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## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello Lamond-Riggs Family,

We will not have a guest speaker at the June 1, 2015 meeting as our new officers will be sworn in by Councilmember Brandon Todd. We want to thank all the new residents that joined us at our May meeting and hope to see you on June 1, 2015.



**We also want to send a big CONGRATULATIONS to all 2015 graduates!!**



Congratulations to the new 2015-2017 officers:

President – Barbara Rogers  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Rodney Foxworth  
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Please join us on June 1<sup>st</sup> for our final meeting before our summer break. We will also have presentation of awards to residents that volunteer their time to make LRCA the great organization it continues to be. See you all soon!

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, June 1, 2015 at 7:00 pm  
(Summer break to October 5, 2015)

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. Swearing in of officers
6. Presentation of Awards
7. Closing Remarks
8. Benediction
9. Refreshments

## LRCA WALKING CLUB

Our first community walk was a big success. Please join us on Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. We will meet at the Riggs LaSalle Recreation Center, 501 Riggs Road to walk in our neighborhood. **We will walk each month on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday at 8:00 a.m.** Please bring the kids, pets and meet a new neighbor!!



We want to thank Councilmember Brandon Todd, Jackson Carnes, Director, Constituent Services and LaRoya Huff, Liaison, Constituent Services for participating in our walk.

## LRCA T-SHIRT FUNDRAISER

Please help support our fundraiser by purchasing a LRCA T-Shirt for \$10. We will have a variety of sizes at our June meeting.

**We really appreciate your continued support.**

### **SPECIAL THANKS**

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Citizens Aware Yard Sale and Fundraiser

When: Saturday, June 6, 2015 (Rain date June 13<sup>th</sup>)  
Time: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Where: 6119 New Hampshire Ave., NE  
(Corner of NH and Rittenhouse)

Have goods to sell? Rent a space, 3ft x 5 ft spaces are \$20. For more information, call Pam Griffin on 703-615-1996.

### DC Christian Reformed Church Porch Party

When: Saturday, June 20, 2015  
Time: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Where: 5911 New Hampshire Ave., NE

All invited to attend. There will be BBQ - Face Painting - Games - (Un)sale and more! There will be tables set up to pick up free items and you can also bring items to donate.

### Noah's Ark Food Bank

Noah's Ark stresses "Knowing your neighbor: working for the common good and respecting each other." They provide free bread (of all kind) on Tuesday's and Saturdays at the corner of Chillum Place and Sligo Mill NE (between New Hampshire and Kansas Aves.) in front of the Riggs Park Baptist Church. The Bread is distributed between 10am to 2pm.

### LaSalle-Backus Education Campus - Afterschool Program

Celebrating students interested in serving their communities. They are called "Theft Busters" and wanted to know about how to prevent theft and keep their neighborhoods safe. They also adopted Madison St. NE. Thanks Ms. Joyce Hill and Treneita Taylor for the invitation to speak with our future leaders.



## LRCA General Membership Meeting Minutes May, 4, 2015

President Barbara Rogers opened the meeting at 7:10 pm. Trustee Willie Lynch, Jr. provided the invocation.

**President Rogers** recognized the 4 families who are new to the neighborhood and invited them to return to the June 1, 2015 meeting, which will be the last meeting for 2014-2015 program year. We will resume in October. Additionally, President Rogers informed the attendees about the start-up of a LRCA walking club and the availability of LRCA t-shirts for sale for \$10.00 each. The first neighborhood walk will occur on Saturday, May 16, 8:00 am starting at the Riggs LaSalle Community at 501 Riggs Road NE. Please join a committee. We will be voting this evening for officers/trustees for the 2015-2017 LRCA program years. You must be a paid member to receive a ballot.

**PSA 406** - Officer Anthony Rotini reported that property crime is up with recurring incidents of theft from auto. He again reminded us to remove all belongings from the car, including the *holder* for GPS devices. If you see anything suspicious, call 911. You do not have to provide your personal information; just describe the activity with a description of the person(s) involved.

**ANC 5A01** – Frank Wilds reports that the complaints about construction dump trucks being parked on residential streets have been discussed with the developer and will be taken care of. If a resident observes this happening in the future, please call 311 to report. Please remove any signs on posts/trees that offer to purchase cars.

**ANC 4B08** - President Barbara Rogers announced that she won the election for Commissioner for ANC4B08. As part of her duties she informed the meeting attendees that ANC4B has voted against renewal of the liquor license for the Takoma Liquor Store (Eastern Avenue and Rittenhouse St.) until the issues of community benefits, loitering, panhandling, general cleanliness and bright lighting are resolved.

**Ward 5 Report (Councilmember Kenyan McDuffie)** – Ms. Jeannette Mobley reported that Councilmember McDuffie held a forum on preventing youth violence. The forum was held on Saturday, April 25. For more detailed information, go to [www.KenyanMcDuffie.com](http://www.KenyanMcDuffie.com). Councilmember McDuffie has scheduled a public roundtable to discuss the use of body cameras on members of the MPD and the availability of the footage from those cameras.

**Charon P. Hines, Director, Mayor's Office of Community Affairs**, reported that there will be an open call for FitDC Coaches on Saturday, May 9. FitDC is a citywide health and wellness initiative for D.C. residents. For more information and to apply to be a coach, go to [FitDC.com](http://FitDC.com). On May 1, 2015 the Mayor will be a part of a celebration for the kick-off of the 2015 Marion S. Barry Summer Youth Job Program.

