

Lamond-Riggs Citizens Association Newsletter

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello Lamond Riggs Family,

Thank you for attending our May meeting and we hope to see you on June 3, 2024, our final meeting until October 7, 2024.

On behalf of the Lamond-Riggs Citizens Association (LRCA), I want to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who has supported our mission over the past year. Your dedication and contributions have been invaluable in helping us serve our community.

We are excited to celebrate and acknowledge your support at our upcoming meeting on June 3. This gathering will be a wonderful opportunity to recognize the efforts of residents, businesses, and elected officials who have played a crucial role in advancing our initiatives.

We hope you enjoy your summer!

In community service,
Barbara Rogers, President

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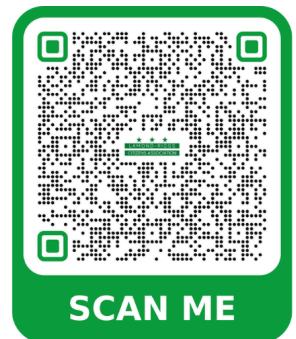
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**ATTEND THE MAY LRCA GENERAL BODY MEETING on Monday,
June 3, 2024, from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM. Doors open at 5:45 PM.
Attend IN PERSON at the Lillian J. Huff Neighborhood Library,
Meeting Room 1**

5401 South Dakota Avenue NE, Washington, DC 20011



Access the meeting via Zoom using the link below:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81557164483?pwd=1iTiI07HLQxudGGntSxgGv-WPKvlw.W-4KcYdZlFRws-m>

Webinar ID: 815 5716 4483

Passcode: Passcode: 727286

Join By Phone: (301)715-8592

June 2024 Meeting Agenda

- Welcome/Invocation
- Officers Report, Minutes, Treasurer Report
- Celebrations
- Closing

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NEWS YOU CAN USE!

UPDATE FOR SENIORS

Riggs Crossing Senior Residences Leasing Interest Form



Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing is constructing Riggs Crossing Senior Residences, an income-restricted, affordable senior housing building on the corner of South Dakota Avenue & Riggs Road NE. Individuals interested in leasing who are 62+ and who have an income at or below 50% of median family income should fill out the [interest form](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/17MQujtbRZH140SDixFAOw7ohMzUMVv060y5mPXklKn8/viewform?edit_requested=true&pli=1&pli=1) at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/17MQujtbRZH140SDixFAOw7ohMzUMVv060y5mPXklKn8/viewform?edit_requested=true&pli=1&pli=1.

Contact the Senior Committee Chairs

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

Metro will close the Red Line at Glenmont, Wheaton, Forest Glen, Silver Spring, and Takoma stations for three months starting Saturday, June 1, 2024. Metro is closing the stations to make safety and customer experience upgrades during planned work to connect Silver Spring Station with the future Maryland Transit Administration Purple Line. **Free shuttle buses will be available from Saturday, June 1, through Saturday, August 31, 2024.**

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

COVID test kits are also available at the Lillian J. Huff Library.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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

WMATA's Better Bus Network Proposal is open for public comment until July 15th! The proposal contains dozens of changes impacting Ward 4, including major revisions to several important bus routes that members of our community use every day. The E4 is on the list to be changed. Because this plan is largely out of the Council's control, it's essential for all community members to submit comments highlighting the impact these changes will have on our access to convenient, reliable transit. Please visit betterbus.wmata.com

Annual Great Graffiti Wipeout

This week through July 12, DPW's graffiti abatement team will be power washing and painting walls as it removes graffiti markings and illegal posters and stickers from thousands of public spaces throughout DC. Ward 4's clean-up will begin on June 3rd and continue through the entire week.

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)

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

Metro has unveiled its 2025 Proposed Bus Network! You may remember I convened the **Ward 5 Bus Network Task Force** to [develop and provide feedback to WMATA](https://zacharyparkerward5.com/letter-to-wmata-on-the-better-bus-draft-visionary-network)



<https://zacharyparkerward5.com/letter-to-wmata-on-the-better-bus-draft-visionary-network>) on their network redesign during Phase 2 of the [project](https://www.wmata.com/initiatives/plans/Better-Bus/about-the-project.cfm)

<https://www.wmata.com/initiatives/plans/Better-Bus/about-the-project.cfm>). Now almost a year later, this proposal shows what WMATA would be able to implement next year, while they still work to revise the Visionary Network (a network that would be possible with more funding and planning). **WMATA is now accepting public comment for the 2025 Proposed Bus Network** at <https://betterbus.wmata.com/share>.

