

# Lamond-Riggs Citizens Association Newsletter

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## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello Lamond-Riggs Family,

We hope you are well as you read this newsletter. We had an awesome first meeting and want to thank all the residents who attended in person and online. We had many new residents or residents attending for the first time and joined some committees. We hope they will join us virtually on Monday, November 4th.

We will not meet in person on Monday, November 4th because of the election. The library and schools will be set up for voting on Tuesday.

We received questions about some of the developments in our neighborhood, so we have requested updates on several projects. Please join us online to get answers to your questions or to be informed about the progress.

As we mentioned last month, this year, our focus remains on bringing essential government resources to our community so that we can continue making our neighborhood the best in the city.

Here's how you can contribute to the LRCA:

- Support LRCA by paying your annual membership.
- Join a committee.
- Share your ideas.
- We hope to see you online!

In community service,  
Barbara Rogers, President

## ATTEND THE VIRTUAL NOVEMBER LRCA GENERAL BODY MEETING

on Monday, November 4, 2024, from

6:00 PM to 7:30 PM.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89059728049>

Nov 4, 2024 06:00 - 7:30 PM Eastern Time

phone: 301 715 8592

Webinar ID: 890 5972 8049

## November 2024 Meeting Agenda

- Welcome/Invocation
- Update from Elected Officials
- Community Development Updates
- Officer's Report, Minutes, Treasurer Report

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## NEWS YOU CAN USE!

### UPDATE FOR SENIORS

#### 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

#### 2024 Senior Class(es) at Riggs LaSalle Community Center

- Senior Exercise Classes are held every Tuesday and Friday from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm.
- Senior Line Dance is held every Monday from 12:30 pm-2 pm.
- Senior Sewing Class held every Thursday from 12:30 pm-1:30 pm
- Senior Computer Class held every Friday from 11:30 am-12:30 pm

#### 2024 Senior Class(es) at Lamond Community Center

- Chair exercise every Monday and Wednesday at 10:00 am
- S.A. I.L.(Stay Active and Independent for Life) Balance and fitness for adults 65 and older -Every Tuesday and Friday at 12:30-1:30
- Line Dancing every Wednesday at 1:00 pm
- Pinochle every Tuesday at 11:00 am

#### Order Free COVID-19 Tests

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is currently distributing free at-home COVID-19 tests. Every U.S. household is eligible to receive four free at-home tests. [Click here \(https://covidtests.gov\)](https://covidtests.gov) to have your tests delivered to you, including free shipping!

#### Lamond Community Action Group

Congratulations to the new officers of Lamond Community Action Group. We look forward to continuing our partnership.

- Nazim Curtis, President
- Thomas Blanton, Treasurer
- James Gaston, III, Corresponding Secretary

#### Pet Vaccinations

WARD 4 Time: 10:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Saturday, Nov. 9, 2024

Lorenzo Larry Allen Memorial Park

5101 9th Street NW

(9th & Gallatin)

Vaccines offered for dogs and cats: Rabies, Distemper

- No appointments necessary. First come, first served.

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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

#### Office Hours in the Community

Every Wednesday afternoon, our Ward 4 constituent services team holds office hours at Fort Stevens Rec Center from 12 pm to 1 pm, followed by office hours at Hattie Holmes Senior Wellness Center from 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm. Community members can stop by and speak one-on-one with a member of our team about DC government services or our work in the Ward 4 community.

#### Leaf Collection Season Has Begun

DPW is sharing weekly updates on which areas have leaf collection coming up to provide more accurate estimates to residents. Check out DPW's [leaf collection page \(https://dpw.dc.gov/leaf\)](https://dpw.dc.gov/leaf) for more details. The Lamond-Riggs collection section is 4C. Two weekends notice will be sent when to rake leaves to the curb or treebox.

#### Ward 4 E-Cycling Event

On Saturday, November 2nd from 10 am to 2 pm, the Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE) is hosting an e-cycling event on 33rd St NW between Quesada St NW and Patterson St NW, near the Lafayette-Pointer Rec Center. Residents will have the opportunity to recycle.

#### 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 Ward 5 Education Equity Committee

Ward 5 community members including parents, teachers, students, and school leaders are committed to advocating and working for equitable education opportunities, experiences, and outcomes for scholars in Ward 5 and throughout the District of Columbia.

The Ward 5 Education Equity Committee is seeking a Vice-Chairperson. If you're interested, please email your bio to [ward5eec@gmail.com](mailto:ward5eec@gmail.com).

