

Lamond-Riggs Citizens Association Newsletter

"A Community Newsletter" | PO Box 60272, Washington, DC 20039

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings Neighbors,

Thank you to all of our LRCA community members who tuned in to our virtual meeting last month. It was a pleasure to come together, and we were especially glad to hear from the **National Park Service** as they shared updates and plans impacting our community. Your continued engagement and interest in what's happening around us truly strengthens our association.

More importantly, I hope the snow is finally behind us. We weathered the storm together, and I know many of us are more than ready for the snow mounds to disappear and for life to return to normal routines. Thank you for your patience, flexibility, and neighborly support during the winter weather.

We look forward to seeing you at our next General Body Meeting, where time will be dedicated to sharing **community concerns** as well as celebrating one another through **community shout-outs**. Your voice matters, and these moments of connection are what keep our community strong.

Warm regards,

Dr. Shawaan Robinson

President, Lamond-Riggs Citizens Association

**ATTEND THE MARCH LRCA GENERAL BODY MEETING on
Monday, March 2, 2026 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**

March 2026 Meeting Agenda

- Welcome/Invocation
- Officers Report, Minutes, Treasurer Report
- Updates from Elected Officials & PSA
- Updates from LRCA Committee Chairs
- Guest Presenter- TBD
- Community Concerns/Closing

SHAWAAN ROBINSON
PRESIDENT

LAVERNE JOHNSON
1ST VICE PRESIDENT

JULIA LARSEN
2ND VICE PRESIDENT

ELIZABETH PAVLICK
TREASURER

RECORDING SECRETARY
OPEN

EDGAR ALLEN SHEPPARD
PARLIAMENTARIAN

TRUSTEES
VANDALIA JOYNER-TAYLOR
DARLENE LAWRENCE
DANIELLE LEWIS WRIGHT
THEODORE NGATCHOU
BLAKE REICHMUTH
KEITH SELLARS
ASHLEIGH SPUNAUGLE

OUR ANC COMMISSIONERS
ANC 4B07
MICHAEL COHEN
(202) 656-0452

ANC 4B08
GARRETT MOORE
(202) 607-9412

ANC 4B09
DANIELLE GEONG
(510) 541-8770

ANC 4B10
JININ BERRY
(240) 525-7033

ANC 5A01
KEITH SELLARS
5A01@ANC.DC.GOV

ANC 5A02
TIMOTHY THOMAS
5A02@ANC.DC.GOV

ANC 5A09
SHELAGH BOCOUM
5A09@ANC.DC.GOV

Lamond-Riggs Citizens Association Newsletter

“A Community Newsletter” | PO Box 60272, Washington, DC 20039

NEWS YOU CAN USE!

Free Income Tax Help at DC Libraries for Seniors

From February 1 to April 15, 2026, the [District of Columbia Public Library](#) offers free tax return preparation in partnership with AARP Foundation and Community Tax Aid, primarily targeting low-to-moderate-income individuals and those 50+. Services are available at various locations, including the MLK Jr. Memorial Library and others, with appointments required for most.

Library Tax Prep Locations (2026)

The following library branches are hosting tax assistance sessions. Residents are encouraged to bring their Social Security cards, W-2 forms, and bank statements.

Location	Schedule	Appointment Method
Lamond-Riggs/Lillian J. Huff Library	Mon & Wed, 11 AM – 4 PM	Book Online or Email 20051013@aarpfoundation.org
Petworth Library	Mon, 11 AM – 4 PM	In-Person
Woodridge Library	Mon & Wed, 10 AM – 2 PM	Book Online or In-Person

Scholarship Opportunity

The Greater Washington Urban League and Thursday Network are now accepting applications for scholarships ranging from \$1,000–\$8,000 for the Fall 2026 college term.

Eligibility: High school seniors/Current undergraduate students



Application Deadline:
Monday, March 2, 2026 at 11:59 PM (EST)

We encourage eligible students to apply and share this opportunity with others who may benefit.

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/>

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

From Mayor Muriel Bowser’s Office

Mayor Muriel Bowser is inviting residents to join her at the 12th annual Budget Engagement Forums. The forums give residents the opportunity to share their priorities, values, and ideas with the Mayor before she sends the FY27 budget to the Council. Make your voice heard by attending one of the three upcoming budget forums. Upcoming Budget Engagement Forums:

- **Senior Budget Engagement TeleTownhall**
When: Wednesday, February 18, 2026 at 11 am
Call-in Number: (844) 881-1314. Watch parties will also take place at all Senior Centers.
[RSVP for the Senior Budget Engagement TeleTownhall](#)
- **Budget Engagement Forum at Barry Farm Recreation Center**
When: Saturday, February 21, 2026 at 11:30 am
Where: Barry Farm Recreation Center, 1230 Sumner Road SE
[RSVP for the Barry Farm Recreation Center Budget Engagement Forum](#)
- **Budget Engagement Forum at Dock 5 in Union Market**
When: Thursday, February 26, 2026 at 5:30 pm
Where: Dock 5 – Union Market, 1309 5th Street NE
[RSVP for the Dock 5 Budget Engagement Forum](#)

During the forums, residents receive an overview of the current budget environment, hear from other residents about their priorities, and participate in small group discussions about how the Mayor should allocate funds in the upcoming budget.