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MAY 2024 MEETING MINUTES—May 6, 2024

Welcome/Introductory message from President Barbara Rogers.

David Gaston - Library manager spoke of the rules regarding Library Behavior. These rules are in place throughout all 26 libraries in DC. Provided a booklet with the behavior rules.

Sophia Tekola - MOCR Mayor's Office:

- Budget Season Budget.dc.gov to see the budget.
- \$235M - Schools Budget
- Whittier - Swing space - there will be a trailer swing space behind Coolidge so that the kids can stay in the neighborhood.
- \$13M Emory Heights renovation
- \$25M Shepherd Park Library - renovation
- Climate: DOEE - Solar resources are available to DC residents

Carlos McKnight - Councilmember Parker's office

- The Budget Markup Phase is next. Councilmember Parkers concerns include:
 - District Child Tax Credit - proposed by Councilmember
 - Early Childhood Pay Equity Agreement
 - LGBTQIA - proposed to move the office out of the Executive branch to become an independent agency. 20 Housing voucher programs
- Council Member's Ward 5 Podcast - Every Friday - streaming
- Updating Bus shelters.
- Redesign of the bus network - route changes, new routes and new names of the routes- Implement in 2025. Fort Lincoln is of interest. Many seniors are targeted in that area.
- Mathematics Education Amendment Act of 2024 - Task force to address students shortcomings in mathematics skills.

Jim Lewis - Lewis George Office

- Nicholson St. - shades in the kid playground

Commissioner Derek Thompson 4B09

Public safety walk. Please become familiar with your Precinct Number/Service/Sector and plug into the newsletters. Follow Thompson4B09 on social media.

President Rogers: Lrca scholarships-Sent emails to all schools.

Sean Cahill from Cafritz Enterprise

- Aldi- turned over the space
- Three job fairs coming for Aldi over the summer - specific information to be shared as it becomes available.
- Kid Museum 2nd-3rd quarter 2025
- Financing for 300 residential units
- 2 retailers for SD Avenue 15-20k Sq Ft (2025)
- Modern - foundation worked out a lease agreement. UrbanGarden Brewery still coming in Fall of 2024.
- Restaurant - Menomale.
- Fitness One is expansion completed
- Dental practice 2800 sq ft.. By end of year
- Another sit down restaurant - still negotiations
- Social Justice school. Subleasing from Rocketship. In discussions to expand Rocketship and add Social Justice School.
- PUD Submission - next phase will likely request an extension.

Commissioner Berry: 4B10 Youth program nearby. Safety meeting with MPD soon.

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Treasurer's Report: Laverne Johnson

April Meeting Budget:		May Meeting Budget:	
Beginning:	\$14,063.50		\$13,464.15
Deposits:	228.80		184.26
Expenses:	1,122.49		1,209.49
Balance:	\$13,464.15		\$12,349.92

Scholarship fund:

May Meeting:	
Beginning	\$ 46,0006.51
Interest:	51.13
Balance:	\$ 46,057.64

President Rogers: Approval of the minutes: moved, seconded, and approved

Angie Boose: Scholarship Fund. Provides review of the scholarship page on the LRCADC.org. Please go to the page and click on Scholarships on the right hand side. The application deadline is Friday, May 17, 2024. Please share with your neighbors.

EYA - Community Benefits Agreement

If you would like any updates regarding the EYA Community Benefits Agreement please join in the Development Task Force Meeting.

Adjourned

Next meeting. June 3 will be an Appreciation Meeting

The meeting adjourned at 7:30pm

/s/ Lori LaRue

Community Events

Fridays at Fort Totten Free Concert Series

The Fort Totten summer [concert series](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fridays-at-fort-totten-free-concert-series-2024-tickets-897619202197) (<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fridays-at-fort-totten-free-concert-series-2024-tickets-897619202197>) kicks off Friday, May 31, 2024. The series, sponsored by The Modern at Art Place & DC Fray, features a different artist from 6 pm to 8 pm each Friday through August. There will be food trucks and games. Please bring a chair and meet a new neighbor.

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>



- Uptown Farmers Market at 5501 Colorado Ave NW Saturdays from 9 am to 1 pm.
- Petworth Community Market at 9th & Upshur St NW Saturdays from 9 am to 1 pm.
- Takoma Park Farmers Market at 6931 Laurel Ave Sundays from 10 am to 2 pm.
- Chevy Chase Farmers Market at 5701 Broad Branch Rd, NW Saturdays from 9 am to 1 pm.