

Lamond-Riggs Citizens Association Newsletter

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THE PRESIDENT’S CORNER

Greetings Neighbors,

As we step into the month of May, we are excited about the continued momentum and connection across our neighborhood. We look forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming LRCA General Body Meeting, where we will share important updates and, most importantly, hear directly from you—our residents—about your ideas, questions, and concerns.

We are especially excited for **Riggs Park Day**, one of our signature community celebrations, and we are gearing up for a vibrant season of summer events that bring neighbors together in meaningful and fun ways.

A major milestone is also underway—**Phase 1 of our community branding project!** Be on the lookout for the new “**Welcome to Riggs Park**” signs that will soon be popping up throughout the neighborhood. This is an exciting step forward in strengthening our community identity and pride.

Thank you for your continued engagement and commitment to making Lamond-Riggs a thriving and connected community. We look forward to seeing you soon!

In community,

Dr. Shawaan Robinson

President, Lamond-Riggs Citizens Association

**ATTEND THE MAY LRCA GENERAL BODY MEETING on
Monday, May 4, 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

May 2026 Meeting Agenda

- Welcome/Invocation
- Officers Report, Minutes, Treasurer Report
- Updates from Elected Officials
- Community Updates

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NEWS YOU CAN USE!

105TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

We are thrilled to share a truly extraordinary milestone within our community! 🎉 On May 8th, one of our cherished and long-standing members, Mr. Lawrence Martin, will celebrate his **105th birthday**—an incredible achievement worthy of celebration and recognition. Mr. Martin's legacy in the Lamond-Riggs community is profound. As a dedicated leader, active LRCA member, and one of the founders of *Citizens Aware*—a respected block association in Riggs Park—his impact has helped shape the strength and unity of our neighborhood for generations. In honor of this remarkable occasion, *Citizens Aware* is organizing a special video tribute at the request of the Martin family. While we are unable to gather in person, we invite you to help us celebrate Mr. Martin by contributing a short video message (up to 3 minutes). Your message might include warm birthday wishes, a favorite memory, or words of appreciation for his lasting contributions.

📺 How to Participate:

- Record your message using your phone or another device
- Submit your video by **April 30th** to:
citawar...@googlegroups.com

The collected messages will be compiled into a heartfelt presentation to be shared with Mr. Martin and his family.

✉️ **Prefer to send a card?** You may mail your well wishes to:

Mr. Lawrence Martin
301 Quackenbos St, NE
Washington, DC 20011

SIDEWALK RESTORATION PROJECTS IN WARDS 4 & 5

The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) will be conducting repair work in your neighborhood soon. The repairs will include sidewalks, curbs, gutters, and/or wheelchair ramps at (late April -May) at:

- Hamilton St NE from S. Dakota Ave to Ingraham St.
- Galloway St NE from 8th St to 11th St
- Galloway St NE from S. Dakota Ave to 7th St
- 8th St NE from Jefferson St to Kennedy St
- Chillum PI NE from Jefferson St to Kennedy St

<https://pavedc.ddot.dc.gov/pages/sidewalks>

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/>

RIGGS LASALLE COMMUNITY CENTER

ADA accessible doors are on order for the front entrance to Riggs LaSalle Recreation Center and installation is scheduled for this spring. Further upgrades to the low roof and the high roof over the gym will also take place this spring.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



2026 D.C. Primary Election

Candidates Forum

U.S. House

Delegate for D.C. Race



Monday, May 4, 2026

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Doors open at 5:30 pm

Moderated by renowned Washington, DC-area journalist Kojo Nnamdi and Sam P.K. Collins of The Washington Informer

University of the District of Columbia
Theater of the Arts
4200 Connecticut Ave, NW
Washington, DC 20008



This event will also be livestreamed virtually
ASL interpretation will be available

Register to attend
using the QR code



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>.

