

Lamond-Riggs Citizens Association Newsletter

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello Lamond-Riggs Family,

We are back from our summer break and excited about the upcoming program year. Of importance, the LRCA is looking forward to celebrating its 75th anniversary in 2023. Yes, that is correct the LRCA has been in existence for that long! If you would like to be part of this milestone celebration, it will be important that you pay your membership dues for the current fiscal season (see: <https://lrcadc.org/membership-join>). Unsure if you have paid your dues for the 2023 fiscal year? Reach out to us at membership@lrcadc.org and we'll check your account.

The LRCA Development Task Force has been working over the summer to ensure that public amenities such as parks are part of the building projects in our neighborhood. To do this, the team is directly surveying the community regarding the unused—DC-owned—greenspace at the southwest corner of the intersection of Riggs Road and South Dakota Avenue, NE, near Food and Friends. As per LRCA and the District's plans for our neighborhood, we desire the land to remain public, open greenspace (void of large building structures). We are seeking your feedback and suggestions for improving the land and making it a beautiful and usable community park. Go to <https://lrcadc.org/community-greenspace> to complete this survey. Wish to complete the survey offline? Hardcopies are available for pickup and dropoff at the Lamond-Riggs Library, the Riggs-LaSalle Recreation Center, Lamond Recreation Center, and Cultural Coffee Too. Your responses to this quick survey are due by October 15th.

Please remember to get in touch with us or if you have a community concern, you can always reach out to us by calling 202-838-6058 or sending an email to ask@lrcadc.org.

I look forward to seeing you on October 3, 2022 at 7PM.

Most Respectfully,
Barbara Rogers, LRCA President

JOIN THE LRCA MEETING on Monday, October 3 2022, at 7:00 PM EST

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

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88503509409?pwd=UnJnRThmbG5JeFpoeitPME8rU3Z0Zz09>

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October 2022 Meeting Agenda

- Welcome/Invocation
- Officers Report, Minutes, Treasurer Report, Budget Review/Approval
- Updates from Elected Officials & PSA
- Speakers: Ronald Mason, Jr., UDC and Carrie Stolfus, Executive Director, Food & Friends
- Community Concerns/Closing

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NEWS YOU CAN USE!

Private Security Camera System Incentive Program

DC's Office of Victim Services and Justice Grants administers this program aimed at providing rebates or vouchers for the purchase of security camera systems to DC residents, businesses, non-profits, and religious institutions. The program seeks to deter crime in the District and assist local law enforcement with its investigations. To learn more about this program and to see how you might take advantage of this opportunity, go to <https://ovsjg.dc.gov/service/private-security-camera-system-incentive-program> for more information.

Lee Little League Food Ministry

This ministry was founded and led by Andre "Smokey" Lee, founder/operator of the Senators Satchel Paige Little League, an organization that provides youth in Wards 4 and 5 with the opportunity to develop skills, leadership, teamwork, and mentoring relationships (and a chartered member of the Little League International). In addition to this effort, Mr. Lee serves the community through his Food Ministry that has and continues to feed hundreds of families in Wards 4 & 5. **This ministry will be offering a FREE Food Pick-up for families in need at the Riggs-LaSalle Recreation Center—501 Riggs Road, NE—every third Saturday from 11:30AM to 1PM.**

Clinics in the Area

Monkeypox Clinics operated by DC Health now only offer walk-up vaccinations. Also, eligible individuals (see <https://bit.ly/monkeypox-vax> for eligibility requirements) no longer need to pre-register to receive the vaccination. The clinic located closest to Wards 4 and 5 is located at 7530 Georgia Avenue NW and is open Sunday - Friday from 12PM to 8PM.

Need information on Covid Center locations/operating hours, Covid-19 Therapeutics, and Rapid Antigen and K95 LIVE inventory maps? Refer to the DC Covid Center site at <https://coronavirus.dc.gov/covidcenters>.

Have you taken the LRCA Public Amenities Survey yet? Select the link below or scan the QR code with your mobile device for more information: <https://lrcadc.org/community-greenspace>



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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

The Green New Deal for Social Housing Bill—Introduced in April of 2022, the bill seeks to create 'deeply affordable, green housing that puts our planet and our people first'. The bill is scheduled for a hearing on November 17, 2022.

<https://janeeseward4.com/introducing-green-new-deal-legislation-to-create-social-housing-and-remove-lead-pipes-in-dc>

Upcoming Bill to address the rise of public litter cans from being removed from Ward 4 and other DC neighborhoods without notice

—The new legislation would require the DC DPW (Department of Public Waste) to post a notice of intent before removing public trash bins. This companion legislation would support the CLEAN Collections Act that was introduced in March of 2022 that would require multifamily buildings to provide trash cans, recycling cans, or dumpsters that can hold at least 32 gallons of solid waste per residential unit; require that trash be collected at least twice per week; and add a civil penalty or fine of at least \$500 for repeat violations. View this Twitter thread for more information:

<https://twitter.com/CMLewisGeorgeW4/status/1568305861960794114>

The DCPS Digital Equity Act of 2022 Legislation Passes

This bill requires DCPS to develop a three-year comprehensive plan that ensures all students and educators have the devices and technology needed to succeed and learn. It also creates a committee of community stakeholders to guide the development of this plan and requires the DC Auditor to review the initial plan to ensure it meets the requirements of the law. Of importance, this bill's cost was already funded in the FY23 budget, so comprehensive planning on tech equity won't have to wait.

