will also review the initial list of candidates (see page 2) and ask for nominations during the meeting. You must be nominated by another resident in the meeting and be present, to accept the nomination. After that, the Nominating Committee will close the nominations.

The newsletter also contains info re: Covid19 resources for renters/homeowners as well as updates re: local vaccination sites at the **Lamond and Turkey Thicket Recreation Centers** (see page 2)! Remember that as of Monday, April 12, all DC residents 16 and older became eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

To reach residents who may not use listservs, social media, etc. given the "digital divide" that impacts low-income residents and Seniors disproportionately, we'll continue our pilot project by printing and distributing limited newsletters door to door and again place copies in the Lamond Post Office, Culture Coffee, Riggs Park Liquors, Hunan Shrimp Boat, Subway, Riggs Park Cleaners and the Exxon Station. Please contact any Board asap, if you can distribute newsletters to your neighbors! You can also help by sharing the Zoom access with those above. To add an email to our listserv, please send the resident's full name and email to lamondriggscainfo@gmail.com!

See you on Monday, May 3rd and Be Safe Everyone!

Rodney

NOTICES & AGENDA

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

May 3, 2021, 7pm to 8:45. Our last meeting is June 7th, we resume in October to June 2022!

NOMINATIONS for LRCA May Elections

Want to be a part of a strong, vibrant Citizens Association? Join LRCA's Board (Fall 2021 to Spring 2023). For residents who've paid their dues, nominations are being accepted for all positions. For info go to lrcadc.org, click on "About", scroll to "ByLaws" or call Ms. McCallan at 2-529-3927 by May 3!

May 2021 Agenda

Welcome and Opening Prayer

- MPD, Elected Officials Updates with Q & A: 25 Mins.
- Officer's Reports: Minutes, Treasurer: 5 Mins.
- Takoma Liquor Store License Renewal Appl. 10 mins.
- Nominating Committee Elections Update 25 Mins.
- Sharing LRCA Membership List 10 Mins.
- Committee Reports with Q & A: 10 Mins.
- Community Concerns & Announcements: 10 Mins.

Closing Prayer

Safety News

4th District MPD Sector 2 Captain Bryan Christian
Bryan.christian@dc.gov; work 2-715-7400.

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troy.jessup@dc.gov, Patrick Schaut patrick.schaut@dc.gov

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.

LRCA ELECTONS MAY 3RD-4TH

Exciting news! LRCA will roll out the new web page the week before our elections! This allows electronic voting for the first time ever!

Those that **paid your dues by cash or check** by the April 2nd deadline, will vote by paper ballot. We have determined who you are and will drop your ballot off on the 1st or 2nd of May. Your ballot will be picked up on Tues. May 4th. Letters were placed in your door the weekend of April 24th, confirming your ability to vote.

Those that paid your dues by the April 2nd deadline, through the **LRCA webpage**, welcome to electronic voting! You'll receive an email confirming your ability to vote the week before the election. By starting electronic voting, we are working with plan "A", that'll allow us to shorten the amount of time we need to vote from 3 days to 2 days. See your voting instructions for more details and the day/time voting will begin and day/time it will end.

The vote counting will take place on **Weds. the 5th at Culture Coffee**. If you paid online but haven't received an email confirming your ability to vote by midnight, Weds. the 29th, leave your name, with **Mrs. Pat McCallan 2-529-3927**.

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 4th Weds. of the month, 6:45pm. Go to www.anc5A.org for more info., meeting Zoom access info.

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

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

LRCA Public Safety Committee meets the 2nd Thurs. of every month, 6pm to 7. See page 4 for more info.

Newsletter Staff: Pres. 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, 436-2087 and Yamileth Escobar, Yamileth.Escobar@dc.gov, 603-7182.

WD 5: Nokomis Hunter, (Nokomis.Hunter@dc.gov), Brittany Butler (Brittany.butler1@dc.gov).

Covid19 Financial Resources for Homeowners: DC's **HomeSaver Program** is accepting requests thru May 14.

Applicants must meet with their housing counselor and provide all supporting document **no later than May 31**.

HomeSaver has two components:

* **Unemployment & Underemployment Assistance** provides help by a one-time payment of up to 16 months of mortgage and/or condo fee delinquency to bring the account current.

* **Restore Assistance** provides help to those who've suffered financial hardship and need a lump sum payment to catch up but who have resources to continue making future payments.

For more info call [\(202\) 777-1600](tel:2027771600) or Visit DCHFA.org or go to HomeSaverDC.org to submit an application.

