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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Lamond-Riggs Community,

Thank you for everyone who joined us for our October General Body Meeting! Despite a few technological challenges, it was wonderful to see so many of you in person. Your presence and engagement remind us just how strong our community truly is.

I hope you enjoy this digital version of our newsletter. Please take a moment to share it with neighbors and friends - especially those who might not be as tech- savvy- so that everyone stays informed and connected.

This year, our focus is to **listening to the voices of our community** to ensure we bring meaningful support, resources, and opportunities to Lamond-Riggs. Together, we can continue making our neighborhood one of the best in the city - but we can't do it without your support and involvement.

Here's how you can contribute to LRCA this year:

- **Support LRCA** by paying your annual membership.
- **Join a committee.** Our committees are the backbone of our work - choose one that aligns with your interests and passions.
- **Share your ideas.** We want to hear from you! Suggest speakers, topics, or events that would benefit our residents.

Our next meeting will be held **Monday, November 3, 2025 at 6:00pm** - in person once again. Please help spread the word, and I look forward to seeing you all there!

In community,

Dr. Shawaan Robinson

President, Lamond-Riggs Citizens Association

November 2025 Meeting Agenda

- Welcome/ Invocation
- Approval of minutes
- Treasurer's Report/Membership Information
- Updates from Elected Officials
- Ms. Tisha Cockrell, Friends of Riggs-LaSalle Recreation Center
- Updates on Community Concerns /Events
- Closing

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NEWS YOU CAN USE

Join the Listserv The Lamond Riggs Community email list is an interactive forum to share ideas, comments, and information for all members of the community

<https://groups.google.com/u/1/g/lamond-riggs-community>

On November 1, SNAP benefits may lapse due to the government shutdown for our community members needing assistance with food. Please enter you zipcode in the link below for **food pantry and food assistance opportunities**:
<https://findhelp.org/food/emergency-food--washington-dc?postal=20011>

Leaf Collection begins on Monday, November 3rd !
Visit dpw.dc.gov/leaf to find weekly updates on how to prepare and the live leaf collection tracker!

Free brake light clinic provided by Metro DC DSA on Saturday, November 8th from 11am to 4pm at 955 Longfellow St NW (outside of Autozone). [Request a free repair HERE](#).



LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

From Council Member Lewis-George's Office (Ward 4)
"In the wake of recent federal actions, you can also find additional lists of resources for **employees seeking to understand and protect their rights**, and for **immigrant neighbors in fear of being targeted**." - Janeese Lewis George's [office](#).

Constituent Services Team

To ask for help navigating services in DC, contact the constituent services team - more information can be found at <https://janeeseward4.com/constituent-services/>

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)

Ward 5 Public Safety Call

The next Ward 5 Public Safety Call is scheduled for Wednesday, October 29 at 3:00 p.m. via [Zoom](#).

Metro Strategic Transformation Plan Open for Public Comment (<https://wmata.com/strategicplanrefresh>)

Public Hearing Scheduled for October 30

Public Comment Period Closes November 4

Estate Planning and Legal Clinic - A community gathering on planning, probate, and property
Wednesday October 29, 5:00pm
Location: Lamond- Riggs/Lillian J. Huff Neighborhood Library
5401 South Dakota Ave NE

Sign up for Councilmember Zachary Parker's electronic community newsletter and receive the latest updates from their team: <https://mailchi.mp/dccouncil/newsletter-sign-up>

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MEETING MINUTES | OCTOBER 2025

Meeting called to order by President Shawaan Robinson at approximately 6:10pm.

Highlights & Updates:

Communications

- The October LRCA Newsletter is in progress—expect updates soon!
- The LRCA website is undergoing updates; online dues payment is temporarily inconsistent. Dues can be paid via cash or check at the “early bird” rate.
- Executive Board and Committees are volunteer-led - we are always looking for others to join us on a committee to volunteer your time to this community. Let Shawaan, Laverne, or Julia know if you are interested.

