

Lamond Riggs Citizens Association Newsletter

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello Lamond-Riggs Family,

I hope you and your family are well and safe. The past 2 years have been hard for all of us. We must support each other during this challenging time.

I am honored to be back as your president! I have continued to serve our community and look forward to an informative and enjoyable program year. I love this community and the impressive residents. I am excited about the continued work to be done in our community. We have a new executive board that will bring innovative ideas to make our community the best in the DMV. They are eager to serve this community. Please join me and the new executive board for our virtual meeting on **Monday, October 4, 2021, at 7 p.m.**

Zoom meeting link:

<https://zoom.us/j/94055977150?pwd=YUFUZktUcFcvKzZLQnd3QmxjMGx2dz09>

Dial-in by phone:
301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 940 5597 7150
Passcode: 833961

As we start a new program year, **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 our bright 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.

Congrats to the Riggs-LaSalle Kickball Team: City-Wide Champions!

The team: A. Bingham, J. Briggs, K. Bynummelton, A. Cain, J. Chavis, J. Coleman, D. Cunningham, T. Dasani Boone, D. Dowell, A. Fonville, J. Forku, D. Hale, K. Howard, M. Kearney, K. Larios, T. McGee, K. McNeil, E. Pair, M. Perez, E. Romero, Y. Shewangezaw, I. Teal, D. Villatoro, A. Watson, I. Watson, and R. Wheeler

Coaches: Ronda Sweet, Sonia Sultana, Adriel Wood and Donniel Bush

Most Respectfully,
Barbara Rogers, President

NOTICES & AGENDA

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

Next meeting is November 1, 7pm, Our last meeting is June 7th, we resume in October to June 2022!

The Headline: WMATA Changes

- **Free Transfers:** between rail and bus
- **\$2 Weekend Fares + Increase Service:** Regardless of destination
- **Long Hours:** 1AM Fri+Sat and 7AM Sun
- **Unlimited Passes:** 50% off until Oct 15th
- **Increased Bus Service:** Popular lines
- **Yellow Line Service:** Returned to Ft. Totten

October 2021 Agenda

1. Welcome / Invocation
2. New Executive Board Introduction
3. Officers Report, Minutes, Treasurer Report
4. Updates from Elected Officials and PSA
5. Guest Speaker-Update on Cafritz Development (South Dakota Ave)
6. Closing

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

Community News

Back to School Update:

All maintenance issues have been resolved in Ward 4 schools, including air conditioning and air filtration upgrades.

Back to School COVID-19 Protocols:

Masks: Everyone on school property must wear a mask, which can only be removed when eating/drinking, or during naptime for pre-k students.

Lunch: Cafeterias have extra HEPA filters to allow older students to eat safely, while younger students will eat in their classrooms. Some schools are eating outside.

HEPA Filters: Every classroom is outfitted with a medical-grade high efficiency particulate absorbing (HEPA) filter. There are also UV lights to prevent germs in bathrooms.

Weekly Testing: A random sample of 10-20% of students and unvaccinated staff will be tested. School communities will be notified of tests in their student's classroom or building.

Quarantines: When a student or staff member tests positive, they will isolate for 10 days and not have a fever before returning. Close contacts will also have to quarantine.

Visitors: With few exceptions, parents are not allowed to enter buildings, and other visitors must be pre-approved. To learn more, visit the [DCPS Re-Open Strong Website](#)

Kids Ride Free SmarTrip Cards!

DC students 5-21 enrolled in a DC school are eligible for the new Kids Ride Free SmarTrip cards. New cards will be sent to all schools for distribution. Current cards (blue) expire Sept. 30th, 2021.

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.

DOES Unemployment Benefit Update:

After Sept. 4th, federal funding ends for expanded unemployment benefits. This [flyer](#) from the Legal Society of DC explains the changes.

Legislative Update:

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

We'd love to highlight our priorities from this year's DC budget, which included a lot of exciting investments in Ward 4 and equity across DC as a whole. You can find those in [this graphic](#) or in more detail in this [newsletter](#) we shared.

We have also introduced new [legislation](#) to improve agency response to abandoned vehicles, which I know has been a big problem in the Lamond Riggs area. We're excited that the bill will have a [hearing](#) on Tuesday, October 26 starting at 12pm.

"The Committee invites the public to testify or to submit written testimony, which will be made a part of the official record. Anyone wishing to testify should contact Ms. Aukima Benjamin, Staff Assistant to the Committee on Transportation and the Environment, at least 24 hours prior to the start of the hearing at (202) 724-8062 or via e-mail at abenjamin@dccouncil.us; witnesses will receive information on how to join the hearing at that time."

To Contact the Councilwoman:

Call: 202-724-8052, [Online](#) or via [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), or [Instagram](#).

From Councilman McDuffie's Office (Ward 5): Nothing to report

To Contact the Councilman:

Call: 202-724-8028

Update on Art Place @ Fort Totten Development:

The Cafritz Foundation has submitted an application for a "modification of consequence" for the nearby development. Previous tenant Meow Wolf is no longer involved in the development, and a similar, yet un-named immersive arts experience will be solicited to replace them. This includes a number of construction modifications based on this transition. A traffic study update shows no impact from the changes on traffic flow, but the amount of parking spaces is reduced by 223.

