

Lamond-Riggs Citizens Association Newsletter

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THE PRESIDENT’S CORNER

Hello Lamond-Riggs Family,

Thank you very much to all who attended our October virtual meeting. We hope you will join us on Monday, November 1st at 7:00 p.m. using the link below or calling into the meeting.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

It is time to pay your dues for the year. Please note, your dues go to support the operation of LRCA along with scholarships to some well-deserved students. You can easily pay online at lrcadc.org/membership-join. We have also included the membership form on page 4 to fill out and mail with a check to LRCA, PO Box 60272, Washington, DC 20039. In addition to your dues, you may also make a donation as LRCA is a 501(c)3. Please browse our updated website.

Please join us for our virtual meeting on Monday, November 1, 2021, at 7 p.m.

Use the following link to connect to the LRCA meeting online:

<https://zoom.us/j/93538050820?pwd=ZIU1RGI4Y3EzSjRqS2Npc1cyWjJVQT09>

Meeting ID: 935 3805 0820

Passcode: 878493

Phone: (301)715-8592

Please join us to see if redistricting is being considered in your neighborhood. There has been mention of changes to the northern portion of Ward 5 that includes the Riggs Park and Fort Totten neighborhoods. The final city-wide hearing will be on Friday, November 5th at noon. For additional information email redistricting@dccouncil.us or <https://elissasilverman.com/redistricting>.

Most Respectfully,
Barbara Rogers, President

NOTICES & AGENDA

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

Next meeting is December 6th, 7PM to 8:45PM.

**The Headline: COVID-19 Vaccines
Approved for Children**

- Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approves COVID-19 vaccine for youth 5-11 years old. Vaccination distribution TBA soon.

November 2021 Agenda

1. Welcome / Invocation
2. Officers Report, Minutes, Treasurer Report
3. Updates from Elected Officials and PSA
4. Guest Speaker-At Large Councilwoman Elissa Silverman discussing re-districting Ward boundaries
5. Closing

We are looking for community participation on our committees. If interested, please email: getinvolved@lrcadc.org

Community News

COVID Testing:

DC is offering Test Yourself kits you can take home without having to wait in line at a testing site. Tests are available for pick up and drop off at the **Petworth Library, Shepherd Park Library, and Lamond Recreation Center** (20 Tuckerman St NE).

COVID-19 Vaccinations:

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has given full authorization to the Pfizer vaccine.

Need a vaccine? DC Health will bring a COVID-19 vaccine to you. Just call 855-363-0333 and they will come to your home.

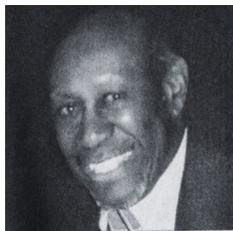
DC Ticket Amnesty Program Extended: End of 2021.

Mayor Bowser extended the ticket amnesty program, which forgives all late penalties and fees from parking and traffic tickets as long as you pay the original principal amount of the ticket, to December 31, 2021. The program has helped more than 32,000 drivers clear their debt to the District for a total of \$44 million in revenue, most of which comes from Maryland and Virginia drivers. Take advantage of the program while you can!

Computer Classes:

Introductory Computer Classes (Age 55+)
LaSalle-Riggs Rec Center, Friday, 1-2PM, 9/7/21 – 11/20/22

In Memorium:



Mr. John Milligan, age 92, passed away on Oct. 7, 2021. A longtime resident of the Lamond-Riggs community, Mr. Milligan previously served as an LRCA officer and was an active member of the Lamond Community Action Group. He was a great asset to both organizations as well as the community at-large. Mr. Milligan will truly be missed.

SPECIAL THANKS

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Legislative Update:

From Councilwoman Lewis-George's Office (Ward 4):

Baby Bonds: New legislation approves investments of \$1,000 per year into trust funds for low-income youth in D.C. Children will be able to access their funds once they turn 18 to pay for college, buy a home, start a business, or invest. To be eligible, a child's family must be enrolled in Medicaid, make less than 300% of the Federal Poverty Line (\$79,500), and live in D.C. at least 16 years prior to turning 18.

Public Safety: Arrests were made related to the tragic shooting on Longfellow Street that claimed the lives of three of our neighbors last month. Both individuals were charged with First-Degree Murder.

To Contact the Councilwoman:

Call: 202-724-8052, Online or via Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram.

From Councilman McDuffie's Office (Ward 5): Update provided at our November 1st meeting.

To Contact the Councilman:

Call: 202-724-8028

ANC Commission Meetings for Lamond-Riggs

ANC 5A meets the 4th Wed. 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 with questions:

4B09 Comm. Huff, TBD.

4B08 Comm. Brooks, 3rd Sat. of the month at 12 noon

Correction: Congrats again to the Riggs-LaSalle Kickball Team: Alexander Carmona was also a member of the City Championship team (his name was omitted from the roster last month).

Congrats City Esports Champion

Avanti Watson, representing Riggs-LaSalle Rec Center, won the DPR Esports Madden NFL 22 Tournament, defeating Trinidad.

District Gamers 13-18

Esports Tournament: Building gamer's identity, self-esteem, character development, and reasoning skills.

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LRCAs GENERAL MEETING

OCTOBER 4, 2021

President Barbara Rogers opened the meeting at 7 pm with a warm welcome to all. President Rogers mentioned that the new executive board was excited to start the 2021-2022 program year. She asked for support, patience and understanding from residents as the new board takes shape. President Rogers thanked all involved in getting the newsletter distributed and mentioned that if community members wish to volunteer to pass out the newsletter on their block, they can send an email to: newsletters@lrcadc.org. After the welcome, President Rogers requested that Reverend Paul give the invocation. After the invocation, President Rogers proceeded to get the minutes and treasurer's reports approved.

