

Lamond-Riggs Citizens Association Newsletter

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello Lamond Riggs Family,

Our first message of 2024, Happy New Year! We hope you are staying warm and safe. We know that public safety is a concern for our community and the entire city. We have invited 4D Commander Nikki Lavenhouse to our February 5th meeting at the Lamond-Riggs Lillian Huff Library at 6 p.m. Please join us to get an update on crime in our community, ask questions, and discuss ways we can all stay safe.

At the start of this program year, LRCA hosted a MPD Community Walk, Turkey Giveaway (over 350 turkeys) and Senior Tree Trimming Holiday Party at Riggs LaSalle Rec Center, Family Holiday Movie and Fun Day at Lamond-Riggs Lillian Huff Library, and we put up holiday decorations in Riggs Park and Lamond. The mission of LRCA is to build a stronger community while engaging all residents. We want to hear from you, if you have an idea for a community event, we encourage you to send an email to ask@lrcadc.org.

During the winter months, we encourage you to check on your neighbors, especially our seniors. We will also stream the meeting online, see details below.. Please get involved in our community by joining a committee or paying your membership dues, see the membership form on page 4 or go to our website, www.lrcadc.org.

In community service,

Barbara Rogers, President

**ATTEND THE FEBRUARY LRCA GENERAL BODY MEETING on Monday, February 5, 2024,
from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM. Doors open at 5:45 PM**

Attend IN PERSON at the Lillian J. Huff Neighborhood Library, Meeting Room 1

5401 South Dakota Avenue NE, Washington, DC 20011

The meeting will also be broadcast via Zoom webinar. Access the meeting using the link below:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81462182377?pwd=K0ErQ2I2RENiZ3hJR2IhWXNiSXF1QT09>

Or dial in by phone: 301-715-8592

Webinar ID: 814 6218 2377

Passcode: 140248

Scan the QR code with your mobile device to watch the meeting:



February 2024 Meeting Agenda

- Welcome/Invocation
- Officers Report, Minutes, Treasurer Report
- Updates from Elected Officials & PSA
- MPD Commander Nikki Lavenhouse
- Traffic Control Box Art Project
- Community Concerns/Closing

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NEWS YOU CAN USE!

UPDATE FOR SENIORS

Seniors who are not on our Listserv or do not use a computer are encouraged to contact Rev. Mays or Mr. Sheppard. They will be happy to provide community updates over the phone.

Contact Senior Chair Rev. Johnnie Mays at 202-210-2941 or Co-chair Mr. Edgar Sheppard at 202-306-0410

Holiday Trees and Greenery Collection Now Until March 2

The DC Department of Public Works (DPW) will collect holiday trees and greenery from January 3 through March 2 from DPW-serviced households, which includes single-family homes and apartment dwellings with three or fewer units. Here is what you need to know about this year's holiday tree and greenery collection:

- Trees and greenery collected during this time will be composted in support of DC's Zero Waste initiative.
- Holiday trees and greenery will be collected within 5 days of set out.
- Holiday trees and greenery will be collected from the front of the residence at the curb. For missed collections, residents can call 311 and make a "Christmas Tree Removal - Seasonal" service request from January 3 - March 2.
- All residents can also drop-off holiday trees and greenery at three locations, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. beginning January 3:
 - 201 Bryant St. NW (Roll off box)
 - Guy Mason Recreation Center (3600 Calvert St NW)
 - 2700 South Capital St., SE (Roll off Box)

For more information on recycling this holiday season, visit zerowaste.dc.gov.

DON'T FORGET: FREE COVID-19 Tests are Still Available

Beginning September 25, every U.S. household can again place an order to receive four more free COVID-19 rapid tests delivered directly to their home. Go to <https://www.covid.gov/tests> for more information.

Before You Throw Out "Expired" Tests: Check to see if your COVID-19 tests' expiration dates have been extended (<https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/coronavirus-covid-19-and-medical-devices/home-otc-covid-19-diagnostic-tests#list>).

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

From Council Member Lewis-George's Office (Ward 4) Speak at Council Performance Oversight Hearings

We are officially in performance oversight season, when any DC resident can come before the Council and the agency director to speak about the changes they want to see in the DC government. Find the hearing schedule here:

<https://bit.ly/performance-oversight> and sign up to speak at the hearing that matters most to you. If you have any questions about the process or want me to help raise your testimony with an agency, just reach out to my office at teamjaneese@dccouncil.gov.

Key upcoming hearings include:

Monday, January 29: Department of Behavioral Health

Wednesday, January 31: Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development (DMPED) — testify about the Kennedy Street Library

Thursday, February 1: Department of Aging and Community Living (DACL)

Senior SmarTrip Cards for Metro Are Now Free

Good news for our seniors: Senior SmarTrip Cards are now free. Seniors can now pick up free Senior SmarTrip cards and always get 50% off all their fares. Senior SmarTrip cards can be picked up at the Transit Accessibility Center (655 Virginia Ave SW) and a few other locations. Learn about Senior SmarTrip Cards and how to access them on WMATA's website.

