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

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello Lamond-Riggs Family,

We want to wish all of you and your families a joyous holiday season. This is a time to enjoy our family and friends. We had another great turnout; well over 100 residents joined us at our November 2015 meeting. We hope to see you at our December 7, 2015 meeting. We want to thank those residents who joined us for the first time, Boris Weter, Guillermo Pacheco and Michele Boyd.

If you are unable to attend our meetings, we still need your financial support. Please fill out the membership form on Page 4 and mail in your dues.

We also want to thank Reverend Meg Jenista for the benediction and our guest speakers, Alice Thompson, Community Outreach Specialist with DC Office on Aging and Mr. Juan Thompson from the office of Councilmember-at-Large, David Grosso.

Commander Wilfredo Manlapaz will attend our December meeting to answer questions and concerns about the increase in crime in our neighborhoods. Please see details for our holiday social event on December 7th on Page 4.

The holiday is a time for not only receiving, but also for giving. There are volunteer opportunities at Food & Friends located in our neighborhood. I encourage all of you to volunteer and don't forget to check on a senior neighbor.

See you all soon!

Barbara Rogers, President LRCA

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, December 7, 2015
NO JANUARY MEETING
Monday February 1, 2016
 7:00 pm in the LaSalle-Backus EC Auditorium.

AGENDA

1. Invocation
2. Officer's Reports: Minutes and Treasurer
3. Updates from PSA and ANC
4. Committee Updates
5. Award Presented by Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton
6. Closing Remarks
7. 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

Official Holiday Parties:

Ward 4: Saturday, December 19, 2015, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at St. John's College High School, 2607 Military Rd, NW. Please bring a NEW coat for Ward 4 students, Boy or Girl, Size 2T - 18.

Ward 5: TBD at Gallaudet University, Sorensen Center (garage parking available). Food and refreshments served.

Mayor Muriel Bowser, D.C. Office on Aging and the DCOA Senior Service Network will host the Annual Senior Holiday Celebration on **Thursday, December 10, 2015 at the D.C. Armory located at 2001 East Capitol Street, SE**. Live entertainment, dancing, health screenings, safety and health information, immunizations, food, giveaways, and exhibits! Please call (202) 724-5626 for ticket reservations. Parking is limited and public transportation is encouraged.

Holiday Events for the Family

National Christmas Tree and the Pageant of Peace - now through 1/1/16. Lighting Ceremony is 12/3/15.

-ICE! - Christmas at the Gaylord National Resort 11/21/15-1/3/16

-Zoo Lights at the National Zoo, 11/27/15-1/1/16, closed 12/24, 25, and 31, 5-9 pm

-Botanic Garden's Christmas Display, 11/27/15-1/4/16

-The Norwegian Giant Model Train exhibit, West Hall at Union Station, 11/24/15-1/1/16

- The National Ballet, The Nutcracker - Catholic University, Hartke Theatre, 3801 Harwood Rd, NE, 12/11-16/2015

-Holly Trolley Fest at the National Capital Trolley Museum in Silver Spring, MD 12/5/15-12/27/15

-Bethesda's Winter Wonderland at Veterans Park, 12/5/15

Safety Tips from Lieutenant Ozetta Posey

1. Don't leave packages in vehicle.
2. If you have a package delivered during the holiday, please have a neighbor receive it.
3. Don't leave a purse on the seat of your vehicle at the gas station and walk away, even if the doors are locked.
4. Don't warm up your vehicle and leave it running.
5. Do not leave garage doors open and unattended.
6. Lock all windows and doors of your home at all times.
7. Please check all windows and ensure they are secure.
8. Please be aware of your surroundings while walking at all times.

MOST OF ALL, GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS!

DC Health Link Health Insurance is Now Available

Shop, compare and enroll in DC Health Link health insurance during the Open Enrollment Period, which begins November 1, 2015 and ends January 31, 2016. For your coverage to begin January 1, 2016, you must enroll by December 15, 2015. For more information and to get a copy of the enrollment checklist, call 1-855-532 LINK (5465) or visit www.dchealthlink.com.

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.