Become a part of Council member Lewis-George's Office Team

Learn more here: <https://bit.ly/ServeWard4CLG>

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)

To Contact the Council member:

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

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

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JUNE 2022 MEETING MINUTES—June 6, 2022

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

Officers Reports—Announcements by President Rogers:

- This is the last meeting before summer recess; the next meeting is October 2022.
- LRCA certificate ceremony to be held in person at LaSalle Rec Center, Saturday June 11 at noon.
- Thanks to all who supported naming of the Lamond-Riggs Library for Mrs. Lilian Huff.

Officers Reports

- **Secretary's Report:** Motion was made, seconded, & passed to accept June, 2022 minutes as published in June newsletter.
- **Treasurer's report,** presented by treasurer Audrey Walker: Beginning balance: \$10,867.79. Total deposits: \$57.73. Total expenses: \$570.20. Ending balance: \$10,355.32. Motion was made and duly seconded to approve the report into the record. Motion was passed.

Elected Officials and PSA

- **James Lewis of Councilmember Lewis-George's office**—Update on budget wins for Ward 4 schools; \$1 million to replace roof at Lamond-Riggs recreation center; Councilmember is working with city on repairs to all Ward 4 schools to make ready for fall.
- **Silas Grant of Councilmember McDuffy's office**—Budget highlights: Councilmember working to ensure that small business owners, particularly those of color, receive funding via Commercial Acquisition Fund toward buying buildings. Additional \$2 million for Equitable Impact Assistance Fund in grants for small businesses; \$10 million to support Black home ownership.
- **Anthony Mitchell (Ward 4 MOCR):**
 - Upcoming events include:
 - Riggs Park Place- walk through on June 9th to talk about Black Home Ownership initiative, \$10 million investment.
 - Community conversation on June 14 with Director Holmes of the Office of Unified Communications (that handles 311 and 911 Hubs). Meeting will be held at First Baptist Church to discuss community concerns.

ANC Reports:

- **4B08, Commissioner Alison Brooks:** Last meeting before summer recess. Next meeting in September 2022. Encourages citizens to participate in ANC 4B meetings to voice concerns and hear from city representatives. Community members with issues for DDOT, go to their website to voice concerns. DPW is holding a job fair on June 8 at North Michigan Park recreation center (drivers licenses required)
- **4B07, Commissioner Geoff Bromaghim:** DDOT will hold a meeting on rebuild of Eastern from New Hampshire to Whittier Street. DDOT also issued a notice of intent to do a project to improve bicycle and vehicle safety on Kansas Ave, between Chillum PI and 2nd Street, NW.
- **4B09, Commissioner LaRoya Huff:** not in attendance as not feeling well.
- **5A08, Comm Gordon Fletcher:** ANC 5 meeting: June 22nd; Next SMD meeting: June 9th. Anticipate updates from Our Place at Fort Totten, DC Water, DDOT and Ward 5 MOCR on community concerns.

Community Announcements:

Ms. Vee of Culture Coffee Too: 5th Annual Riggs Park Art Crawl July 8-9, 2022 (vendors, live arts), all welcome.

Edwin Washington, Exec Director of Parks Main Street

- 2nd round grants for The Parks Main Street are due on June 10th for grants
- *Business refresh* for businesses in Riggs Park and in Manor Park – provides business development advice for local businesses.
- Ben Evans of Hellbender Brewery (5788 2nd Street, NE); discussed business license information and updated on status of re-opening.
- *Alice Thompson, of DAFL Community Outreach,* (Dept of Aging and Community Living) provided information on programs to improve quality of life for seniors. For additional information contact Ms. Thompson at 202-724-5626 or alice.thompson@dc.gov.

LRCA Committees

- **Senior Committee:** Father's Day Brunch will be held on Friday, June 17 11-1:00 at Riggs LaSalle Rec Center.
- **By-Laws Committee:** Meetings will continue over the summer; committee is currently seeking attorneys to assist with by-law revisions.
- **Scholarship Committee:** Six (6) applications were received. Successful candidates included: Mr. Apollo Pierce and Ms. Janiya Charity. Apollo will receive \$2,000 and Charity \$2,500 which will go toward the cost of tuition and books.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm.

s/ Rabihah A. Mateen, Recording Secretary

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Local Business Corner

It’s the Harvest Season! Take advantage of the local farmers markets that are operating near you:

Uptown Farmers Market—5501 Colorado Avenue NW: Saturdays from 9AM to 1PM

Chevy Chase Farmers Market—Lafayette Elementary School, 5701 Broad Branch Road, NW: Saturdays from 9AM to 1PM

Petworth Community Market—9th and Upshur NW: Saturdays from 9AM to 1PM

Takoma Park Farmers Market—6931 Laurel Avenue: Saturdays from 10AM to 2PM

The Parks at Walter Reed Farmers Market—6310 Cameron Drive NW: Sundays from 9AM to 1PM

Every Sunday join us to shop, sip, and vibe at the The Divine Purpose Vendor Market at Culture Coffee Too (300 Riggs Road NE next to Walmart) from 12PM to 4PM. Enjoy some of the best artisans, makers, and builders the DMV has to offer while listening to great music and brunch offered by local chefs.

UPCOMING EVENTS!

What’s Happening at the Riggs-LaSalle Recreation Center (501 Riggs Road, NE)

- Senior Meetup (aged 65+): Meeting times: Daily Senior Fitness meeting times: Tuesday and Friday at 12:30PM.
- Halloween Event—Monday, October 31, 2022, 5PM to 7:30PM. Contact Ms. Ronda Sweet for details by phone at (202)576-5224. Volunteers Needed.

Membership Form - October 2022 through September 2023

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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