- **Minutes from June 2021 meeting:** Ms. Rogers asked if there were any comments or edits to the June minutes. Hearing none, it was moved, and duly seconded, to vote on the minutes of June 2021 as they stand. The body passed the motion that the minutes be accepted into the record.
- **Treasury Report:** Ms. Rogers indicated that LRCA needs residents to join and get involved in one of its committees (listed on the membership form). She also reminded members that dues for this program year are due and should be paid online. Dues and financial contributions *may* be tax deductible; members should verify this with their respective tax advisor.
- Treasurer, Audrey Walker, read the **financial report**, indicating that the starting balance for the end of June was \$10,867.34; there were withdrawals of \$4514.86 and deposits of \$1637.91, bringing the balance as of October 1st to \$7990.39. Hearing no objections to the report, it was moved, and duly seconded, to vote on the report as it stands. The body passed the motion that the Treasurer's Report be accepted into the record.

ANC (4B08) Alison Brooks Welcomed new officers and reminded participants that the SMD meeting is held the 3rd Sat of each month. The next ANC meeting is October 25 at 7pm; this will provide an opportunity for community members to learn about the status of pending projects in the area. For additional information, Ms. Brooks can be reached at: 240-423-0826 or via email: 4b08@anc.dc.gov

ANC (4B09) LaRoya Huff: Should community members require alley repairs or need rat abatement; they can submit a 311 request either online or via phone. Those whose trash cans have holes or are otherwise damaged, should also notify the commissioner and/or call 311 to report, including the trashcan number. Also preparing a schedule within her ANC for walkthroughs of alleys and will let her constituents know as well as attempt to get the mayor out for the walkthrough. Commissioner Huff thanked those in 4B09 for their support in making the community safe – particularly from rodents -- from anything that would place the community in danger.

4D Police Department, Capt. John Terry noted that Lamond-Riggs has been hot spot-several shootings, with the heaviest deployment being at 5th and Chillum. There have also been shootings on September 5 on the 800 block of Oglethorpe. Captain Terry urged community members to notify him via email should they capture surveillance from their Ring devices. In response to a question about drug activity in the neighborhood, Captain Terry indicated that 4D is working across jurisdictions with Montgomery County and provided the following resources for those wishing to report suspicious activity:

Web site for drug issues: www.hsema.dc.gov

Drug Complaints: nsid.drugcomplaints@dc.gov

Captain Terry: John.terry@dc.gov

Lenace Edwards, Chief of Staff, Council Member Janeese Lewis George's office: Stated that the councilmember introduced emergency legislation regarding return to school and safety issues related to COVID-10. On October 26th, there will be a council hearing on abandoned vehicles. For further information, community members can sign up for **newsletters** (<https://janeeseward4.com/newsletter-signup>) to learn about future events.

David Gaston, new Branch Manager at Lamond-Riggs Library introduced himself and greeted the LRCA Exec Board, Trustees, and other members of the Lamond-Riggs Community. He is looking forward to working with the community in the near future and is interested in learning more about the kinds of programs and activities citizens wish to see. He can be reached at david.gaston1@dc.gov.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

/s/ Rabihah A. Mateen, Recording Secretary

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Upcoming Events:

History Project Community Meeting: Thursday, Nov. 4th, 7:30 PM – 9:30 PM (Virtual)

Do you have stories to tell about Ward 4, back when the historic Walter Reed Army Medical Center was bustling? Know a neighbor who does? Get out those photo albums! The Parks at Walter Reed is partnering with the DC History Center on a [history-gathering project](#). Come to the community meeting: [Details and RSVP here](#).

Citizens Aware Election Results: Oct. 13th

President: Rabihah Mateen

Vice President: Patrice (Mimi) Richardson

Treasurer: Yvonne Jefferson

Secretary: Pam Griffin

Federation of Library Friends Elected Robert Oliver President: Oct. 19th

Coat Drive: Oct 9th–Nov. 30th, 9 AM–2 PM, Culture Coffee Too, 300 Riggs Rd NE

DC Public Library Evil Laugh Contest

DC Public Libraries gathered the vilest laughs in the city in the runup to Halloween. Check out the spooky results in this video showcase: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zAQVCCo2Qg8>

Blackest Friday (Small Business Saturday) @ Culture Coffee Too, Friday Nov. 26th and Saturday Nov. 27th Vendor space available VCOOP@MSN.COM for details.

Weekly Farmers Market:

- **Saturdays at 9am-1pm:** [Uptown Market](#) at 5500 Colorado Ave NW

Cut here and mail your membership form with payment.

Membership Form - October 2021 through September 2022

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*Your membership donation may be **tax-deductible**. LRCA is a 501(c)3 public charity. Please consult with your tax professional.

Salutation	First Name	Last Name	Evening Phone #	Daytime Phone #	
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<i>Email:</i>					
<i>Address:</i>				Washington, DC 20011	
I/We volunteer for the following committee(s):			Use code:1=Self, 2=Spouse/Partner, 3=Both, 4=Other		
<i>Senior</i>	<i>Scholarship</i>	<i>Membership</i>	<i>City Services/ Public Safety</i>		
<i>Budget/Audit</i>	<i>Nominating</i>	<i>Communications</i>	<i>Development Task Force</i>		
<i>Education</i>	<i>Youth Development/ Recreation</i>	<i>Newsletter Distribution</i>			
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