

Lamond-Riggs Citizens Association Newsletter

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello Lamond-Riggs Family,

Thank you for joining us at the March meeting, and we hope to see you on April 7, 2025. This year is an election year, with the election being held on May 5, 2025. A nominating committee chaired by Sharolyn Mack and committee members Tischa Cockrell and Barbara Carter will provide an update on the voting process at our April meeting.

We encourage residents to get involved and run for a position. A list of LRCA Board positions is included in this newsletter and online at <https://lrcadc.org>. If you want to run for a position, please call 202-838-6058, email ask@lrcadc.org, or come to the April meeting and nominate yourself from the floor. If you want to vote in the next election, you must pay your dues by **April 7, 2025**. You can easily pay online at <https://lrcadc.org/membership-join> or fill out and mail-in the membership form on page 4 of this newsletter (mailed-in forms must be postmarked no later than April 7, 2025). If you have questions about serving on the board, please reach out to any executive board member.

Your voice and leadership matter! We look forward to seeing you at the April meeting and working together to strengthen our community.

In community service,
Barbara Rogers, President

ATTEND THE DECEMBER LRCA GENERAL BODY MEETING

on Monday, April 7, 2025, from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84890322868>

Phone: (301)715-8592

Webinar ID: 848 9032 2868



April 2025 Meeting Agenda

- Welcome/Invocation
- Update from Elected Officials, and LRCA Officer's Report, Minutes, Treasurer Report
- Election/Voting Instructions & Nomination Committee Discussion
- Lamond-Riggs Citizens Association Scholarship Competition Details
- Community Concerns/Closing

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Be a Part of the LRCA

Interested in serving in an LRCA executive role? Consider campaigning this May for one of the positions noted below.

A. PRESIDENT: The President shall conduct the regular, special, and Executive Board meetings of the Association and shall be an Ex-Officio member of all standing and temporary committees, except for the nominating committee. The President shall have such other responsibilities as may be assigned to them by the members.

When quick decisions are needed on critical issues, the President must contact a total of two (2) Executive Committee members in this order: the two Vice-Presidents or if not available, the Secretary or Treasurer to get a majority vote on the action in question. The issue and resulting vote must be presented at the next Executive Board and Regular Body meeting. This must also be the order of the check approvers and persons who receive bank account updates via text and have access to the banking app.

The President shall appoint standing, special, and temporary committees as the need arises and he or she shall designate which of the officers and/or trustees shall be responsible for the operation of each said committee. Each officer and trustee shall Chair or Co-Chair at least one of the Standing Committees enumerated in Article VII, Section 2 as designated by the President and report out to the General Body at least bi-monthly.

B. FIRST VICE PRESIDENT: The First Vice President shall preside in the absence (or at the request) of the President. If the office of the President becomes vacant, the First Vice President succeeds thereto for the unexpired balance of the term. The First Vice President will serve as the defector Co-Chair of a split of the committees, with an agreement decided among the First Vice President and Second Vice President, and with the approval of the President. The First Vice President will also introduce their appropriate committee chairs, during the monthly meeting for committee updates at the end of the public meetings.

C. SECOND VICE PRESIDENT: The Second Vice President shall preside in the absence of the President and First Vice President. If the offices of the President and First Vice-President become vacant, the Second Vice President succeeds thereto for the balance of the unexpired term. The Second Vice President will serve as the defacto Co-Chair of a split of the committees, with an agreement decided among the First and Second Vice Presidents, and with the approval of the President.

They will also introduce their appropriate committee chairs, during the monthly meeting for committee updates at the end of the public meetings.

G. HISTORIAN: The Historian is appointed by the President and shall coordinate picture-taking of Association events; maintain a summary of all Association activities in a compiled scrapbook, including photographs, news clippings, programs, and other artifacts as may be necessary; and submit a written chronicle of Association activities, no later than October 1, to be

D. TREASURER: The Treasurer shall keep an accurate and detailed account of all monies received and expended by the Association; shall keep all the financial records of the Association in such form as the Executive Board shall prescribe; shall be the recipient and custodian of all monies of the Association, such monies to be deposited in an FDIC insured brick and mortar banking institution. Such banking institutions may be designated by the Executive Board. It shall further be the duty of the Treasurer to submit a written monthly financial report and a semi-annual detailed financial report to the Association at the regular meetings of the Association. The "Books" must be closed, balanced, and submitted to the Budget/Auditing Committee as provided for in Section VII Section 2 E, in July. All payments and purchases made by LRCA will be made by bank cards or paid for electronically.

The Treasurer will provide a regular report to the Membership Committee chair on updated membership. The Treasurer shall be bonded for \$10,000. Two or more Executive Board members (i.e., the President, the Treasurer, and a First or Second Vice President), will have access to online banking and payment processors, and serve as signers on the account and pick up checks, etc. from the Post Office box.

E. RECORDING SECRETARY: The Recording Secretary is the custodian of the Association's records during their term. They shall keep accurate minutes of the proceedings of the Association at regular, special, and Executive Board meetings; perform all other duties incident to the office of Secretary; and such other duties as may be assigned to the Secretary by the President or the Association members. Copies of the minutes of the proceedings of any meeting shall be submitted to the President and the two Vice-Presidents within one week after such meeting is held. The Recording Secretary shall take the role at all General Body and Executive Board meetings and inform the Executive Board of the absence of any Board member for three successive Board meetings. The Recording Secretary will also audit the online meeting call-in log and pass it on to the Communication Committee.

F. PARLIAMENTARIAN: The Parliamentarian is an elected position and advises the President on the Association Bylaws, Rules of Order, any procedures and helps to maintain the orderly procedure of business of the Association in Regular, Executive, or Special meetings, in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, where appropriate.

electronic repository/online cloud directory. These roles will be added to the communications part of the policy documents and to the Communication Committee and be a part of an online presence.