The Zoning Commission will consider the adjustments at a public meeting on October 14th, 2021.

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LRCA GENERAL MEETING

JUNE 7, 2021

President Rodney Foxworth opened the meeting at 7 pm and requested that Edgar Sheppard to lead in a moment of prayer.

ANC (4B08) Alison Brooks: At last SMD, the impact of traffic calming measures was discussed, following concerns over the intersection of Dhalia and Piney branch. Community discussing whether current measures address community safety concerns. Saturday, June 11th South Manner will host a community cleanup starting at 10 am. All who are interested in joining are welcome; rendezvous point is at South Manor Neighborhood sign. Next SMD meeting will be the 4th Saturday where Phi Beta Cappa will be invited to discuss remodeling of building. Next ANC meeting is 4th Monday of month (June 28) to discuss proposed budget.

ANC (4B09) LaRoya Huff: Public Safety meeting this Thursday, June 10th (7:00-8:30). Deputy Mayor for Public Safety, Chris Geldart, is invited to speak. Extra attention on Riggs Road South side of street. Residents urged to be vigilant of surroundings and to signal anything out of the ordinary. Reminded residents of the ticket amnesty program for outstanding tickets. Those interested can contact 311 for further information.

Council Member Janeese Lewis George: Thanked outgoing officers for their service and swore in newly-elected and re-elected LRCA officers.

Marita Crawford, Council Member McDuffie's Office: report out on Mayor's budget as well as "wins" regarding schooling and affordable housing. June 3rd, public hearings. Meeting is scheduled for June 14th where government witnesses for various agencies will meet on the DC budget.

Anthony Mitchell, Mayor's Office of Constituent Relations and Services (MOCRS) On June 19th, mayor doing a day of action for vaccinations. Walk-in vaccinations are moving from Riggs LaSalle Rec Center to Ida B Wells Middle School with the same hours. Community-based organizations can request vaccinations pop ups in advance for various events. Parking enforcement has started; community members urged to take care of any outstanding violations.

Tamara Benitez, Constituent Services Coordinator, (Ward 4 Councilmember George) reminded all that June is Caribbean-American Heritage month and asked residents to patronize a Caribbean-American restaurant (June 6-12) to show support for these businesses. Encouraged residents to participate in oversight hearings to ensure community representation. Will share budget tool kit (in English and Spanish) so community can participate. Council working on extending the moratorium on evictions and utility shut-offs given the ongoing pandemic.

Committee Reports:

Education Committee. Marsha Pender reported on the three awardees of LRCA's scholarships: Ezine Anyanwu (Sr. at Ben Banneker Sr. High School) who will be entering Univ of Pittsburgh (pre-med); Zanat Faria, of Roosevelt who will be going to Georgetown University to study pre law and international politics; and Camille Jones, graduating from Capital City High School, who will be attending North Carolina A&T where she will major in criminal justice.

LRCA received an additional \$1,000 to fund a fourth scholarship. Motion was passed to award forth scholarship using these funds.

Seniors Committee: Rev Johnnie Mays said DC will host a meeting on reverse mortgages on June 15th (Culture Coffee at 11:00) for Seniors. Those interested should register by June 10th. Notify Rev Mays or President Foxworth for additional information.

Public Safety Committee: LaRoya Huff reported that there have been a number of attempted break-ins on the 500 blocks of Nicholson and Riggs Road. The committee continues to engage with DC and community partners to increase awareness of public safety.

Development Task Force: Pres. Foxworth stated that LRCA continues to monitor construction at EYA site and that there are continuing concerns about heavy construction trucks through neighborhoods.

Newsletter committee: nothing to report

Volunteer Appreciation Awards: Pres. Foxworth listed awards to the following for their service to LRCA: Councilmember Brandon Todd; Education Committee members, for development of rating systems for scholarships rated applications; Newsletter Staff (for those who edited and distributed the LRCA newsletter); Members of the Development Task Force; Seniors Committee members; the Communications Team; the Nominations Committee. There was also a special recognition cash award to Angelyn Boose for her efforts designing the new Web site, electronic and manual voting, and management of Zoom account.

Treas Report: Pres. Foxworth reported that, as of April 30, 2021 there was an opening balance of \$10,122. Expenses included \$195.00 for newsletters and flyers, \$16.00 for Zoom and \$16.00 for printing and certificates. With additional donations of \$10.00 (membership) and \$1,000 (scholarship fund), the closing balance is 10,906.

Treas report was unanimously accepted by members.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm.

/s/ Rabihah A. Mateen, Recording Secretary

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Upcoming Events:

Save the Date: Down in the Reeds Festival.

On **Saturday, October 9 from 11am-7pm** [Down in the Reeds Festival](#) is back in Ward 4 hosted by The Parks at Walter Reed! It's a free all-day festival celebrating the power of music to heal across communities and cultures. Check out the website for ways to plug in and follow them on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), or [Instagram](#) for updates as the festival takes shape.

