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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,

Thanks for your continued support of LRCA!

We all know this is an election year and we must get out to vote. The Primary Election is on June 14, 2016 and the General Election is November 8, 2016. At our April 4<sup>th</sup> meeting we will be joined by the At-Large Candidates, Vincent Orange, Robert White and David Garber. Please join us to meet the candidates and ask questions.

We will also be joined by Channing D. Phillips, U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia.

We want to thank John A. Donnelly, Sr., Deputy Fire Chief with the DC Fire EMS, Heather Johnson, Executive Director, Explore Children's Museum of Washington, DC and Mark Bergel, A Wider Circle for attending our March meeting and keeping our community informed.

See you all soon!

**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 4, 2016**  
**Monday, May 2, 2016**  
**Monday, June 6, 2016**  
at 7:00 pm in the LaSalle-Backus EC Auditorium.  
No meetings July-September.

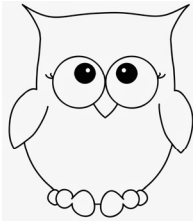
#### AGENDA

1. Invocation
2. Officer's Reports: Minutes and Treasurer
3. Updates from PSA and ANC
4. Committee Updates
5. Guest Speakers
6. Closing Remarks
7. Benediction

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**CPR Training Available**

The DC Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department is offering free classes on the basics of hands-only Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) awareness. The training instructs participants to focus on their hand placement, tempo and the number of compressions for two-minute intervals. This training does *not* provide participants with certification in CPR or a certification card. To host or attend a hands-only CPR class, please call 311 or visit <http://311.dc.gov>. For information regarding certification in CPR for Adult, Child and Infant, call (202) 673-6901.



**The Wise Old Owl Says...**

- Keep car and house keys in your pocket, not in your purse.
- Put your cell phone number on your luggage tag.
- Always be aware of your surroundings and look around for suspicious loiterers on a parking lot.
- Buy a paper shredder and use it.
- Lock your house doors when doing lawn work.
- Make a copy of the front and back of all your charge/credit cards and keep the copies in a safe place.
- Keep your Will current.
- Make a list of instructions for next of kin regarding insurance policies, bank accounts, utilities, loans, debts, subscriptions, etc.
- Do not accept telephone solicitations of any kind.
- Do not let strangers tell you what you need.
- Use only licensed contractors.
- Ask for all up front costs regarding any reverse mortgage you may consider.

**NEIGHBORHOOD STREET SWEEPING**

The DC Department of Public Works announces that the 2016 STREET SWEEPING PROGRAM will run from March 1-October 31, 2016. Posted parking enforcement has started and a \$45 ticket may be issued for violating sweeping hours. To obtain street and alley cleaning services, call 311.

**LRCA T-SHIRT FUNDRAISER**

Have you purchased your t-shirt? Please help support our fundraiser by purchasing a LRCA T-Shirt for \$10. We will have a variety of sizes at every meeting. They are located in the back of the meeting room near the sign-in table.

**We really appreciate your continued support.**

**SPECIAL THANKS**

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**Need Newsletter Distributors**

Thank you to all of the neighbors who assist with distributing the LRCA newsletter. We need more volunteers so that the newsletter can be delivered to every house in the Lamond-Riggs neighborhood. If you are willing to help distribute the newsletter one hour a month, please contact any of the Executive Board members listed on the front page of this newsletter.



# LRCA

## LRCA General Membership Meeting Minutes LaSalle-Backus Education Campus March 7, 2016

President Barbara Rogers opened the meeting at 7:05 pm. Trustee Willie J. Lynch, Jr. provided the invocation focusing on gratitude, blessings and resources. There was one person attending a LRCA meeting for the first time.

**Officer McInnis, PSA 406**, reported problems with property crimes. She reminded us “if you leave it in plain view, it will leave you.” Theft from auto is the main problem. Additionally, call 911 in the event of an emergency.

**Michelle Blackwell from Councilmember Brandon Todd’s office** stated that the Council is now holding agency performance oversight hearings. On March 18, 2016 Councilmember Todd will hold office hours from 10:00 am to 12 noon at the Riggs LaSalle Recreation Center.

**President Barbara Rogers** reported that candidates for the DC Council at-large position will be present at the April 4, 2016 meeting and candidates for the Ward 4 Council position will be present at the May 2, 2016 meeting.

