

Lamond-Riggs Citizens Association Newsletter

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello Lamond-Riggs Family,

Spring is in the air!! I want to thank you all for attending our meetings and I look forward to seeing and hearing from you all at our next meeting on **Monday, March 7, 2022**.

For our next meeting we have a full agenda including updates from the mayor's office, our Council members, ANC and LRCA chairs, and addresses from other members of our community. While we will make every effort to also address community concerns during our meeting, we are excited to introduce a new way that you can submit your concerns and/or questions to us after our meeting time is over.

You may now submit your community concerns and inquiries to us via **email at ask@lrcadc.org** or by **phone at (202)838-6058**. Furthermore, we ask that you use these channels to suggest speakers that you wish to hear from during future LRCA meetings. For those who may recall, this new email and our phone number will be used similar to the physical suggestion box that was used during my previous presidency. We welcome all of your questions and ideas.

As the weather is getting warmer, we need your help to distribute our newsletters. If you have a high school student in need of community hours or have young children, having them help pass out the newsletter is a great way to get them involved in the community! In the same vein, I encourage you to join a committee. I look forward to seeing you at the meeting!

Most Respectfully, Barbara Rogers, LRCA President

JOIN THE MARCH MEETING on March 7, 2022 at 7:00 PM EST

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

<https://zoom.us/j/98037635291?pwd=NXVtOmNZcjF2VForVFO5azkvZGNnZz09>

Meeting ID: 980 3763 5291

Passcode: 982430



Dial-in into the meeting by phone:

Call: (301)715-8592

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March 2022 Meeting Agenda

- Welcome/Invocation
- Officers Report, Minutes, Treasurer Report
- Updates from Elected Officials & PSA
- Guest Speakers and Q&A: David Gaston, Lamond-Riggs Library; News from LaSalle-Backus Elementary; and Chris Dyer from DPR
- Community Concerns/Closing

Join an LRCA Committee!

Want to make a difference in community?

Get active in the LRCA.

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

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NEWS YOU CAN USE!

Indoor Mask Mandates

Effective March 1, 2022, masks will not be required at restaurants, bars, sports/entertainment venues, gyms and rec centers, houses of worship, businesses, grocery stores, pharmacies, retail establishments, DC government offices with no public interaction. Schools, private business, healthcare facilities, etc. may opt to retain the mask requirement. See <https://bit.ly/DCcovidupdate02142022> for details.

Wards 4 & 5 Covid Centers

Sponsored DC health, get access to vaccinations, boosters, and Covid testing.

Ward 4 – 4704 13th Street NW, Peoples Congressional United Church of Christ

MONDAYS: 10 AM - 8 PM

TUESDAYS: 10 AM - 8 PM

WEDNESDAYS: 10 AM - 8 PM

THURSDAYS: 11 AM - 9 PM

FRIDAYS: 9 AM - 7 PM

SATURDAYS: 10 AM - 8 PM

SUNDAYS: CLOSED

Ward 5 – 2350 Washington Place NE, Suite 105-N

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SUNDAYS: 9 AM - 7 PM

DPR Adaptive Programming

DPR is partnering with several groups to bring DC residents [new Adaptive Programming](#). Adaptive Programs are built for DC residents of all ages who have unique needs and wish to participate in group sports and specialized classes. They're created for a range of diverse abilities and interests. [Check it out!](#)

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>

NEWS YOU CAN USE! *Continued*

ICYMI (in case you missed it) Update Your WMATA Card

WMATA is installing new faregates at rail stations and will upgrade fareboxes on Metrobuses in the fall. If your SmartTrip card was issued before 2012 it will need to be [replaced](#) by March 1, 2022. Learn more on [WMATA's website](#).

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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

Homestead Deduction, Senior Citizen and Disability Property Tax Relief. Ward 4 homeowners: with tax season upon us, I wanted to remind you to submit your application for a homestead, senior citizen, or disability [property tax deduction](#). Residents can apply [online](#) or by using a paper form that's accessible by calling 202-727-4829. If a properly completed and approved application is filed by March 31, the property will receive the Homestead benefit for the entire tax year.