Be a neighborhood connector! Help us keep Lamond-Riggs informed, engaged, and in the know—one block at a time. Join our newsletter distribution team by contacting Dr. Darlene Lawrence at darlene@lrcadc.org

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APRIL 2026 MEETING MINUTES—April 6,2026

Welcome by Vice Presidents LaVerne Johnson and Julia Larsen.

Treasurer’s Report

LRCA Financial Statement

CHECKING ACCOUNT	
Beg. Balance:	\$ 5,761.02
Deposits:	\$ 60.00
Expenses	\$ 530.06
Ending Balance:	\$ 5,290.96
SCHOLARSHIP FUND	
Beg. Balance:	\$ 207.98
Interest Earned:	\$ -
Deposits:	\$ 25.00
Withdrawals:	\$ -
Ending Balance:	\$ 232.98
CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT	
	6/13/25
Beg. Balance:	\$ 36,870.85
Interest Earned:	\$ -
Ending Balance:	\$ 36,870.85

The LRCA meeting opened with a moment of silence honoring Ms. Barbara Cooper and Mr. George Jones. The previous meeting minutes were approved, and the Treasurer’s Report was noted in the newsletter.

Library Manager Carmel Henry shared upcoming programming, including Jazz Month in April, Story Time events, the Discover Summer kickoff, and the library’s role as a polling precinct in June.

Councilmember Zachary Parker provided updates on a rat abatement pilot program, Pepco rate hearings, and confirmed that funding has been secured for improvements to Lamond-Riggs Park this summer. He also encouraged residents to stay engaged in the upcoming budget process and sign up for the Ward 5 newsletter.

Barbara Rogers shared updates on emergency legislation related to Pepco, encouraged feedback on the DC 2050 plan, and invited residents to participate in upcoming community walks and engagement opportunities.

Community partners highlighted several initiatives, including updates from the Explore Children’s Museum, which is currently in a pilot phase as it develops programming, builds partnerships, and works toward establishing a permanent neighborhood institution. The organization is seeking volunteers, and residents are encouraged to complete a [Community Interest Form](#) to get involved.

Additional updates from Friends of Riggs LaSalle included recreation center improvements and planning for Riggs Park Day. Significant upgrades are planned for both Riggs LaSalle and Lamond Recreation Centers.

- At Riggs LaSalle, a \$3 million investment includes a completed roof replacement, with HVAC installation scheduled for completion in summer 2026. Additional improvements include a new playground shade structure (late spring 2026) and a field replacement—featuring a football field, baseball diamond, and walking track—pending permits, with completion expected in 2026. New trash cans will also be installed.
- At Lamond Recreation Center, a separate \$1 million project will fully replace the playground and surfacing, with construction expected to begin in summer 2026 and conclude by winter 2026.

Updates from ANC commissioners included ongoing community clean-up efforts, the launch of the UDC Farmer’s Market, infrastructure projects, increased enforcement on flavored tobacco bans, and recreation programming at Riggs Field. Scholarship updates were also shared, with applications due May 15 and winners to be announced in June.

The LRCA Scholarship application deadline is **May 15**. Eligible applicants include graduating high school seniors pursuing college or trade school. Applications must include a completed form, 400-word essay, recommendation letter, transcript, and resume. Scholarship recipients will be announced at the June LRCA meeting. A dedicated scholarship section will be available on the LRCA website.

The meeting concluded with reminders about upcoming community events, including the Lamond Community Action Group Earth Day clean-up on April 18, and a continued call for resident engagement and participation.

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Community Events

Community Library & Local Events

Library Updates

- **April:** Celebrate Jazz Month (Every 3rd Thursday)
- **May Story Time:** 4th Thursday at 6:00 PM featuring author **Jamilla Lemox**
- **June 3:** Next Story Time Event
- **June 25:** Discover Summer Kick-Off
- **June:** Library will serve as a polling precinct

UDC Farmer's Market

- Every Friday | **4:00 PM – 8:00 PM**

Stay engaged and take advantage of these great community offerings!

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	
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