

Lamond-Riggs Citizens Association Newsletter

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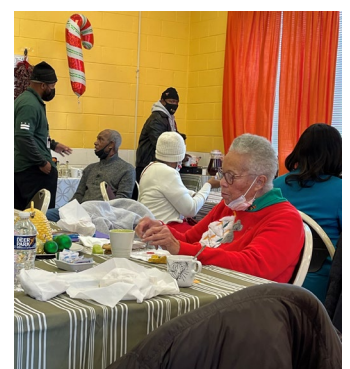
Hello Lamond-Riggs Family,

Happy New Year!!

We wish you all a happy, healthy, and prosperous new year. Let’s start off 2022 the right way by being grateful, kind and a good neighbor.

Most Respectfully,
Barbara Rogers, President

**See how some LRCA community members celebrated the close of 2021.
We hope to see you at an event in 2022!**



2021 Senior Tea



Join an LRCA Committee!

Want to make a difference in community?
Get active in the LRCA.

See our site for details—<https://lrcadc.org>

January 2022 Highlight:

Due to the holiday, the LRCA will NOT hold its January Community Meeting. Instead, several LRCA committees will be actively engaging in administrative and/or other activities.

Riggs-LaSalle Hand Dance Team



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NEWS YOU CAN USE!

Ward 5 Redistricting Amendment

The Ward 5 Redistricting Amendment of 2021 was passed by the Redistricting Committee on December 21, 2021. Passage of the amendment maintains the current Ward 5 boundary lines and both the Armed Forces Retirement Home and hospital center.

DC Indoor Mask Update

As of Tuesday December 21, 2021 at 6am, the indoor mask mandate was reinstated and will be in effect until January 31, 2022 at 6am. This mandate is subject to change, dependent upon the metrics and science observed about the Omicron and Delta variants over the coming month.

COVID-19 At-Home Test Available at Riggs-LaSalle & Lamond Rec Centers

The Riggs-LaSalle & Lamond Rec Centers have been added to the list of DC 'Test Yourself' pick-up & drop-off locations. These rapid antigen Covid-19 testing kits are free to DC residents.

Gas Powered Leaf Blowers Banned in the District

Beginning January 1, 2022, DC will no longer allow the sale or use of gas-powered leaf blowers. In 2018 the Council approved a ban of gas-powered leaf blowers due to their harmful environmental impact.

Take the (Covid-19) Shot & Boosters—find vaccination and booster shot locations here: <https://bit.ly/VaccinateDC>

The Senior Corner—What's Going On?

- Computer Training—Level 1: No experience necessary; for ages 55+. Friday, from 1-2p at the Riggs-LaSalle Rec Center Classes go until 11/20/2022.
- Feeling ill or can't get out to get a Covid-19 test? Book an at-home vaccination appointment by calling (855)363-0333.

Looking to develop friendships, stay active, & learn new things? Join the Senior Committee! Reach out to Committee Chair Rev. Johnnie Mays by email at RevMays@lrcadc.org, Co-Chair Edgar Sheppard at Edgar@lrcadc.org, or leave us a voice message at (202)838-6058.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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

A new legislation, The Safe to School Act, was enacted. The Act makes major traffic safety improvements near schools.

Read more about it here: <https://bit.ly/Safe2School>

Leaf Collection Updates & More

—See this site for important details: <https://bit.ly/LeafCollectionWard4>

Sign-up for Councilwoman Lewis-George's electronic community newsletter and receive the latest updates here: <https://bit.ly/Ward4newsletter>.

From Councilman McDuffie's Office (Ward 5): Update to be provided at the LRCA's February General Body meeting.

To Contact the Councilman:

Phone (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 Commissioner Huff, TBD
- 4B07 Commissioner Bromaghim, TBD
- 4B08 Commissioner Brooks, the 3rd Sat. of the month at 12PM
- 5A01 Commissioner McDuffie, Sr., TBD
- 5A08 Commissioner Fletcher, TBD

Ward 5 Democrats meetings are held the fourth Monday of every month (excluding July, August, & December) at 7PM.