#### Calling all Bunker Hill alumni!

Over the next two years, The Story of Our Schools (SOOS) is partnering with the Bunker Hill community to tell the history of the school through the creation of a museum-quality exhibit. SOOS is currently looking for Bunker Hill alumni and long-time area residents who have Bunker Hill stories and/or old photographs to share. If you'd like to participate in the project, please contact MaryBeth Washington at [marybeth@storyofourschools.org](mailto:marybeth@storyofourschools.org).

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

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## October 7, 2024 Minutes

### Treasurer's Report

#### Business Account:

Beginning Balance: \$11,171.46

Deposits: \$92.19

Expenses: \$2,027.71

Ending Balance: \$9532.19

### Scholarship Account:

Beginning Balance: \$ 46,058.81

Interest: \$4.60

Expenses: \$0.00

Ending Balance: \$46,063.41

The meeting began at 6:06 pm with **President Rogers** welcoming attendees to the 2024-2025 program year. Following a moment of silence to pray for peace, President Rogers emphasized the use of Robert's Rules of Order. New members were recognized and introduced. President Rogers encouraged active participation in committees and highlighted an available Recording Secretary position as well as the importance of paying dues to support community initiatives. There was also interest in participating in local events like Riggs Park Day.

**Phil Thomas**, the new representative from the Mayor's Office of Community Relations (MOCR), introduced himself along with Ward 4 MOCRs **Yamileth Escobar** and **Leticia Acosta**. They provided updates on local issues, including:

- DC's \$1.5 billion commitment to affordable housing,
- A sidewalk shoveling exemption program for seniors (55+) and people with disabilities,
- Leaf collection season preparations.
- Community concerns raised included bird droppings under a bridge, increased pedestrian traffic in the area, and an issue with an unhoused individual using the sidewalk for personal needs.

**Edwin Washington** (Executive Director, Parks Main Street) shared the success of Art All Night and provided updates regarding the traffic control box art projects. The permits and approvals have been received to move forward. Installation will begin at the end of October.

**President Rogers** reminded guests to ensure that they receive the newsletter and to make a point to get involved in a number of the many committees. Additionally, the students can earn community service hours to assist with passing out the newsletters.

Committee Chairs provided updates regarding the work of the individual committees and upcoming events and projects.

**David Gaston** (Library Branch Manager) provided updates on library staffing. Many teens are volunteering and working at the library with programming, shelving, and other support. Mr. Gaston expressed interest in partnering with the education and scholarship committee to assist the teens with post-secondary career endeavors.

**Laverne Johnson** provided the treasurer's report.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

/s/ Shawaan Robinson, 2nd Vice President

## Join the LRCA Today!

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP  
DONATION

**\$10**

-annually-

HOUSEHOLD MEMBERSHIP  
DONATION

**\$15**

-annually-

CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP  
DONATION

**\$50**

-annually-

<https://lrcadc.org/membership-join/>



### Turkey Giveaway

The LRCA Holiday Turkey Giveaway is an annual event that provides free turkeys to families in need within the community, helping to ensure a warm and festive holiday meal.

When: November 23, 2024

Where: Riggs LaSalle Recreation Center

Time: 11:00-1:00pm

Aldi's Grand Opening rescheduled for  
December 5th.



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## LRCA UPDATES

### 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>

### Get Involved

Get involved in your community by joining one of the LRCA Committees! Whether you're passionate about seniors, education, youth development, public safety, health, or communications, there's a place for you. Committees include: Senior, Scholarship, Membership, City Services/Public Safety, Education, Youth Development/Recreation, Budget/Audit, Nominating, Bereavement, Health, Communication, Development Taskforce, Newsletter/Newsletter Distribution, and Bylaws. Your participation helps strengthen and uplift the community. Reach out by email at ask@lrcadc.com, today, to make a difference! Indicate your interest on the membership form.

### Students Earn Community Service Hours

- Students can earn community service hours by assisting with the distribution of the LRCA monthly newsletter. If you're interested, please reach out to LRCA President Ms. Barbara Rogers at [Barbara@lrcadc.org](mailto:Barbara@lrcadc.org) or call 202-904-1027.

## Membership Form - October 2024 through September 2025

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.

Salutation	First Name	Last Name	Evening Phone #	Daytime Phone #	
1					
Email:				# Children at home:	
2					
Email:					
Address:				Washington, DC 20011	
I/We volunteer for the following committee(s):			Use code:1=Self, 2=Spouse/Partner, 3=Both, 4=Other		
Senior	Scholarship	Membership	City Services/Public Safety	Education	Youth Development/Recreation
Budget/Audit	Nominating	Communications	Development Task Force	Newsletter Distribution	Bylaws
Bereavement	Health				
*Tax-deductible Donation:	Individual \$10	Household \$15 (2 adult members)	Corporate \$50	Extra Donation of \$_____ to Scholarship Fund. If other use, please specify	
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