**Lamond Riggs Development Task Force** – Gwen Cofield, co-chair, discussed the progress of various developments in the neighborhood. Fort Totten Square (Riggs Road and South Dakota Avenue) is nearly 95% complete. There are still questions about which small retailers will occupy the available ground floor space.

**Rodney Foxworth (LRCA Trustee)** - The LRCA Library Committee is being reconstituted and will be working with the Friends of the (Lamond Riggs) Library. We will be developing a vision for programming for the library.

**Announcements** – 1) Pam Griffin of Citizens Aware announced a yard sale for Saturday, June 6, 9 am–3 pm at the corner of New Hampshire Avenue and Rittenhouse Street. Rain date is June 13. Anyone interested in selling items can “rent” a table for \$20. 2) There is a **food market at LaSalle-Backus Education Campus** on the third Thursday of each month from 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm. Bring a bag to carry your selections home. The next market is scheduled for May 21, 2015. 3) **Pastor Meg of D.C. Christian Reformed Church** announces the church's Neighborhood Fun Fest on June 20, 2015, 11 am–2 pm. You can bring items to give away and you can take merchandise home with you. There will be fun and food.

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## LRCA Election of Officers and Trustees for 2015-2017

Election results are as follows: **OFFICERS:** President – Barbara Rogers, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Rodney Foxworth, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President – Tisha Cockrell, Treasurer – Tanya Slade, Recording Secretary – Barbara J. Carter, Corresponding Secretary – Juanita Cooper, Financial Secretary – Patricia McCallan, Parliamentarian – Michael Nelson, Historian – Lisa Brannock. **TRUSTEES:** Uchenna Evans, Paul Garcia, Charon P. Hines, Barbara Lee, Delvia Lewis, Willie Lynch, Melvin Rhodes, Helen Thompson, Juanita Waller, and Yinusa Yusuff.

The LRCA April 13, 2015 meeting minutes were accepted as printed in the May 2015 newsletter. Tanya Slade presented the March 31 bank balance as \$6,839.66. President Rogers asked for a moment of silence for Jerome Charles, the 34 year old custodian at LaSalle-Backus Education Campus, who passed unexpectedly in April 2015.

Ward 4 Councilmember-elect Brandon Todd, whose swearing-in is scheduled for May 14, thanked the voters for their support. He will focus on schools, infrastructure and senior citizens. His office will be operational on May 15, 2015.

Pastor Meg provided the benediction. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Submitted by: Barbara J. Carter

Have you thought about joining LRCA? If so, please join us and make a difference in your community. We need more great neighbors to join this well established organization. Please come out, share your expertise and join one of the following committees:

- A. **YOUTH DEVELOPMENT/RECREATION** – To further the development, improvement, maintenance of the recreational facilities, after school programs, youth leagues, etc. affecting the Association area.
- B. **EDUCATION** – To promote and improve the educational facilities affecting Association youth/area including our schools, libraries, etc.
- C. **CITY SERVICES/PUBLIC SAFETY**- To further the proper development, maintenance and improvement of all services provided by the City that is not included in another Committee. To also further the development, improvement and maintenance of a Crime Free Community in partnership with the Police Dept., other law enforcement agencies, residents, schools, recreation centers, businesses, non-profits, churches, etc.
- D. **MEMBERSHIP** – To solicit and collect membership dues from residents and businesses in the Association boundaries; to maintain and furnish a list of paid members to the President and Recording Secretary; and to plan and carryout activities to generate interest and membership in the Association.
- E. **BUDGET/AUDITING COMMITTEE** – To obtain possession of the books and all financial records of the Association from the Treasurer in July or any date the Executive Board may prescribe; to conduct an audit of said books and financial records; and, submit a report to the President and Second Vice-President within sixty (60) days after receipt of records from the Treasurer.
- F. **NOMINATING COMMITTEE** – To nominate all candidates for officers of the Association. The Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the President at the February Regular meeting with the task of bringing in a slate of Officers and Trustees to the April Regular membership meeting. The Committee must present the Rules of the Day at the April meeting. Candidates for any elected position must be present during the vote unless the absence is otherwise excused as noted in Article 6, Section 4, Part A and accepting or declining the nomination.
- G. **SENIORS/COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** - To further the development, improvement, knowledge and use of services targeted for Seniors in our Community. To also further the development, improvement and maintenance of a high standard of living for all residents of Lamond-Riggs, from improving the quality of our lives, to economic and community planning/implementation/management/oversight to partnerships with the Police, other law enforcement agencies, residents, schools, rec. ctrs., businesses, non-profits, churches and other organizations.
- H. **NEWSLETTER** - To further the development, improvement and maintenance of quality Newsletter and other means of sharing information, and engaging all residents of Lamond-Riggs in a timely fashion and on a regular and scheduled basis.
- I. **COMMUNICATION** - Responsible for engagement and outreach to residents through social media, maintaining the LRCA website, and other forms of communication.
- J. **501 (c) 3** -To explore and research the advantage of LRCA qualifying as public charities under Internal Revenue Code 501© 3.
- K. **LRCA Development Task Force** - To review all development projects (to include legal status, design, etc.) and work with the community, political leaders and developers to ensure that projects consider issues such as density, traffic, public safety, affordability, local job growth, etc.