Congratulations to our local The Parks Main Street Holiday Lights Award winners! See all winners on Instagram at

<https://bit.ly/TheParksMainstreet>

- **Troka Insurance**—Best Window Display and Overall Best In Show
- **Hellbender Brewery**—Most Creative Use of Lights
- **Culture Coffee Too**—Most Represents The Parks Main Street

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MINUTES -- LRCA GENERAL MEETING: December 6, 2021

President Barbara Rogers opened the meeting and reviewed housekeeping rules. She then turned to Rev. Paul Smith for the invocation.
A change was announced to the agenda to add Jason Serano, from EYA Town Homes to provide an update.

Other updates by President Rogers:

1. Still need financial support; thanks for those who have made donations and paid membership; Please remember to make non-profit donations to LRCA when still need; please pay dues
 2. **Redistricting** update: There will be no change to LRCA boundaries. LRCA joined other community action groups in garnering support from community members to appeal to city officials to retain Ward 4 and 5 boundaries.
 3. **Senior holiday tea Wednesday, December 8th** with Councilmember Lewis George, co-chairs (Edward Shepard and Ms. Johnnie Mays)- RSVPs due by today. 202-838-6058
 4. **LRCA committees:** added two new ones: *Health and Bereavement*. Be patient and give time for people to join committees. Will notify body when call for meetings
 5. **Two committee meetings this month:** *Development Task Force* (Paquita Wiggins, chair) and *By-Laws* committee (Tisha Cochran, chair)- getinvolved@LRCA.org Or call 2/838-6058. Chairs will send out meeting notices to all who joined those respective committees.
- **Lamond Community Action Group** had a toy gift card \$550.00 drive to raise funds for community DC child CFSA Foster Kids.
 - **Treasurer's report:** Audrey Walker, read the financial report, indicating that the starting balance for November was \$8,178.50; deposits totaled \$465, consisting of \$325 in membership fees and a \$140.00 donation. There was one transfer of \$1747.98; and expenses totaled \$702.12. The ending balance totaled \$9,689.36. 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.
 - **Minutes from November 2021** meeting: included in the Dec 2021 newsletter. Ms. Rogers asked if there were any comments or edits to the December minutes as reported in the December 2021 newsletter. Hearing no comments or edits, it was moved, and duly seconded, to vote on the report as it stands. The body passed the motion that the minutes be accepted into the record.
 - **Elected officials and PSA**
 - **Mr. Robert Oliver, DC Library rep** – the exterior of library being worked on; should be able to complete exterior by end of Jan. 2022. Once done, will start work on interior which should be completed spring of 2022. Date for grand opening forthcoming (based on officials who may attend). Additional information on library construction can be found at www.dclibrary.org and click on “Construction”. Mr. Oliver can be reached at: 2/215-1679.
 - **Hand dance holiday social-** Tisha Cochran – Dec 11 Riggs-LaSalle center from 2-5
 - **Edwin Washington- Director, Parks Main Street: DC Holiday lights** community decoration. Seven judges, of whom two youth judges, have been chosen from within the community. Votes must be in my Dec 10th. Citizens may also vote by going to: dcholidaylights.org/tpms/vote. Mr. Gadson of Library, Comm o the judges, public can vote. Annual meeting- Manor Park@ 6301rd St, NW. Sunday, Dec 12 (3-5 pm).
 - **ANC Commissioner Brooks:**
 - i. Next ANC meeting will be in Jan (no Dec meeting).
 - ii. Aware of car break ins/MPD aware and looking into ways to address (3rd ST, Oglethorpe and Quackenbos)
 - iii. Chick-Fil-A scheduled to open early March/inviting them to come to Feb meeting as well as to have job fair for those in this community.
 - In response to a question on addressing traffic in area, Ms. Brooks responded that when Chick- first requested permit, they created a traffic plan, to prevent a U-turn on 3rd Street—as well as extension of a median. Don't know if DDOT will honor that request. She should have more concrete response later this month. Was on a call with DDOT today as PoCs have changed. Opportunity for walk through exists (perhaps early January) but date to be confirmed.
