

Lamond-Riggs Citizens Association Newsletter

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello Lamond Riggs Family,

Welcome Back to the Start of LRCA Program Year 2024-2025!

We hope you had a wonderful summer. Our first meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 7, 2024, from 6-7:30 p.m., and we hope to see you there!

This year, our focus remains on bringing essential government resources to our community to continue making our neighborhood the best in the city. We can't do this without your support and involvement.

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

- Support LRCA by paying your annual membership. You can find the membership form on page 4.
- Join a committee. Committees are the backbone of our initiatives, and you can choose one that aligns with your interests. Committees are also listed on the membership form.
- Share your ideas. We want to hear from you! Let us know if you have suggestions for speakers or events that would benefit our community.

At our upcoming meeting, we'll also be outlining our vision for the 2024-2025 program year. We hope to see you on Monday, October 7th!

In community service,
Barbara Rogers, President

ATTEND THE OCTOBER LRCA GENERAL BODY MEETING on Monday, October 7, 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/89698116551>

Or, join by phone: (301) 715-8592

Webinar ID: 896 9811 6551

October 2024 Meeting Agenda

- Welcome/Invocation
- Update from Elected Officials & PSA
- Bridget Reagan (discuss Branding & Placemaking Survey)
- 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 10:30am to 1:30pm.
- Senior Line Dance held every Monday from 12:30pm-2pm.
- Senior Sewing Class held every Thursday from 12:30pm-1:30pm
- Senior Computer Class held every Friday 11:30am-12:30pm

2024 Senior Class(es) at Lamond Community Center

- Chair exercise every Monday and Wednesday at 10:00am
- 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 1:00pm
- Pinochle every Tuesday at 11:00am

In Loving Memory

With heavy hearts, we remember the lives of those who have recently passed. Their presence touched the lives of many, and their memory will continue to inspire and uplift us. Thank you to the LRCA bereavement committee as they extended our deepest condolences to their families and loved ones during this time of sorrow.

- Booker Dalton Wade ~ June 28, 2024
- Francois Javan Jackson Sr. ~ July 13, 2024
- Elaine Gunter ~ August 20, 2024
- Carmencita Stewart ~ September 4

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!

Join the [LRCA Listserv](https://groups.google.com/u/1/g/lamond-riggs-community) (Google Group Broadcast Email List)

(<https://groups.google.com/u/1/g/lamond-riggs-community>) to receive weekly updates.

Riggs Park Community Survey

The Lamond-Riggs Citizens Association (LRCA) with assistance from The Parks Main Street (TPMS) is continuing its ongoing effort to enhance and promote our neighborhood, this survey is to better understand what makes Riggs Park special and how we can further beautify and strengthen its identity.

Your feedback will help shape the visual identity, brand positioning, and future improvements to the neighborhood. This is a great opportunity for you to share your vision for Riggs Park and contribute to its growth and development.

English and Spanish versions of the online survey are available below:

- Riggs Park Community Survey - [ENGLISH:](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeLOQfHb1xpfWqtDahFJaYzfQWVDAGs-1u5uYMO3JZdW7RPTA/viewform)
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeLOQfHb1xpfWqtDahFJaYzfQWVDAGs-1u5uYMO3JZdW7RPTA/viewform>
- Riggs Park Community Survey - [SPANISH:](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfz-6Y7CWWK59c4HlaQBB1Vc2NjyfrZvyY0lmsmUcgmYACnsA/viewform)
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfz-6Y7CWWK59c4HlaQBB1Vc2NjyfrZvyY0lmsmUcgmYACnsA/viewform>

Paper copies of both language versions are available at Lamond Riggs/Lillian J. Huff Library.

Please complete and submit by the end of the day on **Tuesday, October 8, 2024.**

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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

Applying for a Sidewalk Shoveling Exemption

DC's Department of Public Works maintains a Sidewalk Shoveling Exemption Program which exempts disabled and senior residents from removing snow and ice from their sidewalks within the first eight hours of daylight after the end of a storm. All you need to do to qualify is submit [this form](https://shovelexemption.dpw.dc.gov/form/age) located at

<https://shovelexemption.dpw.dc.gov/form/age> by the end of October!

Applying for Home Energy Assistance

DC's Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) opens to new applications on October 1st. LIHEAP assists income-eligible District households with heating and cooling energy costs. Families may receive energy bill assistance between \$250 and \$1,800 as a one-time regular energy assistance benefit. Residents can schedule appointments to apply for benefits on DOE's website.

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>.

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June 3, 2024 Minutes

Treasurer's Report

Business Account:

Beginning Balance: \$12,348.92

Deposits: \$0.00

Expenses: \$1,227.46

Ending Balance: 11,171.46

Scholarship Account:

Beginning Balance: \$46,057.64

Interest: \$1.17

Expenses: \$0.00

Ending Balance: 46,058.81

President Barbara Rogers opened the in-person meeting at 6:20 pm with a warm welcome. She explained there were issues getting the Zoom conference to work because the usual space was not available because of voting in the large room on Tuesday. President Rogers announced this meeting is to acknowledge elected officials and community members for their support of LRCA during the program year by presenting them with a certificate.

President Rogers discussed the details of the funds of the EYA Community Benefit Agreement. A paper copy of this information was provided to those in attendance. Shawaan Robinson provided an update on the scholarships, no student completed the necessary forms to qualify. LRCA will discuss ways to support the students that applied during their first year of college.

Certificates were presented to Sophia Tekola, Carlos McKnight, the Parks Main Street, David Gaston and all the LRCA committee members.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm to enjoy food and fellowship with neighbors.

Thank you to Dolly Turner from DISB (DC Department of Insurance Securities and Banking) for partnering with LRCA for hosting an Estate Planning Event at the Lamond Riggs Lillian J. Huff Library September 28, 2024.



Join DISB for the next Estate Planning Workshop and Legal Clinic
Wednesday, October 23, 5:30 to 8 pm Emery Heights Community Center 5701 Georgia Avenue NW.



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



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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 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 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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