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

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 Wave

This weekly podcast will aim to give you a quick, 10-minute or less overview of what’s highlighted in the newsletter each week. You can listen in on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, and Overcast.

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

Lamond-Riggs Citizens Association Newsletter

"A Community Newsletter" | PO Box 60272, Washington, DC 20039

FEBRUARY 2026 MEETING MINUTES—February 2, 2026

Welcome by **President Shawaan Robinson**. Invocation-moment of silence. The December minutes were not approved as they were not accessible at the time of the meeting.

Format: Virtual (Zoom) | Adjourned: 7:40 PM

Treasurer's Report *Elizabeth Pavlick, Treasurer* (Read by LaVerne Johnson, 1st Vice President)

Checking Account	Scholarship Fund
Beginning: \$7288.08	Beginning: \$207.96
Deposits: \$5121.63	Interest: \$0.02
Expenses: \$2236.35	Ending: \$207.98
Ending: \$10,173.36	CD Beginning: \$36,386.60
	Interest: \$294.27
	Ending: \$36,680.87

Ward 4 Budget Forum

- Tuesday, Feb 10 at 2 PM & 7 PM (Virtual)
- Share priorities for the FY27 budget
- RSVP: janeeseward4.com/budgetforum

Georgia Ave Revitalization Report

- Final report released by Councilmember Lewis George
- View findings & recommendations: janeeseward4.com/georgia

Ward 4 Newsletter

- Weekly updates: www.ward4news.com
- Text updates: Text 202-286-5268

Ward 5 Budget Forum: ward5.us/budgetforum
DPR Virtual Meeting (Ward 5 Capital Projects): Thu, Feb 5 at 6 PM
wardupdates.splashthat.com

ANC & Community Dates

- ANC 5A Meeting: Feb 25, 2026
- LaSalle-Backus ES Open House: Wed, Feb 4 (5–7 PM)
- DPR Summer Camp Lottery Opens: Feb 16
- DPR Wards 3–4 Construction Update: Thu, Feb 12 at 6 PM

Additional Resources

- Explore! (395 Inghram St NE): artplacedc.com/events

NPS Contact: Michael_Ransome@nps.gov | 202-409-9738
National Park Service (NPS) Update

- Question raised regarding coordination with other federal agencies.
- NPS will elevate specific concerns to the superintendent and follow up.
- Emphasis placed on transparency; the community thanked NPS for responsiveness.

Community Announcements

Lamond-Riggs Library – Black History Month

- Feb 7 (3 PM): Author Lavanda Brodnax (Civil War-era African American women's writings)
- Feb 10 (5 PM): Hans Charles, Emmy-nominated/Peabody-winning cinematographer
- Feb 17 (3–4 PM): Sterling A. Brown commemoration (DC Office of Planning)

Book Club: *Black Girl Booked*

- Meets 4th Tuesday monthly | Next: Feb 24
- Book: *Happy Land* | All welcome

Public Safety Updates

- Lamond-Riggs Public Safety Group meets Tuesday, 2 PM (Library, 2nd Floor).
- Focus areas: Takoma Park Liquor Store & Shell Station, Lamond Rec Center camera coverage, and ongoing camera maintenance.
- Discussion included public safety considerations related to group homes and subsidized housing oversight.

Development & Retail Updates

- DC Dental Studio open; additional retail discussions ongoing.
- Corridor improvements discussed (art panels, pop-ups).
- Community priority: proactive advocacy for desired retail uses; "No Dollar Stores."

Community Shout-Out

- Appreciation shared for the Main Street Clean Team for year-round corridor cleanup and snow removal.

Volunteer Call

- LRCA is volunteer-run. Help needed with newsletter production to support timely publication.

Lamond-Riggs Citizens Association Newsletter

“A Community Newsletter” | PO Box 60272, Washington, DC 20039

Community Events

New Business Opening in the Community!

We’re excited to share that **Happy Violet Nail Spa** is opening its doors on **Tuesday, February 24, 2026**. Stop by to check out this new addition to our community and treat yourself to a little self-care.

Hours of Operation

Tuesday–Friday: 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM
Saturday: 9:00 AM – 7:00 PM

Learn more or book an appointment at:
www.HappyVioletDC.com

Let’s show our support for local businesses and help give Happy Violet a warm community welcome!

Community Food Giveaway

The **Feed My People Food Ministry** continues to support our community through its **monthly food giveaway**, held **every third Saturday** at the Riggs-LaSalle Recreation Center, 11:00 am. Neighbors in need are encouraged to attend and share this resource with others who may benefit. Thank you to Feed My People Food Ministry for their continued service and commitment to our community.

Save the Date: Riggs Park Day

Mark your calendars! **Riggs Park Day** is happening on **Saturday, May 30, 2026, from 12:00–4:00 PM**. Join neighbors, families, and community partners for a fun-filled afternoon celebrating all that makes Riggs Park special. More details coming soon—save the date!

Join the [LRCA Listserv \(Google Group Broadcast Email List\)](https://groups.google.com/u/1/g/lamond-riggs-community) (<https://groups.google.com/u/1/g/lamond-riggs-community>) to receive weekly updates.

MEMBERSHIP FORM | 2025 - 2026

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 Bereavement	Nominating Health	Communications	Development Task Force	Newsletter Distribution	Bylaws
*Tax-deductible Donation:	Individual \$15	Household \$20 (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#	25-26