Save the date for the Ward 4 Task Force's next community meeting on Tuesday, March 8 from 7pm-9pm. It will be a chance to share your feedback and ideas with the Task Force as they work to finalize their recommendations to the Council. RSVP by March 7 at <https://janeeseward4.com/redistricting> to make your voice heard.

Sign-up for Council member 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—Tuesday, March 8 and March 22 @ 6pm to continue work to draw new single member district and ANC boundaries. Watch all meetings live [here](#).

To Contact the Council member:

Phone—(202) 724-8028 or signup for the newsletter at: <https://kenyanmcduffieward5.wpcomstaging.com/signup>.

The Senior Corner—*What's Going On?*

- Feeling ill or can't get out to get a Covid-19 test? Book an at-home vaccination appointment by calling (855)363-0333.
- Get to know your community...Arts & Crafts—March 22 at 11:00AM, Riggs-LaSalle Rec Center
- The Black & Wax Museum trip—March 18. Call the Riggs-LaSalle Rec Center at 202-576-5224 to RSVP.

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FEBRUARY 2022 MEETING MINUTES

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

Elected Officials and PSA

Captain John Terry from 4D: Crime in PSA 406 has quieted down from summer, with a drop in crime of 4-5% over last month. There has been a spree (4-5 in a row) of robberies committed by the same individuals, notably Takoma Liquors on Eastern Ave and 5 Guys. 4D has identified suspects and is working on apprehending. One ADW in L-R; doesn't have details but is a threat. Theft from autos continues to be an issue in 4D. Many of the incidents involve people leaving cars running. MPD will continue to urge citizens not to leave vehicles unattended with keys in ignition so that perpetrators "hop in" and steal the vehicles. Any issues or concerns, including traffic offenses, may be addressed to john.terry@dc.gov

Anthony Mitchell from Mayor's office:

- Thanks to those who participated in the Chic Fil A walkthrough with the Owner/operator and city officials. Will be taking into consideration community concerns and following up on traffic concerns.
- Marion Barry Summer Youth Employment program is open for applications. Applications open for youth, ages 14-24, until Monday Feb 28. For additional information, visit summerjobs.dc.gov
- COVID: Additional COVID centers have been opened in each ward. In Ward 4, People's Congregational Church is now a one-stop location for masks, vaccinations, and testing. People's Congregational is located at 4704 13th St, NW.
- Seniors can also obtain rapid tests on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays between 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm at Hattie Sr. Center, located at 324 Kennedy Street, NW. Seniors can also obtain rapid antigen tests without standing in long lines and can also skip to front of lines at other designated locations (such as libraries).
- If have issues with Metro Transit Police Dept, or issues regarding WMATA, reach out to Mr. Mitchell.
- Day after Valentine's Day, people will be required to show vaccination cards to verify that they are fully vaccinated to enter venues (such as bars, museums, clubs, etc.).

Silas Grant, Councilmember McDuffie's (Ward 5) office:

- Councilmember is introducing a measure to support community interest to rename the Lamond Riggs library in honor of Mrs. Lilian Huff. The measure should be introduced at the March legislative meeting.
- In January, Councilmember led way to allow Dept Mayor's office for Planning and Economic Development to make \$40 million available to businesses throughout the city for COVID relief. Businesses and community members interested can obtain additional information on the Bridge Fund Grant program at <https://mayor.dc.gov/release/mayor-bowser-launches-new-40-million-%E2%80%9Cbridge-fund%E2%80%9D-support-small-businesses>
- Budget survey for seniors to help inform the councilmember on the budget process. February 18th is the deadline. Please visit: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OurWard5FY2023> to take the survey.

ANC Reports:

4B08, Commissioner Allison Brooks:

- Has been working with Ms. Mack to address concerns about construction on Capital Grid project. Any concerns about construction on Riggs Rd., please contact Ms. Mack.
- Met with owner/operator, DDOT and Mayor's office on transportation concerns related to Chick-Fil-A. Any concerns should be addressed to ANC commissioners. – had opportunity to meet around concerns/ look forward to opening in March.
- ANC meeting occurs on 4th Monday of month.