DCs COVID19 Mortgage and Rent Protections supports residents, businesses affected by Covid19 (see below):

* Residential, 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

Local Covid19 MASS Vaccination Sites: The **Lamond Rec. Ctr.** in our Community (20 Tuckerman St. NE), will be open as a mass vaccination site **beginning Weds. April 21 from 9am - 1pm**. The site is open Weds. to Sat. with the same hours.

Turkey Thicket Rec. Ctr. (1100 Michigan Ave NE), will also be open as a mass vaccination site **beginning April 20 from 10am-4pm and** is open Tues./Weds./Fri. with the same hours.

Seniors 65 or older, can get vaccinated **without appointments** at walk-up sites across DC. The sites have the two-dose Pfizer or the two-dose Moderna vaccines and can accommodate up to 30 walk-in appointments daily **while appointments last** during that day.

On April 12, DC residents 16 and older can receive the Covid19 vaccine. To get the vaccine out quickly, the Mayor is calling on all DC residents to pre-register for a vaccination appointment by going to vaccinate.dc.gov or calling 1-855-363-0333.

We know a lot of our neighbors in Lamond-Riggs may not use social media, listservs, etc. **Please help LRCA get the word out** by sharing this ASAP to the above (and others across the City)!

LRCRA May 2021 Newsletter

Draft LRCRA General Body Mtg. Minutes of 4/5/2021: Pres. Foxworth opened mtg. at 7pm, welcomed all, shared wishes of good health, encouraged all to be respectful in the meeting, follow meeting rules, noted it's recorded, asked all to renew membership/join with extra donations for scholarship fund and thanked Angelyn Boose (Lead), Carmen Williams for Zoom vol. work. Rev. Smith led prayers.

MPD, Elected Officials Updates: Mayor's Ofc., Anthony Mitchell (WD 4 MOCRS) noted Mayor's Re-opening Order that includes expanded opening hours and increased capacity for business and public buildings. The Order is **effective May 1st** and covers movie theatres, live music, restaurants (indoor/outdoor), ceremonies, meetings, recreation centers, libraries, museums and non-essential retail. For more info contact him at 2-436-2087. Councilmember Lewis-George, Matthew Landrieu noted Public Safety Forum via Zoom that the Councilmember is convening on April 20th. The Forum includes MPD Chief Contee, Director Harper of DC's Gun Violence Prevention Program (incl. Building Blocks) and Deputy Mayor for Public Safety, Christopher Geldart. He also talked about the tragic death of Zaire Joshua and the Councilmember's efforts with DDOT, to immediately improve that intersection. Matthew reminded all of the budget survey they can complete along with a tool kit, that's available to help residents navigate the budget process. Lastly, he asked all to contact his office if they know of any Seniors who want a vaccine appointment and that residents 18 and over plus kids with special conditions, can now be vaccinated. **ANC Updates:** Comm. Huff noted work with DPW to replace broken trash cans, following up with EYA/affected residents and the Mayor's Office to address the project's construction and impacts on nearby homes. She also noted LRCRA's upcoming Public Safety meeting (she Chairs) that includes MPD, Housing Authority, etc., her SMD meeting (incl. playground update) and work to remove tree at Nicholson/Riggs Rd. that's a "blind spot" for traffic. Comm. Brooks (Chair of 4B & Comm. 4B09) noted work with residents cleaning up her SMD, helping Seniors get vaccinated (call her at 240-423-0826 if you know of anyone who needs help), work with residents re: the Takoma Park Liquors store for ABBRA May Hearing and June license renewal. Pres. Foxworth noted that he spoke to Chairman Brooks and this issue will be on LRCRA's May agenda. Lastly, she asked all to contact her if they know the source of the loud boom noises that residents have been hearing. Comm. McDuffie nothing to report.