H. TRUSTEES: Ten (10) Trustees shall be elected to represent the larger LRCA Community. The Trustees shall serve on the Association's Executive Board. A Trustee is required to Chair or Co-Chair a committee during their two-year term.

Will add/include one youth delegate (from 16 to 25 years of age). The youth

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included in the Association archives. The Historian shall have custody of all pertinent material as may be deemed to of historical value to the Association. Pictures and other documents shall be uploaded to an

delegate will also serve as a member of the Communication Committee.

March 3, 2025 Minutes —The meeting began at 6:10 PM, with President Rogers welcoming all.

Treasurer's Report

Business Account:

Beginning Balance: \$11,441.05
Deposits: \$60.94
Expenses: \$755.64
Ending Balance: \$10,746.35

Scholarship Account:

Beginning Balance: \$46,181.88
Donations: \$0.00
Interest: \$2.24
Ending Balance: \$46,184.12

- David Gaston spoke about an AI seminar coming to the library. President Rogers introduced, Shawaan Robinson, 2nd Vice president, she will run the meeting tonight. 2nd VP Robinson, welcome everyone and acknowledge the new residents at the meeting. Reverend Paul gave the invocation.
- VP Robinson introduced the new president of the Lamond Community Action Group, Nazim Curtis. President Curtis thanked the community for welcoming him and his family to the neighborhood. He is interested in getting to know what LRCA is about along with getting familiar with his organization. He is excited to organize some block parties and other community events.
- Leticia Agosta, Ward 4 MOCRS reminded us that summer camp registration closes today, summer jobs close on coming Thursday, street cleaning has started, Herstory 5K for international women month will be on March 8th.
- President Rogers mentioned it was an election year and encouraged residents to get involved by running for a position or joining a committee. There are signup sheets in the back. Also, if you don't get the newsletter, please volunteer to pass them out on your block.
- Barbara Rogers, CM Lewis George Office. mentioned we had a packed house at the Listen As We Climb event and thank those that attended. She mentioned the Steer Act that allows DC Attorney General to go after MD and VA residents with unpaid tickets in DC. Ms. Rogers mentioned some project in our community, shades and new lighting at the Riggs LaSalle recreation center, new playground at Lamond.
- Oliver Stout, CM Zachary Parker's Office, informed the community to still share thoughts on upcoming budget by taking the survey. He mentioned Ward 5 Awards Ceremony on March 12th at Ivy City Smokehouse. There are ANC vacancies in ANC 5A. CM Parker continues to advocate with DPR and DGS about the construction of the new park at Riggs Rd and South Dakota Ave, NE.
- We had instructions by Commissioners Danielle Geong and Garrett Moore.
- Cheryl Moore, Consumer Outreach Specialist, DC Office of People's Counsel, updated the community about the Washington Gas mailer about additional insurance on your gas lines. She also said that third-party supplier need your permission to switch your service. If you have any questions, please call her office at 202-727-3071. Pepco has a moratorium through the end of March.
- Officer Lesesene provided a public safety update: in our community we have an increase in theft from autos and package theft. You can get your packages delivered to the 4th District Station. He encouraged residents to not leave items, including bags with no value in your car. Tires are also being stolen off vehicles. Maybe invest in some wheel locks and a steering wheel club. The vehicles and wheels stolen are Honda, Camry, and Kia. Officer Hamrick suggests residents look into the camera rebate as well as DC camera connect programs. Having cameras with flood lights are a deterrent. Officer Hamrick spoke about the scramblers used to reprogram the key and steal a vehicle while the owner has their key fob in their possession. You can combat that by purchasing a Faraday box or wallet. It is RFD blocker, which prevents individuals from using a scrambler.

March, 2025 Minutes Continued

- Tischa Cockrell, President of the Friends of Riggs LaSalle, gave an update on the projects at Riggs-LaSalle: full roof replacement, shade structures, field replacement, and repairs to HVAC system. Construction will start in Spring 2025 and end in summer 2025. She is also looking for members to join her organization.
- Barbara Rogers provided an update on Riggs Park Senior Apartments; they have a lease signed with Happy Violet Waterless Nail Salon and Rose Beauty Supply store.
- Edwin Washington spoke on working with small businesses. Edwin mentions they are now with the Greater Washington Urban League; prior to six years they were with Center for Nonprofit Advancement. Ms. Blaire provided an update regarding a Beauty Supply store. Some of the things

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Greater Washington Urban League does is utility assistance, home purchase assistance, Financial employment, housing counseling, youth scholarships, and college funding. They are planning the Riggs Park Art Crawl in July and Art All Night on September 13th. They need volunteers. Edwin spoke on the community benefit agreement funds being reconciled by the Center for Nonprofit Advancement, and an update will be provided in April.

- Minutes were approved and treasurer reports were given.
- The LRCA executive board approve the request to assist The Lamond Community Action Group with payment of property taxes of \$100 per year.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40.

/s/Barbara Rogers, President

NEWS YOU CAN USE

AARP Tax Preparation Sites for DC residents only, now to April 15th (appointments are required to receive services)

Turkey Thicket Recreation Center, 1100 Michigan Ave, NE, (202-643-9519), Tuesday and Thursday, 10am – 2pm

Petworth Library, 4200 Kansas Ave, NW, (appointment: 202-656-1341), Monday and Friday 11am – 4pm

Woodridge Regional Library, 1801 Hamlin St NE (appointment 202-643-4279), Monday and Wednesday 10am – 2pm

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>

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					
FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	Date Paid: / /	Amount Paid: \$	Pymt Type: CK CA MO CC	Member#	24-25				