### **GUEST SPEAKERS**

**Heather Johnson, Executive Director, Explore! Children’s Museum of Washington, DC**, spoke about the current effort to bring a children’s museum to Fort Totten. The plan is to locate the hands-on experience museum in existing warehouses at Third and Kennedy Streets, NE. The museum will be installed in two phases, the first phase being an exploratory laboratory to test out ideas and the second phase will be a full-fledged museum. The first phase may open in 2017.

**John A. Donnelly, Sr., Deputy Fire Chief, Special Operations, Division of Homeland Security, DC Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department**, explained that the District has signed a 3rd party contract with American Medical Response (AMS) to provide supplemental ambulance transport service in the District. They will operate to transport from 7am to 1am. The AMR staff will have the same level of training as DC EMS workers. Deputy Fire Chief Donnelly informed us that CPR training is available for residents. Those interested can call 311 or visit <http://fems.dc.gov/page/hands-hearts-cpr-program> for more detailed information.

**Mark Bergal, Founder, Executive, A Wider Circle**, provided information about the services offered by the organization. They offer basic need items, job skills, job clothing and wrap around support for families. They accept donations of clothing, furniture and other household items. If anyone needs the services or has items to donate, please call (301) 608-3504 or e-mail at [mark@awidercircle.org](mailto:mark@awidercircle.org).

**Gwen Cofield, Co-chair, Lamond-Riggs Development Task Force**, reported that the Board of Zoning Adjustment approved the two fast food restaurants for Fort Totten Square (Riggs Road and South Dakota Avenue). The Subway store is open and Five Guys is in the process of opening. Unleashed (by Petco) is also in the process of opening. This leaves one retail space unoccupied.

**Paul Garcia, LRCA Trustee**, informed the attendees that LRCA needs to be a 501(c)(3) in order to be in a position to seek funds from various organizations or businesses. He proposed that LRCA become a charitable organization. Approval to spend the application fee and submit the IRS 501 (c)(3) status application was given unanimously by the body.

### **OFFICER REPORTS**

**Recording Secretary**- Barbara J. Carter presented the LRCA February 2016 minutes which were accepted as presented in the March newsletter. **Treasurer** – Tanya Slade stated the current account balance is \$7161.21. The report was accepted.

Trustee Willie J. Lynch, Jr. provided the benediction on the theme of neighbor supporting neighbor and civic engagement being the foundation of the LRCA.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Submitted by Barbara J. Carter

## Public Safety Comments from LRCA's Public Safety Committee and Lt. Posey

- Don't leave headphones, phones, etc. or any electronic devices in your car, day or night. Keep pictures of your electronics and their serial numbers in a safe place.
- Ask your neighbors to look after your house when you are away on vacation or call the Police Dept to put your house on a list to be checked by officers. An officer on each shift will check on your home.
- Always call the Police regarding problem/nuisance and or vacant houses. A history of complaints gives the Police and the appropriate government agencies info it needs to talk to the property owners. In some cases, those houses have been boarded up, faced seizure, etc. Most owners will get rid of any problem activity.
- High intensity lights will be installed on Riggs Rd from South Dakota to Eastern Avenue.
- The crime camera by the Riggs Road Recreation Center will be replaced by late May.
- Place motion sensor lights on your property.
- Call 911 ASAP when shots heard.
- And if you see any activity that doesn't look right, it's always best to call the police. If you see something say something!

The Public Safety Committee is looking for more members, especially from Lamond. Want to join? Please call Rodney Foxworth, Public Safety Committee Chair, at 202-997-1875.

### 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.

(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 #                          |
|---|-----------------|-------------------------------------|---|--|
| <b>1</b>  |                 |                                     |   |  |
| <i>Email:</i>   |                 |                                     |   | <i># Children at home:</i>               |
| <b>2</b>  |                 |                                     |   |  |
| <i>Email:</i>   |                 |                                     |   |  |
| <i>Address:</i>                                       |                 |                                     |   | Washington, DC 20011                     |
| <b>I/We volunteer for the following committee(s):</b> |                 |                                     | <b>Use code:1=Self, 2=Spouse/Partner, 3=Both, 4=Other</b> |  |
| <i>Senior</i>   |                 | <i>Membership</i>                   |   | <i>City Services/<br/>Public Safety</i>  |
| <i>Budget/Audit</i>                                   |                 | <i>Communications</i>               |   | <i>Development Task Force</i>            |
| <i>Education</i>                                      |                 | <i>Newsletter Distribution</i>      |   | <i>Youth Development/<br/>Recreation</i> |
| <b>Membership &amp; Donation:</b>                     | Individual \$10 | Household \$15<br>(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          |