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**THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

Hello Lamond-Riggs Family,

Spring is in the air!!! If you did not attend our March meeting, I hope to see you on April 13, 2015. We continue to have a great turnout with residents attending the meeting for the first time. I want to thank those residents that joined us for the first time and hope to see you on April 13, 2015.

We had a great turnout for our Ward 4 Councilmember Forum at our March meeting.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2015 – SPECIAL ELECTION FOR WARD 4 COUNCIL SEAT!!**

**Make sure you get out and vote!**

**Gardening Alert!**

It's time to trim those famous DC rose bushes. Take your nippers and trim off any branch parts that have browned over the winter. You can also shape any scraggly bushes now before they start putting energy into those limbs.

The same goes for trees, but please paint those exposed cuts so no bugs invade the bark. It's best to trim branches that point down and keep branches that point up. If you need new trees, plant them now.

Clear out trash and weeds around your flower beds and shrubs. It's much easier to do now before you have to pick around blooms and stems you want to keep. With a firm rake you can rake the dead grass out and aerate your lawn so it gets a healthy start this spring. Within a week or two you can plant your annuals safely.

Ms. Pat McCallan is chairing the nominating committee and will present a slate of officers and trustees at our April meeting. We will have some positions available so come out, get involved and join LRCA. Voting will take place at our May 4, 2015 meeting. See the enclosed by-laws on pages 2 and 4.

Regards, Barbara Rogers, President

**NOTICES & AGENDA**

**LRCA Meetings**

*General meetings are scheduled for the first Monday of each month from October thru June, 7:00 pm—8:45 pm at:*

***LaSalle-Backus Education Campus  
501 Riggs Road, NE, Washington, DC, 20011***

The next LRCA meetings will be held on:

Monday, April 13, 2015 at 7:00 pm  
Monday, May 4, 2015 at 7:00 pm  
Monday, June 1, 2015 at 7:00 pm

in the LaSalle-Backus EC Auditorium.

**AGENDA**

1. Invocation
2. Officers' Reports: Minutes and Treasurer
3. Updates from PSA and ANC
4. LRCA Development Task Force
5. Guest speakers: At-Large Councilmember Anita Bonds and Andrew Oetman from DDOE. Mr. Oetman will discuss the Riversmart program.
6. Closing Remarks
7. Benediction

**Safety News  
(Police Service Area (PSA) Meetings)**

**PSA 402 (bi-monthly)**

Lt. Aleisa Wheeler-Moore (202) 730-0603  
Aleisa.Wheeler-Moore@dc.gov  
April 23, 2015  
Fourth District, 6001 Georgia Ave, 7p.m.

**PSA 404 (quarterly)**

Lt. Michael Whiteside (202) 730-0612  
Michael.Whiteside@dc.gov  
PSA 404- May 28, 2015 (Combined with PSA 407)  
Patrol Services, 801 Shepherd St, NW, 7 p.m.

**PSA 405 (quarterly)**

Lt. Michelle Ridlehoover (202) 730-0607  
Michelle.Ridlehoover@dc.gov  
PSA 405 April 22, 2015 (Combined with ANC 5A)  
5171 South Dakota Avenue, NE 6:45 p.m.  
(UDC Backus - in the multi-purpose room 129)

**ART PLACE AT FT TOTTEN, LLC  
CONSTRUCTION UPDATE NOTICE**

**Weeks of: March 30, 2015 and April 6, 2015**

**What to Expect On-Site:**

During the next two weeks, the General Contractor, Foulger-Pratt, will continue haul-off of excess soil. Mass excavation activities will continue requiring heavy equipment accessing the site.

In addition, utility work will continue. New water main installation is complete. It is anticipated that no neighbors will experience disruption of their utility services.

Installation of the support for the building foundation is ongoing. Controlled Modulus Columns are being placed to stabilize the earth below the building. This work requires a very large piece of specialized drilling equipment that will be in operation for several months

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Thank you to all of the neighbors that assist with distributing our newsletter. If you are interested in helping to distribute the newsletter please contact any of the Executive Board members.

Installation of concrete foundations, walls and columns continues. As gravel is spread out, concrete slabs will eventually be placed.

The area of work for Building A is primarily bounded by South Dakota Avenue on the east, the Aventine buildings on the west, Galloway Street on the south and what will be the new alignment for Hamilton Street/Ingraham Street on the north.

**Lane Closures:**

The lane closures to perform new utility installations in South Dakota Ave. are nearly complete as this work is being finalized. This will require up to two lanes to be closed occasionally from the hours of 9 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Construction Hours:**

Initial construction activity will be taking place Monday – Saturday between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.

