

www.LRCADC.org

"A Community Newsletter" —LRCA, P.O. Box 60272, Washington, DC 20039

LRCA OFFICERS

President
Barbara Rogers
202-904-1027
lrcabarb@yahoo.com

1st Vice President
Rodney Foxworth
202-997-1875

2nd Vice President
Tischa Cockrell
202-247-0547

Treasurer
Tanya L. Slade
571-235-7191

Recording Secretary
Barbara J. Carter

Corresponding Secretary
Juanita B. Cooper
202-635-1957
jboydcooper@gmail.com

Financial Secretary
Pat McCallan
202-529-3927

Trustees:
Uchenna Evans
Paul Garcia
Charon Hines
Barbara Lee
Delvia Lewis
Willie J. Lynch, Jr.
Melvin Rhodes
Helen Thompson
Juanita Waller
Yinusa Yusuff

ANC 4B07
Judi Jones
202-446-7580

ANC 4B08
Barbara Rogers
202-904-1027

ANC 4B09
Douglas Sloan
202-829-0674

ANC 5A01
Frank Wilds
202-635-6215

Newsletter Editor:
Barbara J. Carter
202-257-3089

Yahoo Group:
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/LamondRiggsCommunity>

Online at:
www.LRCADC.org

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello Lamond-Riggs Family,

I hope this message finds you well. If you missed our October meeting, you missed a great meeting. We had over 100 people in attendance and we hope you will all join us again on November 2, 2015.

We want to thank our residents that attended our meeting for the first time, James Banks, Julia & Michael Biddle, William Butler, Brenda Jeffries, Dorothy Martin, Tomar Mason, Blair Pasalic, Matthew & Paola Reimann, Angela Stanback, Mark & Sydney Thom, and James Thomas. We hope you were inspired to remain involved in your community. We also hope you will join a committee and lend your expertise to LRCA. I look forward to seeing each of you and more new faces on Monday, November 2nd.

Our November speaker will be Alice Thompson, Community Outreach Specialist with DC Office on Aging. We will also be joined by Councilmember At-Large, David Grosso.

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, November 2, 2015
Monday, December 7, 2015
Monday January 4, 2016
at 7:00 pm in the LaSalle-Backus EC Auditorium.

AGENDA

1. Invocation
2. Alice Thompson, DC Office on Aging
3. David Grosso, Councilmember At-Large
4. Officers' Reports: Minutes and Treasurer
5. Updates from PSA and ANC
6. Committee Updates
7. Closing Remarks
8. Benediction

Safety News**(Police Service Area (PSA) Meetings)****PSA 406 (quarterly)**

Lt. Ozetta Posey (202)730-0603

Ozetta.Posey@dc.gov

December 8, 2015

Fourth District, 6001 Georgia Ave, 7pm

PSA 405 (quarterly)

Lt. Ashley Rosenthal (202) 730-0607

Ashley.Rosenthal@dc.gov

December 17, 2015

Fourth District, 6001 Georgia Ave, 7pm

**WARD 4 STATE OF THE SENIOR
ADDRESS**

Councilmember Brandon Todd has selected our neighborhood to hold the Ward 4 State of the Senior Address. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. The details are below:

- Date & time: **Thursday, November 5, 2015**
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- Location: Riggs LaSalle Recreation Center
501 Riggs Road, NE

RSVP to Jackson Carnes via 202-724-8052 or jcarnes@dccouncil.us

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 every meeting.

We really appreciate your continued support.

SPECIAL THANKS

Printing of this newsletter each month is provided courtesy of:

TECHNA-GRAPHICS, INC.
5600 2ND STREET, NE
WASHINGTON, DC 20011
202-529-6500 or www.techna-graphics.net

Thank you to all of the neighbors that assist with distributing our newsletter. If you are able to help to distribute the newsletter please approach any of the LRCA officers.

Preparing for Winter Weather

Now that fall is here, preparing your home for cold weather will help lower your utility bills and protect your home. Here are 12 tips to help stay warm and safe:

1. Inspect your furnace or heat pump to make sure it's clean and in good repair. If you haven't done so in a year or two, have a technician inspect your system to make sure it's operating at its intended efficiency, and replace your air filter so you aren't burning dust or blocking air flow that would lower efficiency.
2. If you have ceiling fans, flip the switch so they run clockwise to create an updraft that circulates heat better.
3. If you had a lot of icicles last year, your attic probably has air leaks and poor insulation that need fixing so moisture does not get back into your attic and cause damage.
4. Check the caulk on all your windows. If you have gaps, reapply silicone caulk to keep out drafts and heat inside.
5. Not a favorite task, but clean your gutters. If ice or water back up, water can get into your attic and walls, causing major damage over time. Make sure your downspouts empty 3 to 4 feet away from your foundation. Buy extensions, even flexible ones, if needed. While you're up there, make sure all your shingles are intact on your roof and there aren't holes or tears.
6. Disconnect garden hoses and close the shutoff valve to each exterior faucet from inside the house. A burst pipe from freezing is not something anyone wants. If you can't find the shutoff, ask for help.
7. Mow and mulch your leaves, don't rake them. Mulching dry leaves into your lawn will feed it for next year. Raking just creates waste.
8. Add gasoline stabilizer to your mower, run it to circulate the additive, and then store it with a full tank. It will start a lot easier next year.
9. Don't prune your trees or shrubs until February. It may be tempting once the leaves are gone, but your plants aren't dormant yet. Best to do it a couple weeks before spring buds would appear.
10. Test your sump pump by pouring several gallons of water into it until it runs. Ten years is an average lifespan for a sump pump. Don't wait until you need it to find out it doesn't work anymore.
11. Clean your chimney if you have one. Flammable particles can accumulate inside. Check the screen at the top when you clean it to make sure it's intact.
12. Replace a snow shovel or brush now instead of when snow is coming and there aren't any left. At the same time, buy your extra batteries for flashlights and radio, and other emergency supplies.

**LRCA General Membership Meeting Minutes
LaSalle-Backus Education Campus
October 5, 2015**

President Rogers called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm and then asked attendees for a moment of silence in memory of Commissioner Fred Grant. Trustee Willie Lynch, Sr. provided the invocation.

Presentations:

Riggs Road Walmart – Manager Paul Hill & co-manager Zakiya François presented information about the new store. The store is 120,000 sq. ft. in size and will be open no later than October 31, 2015. Walmart expects to be one-stop shopping to include a full house wares section and a full grocery section that will offer produce and meat. The principal of LaSalle-Backus Education Campus asked about forming a partnership with Walmart. Manager Hill stated that he is willing to discuss the issue. Free parking is available underground for Walmart shoppers.

PSA 406 – Officer McInnis reported that there is still a problem with property theft. With respect to additional crossing guards at the school, the neighborhood must submit required petitions.

At-Large Councilmember – Vincent Orange reported on several issues: 1) the increase of the minimum wage in the District to \$11.50 by July 2016; 2) tip wage workers to receive 5 days of paid sick leave at minimum wage rate; and 3) looking at ways to help homeless residents, including mobile showers and donation meters modeled after San Francisco.

Five of eleven families responded to President Rogers' request for those attending a LRCA meeting for the first time to stand and be recognized.

JBG/Loews – Joe Carrol and Samantha Martin represented the developers for the newly constructed Fort Totten Square (northeast corner of Riggs Road) and the second parcel on the southeast corner of Riggs Road and stated that the Fort Totten Square will have a Five Guys, a Subway sandwich shop and two other yet to be identified tenants. Development plans for the southeast side of Riggs Road now include some retail and 180 units of townhouse-style housing. The District has to approve on the plans.

Mayor's Office – Khalil Thompson provided information that graffiti had been removed, the left turn signal at the intersection of Riggs Road and South Dakota Ave is being addressed and that the issue of parking on 3rd Street, NE will be reviewed.

Councilmember Todd's Office – LaRoya Huff informed attendees that the issues raised during the recent community walk have been distributed to the responsible agencies.

Councilmember McDuffie's Office – Wesley Dawson responded to the issue of traffic concerns at Michigan Avenue and 12th Street, NE and the lack of the crossing guards at the Brookland School. He will take a look at the concerns.

June 1, 2015 LRCA General Meeting Minutes – The minutes were accepted as presented.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Tanya Slade stated that the LRCA balance per checkbook is \$5994.03

President Rogers invited LRCA members to join one or more of the newly revitalized committees.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Barbara J. Carter, Recording Secretary

LRCA

**85th Annual Awards Celebration and Scholarship Luncheon
hosted by DC Federation of Civic Associations on Saturday, October 24, 2015**



(cut here and mail your membership form with payment, or bring to the next meeting)

Membership Form - October 2015 thru September 2016

LAMOND-RIGGS CITIZENS ASSOCIATION P.O. BOX 60272 - WASHINGTON, DC 20039

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		Membership		City Services/ Public Safety
Budget/Audit		Communications		Development Task Force
Education		Newsletter Distribution		Youth Development/ Recreation
Membership & Donation:	Individual \$10	Household \$15 (2 adult members)	Corporate \$50	Additional Donation \$
FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY	Date Paid: / /	Amount Paid: \$	Pymt Type: CK CA MO	Member #: 15-16 16-17 17-18