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**LRCA General Membership Meeting Minutes
LaSalle-Backus Education Campus
November 2, 2015**

President Barbara Rogers called the meeting to order at 7:12 pm. Trustee Lynch provided the invocation which focused on unity and safety for the Lamond-Riggs neighborhood. President Rogers acknowledged and welcomed one new neighbor who lives on 3rd Street.

Presentations:

Anthony Dinkins, representative of the D.C. Department of Transportation (DDOT) – discussed the intersection of South Dakota Avenue and Riggs Road. DDOT will install a protected left turn from Riggs Road to 3rd Street and will collect data regarding other issues related to the intersection. Other protected turns will be considered. Paving on Galloway Street is expected to be completed in 2016.

Councilmember McDuffie (Ward 5) –discussed the Mayor’s proposal to address homelessness, which includes how to make available family bathrooms and improve conditions in a more sustainable manner.

Alice Thompson (D.C. Office on Aging) –discussed issues related to seniors in the neighborhood. Senior wellness centers are open during the day and provide exercise programs, lunch, trips, etc.; seniors should look into obtaining long-term care insurance and be aware of their options.

Juan Thompson from Councilmember Grosso’s Office– discussed the councilmember’s work on education matters. Work is ongoing in improving trust that parents have in the school system and the council is striving to balance oversight to ensure success. He is working on appropriate school discipline to keep students engaged and putting together a vigorous program to address the issues of truancy and attendance.

PSAs 405 and 406 –There has been an uptick in assaults with a dangerous weapon, thefts from auto and property theft. There was a downtick in robberies. After much discussion about the number of officers patrolling the streets in the neighborhood, Councilmember Todd (Ward 4) stated that he would work with the commander to ensure that Ward 4 has the appropriate level of coverage.

Councilmember Brandon Todd–encouraged senior citizens to remain active. He invited the senior citizens to attend the State of Ward 4 Senior Address on Thursday, November 5, 2015. LaRoya Huff stated that legislation is being introduced to require DDOT to repair a buckling sidewalk within 72 hours after receiving notice/complaint. Affordable Care Act (ACA) enrollment began November 1, 2015 on DC Health Link web site.

ANC 5A01 Frank Wilds–reported that neighbors complain about suspected drug activity in the 800 block of Kennedy Street, NE.

ANC 4B Commissioner Doug Sloan–stated that the commission is seeking a chair for the ANC 4B Economic Committee.

Charon Hines, Director of Community Affairs–stated that residents should call 311 to register for snow removal services if you are a senior citizen who can’t clear your walkways, and also to register as a volunteer if you’re willing to clear snow for senior citizens this winter season.

Giveaway –Ten current LRCA members won a window alarm through a door prize drawing. The battery-powered alarms cost \$1.00 and residents are encouraged to use them if their windows need to be better secured. Also suggested was the use of wooden dowels to block the forced opening of windows.

Treasurer’s Report – Tanya Slade–report that the LRCA bank balance is \$6,360.30. The report was accepted as presented.

Minutes –The October 5, 2015 meeting minutes were accepted as presented in the November 2015 newsletter.

The benediction was presented by Pastor Meg and the subject was gratitude.

President Rogers adjourned the meeting at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Barbara J. Carter, Recording Secretary

LRCA

HOLIDAY SOCIAL EVENT

We will celebrate the holiday with you at our December meeting. So please come out for a fun time with great neighbors, holiday music, performances and light refreshments. We will have performances by our Riggs LaSalle Line Dancers, Mr. Caesar Dudley and Ms. Shirleta Settles. We also want to give back to those that have continued to support our Association. We will have a drawing to give away Walmart gift cards. To be eligible for the drawing you must be present during the drawing at the holiday social, and your current year's LRCA membership dues must be paid. If you have not paid your LRCA membership dues yet, it is not too late. You can pay your membership dues at the beginning of the December meeting and still be included in the drawing.

Hey! Let's all wear something RED too!

We will have a special presentation to former LRCA President, Ms. Lillian Huff. Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton will be our presenter. Ms. Huff is a pillar in our community and is responsible for helping to shape this great neighborhood we call home. Mayor Muriel Bowser will also join us.

(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 \$
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