

Lamond-Riggs Citizens Association Newsletter

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello Lamond-Riggs Family,

Thank you all for attending our meetings and we look forward to seeing and hearing from you all at our next meeting on Monday, April 4th. Do you have a suggestion for a speaker or have a community concern? In addition to our existing phone number, we set up an email—ask@lrcadc.org—and we want to hear from you. Following our March meeting, we received an email at our 'ask@...' account from a resident with a legitimate community concern and we jumped right into action. As a result, we will have DOEE at the April meeting to address the resident's concerns. We have received positive messages from residents supporting our efforts to continue our mission of unifying and serving our community for which we are grateful.

Please look out for upcoming community walks with our Health Committee. There will also be a Mother's Day and Father's Day tea with our Senior Committee.

We still need your help to distribute our newsletters. If you have a high school student in need of community hours, please reach out to us. If you have young children, having them help pass out the newsletter is a great way for them to get involved in the community. We are also encouraging you to join a committee as well.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Most Respectfully, Barbara Rogers, LRCA President

JOIN THE APRIL MEETING on April 4, 2022 at 7:00 PM EST

Join us online by clicking the link OR scanning the QR code below:

<https://zoom.us/j/99291246179?pwd=K2RCY2dHckQyVG03cUI0ZTVNTDVIUT09>

Meeting ID: 992 9124 6179

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April 2022 Meeting Agenda

- Welcome/Invocation
- Officers Report, Minutes, Treasurer Report
- Updates from Elected Officials & PSA
- Guest Speakers and Q&A: Representatives from DOEE
- Community Concerns/Closing

Join an LRCA Committee!

LRCA's Scholarship Committee is seeking volunteers to review 2022 applications. We anticipate that reviews will take place during the first two weeks of May, 2022. If you are interested, please contact Rabihah Mateen, committee chair at rabihah@lrcadc.org.

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NEWS YOU CAN USE!

DC Summer Camps Registration 2022

Mark your calendar! It's time to register your children for a DC Summer Camp experience. Registration for specialty and traditional camps will open on a rolling basis during the week of April 4, 2022. Get more information about camp offerings, prices, and registration dates here:

<https://dpr.dc.gov/service/summer-camps>

Does your alley need a bit of sprucing up? Call 311!

The DC Department of Public Works (DPW) will clean residential alleys once every six weeks between the months of March and October. In between cleanings, residents are asked to pick up litter in the alleys. You can request alley cleaning by calling 311.

Fort Totten Trash Transfer Station Closure

April 2, 2022, will be the last day the Fort Totten transfer station will be open for bulk and residential drop-off until the Fall of 2022. This is in the effort to improve the quality of the runoff stormwater generated by the bulk trash collected from residents. Operations will be moved to the Benning Road Transfer station located at 3200 Benning Road, NE. Beginning April 6, 2022, bulk and residential drop-off will take place Wednesday through Friday from 10 am until 2 pm. Residential drop-off is an alternative to scheduled bulk pick-up. DPW recommends that residents use 311 to schedule a bulk pick-up at a time convenient for the resident. Residents can schedule up to seven items per service request. Pick-ups are collected within 14 days of a scheduled service request. Household Hazardous Waste drop-off will continue Saturdays from 7 am until 2 pm. Shredding will take place on the first Saturday of every month from 7 am until 2 pm.

Last day of school for DCPS is Friday, June 24, 2022.

Community Cleanup in partnership with Lamond Action Group
Saturday, April 23 beginning at 10AM. The LRCA will meet at the Riggs-LaSalle Recreation Center. The Lamond Community Action Group (LCAG) will meet at Rittenhouse and Sligo Mill Road and conduct its cleanup from 9-11am. Residents are welcome to participate.

Neighborhood Chick-fil-A opens!

Our neighborhood Chick-fil-A, located at 220 Riggs Road will occur on Thursday, March 31 and will feature a ribbon cutting ceremony at 10:00am. Business hours will be from 6:30am to 10pm, Monday through Saturday. Come join the community as we welcome this new business to our area.

