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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello Lamond-Riggs Family,

Thanks to all the residents that joined us at our October meeting. We had over 180 in attendance, the largest support we've seen of any neighborhood association. We want to thank Mayor Muriel Bowser, Acting Chief of Police, Paul Newsham, Commander Manlapaz, Lt. Posey, Director of Parks & Recreation, Mr. Keith Anderson, Walmart manager, Paul Hill, LaSalle-Backus Education Campus Principal, Justin Ralston, developers from EYA/JBG Companies, and Councilmember Brandon Todd.

As this is an important election year, please join us on Monday, November 7, 2016 to hear from some the candidates. We have invited Councilmember Brandon Todd, Ward 4 Member of the State of Board of Education, Lannette Woodruff, At-Large Member of the State Board of Education, Mary Lord, Tony Donaldson, Jr. and Ashley Carter, ANC 4B07, Judy Jones and James Gaston, III, ANC 4B09, Tischa Cockrell and LaRoya Huff, ANC 5A08, Gordon Fletcher and Angel Austin. We will also have a representative from the DC Office of the Attorney General to speak on Consumer Protection Laws.

It is also membership time, if you are unable to attend our monthly meetings, your contribution is still needed. Please mail in your payment or call one of the executive board members to pick up your contribution. You can now pay for membership with a credit card, please see page 4 for details. As always, we truly appreciate your continued support.

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 7, 2016
Monday, December 5, 2016

7:00 pm in the LaSalle-Backus EC Auditorium.

AGENDA

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

LRCA Membership Survey Results

On June 6, 2016, at the last LRCA meeting before summer break, we provided surveys soliciting feedback from residents on the operations of the LRCA.

Electronic links to the survey were provided on June 8 through the listserv, website, and social media accounts. We received 72 responses. You responded to questions about LRCA meeting, newsletter, fundraising ideas, etc. A brief summary of input on topics for LRCA meetings and newsletter are as follows:

- Public Safety reports from MPD and reports on neighborhood development issues presented at each LRCA meeting are among the issues that are very important to you.
- You have suggested a long list of topics you would like to have covered at the LRCA meetings and in the newsletter. Some of the suggested topics are information about community events and resources; public transportation issues; activities for children, youth and working adults; and, providing a suggestion box at the meetings, etc. The topics listed here are just a few of the 32 topics identified in the survey.

Thanks to all who responded to the survey. The LRCA Executive Committee will work on incorporating the suggestions/recommendations made as a result of the survey.

We want to thank Trustee Uchenna Evans for her hard work on this survey.

SURVEY



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 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 3, 2016

LRCA President Barbara Rogers called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Trustee Willie J. Lynch, Jr. provided the invocation.

Presentations:

Walmart Manager Paul Hill stated that immunizations, including flu, are offered in the store. On October 31, 2016, 5 pm to 9 pm, there will be trick or treating in the store. Bring your children. Walmart will open for 24 hours on Black Friday and the store will be open 24 hours a day the week of Christmas. \$10,000 has been donated to fund the “shop with a COP” program sponsored at Christmas. Mr. Hill stated that a large stop sign can be installed at the exit of the store parking lot to 3rd Street NE.

LaSalle-Backus Education Campus Principal Justin Ralston stated that 30% of the school staff is new to the school. He is available outside of the school for 30 minutes each morning and at 3:15 pm each afternoon. LaSalle is using data to inform instruction. There are now 372 students enrolled.

Interim Chief of Police Peter Newsham introduced himself, stating that he joined the force in 1989 and was assistant chief for 14 years. He discussed the recent shootings in the neighborhood and asked for help from residents in identifying the persons involved. He did state that current information about the shootings indicates that the person(s) lives in the community. Citizens who want to report activity but do not want to provide their names can call (202)727-9099. The MPD now has 1300 body cameras. Officer training includes scenarios that require the camera to be turned on and on response calls officers must inform the dispatcher that the camera has been turned on.

Mayor Muriel Bowser stated that she has discussions with young people in the neighborhood and their concerns are about conditions at the recreation center and the lack of jobs. Mayor Bowser stated that the problems with staffing and equipment at the Riggs-LaSalle Recreation Center are being resolved. She will keep addressing issues relevant to young people.

Keith A. Anderson, Director, Department of Parks and Recreation, stated that they are making progress to keep young people engaged. New equipment is on order for the computer lab and the weight room is receiving a face-lift. There is a three phase plan to upgrade recreation centers and site managers must pursue needed fixes.

Ft. Totten South (vacant parcel south side of Riggs Rd. and South Dakota Ave., directly across from Walmart) – The developer, EYA/The JBG Companies, provided an update on the project. The development will include approximately 149 market rate townhomes, 31 affordable townhomes and 26,000 square feet of retail. The development is expected to break ground in mid-2018.

Councilmember Brandon Todd stated that MPD will have all the resources it needs to serve the community. State of the Ward 4 Seniors Address is scheduled for Thursday, October 27, 2016 at the Riggs-LaSalle Recreation Center. Gabrielle Priest is the constituent services staff person who will attend all LRCA membership meetings.

President Rogers adjourned the meeting at 8:50 pm.

Barbara J. Carter
Recording Secretary

We heard you!

Many people have asked about using **credit cards** to pay for membership. Now you can! You no longer have to remember to visit the ATM before a meeting, find your check book, or use a postage stamp. Payment by credit card will be accepted at each meeting and online anytime by visiting www.LRCADC.org from the membership page. Thank you to all the residents who join LRCA with a paid membership to show your support for the work we do together to keep our neighborhood safe and thriving.

Your financial support is essential in funding programs like annual youth scholarships, printing this newsletter, the holiday social, and for LRCA to remaining official stewards for your neighborhood as a non-profit entity in DC.

If you are not attending meetings, please show your support by activating your annual membership online with a credit card donation. Paid members may vote on LRCA business and are eligible for the holiday gift drawings in December. Thank you for showing your support with your donation today. Ask a neighbor if they have joined too!

Your membership donation now has additional value:

LRCA has received 501(c)3 public charity status. Although LRCA has consistently been a benevolent organization benefitting the neighborhood, this new tax status allows us to seek corporate funds and pursue grants to augment resources and more directly address neighborhood needs for everyone in Lamond-Riggs. For paying members this means your membership donation should now be tax-deductible.

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

Membership Form - October 2016 thru September 2017
LAMOND-RIGGS CITIZENS ASSOCIATION P.O. BOX 60272 - WASHINGTON, DC 20039

Your membership donation is likely **tax-deductible**. LRCA is a 501(c)3 public charity. Please consult with your tax professional.

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<i>Address:</i>				Washington, DC 20011
I/We volunteer for the following committee(s):			Use code:1=Self, 2=Spouse/Partner, 3=Both, 4=Other	
<i>Senior</i>		<i>Membership</i>		<i>City Services/ 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/ Recreation</i>
<i>Tax-deductible Membership & Donation:</i>	Individual \$10	Household \$15 (2 adult members)	Corporate \$50	Additional Donation \$
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