**.LRCA By-laws Excerpt—**

**Article VI: Officers, Trustees and Delegates**

**Section 1.** The business of the Association shall be conducted and its affairs administered by its duly elected and appointed officers and trustees, who shall comprise the Executive Board and shall meet in executive session no less than one week prior to the regularly scheduled monthly Association meeting. Each Officer and Trustee shall Chair or Co-Chair a Standing Committee with the exception of the Nominating Committee Member.

**Section 2. Required Officers:** The Association shall have the following officers: President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Recording Secretary, Parliamentarian and Corresponding Secretary. The President must also appoint Delegates to represent the Assn. at the D.C. Federation of Civic Assns. and other events as requested by the President. The Association may create additional officers as needed. The duties of the officers are as follows:

**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, with the exception of the nominating committee. The President shall have such other responsibilities as may be assigned to him or her by the members. When quick decisions are needed on critical issues, the President must contact a total of 2 Executive Committee members in this order: the two Vice Presidents or if not available, the Secretary of 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 meetings..  
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LRCA General Membership Meeting Minutes  
March 2, 2015

President Barbara Rogers opened the meeting at 7:05 pm. Trustee Willie Lynch provided the invocation. The main purpose of this meeting was to host a Ward 4 Councilmember candidate's forum.

Mr. Colbert King, columnist for *The Washington Post*, served as forum moderator. Trustee Uchenna Evans introduced Mr. King.

The candidates who participated in the forum were:

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| Acqunetta Anderson      | Edwin W. Powell |
| Leon T. Andrews, Jr.    | Glova Scott     |
| Ron Austin              | Douglas Sloan   |
| Reneé Bowser            | Bobvala Tengen  |
| Gwenellen Corley-Bowman | Brandon Todd    |
| Judi Jones              | Dwayne Toliver  |

Mr. King reminded the audience that Ward 4 is very civic minded and that 3 Chairs of the Council of the District of Columbia (Sterling Tucker, Charlene Drew Jarvis and Linda Cropp) and 3 Mayors (Sharon Pratt Kelly, Adrian Fenty and Muriel Bowser) have all come from Ward 4.

Each candidate had an opportunity to make an opening statement and to then respond to questions from Mr. King and from the audience.

Tischa Cockrell, LRCA 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President, provided closing remarks.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted: Barbara J. Carter

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The President shall appoint standing, special and temporary committees as the need arises and he or she shall designate which of the Officers shall be responsible for the operation of each said committee. Each Officer shall Chair or Co-Chair at least one of the following, as designated by the President and report out to the General Body at least bi-monthly: City Services/Public Safety, Seniors/Community Economic Development (including businesses, churches, non-profits, etc.), Youth Development/Recreation (incl. the Rec. Centers, After-school Programs, Youth Leagues, etc.), Education (Library, Schools, etc.), Budget/Auditing, Nominating (temporary committee), Newsletter and Membership.

**B. First Vice President-** The First Vice President shall preside in the absence (or at the request) of the President. In the event that the President's office becomes vacant, he or she succeeds thereto for the unexpired balance of the term.

**C. Second Vice President-** The Second Vice President shall preside in the absence of the President and First Vice President. In the event that the President's and First Vice President's offices become vacant, he or she succeeds thereto for the balance of the unexpired term.

**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 pay all duly authorized vouchers, obtain and give out receipts as appropriate and, shall be the recipient and custodian of all money of the Association, such monies to be deposited in such banking institution as 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 Article 7 Section 2, in July. The Treasurer shall be bonded.

**E. Financial Secretary-** The Financial Secretary shall receive all dues and other monies from the Association's members and transact same as provided in the fiscal policies of the Association, work with the Treasurer in the transaction of all Association financial business, determine financial roster of paid members, reconcile any budget dues, fees to the membership, and submit a quarterly report to the Association on the expenses and income of the Association officers, and Standing and Ad Hoc Committees. Copies of the reports shall be filed with the Treasurer, Auditor, and Recording Secretary.

**F. Recording Secretary-** The Recording Secretary 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 roll 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 is the custodian of the Association's records during his or her term.

**G. Corresponding Secretary-** The Corresponding Secretary shall assist in the development or develops correspondence (written, phone, or electronic) and is charged with forwarding such correspondence from the LRCA as requested by the President, assist in notifying Association members of regular membership meeting, Executive Board meetings and other activities as may be necessary; and, make presentations to the Association regarding correspondence for information and action.

**H. Parliamentarian-** The Parliamentarian is appointed by and advises the President on the Association By-laws, Rules of Order, and 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.

To become an officer or trustee of LRCA or to nominate a neighbor, please join us at our April 13, 2015 meeting. We need more great neighbors to join this well established organization. We will also have committees that you can join.