Neighborhood & Development Updates

- Vacancy - ANC 4B05 - window to file candidacy is open Oct 6 - Oct 27.
- From ANC 4B09, Danielle Geong - DDOT Sidewalk Project: Plans to add a new sidewalk along the east side of 4th St NE and near 5th & South Dakota (by 7/11). Community notices expected in 2026.
- Riggs Field Access: Ongoing discussions with DPR about expanding community use hours. Residents encouraged to share feedback with ANC 4B09 Danielle Geong.
- Sligo Mill Road Property (6101/6167): The long-vacant site remains a community concern. The owning bank is engaging with developers, but historical restrictions and funding delays persist. Residents are urged to voice input to the Historic Preservation Office and Office of Planning.
- Cafritz Development: Some leasing delays, but retail and restaurant plans (including brewery & pizza shop) remain active. The Development Task Force continues to meet with developers.
- Ramdas Pharmacy Closure: Neighbors raised questions about safety and new tenant plans.

Community Events

- Great turnout for Art All Night and community cleanups—thank you to all volunteers!

Committee Updates

- Development Task Force:
 - Community Clean-Up days - Calendar to be distributed.
 - Partnership with Casey Trees underway to refresh neighborhood landscaping.
 - Development Task Force Meetings: 3rd Thursdays at UDC (no October meeting).
- No new updates from the Senior Committee this month.
- Updates for Communications Committee covered at the beginning of meeting, no further updates.

Ward 4 & Ward 5 Government Updates

- Ward 4 “CARE Day”: November 13, 4–7 PM at Riggs-LaSalle Recreation Center. Janeese Lewis George will be door knocking and engaging with the community.
- Trash/Recycling: Ongoing pickup delays reported; leaf collection schedule forthcoming.
- Office Hours for Janeese Lewis George’s team for Ward 4 are every Wednesday at Ft. Stevens Recreation Center (12p-1p) and Hattie Holmes Senior Wellness Center (1:30p - 2:30p).
- Ward 5 Public Safety Call: October 29 via Zoom – all residents welcome.
- Resources available for furloughed government workers and regular updates at Ward4News.com.
- There is a reorganization effort occurring in the Mayor’s MOCR office - updates coming soon

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- Ongoing issues raised about the Eastern Ave liquor store area, including safety and sidewalk obstruction.
- Trash can design and commercial truck parking on Chillum Rd being reviewed by DPW.
- Walmart sidewalk obstructions—LRCA President to contact store management.

Farmers Market

- UDC Farmers Market: Every Friday, 4–8 PM, continuing through December. Residents encouraged to attend to support a fresh food farmers market in our immediate neighborhood.

Closing

- LRCA invites neighbors to share who they'd like to hear from in future meetings.
- To get involved or volunteer on a committee, contact Shawaan, Laverne, or Julia.

Meeting adjourned by President Shawaan Robinson at approximately 7:30pm.

TREASURER'S CORNER

Updates from Elizabeth Pavlick, Treasurer

Beginning Balance: \$10,746.53

Deposits: \$12,472.98 -- LCAG Grant funds and \$10K for scholarships (from savings) and dues and merchant credits

Expenses: \$16,209.44

Expenses include printing of newsletter, tech and administrative fees, awarded scholarships, funds to LCAG, Backpack giveaway

Ending Balance: \$6,940.24

Scholarship Fund

Beginning Balance: 46,184.12

Interest Earned: .34

Withdrawals: 46,000 -- \$10K to checking for scholarships, \$36K to CD

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT - June 13, 2025

Beginning Balance: 36,000.00

Interest Earned: \$291.25

Ending Balance: 36,291.15

COMMUNITY EVENTS AND UPDATES

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COMMUNITY BLOG

Be sure to check out the blog **Next Stop...Riggs Park** for news and commentary about Riggs Park and surrounding communities. <https://nextstopriggspark.com>

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Do you have ideas on how to make our community the best that it can be?
Consider getting involved in an LRCA Committee.
Email us at: getinvolved@lrcadc.org

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• Budget/Audit	• Education	• Senior
• Bereavement	• Health	• Scholarship
• Communication	• Membership	• Youth
• City Services/Public Safety	• Newsletter	• Development & Recreation