

# Lamond-Riggs Citizens Association Newsletter

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## THE PRESIDENT’S CORNER

Dear Lamond-Riggs Community,

Please plan to join us for our next LRCA General Body Meeting, where we will provide a recap of the Ranked Choice Voting process in advance of the upcoming mayoral election and proudly recognize our LRCA 2026 Scholarship recipients for their outstanding achievements.

As we close out another successful program season, we extend our sincere gratitude to all of our neighbors for your continued engagement, partnership, and investment in making the Lamond-Riggs community truly the place to be. Your support and participation continue to strengthen our neighborhood and help build a vibrant, connected community for all.

We wish everyone a safe, happy, and enjoyable summer! Please continue to stay connected through the LRCA listserv for community updates, announcements, and important information throughout the summer months.

The 2027 LRCA program season will officially commence in October—stay tuned for additional details and upcoming events.

With gratitude,

Dr. Shawaan Robinson  
President, Lamond-Riggs Citizens Association

**ATTEND THE JUNE LRCA GENERAL BODY MEETING on  
Monday, June 1, 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**

## June 2026 Meeting Agenda

- Welcome/Invocation
- Officers Report, Minutes, Treasurer Report
- Updates from Elected Officials
- Ranked Choice Voting Recap
- Presentation of the 2026 LRCA Scholarships
- Celebrations

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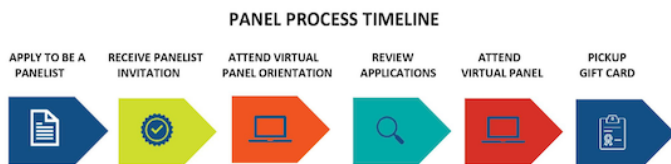
## NEWS YOU CAN USE!

### LaSalle Backus Education Campus

Principal Shelly Gray will be transitioning to a new position within DC Public Schools (DCPS) and will not be returning as principal for School Year 2026-2027. A virtual informational meeting to be held Wednesday, May 27, at 5:30 p.m., to learn about the next steps for selecting a new school leader. The DCPS School Leader Recruitment, Selection, and Development Team will lead the meeting along with Instructional Superintendent Katie Larkin and representatives from the district's Community Action Team.

### Apply to be a CAH Panelist

The DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities (CAH) is looking for people to help review grant applications. Panelists play an important role in our grant process. They read applications, share their perspectives, and score each one. These scores help determine which applicants receive funding.



### Who Can Apply?

People who live in the **DC metropolitan area** are welcome to apply. You do **not** have to live in DC to serve. We are looking for individuals with experience in the arts or humanities, such as:

- Artists
- Arts administrators
- Arts educators
- Gallery staff
- Curators
- Arts writers or critics

CAH values **diversity in all forms**, including age, race, gender, disability, sexual orientation, artistic discipline, and where you live.

### Time Commitment

Panelists usually:

- Review **25 to 30 applications**
- Spend **20 to 30 hours** reviewing materials over **3 to 4 weeks**
- Join a **virtual panel meeting held by video conference**

**Panelists serve on one panel per year, for up to three years in a row.**

### Honorarium

**Panelists receive a \$250 gift card for their service.**

**How Your Information Is Used** CAH keeps a database of potential panelists to help us select diverse and qualified reviewers. Your information is used **only** for internal purposes and is **not shared** with outside organizations. Being in the database **does not guarantee** that you will be selected.

**Ready to Apply?** Complete the application form here: [Apply to Serve as a Panelist](#).

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

### 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>.

## 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/>

**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](mailto:darlene@lrcadc.org)**

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## MAY 2026 MEETING MINUTES—May 4, 2026

Welcome by **Shawaan Robinson, LRCA President**

### Treasurer’s Report

LRCA Financial Statement	
<b>CHECKING ACCOUNT</b>	
Beg. Balance:	\$ 5,290.96
Deposits:	\$ 83.38
Expenses	\$ 1,141.41
Ending Balance:	\$ 4,232.93
<b>SAVINGS ACCOUNT</b>	
Beg. Balance:	\$ 232.98
Interest Earned:	\$ -
Deposits:	\$ -
Withdrawals:	\$ -
Ending Balance:	\$ 232.98
<b>CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT</b> 6/13/25	
Beg. Balance:	\$ 36,870.85
Interest Earned:	\$ -
Ending Balance:	\$ 36,971.06

LRCA members received updates from elected officials, ANC commissioners, and community partners regarding neighborhood improvements, city initiatives, and upcoming community events.

Representatives from the office of Zachary Parker shared information about the upcoming Healthy Community Spring Clean-Up on May 30, opportunities for residents to participate in DC budget oversight hearings, and planned DDOT ADA ramp and crossing signage improvements near 1st Place NE and 10th & Madison Streets.

Updates from the office of Janeese Lewis George included upcoming constituent service pop-up events designed to connect residents directly with city agencies to address neighborhood concerns. Residents were also encouraged to engage in the DC budget process, particularly regarding proposed cuts impacting Ward 4 programs and services. Additional updates included ongoing advocacy related to Pepco fees and community input opportunities for the DC 2050 Comprehensive Plan.

ANC commissioners shared several neighborhood improvement initiatives. Danielle Geong highlighted upcoming community clean-up efforts, grant support for Riggs Park Day, and DDOT proposals affecting parking near 6th and Madison Streets NE. She also provided an update on the modernization of LaSalle-Backus Education Campus, which is scheduled for 2027–2029.

Keith Sellars shared updates on planned DDOT walk-throughs focused on traffic safety improvements, street sweeping efforts, and beautification initiatives. Additional updates included support for the weekly UDC Farmer’s Market, new community signage celebrating Riggs Park history, and progress on the park project at Riggs Road and South Dakota Avenue. Residents were also encouraged to participate in discussions regarding the future of UDC and the DC 2050 planning process.

Library Manager Carmel Henry provided updates from the Lillian J. Huff Neighborhood Library, including upcoming Reading Role Models programming, author talks, jazz events, and volunteer opportunities through the Library Friends organization. Residents were encouraged to advocate for restoration of funding following a proposed \$2.6 million reduction to the library budget.

The meeting concluded with continued encouragement for residents to stay engaged, attend community events, and support neighborhood initiatives throughout the spring and summer months.

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## Community Events

### Community Library & Local Events

#### Library Updates

- **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 #	
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Email:				# Children at home:	
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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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