4B09, Commissioner LaRoya Huff:

- Letter to go before full Commission to co-name Lamond Riggs library for Lilian Huff. Will submit letter at next ANC meeting on Feb 28th; library trustee meeting is in March.
- Working with 4D and DDOT on a resolution for traffic calming on 3rd Street as there have been several accidents

Parks Main Street, Edwin Washington:

- In FY 2021, \$ 48,140 provided to 12 small businesses (varying between \$1000-\$4000).
- Released grants for small businesses in Riggs Park, Manor Park, and other areas in Ward 5. The deadline for applications is February 25th. For additional information, contact info@theparksmainstreet.org

Alan Thompson, owner of new Chick-Fil-A Fort Totten:

- New Chick-Fil-A Ft. Totten is anticipated to open in March 2022. The hours will be 6:30 am -10:00 pm, Monday-Saturday. Max seating for forty. Must show vaccination card to eat inside, per DC government regulations. There are a total of four (4) parking spaces, with the possibility of increasing to nine. Most of anticipated business is drive-through; facility can accommodate nineteen vehicles in drive-through.
- Currently hiring sixty people, including runners, order takers, kitchen, delivery. Those under 17 years of age can also apply for delivery via bikes. Starting wages is 17.00/hr. Benefits include paid time off, health insurance, and scholarships. Anticipate a rolling interview process which will be advertised.

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MEETING MINUTES CONTINUED...

- Cognizant of traffic concerns on 3rd Street and Riggs Road. Working with DDOT and community on how to best manage entrance/exit points to reduce traffic congestion. Any questions can be addressed to Alan.thompson@cfafftotten.com

LRCA Committee reports:

- **Bereavement Committee:** Objective: ensure that families of lost ones that LRCA is thinking of them via phone calls, sympathy cards, homegoing services, etc. Those interested in joining the committee, contact Rev. Paul at revpaul@lrcadc.org
- **Development Task Force:** Objective: coordinate with developers and community officials to ensure responsible development. Ongoing developments include Riggs Park Place, Chick-Fil-A, Our Place at Fort Totten, Lamond Riggs Library. Those wishing to join the committee can contact the co-chairs: Gavin Baker (gavin@lrcadc.org) and Paquita Wiggins (paquita@lrcadc.org).
- **Bylaws Committee:** Objective: To bring LRCA bylaws up to date to make more equitable. Would like to bring a draft to the body for vote in June. Those interested may contact committee co-chairs, Tischa Cockrell (tischa@lrcadc.org) and Heather Rodgers (heather@lrcadc.org).
- **Communications Committee:** Angelyn Boose, chairperson. Committee meeting weekly. Those interested in participating, please contact her at angelyn@lrcadc.org.
- **Treasurer's report,** presented by treasurer Audrey Walker: Beginning balance: \$9689.36. Total deposits: \$512.29; Total expenses: \$709.45. Ending balance: \$9500.20. 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.

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm.

s/ Rabihah A. Mateen, Recording Secretary

LRCA COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT



BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE

Reverend Paul Smith, Committee Chair/Trustee

Losing a love one can be one of the most difficult and painful experiences a person and or family will go through. The focus of the Bereavement Committee is to remind the bereaved family that the thoughts and prayers of the community are with them during their grieving season. Upon timely notification, the Bereavement Committee will be responsible for acknowledging the loss of a LRCA resident by one or more of the following expressions: sending a condolence card; sending a letter on LRCA letterhead; home visitation (tentative due to COVID restrictions); attending viewings; and attending and or participating at services (at the family's request by offering remarks, etc.).

If you are interested in serving on this community, reach out to **Reverend Paul** via email at revpaul@lrcadc.org. He looks forward to hearing from you!

(Note: this is not a pastoral care ministry.)

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Heather Rodgers, Committee Chair/Trustee

The Membership Committee's focus is on building connections and growing LRCA. We aim to do so by engaging existing members while reaching out to longtime and new residents who aren't involved yet.

If you are a long-time and existing Lamond-Riggs resident interested in reaching out to new residents as they move into the area; connecting with long-time residents who are part of the LRCA; planning 1 to 2 membership/neighborhood events per program year; and increasing membership, get in touch with **Heather** by email at heather@lrcadc.org to get involved. She'd love to welcome you to her team!

(Estimated commitment per month: 2 to 4 hours, depending on role and activities in a given month. This team will meet once per month, via Zoom or outside during favorable weather conditions. Meetings to be held 2nd Tuesday of the month).



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

Thank you to our newsletter
sponsor.

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