 - **ANC Commissioner LaRoya Huff:** Shooting last Thursday 500 Block Nicholson Street. Thanks to neighbors who reported light outages in her SMD for safety that lead to dubious activities. **Breakfast with Santa:** Dec 18th. Will communicate further information on when presents will be wrapped. Signage for garage across from Walmart for safety purposes; working with DDOT.
 - **Chris Barrett, General Manager: Onelife Fitness-**plan to open gym mid- January; about 700 community members have signed up for membership. Will offer several different services (fitness classes, sauna, hot tub, boxing, massage, etc). Have begun hard-hat tours to show progress /basic/premier and boxing- costs online. There will be discounts for seniors. In addition, for information on jobs for community members, please visit Web site (<https://www.onelifefitness.com/gyms/fort-totten?hsLang=en>) and/or call 202-459-4664.
 - **Anthony Mitchell, MOCR:**
 - **Mask Mandate:** Effective; November 22, DC listed indoor mask mandate
 - DC health is monitoring developments with Omicron strain. Private business still has the right to determine if masks are required in their establishments. Masks are still required in government facilities, Metro, etc.
 - **Leaf collection:** The city is 10 days behind on leaf collection. Residents may also call 311 if feel collection has been missed.
 - **Ticket amnesty** expires at end of year.
 - COVID-19: Vaccines available for children ages 5-11; boosters also available for those who are fully vaccinated.
 - **Tamira Benitez, Councilmember Lewis-George's office:**
 - **Updates:** Had turkey giveaway at Riggs-Lasalle Comm Center Sat before thanksgiving and distributed turkeys to seniors, etc.; Hosted Thanksgiving meals at Holmes Senior Center; Wed, Dec 8- Riggs-LaSalle Rec center- event for seniors. Roosevelt High School pool will open for swimming for public M-F for residents during off-hours; Turkey Thicket now open to comm members.
 - **Ward 4- Cure the streets,** public heath approach/conflict prevention/taking action against shooting/research to come to the ward. Petworth and Brightwood park. Violence prevention program. For additional information, Cure the Streets: <https://janeeseward4.com/new-cure-the-streets-site-coming-to-petworth-and-brightwood-park-in-ward-4/>. Sign up for Lewis-George's newsletter: <http://janeeseward4.com/newsletter>
 - **Howard Burnett, Lamond-Riggs Boys and Girls Club:** Club represents a committee of individuals who grew up in L-R neighborhood. In May there will be a Boys and Girls club celebration and dedication event will recognize those outstanding community members who helped them as they were growing up as well as to celebrate youth who have done outstanding work. Club seeks support (donations and volunteers) for the event (Sat May 14, 2022 at noon.). All remaining funds (after expenses) will be distributed between Friends of Riggs LaSalle and LRCA to support youth in community.

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Minutes continued...

- **Jason Serano, EYA Townhomes** (across from Walmart)
 - *Townhomes:* Delays with supply chain have been resolved; sold 77 of 90 units; given number of sites should complete by Q2 of 2023. Paving currently ongoing.
 - *Multi-family building:* 93-unit independent and senior living facility- 100% affordable. Ten (10) of those units (4-story building with retail on ground floor and housing above) permanent supportive housing for seniors. Going through process with City for townhomes for closing and disposition.
 - *Community benefits program agreement:* Sept 2022 starts the clock for community giving. Community Task Force meeting with LRCA will meet within next couple of weeks to focus on Community Benefits program between EYA and LRCA. Two buckets of funds: \$125,000 (for workforce development, small business development, educational and community development) and \$200,000 (for public spaces improvement near the property). LRCA to provide awardees (starting Sept 2022) for EYA funding via Community Task Force.
 - President Rogers indicated that additional information will be available at Development Task Force meeting. Those interested, please sign up for task force.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 by President Rogers.

/s/ Rabihah A. Mateen, Recording Secretary

Thank you to our newsletter sponsor.

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Membership Form - October 2021 through September 2022

Send completed form w/payment to: 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.

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