Oct. 2nd 10 AM – 3 PM: Open Streets, Georgia Ave NW

Open Streets returns, closing miles of Georgia Ave for an urban festival of activities including food, drink, fitness classes, obstacle courses, children's games, live music, and other educational and entertainment programming.

Sept. 1st – Oct. 15th: DC Library's Evil Laugh Contest

[Submit](#) a 10 second video of your most wicked, spine-tingling laugh. Trophies will be awarded in an array of categories and can be collected at your nearest DC Public Library. Entries will be featured on DC Library's Youtube.com Channel.

Ward 4 Weekly Farmer's Markets:

- **Tuesdays at 11am-2pm:** [Produce Stand at The Parks](#) at 6922 Georgia Ave NW
- **Saturdays at 9am-1pm:** [Petworth Community Market](#) at Upshur St & 9th Street
- **Saturdays at 9am-1pm:** [Uptown Market](#) at 5500 Colorado Ave NW
- **Sundays at 10am-2pm:** [Farmers Market at The Parks](#) 6922 Georgia Ave NW

Cut here and mail your membership form with payment.

Membership Form - October 2021 through September 2022

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 with your tax professional.

1	<i>Salutation</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>Last Name</i>	<i>Evening Phone #</i>	<i>Daytime Phone #</i>
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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>Newsletter Distribution</i>	<i>Youth Development/ Recreation</i>	<i>ByLaws</i>	
<i>Tax-deductible Membership & Donation:</i>		Individual \$10	Household \$15 (2 adult members)	Corporate \$50	Extra Donation of \$ _____ to Scholarship Fund. If other use, please specify
FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY		Date Paid: / /	Amount Paid: \$	Pymt Type: CK CA MO CC	Member #: 21-22 22-23 23-24

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Lamond Rec Center Programming Schedule

20 Tuckerman St NW

Classes	Day	Time	Instructor	Age
Afternoon Access	Mon-Fri	3:30-6:00	All Staff	6-13
Young Ladies on the Rise	Tue	5:00 – 6:00	Gevonna Williams	5-12
Girls Basketball	Sat	6:00 – 8:00	Coach Rick	U13
Open Gym	Mon/Wed	6:00 – 8:30	Staff	All
Girls Basketball	Sat	9 AM – 5 PM	Toby	HS
Tots Need Recreation	Mon/Wed	10:30 – 11:30	Williams/Jones	3-5
Senior Program Walking	Mon / Wed / Fri	10:30 – 11:30	Staff	50+
Line Dancing	Wed	1:30 – 3:00	Marie	50+
Kickboxing Program	Mon / Wed	5:30 – 6:00	Mr. Leggerton	18+
Skills	Mon/Wed	5:00 – 6:30	Staff	6-12
Senior Program	TBA	11:00 – 1:00	Staff	50+

Culture Coffee Too Schedule

300 Riggs Rd, NE

Classes	Date	Time
Short Film Series	10/07-12/16 Every Other Thur	6-8 pm
Children Halloween/Davis Dance Center	Oct 30th	noon
Open Mic	10/22	8:00 pm
Artist Reception	First Fridays	6-8 pm

Update on the Lamond-Riggs Library Construction:

Construction continues, including the adding the roof in October, and starting the interior electrical and plumbing. The project is expected complete tentatively in March 2022.

Newsletter Staff:

Editor: David Trigaux, david@lrcadc.org

Riggs-LaSalle Rec Center Programming Schedule

501 B Riggs Rd NE

Classes	Day	Time	Instructor	Age
Senior Day	M-F	10:00-2:00	D Perritt	50+
Young Ladies On the Rise	TH	5:00-6:30	S Sultana R Sweet	6-12
Young Men Future Leaders	Mon.	4:30-6:30	R Goings	6-12
Supreme Teens	Tue	5:00-6:00	S Sultana R Sweet R Goings	13-18
Easy Does It	Tue + Fri	10:30-11:30	D Perritt	50+
Strength + Conditioning	Mon + Wed	6:00-7:00	D Perritt	18+
Enrichment Zone	Mon-Fri	3:30-4:30	R Sweet S Sultana	6-12
Hand Dance	Thu	6:00 – 8:00	R Goings	21+
Kreative Kids	Tue + Fri	4:30 – 5:30	R Sweet	5-11
Piano Level 1	Wed	4:00 – 6:00	Contractor	5-12
Senior Computer	Fri	1:00 – 2:00	S Sultana	50+
Basketball Skills	Mon	4:45-6:00	R Goings	U12
Basketball Skills	Tue	7:00-8:30	R Goings	13-18
Adult Basketball	Wed	6:00-8:30	Comm.	19+
Open Gym	Mon + Fri	6:30-8:30	Comm.	15+
Bid Whist	Thu	6:00-8:30	Comm.	21+
Board Game Palooze	Fri	5:30-6:30	R Sweet	5-11

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

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

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

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