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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello Lamond-Riggs Family,



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL 2016 GRADUATES!!



Please join us on June 6th for our final meeting prior to our summer break. We will not have a guest speaker. We will have our awards ceremony to thank those special residents that volunteer their time to make LRCA a success. We will also have the recipients of the LRCA scholarships in attendance.

We want to thank the Ward 4 Councilmember candidates, Leon T. Andrews, Jr., Ron Austin, Calvin H. Gurley, Brandon Todd (incumbent), and Chairman Phil Mendelson for attending our May meeting.

This is an election year so remember **your vote does count!**

See you all soon and thanks for your continued support of LRCA!

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 6, 2016
Monday, October 3, 2016
at 7:00 pm in the LaSalle-Backus EC Auditorium.
No meetings July through September.

AGENDA

1. Invocation
2. Officer's Reports: Minutes and Treasurer
3. Updates from PSA and ANC
4. Committee Updates
5. Closing Remarks
6. Benediction
7. Fellowship with neighbors/friends

Primary Election – June 14, 2016

Early Voting Centers

For the 2016 Primary Election, Early Voting will take place at 9 centers across the District. Early Voting starts at One Judiciary Square on Tuesday, May 31st and opens citywide on Saturday, June 4th. Early Voting ends on June 11th. Early Voting site hours are 8:30 AM to 7:00 PM and now include Sundays. **District voters can register and vote at any Early Voting Center.** We hope to see you there!

One Judiciary Square

441 4th St, NW Ward 2
Old Council Chamber (right side of building)

Hours

Open May 31 - Jun 11
8:30am - 7:00pm

Closest Metro Stop: Judiciary Square

Parking: Street parking

Centers in our area:

Takoma Community Center

300 Van Buren St, NW Ward 4
Multi-Purpose Room

Hours

Open Jun 04 - Jun 11
8:30am - 7:00pm

Closest Metro Stop: Takoma

Parking: Large parking lot

Turkey Thicket Recreation Center

1100 Michigan Ave, NE Ward 5
Gymnasium

Hours

Open Jun 04 - Jun 11
8:30am - 7:00pm

Closest Metro Stop: Brookland-CUA

Parking: Small lot and street parking

Primary Election Day is Tuesday, June 14, 2016

On Primary Election Day, voters **must** vote at their assigned polling place. Visit www.dcboee.org or call with questions (202) 727-2525.

PREVENTING CRIMES OF OPPORTUNITY

There are things that you can do to prevent crime. These prevention tips are courtesy of the Metropolitan Police Department.

- Keep all doors and windows locked. If you have an alarm, activate it. If you don't have an alarm, get one if you can.
- Never leave keys to doors in view. Hang spare keys out of sight from doors and windows.
- Never leave strollers, bikes, lawn mowers, tools, sporting equipment or any other valuable items sitting unattended around your home.
- Never leave your purse: in the cart at the supermarket or department store; on the floor next to your chair; hanging from the back of your chair, or on the chair next to you in restaurants or on public transportation; or in an unattended desk at work.
- Never leave laptops, purses, keys, cameras or other valuable items next to a door or visible from a window.
- Never leave valuables visible in your car. If you must leave them in your car unattended, place them in the trunk **before** you reach your destination, not after.
- Display your house number prominently on the front **and rear** of your house near the door. This could save your life during a medical emergency!
- Do not leave exterior lights on during day, but do leave them on all night. Put lights on a timer. Put inside lights on **timers** when away.
- Install a **peep-hole** in your front door, and do not open the door to strangers. Add **dead-bolt locks** to all doors.
- NEVER give your Social Security Number, Medicare number, birth date, bank account number, or pin number to anyone who asks for it online or on the phone. A bank will **never** ask you to do so. This is a scam!
- Never send money to someone who claims to be traveling and without money. This is a scam!
- If you are going to be away on vacation, call the local police department and asked to be added to the "special attention" list while away.

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LRCA General Membership Meeting Minutes LaSalle-Backus Education Campus May 2, 2016

President Rogers called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm. Pastor Meg provided the invocation.

Ward 5 Councilmember Kenyan McDuffie discussed those Ward 5 individuals/organizations that will receive the Ward 5 Leadership in Aging Awards. He also expressed appreciation for the first responders to the CSX derailment that occurred on Sunday, May 1, 2016 near 9th Street and Rhode Island Avenue, NE. The Council is now working on the District's fiscal year 2017 budget and is beginning the mark-up phase.

Candidates for Position of Ward 4 Councilmember

The District of Columbia is holding a primary election on June 14, 2016. Included in that election are candidates for the office of Councilmember for Ward 4. The following candidates for that office made presentations at the LRCA meeting:

1. **Brandon Todd** – Mr. Todd is the current Councilmember for Ward 4. He was elected in April 2015 and sworn-in in May 2015. He states that he is focused on education, having visited all 33 schools in Ward 4; assisting seniors in aging in place; constituent services; closing DC General as a shelter; and, supporting the plan for facilities for the homeless as proposed by Mayor Bowser.
2. **Leon Andrews** – Mr. Andrews is a third generation Washingtonian who graduated from Gonzaga College High School. He states that he will offer effective and competent leadership for the District of Columbia. He wants to apply his local and national experience in Ward 4.
3. **Calvin Gurley** – Mr. Gurley stated that he served as 1st Vice President of the Orange Hat Neighborhood Patrol and wants to focus on reduction of crime, provision of affordable housing and schools.
4. **Ron Austin** – Mr. Austin stated that he was instrumental in getting the Riggs-LaSalle Recreation Center constructed. He is the chair of ANC 4B and wants to bring together the ANC with other community groups to make Ward 4 safer. He is concerned about the placement of shelters in the Ward and wants to work on the provision of affordable housing.

Each candidate responded to questions about the creation of world-class schools, equity in housing, and the issue of increasing property taxes.

D.C. Council Chairman Phil Mendelson made a presentation about the District's budget (now in mark-up phase); statehood (commission to promote established); advocating for smaller shelters; and, looking at ways to handle cuts in the budget that involve senior citizens.

Officer Gallagher reported that crime patrols focus on "hot spots" in PSA 406.

The minutes for the April 4, 2016 meeting were accepted as presented in the May 2016 newsletter.

Trustee Delvia Lewis provided the benediction.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Submitted by: Barbara J. Carter
Recording Secretary

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Candidates for the position of Councilmember for Ward 4 presented their views at the May 2, 2016 meeting of the Lamond-Riggs Citizens Association, Inc. Those candidates included Leon T. Andrews, Jr., Ron Austin, Calvin H. Gurley, and Brandon Todd. Primary election day is June 14, 2016. You can also participate in early voting from May 31-June 11. See page 2 for early voting sites.