NEWS YOU CAN USE! *Continued*

Share a Seed Spring Planting Day at Upshur Community Garden

Spring has sprung! Join Share a Seed and Slow Food DC on Sunday, April 3 for another wonderful day at Upshur Community Garden! We can't wait to share seeds, swap plants, and gather again as a community. Register here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/share-a-seed-spring-planting-day-at-upshur-community-garden-tickets-294227120237>

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

From Council member Lewis-George's Office (Ward 4): DC Council Budget Oversight Hearings for April, 2022

DC Public Library, April 4, 12-3p

District Department of Transportation, April 4, 12-6p

Hearing on the FY23 DC Budget, FY22 Supplemental Budget, & FY23 Budget Support Act, April 8, 9:30a-3p

www.janeeseward4.com/budget2022. Also see the Mayor's proposed \$19.5B budget here: <https://cfo.dc.gov/node/289642>

Ward 4 Redistricting Task Force voted to approve the following map as the new ANC and SMD boundaries for Ward 4.

The map and recommendations will be submitted to the DC Council Subcommittee on Redistricting on April 1.

<https://bit.ly/Ward4RedistrictingMap>

DDOT's traffic safety database for approved traffic safety upgrades in Ward 4 (choose the "Pending Installation" tab and zoom in): <https://bit.ly/trafficsafetyrequests>

Sign-up for Councilmember Lewis-George's electronic community newsletter and receive the latest updates here:

<https://bit.ly/Ward4newsletter>.

From Council member McDuffie's Office (Ward 5):

Ward 5 Redistricting Meeting remaining dates—The tentative final map to be considered by the Ward 5 ANC Redistricting Committee at its public meeting on March 29 at 6p. View the meeting agenda here: <https://bit.ly/Ward5RedistrictingAgenda>

To Contact the Council member:

Phone—(202) 724-8028 or sign up for the newsletter at:

<https://kenyanmcduffieward5.wpcomstaging.com/signup>.

The Senior Corner—What's Going On?

- Senior exercise classes will be held on Tuesdays and Fridays from 10:30a - 11:15a at the Riggs-LaSalle Recreation Center.

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MARCH 2022 MEETING MINUTES—March 7, 2022

Meeting opened at 7:00 pm. President Rogers went over housekeeping rules and then deferred to Rev. Paul for the opening prayer.

*Set up email in newsletter for suggestion box (speakers, etc). Members with community concerns can send them via the following methods, should there be insufficient time to entertain such concerns during the meeting: Email—ask@lrcadc.org, Phone—202-838-6058 and leave a message. All issues of common concern will be addressed at the following meeting.

*Thanks to board members for their work: LaRoya for distro of newsletters and Rev. Paul for work with Bereavement Committee

**Change in agenda:* A motion made to revise the agenda to allow DC Parks/Rec to present in lieu of LaSalle School. motion was passed.

Secretary's Report: Body omitted to approve December 2021 minutes at the February meeting. President made a motion to accept December/February minutes as printed in respective newsletters. Motion made and duly seconded to approve both minutes; body approved December 2021 and February 2022 minutes. There was no January 2022 meeting.

Treasurer's report, presented by treasurer Audrey Walker: Beginning balance: \$9,500.20. Total deposits: \$215.00. Total expenses: \$274.34. Ending balance: \$9,440.60. 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.

Elected Officials and PSA—Councilmember Janeese Lewis-George—Legislative Updates: Legislative meeting last Tues; Councilmembers are back at Wilson building for in-person legislative hearings. Masks and proof of vaccine are still required for entry. Last hearing: expanded paid family leave benefits for the private sector. Extended from 8 to 12 weeks. July 1, 2022 will go into effect.

*Passed emergency legislation for DCPS teachers and staff to run for DC Board of Education in time for the general election of this year.

*Legislation passed on eviction ceiling for those unhoused with vouchers.

*Oversight hearings completed. Confirmation from DGS on getting HVAC systems at Lamond, Riggs-LaSalle, and other Rec centers.

*Will do a screen walk through with DGS and DPR at public schools. Go through work orders.

*Budget to move up modernizations for LaSalle, Truesdale and Whitter

*Redistricting: community members can weigh in via voicemail, email, and testimony to express their viewpoints. Can also leave voicemail 202-642-5714 or by email to Ward4redistricting@dccouncil.gov

Christopher Ingram—Ward 5 (MOCR) new to the team; introduced himself.

Anthony Mitchell (Ward 4 MOCR)

*Summer youth employment program: deadline has passed; however, if any youth (ages 14-24) are still interested, send him an email.

*Reminder that the mask mandate (with exception of Metro and private establishments requiring masks) has been lifted and citizens no longer have to show vaccination cards, etc.