Committee Reports (See page 4 for more Committee info.): Nominating Committee Tanya Slade, Pat McCallan noted LRCRA May Elections, all positions open and candidates incl: for President Rodney Foxworth* (current Pres.) and Barbara Rodgers (former Pres.); 1st VP: LaRoya Huff*; 2nd VP: Sierra Dickerson*; Recording Secretary Rabihah Mateen*; Trustees: James Gaston III*, Rev. Johnnie Mays*, Edgar Sheppard*, Patrice Richardson*, Rev. Paul Smith*, Heather Rodgers and Lisa Brannock-Wray. Asterisk * indicates candidates running on the Community 1st. Slate. Daniel Lewis Wright and Sharolyn Mack were nominated in the meeting as Trustees, accepted and the nominations were closed. The Committee will email (check your spam) or deliver (to your adds.) voting instructions and ballots before the May elections **to residents who paid their membership dues**. Members with emails can vote electronically via the new LRCRA website, those without an email will vote manually. All manual ballots will be picked up. The names of the vote counters are being confirmed and each candidate can have one representative witness the count. A question was raised re: Pres. Foxworth having access to the membership list and wanted the list to be shared with his competition. Pres. Foxworth noted that as LRCRA Pres., he has access to everything given his duties and that access and use, are two different things. He added this a Board decision given privacy concerns and his thoughts were echoed by a few residents. He also noted that he shares concerns re: fairness since in a recent election, the candidate's names were purposely left out of the newsletter. Although opposed by Pres. Foxworth, there was a consensus to share the membership list with his competition. Pres. Foxworth then noted the need to extend the voting period given Covid19 restrictions and asked for a motion to extend voting until Weds. May 5th at 11pm. The motion was made, 2nd and passed with 0 abstentions and 0 no votes. Pres. Foxworth noted the proposed ByLaw changes and stated as a non-profit we needed to add non-discriminatory language, ability to immediately remove officers for violating their oath of office or misuse of members private/financial info, etc. Questions were raised re: the prayer in our meetings and it was noted that we do a non-denominational prayer, that maybe we need a more complete review of the ByLaws, etc. A motion was made and passed with 0 abstentions and 0 no votes to form a ByLaws Committee to bring back suggestions in June. Pres. Foxworth noted lot of good ideas but need volunteers to do the work and asked folks to contact any Board member before next Monday's Board meeting, if they wanted to Chair the Committee. Education, Chairman Pender noted April 30th scholarship deadline and to refer any graduating seniors to our website for details. Communications Team, Chairman Boose noted busy launching new LRCRA website in 2 weeks, plus electronic voting platform and upgrading LRCRA email list.

Budget update: Pres. Foxworth noted updated budget and how the membership, donations greatly exceeded expectations given the pandemic as a statement that residents thought LRCRA was doing really good things! No ques. or comments were raised.

Announcements, Community Concerns: Michael Verla (Board member) noted LRCRA hosting Earth Day Community Clean up on April 24th, 10am to noon, that you must register in advance to help and see newsletter for details. We can have 50 volunteers max, have 34 now so there's 16 spaces left. There was another concern re: construction impact of EYA's project on neighboring houses and 1st VP Cockrell (past efforts) and 2nd VP Huff and the ANC Commissioner for the area (current efforts) noted how EYA must address any damages. 1st VP Cockrell will share written draft of agreement between LRCRA and EYA re: damages to homes with the Board. 2nd VP Huff noted her work with affected residents (4 homes), the Mayor's Office, EYA and doing a walk thru tomorrow. Rev. Smith led a closing prayer. A motion was made, 2nd and passed without any no votes or abstentions, to adjourn the meeting at 8:50.

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

LRCA May 2021 Newsletter

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

Education Chair, Marsha Pender mkpende1@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 (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 Chair Pres. Foxworth, informing Seniors re: City services and resources.

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, Meets as needed and looking for help editing, writing, layout, etc.

Nominating Committee, Chair Tanya Slade TANYA.SLADE@longandfoster.com, conducts May Elections, figures out electronic, manual voting given Covid19 restrictions and looking for volunteers!

Like what LRCA does? If so, please renew/join at www.LRCADC.org or print/mail the membership form below. Dues (\$10 single to \$15 household) are only dependable source of funds and pays for scholarships, post office box, website, Zoom Acct. and newsletter . 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 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>.

Riggs-LaSalle Rec. Ctr. is Open with Covid19 precautions! Register at 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.

Cut here and mail your membership form with payment

Membership Form - October 2020 through September 2020-2021 LAMOND-RIGGS CITIZENS ASSOCIATION P.O. BOX 60272 WASHINGTON, DC 20039

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I/We volunteer for the following committee(s): Use code: 1=Self, 2=Spouse/Partner, 3=Both, 4=Other Committee?				
Senior		Membership		City Services/ Public Safety
Budget / Audit		Nominating		Development Task Force
Education / Scholarship		Newsletter +Distribution		Youth Development/ Recreation
Tax-deductible Membership & Donation:	Individual \$10	Household \$15 (2 adult members)	Corporate \$50	Extra Donation of \$_____ to the College Fund. If other, pls. specify use?
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