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 Parker's Office (Ward 5)

The next Office Hours event will be on February 1 from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. at the Lillian J. Huff/Lamond-Riggs Neighborhood Library (5401 South Dakota Ave NE). Please help spread the word to neighbors. This will be a time where you can come meet me and members of my staff to chat about your priorities for Ward 5. We hope to see you there!

Sign up for Councilmember Parker's community e-newsletter & receive the latest updates here: <https://bit.ly/Ward5newsletter>.

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DECEMBER 2023 MEETING MINUTES—December 4, 2023

LRCA Meeting on Dec 4, 2023

Treasurer's Report: \$17,008.41 Beginning Balance \$346.45 Deposits \$709.05 Expenses (Printing and tech work), \$16,661.11 Ending Balance

Meeting called to order at 6:03 PM by Danielle Lewis-Wright at the Lillian Huff Lamond Riggs Library.

First-time attendees were welcomed to the meeting. Agenda shared and attendees are welcome to stay for refreshments and fellowship at the end of the meeting.

The first guests are **Mark Regulinski** from **Cafritz Foundation** with updates on the Arts Place at Fort Totten Development (www.artplacedc.com), assisted by Sean Cahill of Cafritz Enterprises and Alex Shield of H&R Retail who are leading the leasing team. While Phase I is moving along nicely there are still some spaces available. One Fitness in Phase I will be expanding its space as it has been wildly successful. Coming to Phase II are: Urban Brewery, Menomale (Neapolitan style) Italian Restaurant, an Ice Cream Shop, Potentially Pet Services/Daycare, Phoenix Hair Salon, as well as continuing work for Aldi to open in Phase II.

Phase II timeline includes Aldi's opening in Oct 2024, Children's Museum in 2025, and 294 rental units similar to Modern.

Approval of the minutes with a small edit that a local Public Safety Committee passed out literature regarding the DC Free Security Camera Program.

Ward 5 - Carlos McKnight: Ward 5 Holiday Party 12/14/23 at 5 PM at 705 Edgewood Drive.

Sophia Tekola - Mayors MOCRA - This week kicked off Black Restaurant Week. Please support all including Hawaiian Eatery, Adrene's, Oohs and Aahs, and more seen at DMVBRW.com

Also, DPW starts Section C of the leaf pickup, please checkout Snow.DC.Gov to be prepared for winter and sign up to assist your neighbors who may need help with snow removal, and check out DCHealthlink during this open enrollment period: Sign up by Dec. 15th for Jan 1st or by Jan 15th for a Feb 1st start coverage date. Work continues regarding the vendors outside of Walmart. While street vending was decriminalized and permits aren't required vendors but cannot harass pedestrians or block the sidewalk.

Derrick Thompson - 4B09 ANC - Refers Henry Saunders DCHHS regarding assistance for unhoused people Henry.Saunders@dc.gov. Additionally, work continues to prevent bikes/moped/e-bikes from sidewalks.

LRCA will be hosting the upcoming Holiday Movie and Fun Day at the Lillian J. Huff Lamond-Riggs Library on Sunday 12/10/2023 from 2:30 pm-4:30 pm.

LRCA Hospitality Committee plans to decorate the Lamond and Riggs Parks signs with holiday decorations.

LRCA Senior Committee reported a successful Tree Trimming and lighting event at the Riggs Lasalle Recreation Center.

Several Solar Powered Holiday decorated sites will be going up: One in Lamond at the corner of Sligo Mill and Rittenhouse (Milligan's Point) and One in Riggs Park.

Meeting adjourned

/s/ Lori LaRue, Recording Secretary

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Community Events

Senior Tree Trimming Holiday Party at Riggs LaSalle Rec Center and Lamond and Riggs Community Decorations



Upcoming Events:

HumanitiesDC grant funding supports individuals, groups and organizations who use the humanities to explore the people, cultures, histories, and connections that make DC a vibrant place to be. Cycle I applications are now, and are due by **February 20, 2024**. Cycle II applications open on **March 4, 2024**, and are due by May 1, 2024. Learn about the grant opportunities at <https://humanitiesdc.org/grant-opportunities>. There are also several info sessions during the month of January to learn more about the grants and application process. Register at <https://bit.ly/humanitiesDCgrant>.

Beginning **Feb. 1 - Apr. 15, 2024**, the library will host income tax return preparation for qualified residents. The library partners with the AARP Foundation to provide service to eight of our neighborhood locations. Please reach out to the number or email listed below for each location to schedule an appointment.

~Petworth Library Mon. and Fri. 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Call: 202-656-1341

Email: 20051013@aarpfoundation.org

~Woodridge Library Mon. and Wed. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Call: 202-643-4279 Email: 20051004@aarpfoundation.org

Membership Form - October 2023 through September 2024

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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