Silas Grant, Sr. Advisor, Councilmember McDuffie's (Ward 5)

*March 8th redistricting meeting

*Budget hearing schedule: Council bus and econ development: March 24; March 24, Dept of Ins. Bus and Banking; March 28 Public Serv Committee; April 6, CFO and DC Lottery

*Resolution to rename Lamond-Riggs Library after Huff has been filed; hearing date will be scheduled for people to testify.

ANC Reports—4B08, Commissioner Alison Brooks:

*Last meeting held on Feb 28; had presentation from DPR and Clean Rivers

*Working with DC officials to enable DC residents on Maryland border to access 311 calls (currently being sent to Maryland)

*Request for swim space to be in built in 4B and 4D when schools are out

*Remind folk to participate in meetings; need community involvement and not to just rely on ANC commissioners for information.

4B09, Commissioner LaRoya Huff:

*500 block across from LaSalle school, mailbox removed. Thanks to Congress Member Norton's office for replacing the mailbox.

*Coordinating an Earth Day cleanup in April with LRCA, including alley cleaning; looking for volunteers

*Commissioner asking for letters of support for renaming of Lamond-Riggs library for Lilian Huff; requesting additional letters of support.

Shirleta Settles, Riggs-LaSalle Rec Center and Robert Robinson, Lamond Rec Center

*Spring registration has started for programs—Center Hours: Monday-Fri 10-9pm and 9:00-5:00 on Saturday. See the following links:

Lamond-Riggs: <https://dpr.dc.gov/page/lamond-recreation-center> | Riggs-LaSalle: <https://dpr.dc.gov/page/riggs-lasalle-recreation-center-00>

Takoma: <https://dpr.dc.gov/page/takoma-community-center>

David Gaston, Manager, Lamond-Riggs Library

No definite open date, add 3 months to completion of construction date before fully open. Staff to include: 1 manager; 2 librarians (children and adults); 4 librarian associates. Focus will be on adult, senior and children programming, volunteer opportunities & community outreach.

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MARCH 2022 MEETING MINUTES—continued

LRCA Committee reports—Health Committee: 1st meeting scheduled for this Wed at 7 pm; objective is to promote full body health. Start a walking group for those in neighborhood. Contact danielle@lrcadc.org if interested. | **Communication Committee:** looking for volunteers; website improvement ideas, contact angelyn@lrcadc.org | **By-laws Committee:** Feb 8th had 3rd meeting, went over suggestions from community. March 10th will have 4th meeting. Part of redistricting committee. Mar 8th, be present at public hearings to go over maps. Meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm. s/ Rabihah A. Mateen, Recording Secretary

LRCA COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT



HEALTH & WELLNESS COMMITTEE

Danielle Lewis-Wright, Committee Chair/Trustee

If you are interested in whole-body health through education, activity, and engagement of the Lamond-Riggs community, then this is the group for you! All are welcome to participate in this committee and its associated LRCA Health community walking group.

If you are one who is excited about health and wellness; are willing to bring innovative ideas to the table; and desire to work with us in order to promote health education and activities within our community, then get in touch with Danielle by email at danielle@lrcadc.org. She's excited for you to join!

(Estimated commitment: 2 to 3 hours per month. Also, we would like for the members to participate in the walking group. Meetings to be held every second Wednesday of the month.)

STUDENTS, DON'T FORGET TO ASK US ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF FULFILLING YOUR SCHOOL'S COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS REQUIREMENT.

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UPCOMING EVENTS!

LRCA Health and Wellness Committee Weekly Walking Group. Saturdays at 9AM. Will meet at the community playground on Nicholson St next to the Riggs-LaSalle Rec Center. Contact danielle@lrcadc.org for additional details.

Used book sales to support Ward 4 libraries and community activities.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Petworth Library: Saturday, April 2 from 10:30am-4pm (with a raffle, puzzle swap, face painting, craft making, storytelling, and a t-shirt and totes sale)

Spring Celebration at the Parks at Walter Reed.

Saturday, April 23, 10a-12p. Includes fun activities and an Easter egg hunt.

Petworth PorchFest, April 30, 2-6p. Learn more here:

<https://www.petworthnews.org/blog/porchfest-22-coming>



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Join online at [LRCADC.org/membership-join](https://lrcadc.org/membership-join) or call us at (202)838-6058 for a paper application!