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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Happy New Year Lamond-Riggs Family,

We hope you all had an enjoyable holiday with your family and friends. As usual we had a great December Holiday Social. The LRCA executive board really wants to thank the dedicated residents that take time out of their busy schedules to come out to the meetings to stay informed and be engaged with the community.

We want to thank Johnson Development for their presentation on the new storage facility coming on 2nd Street, NE. Please see our web site for details.

We will have DC WASA representatives at our February meeting to discuss the Small Diameter Water Main Replacement Project on 3rd St, NE, Peabody St, NE and Quackenbos St, NE. We also hope to have a representative from Washington Gas to talk about a future project in the same neighborhood.

See you all on February 6, 2017. Please bring a neighbor with you.

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, February 6, 2017, 7:00 pm
Monday, March 6, 2017, 7:00 pm
Monday, April 3, 2017, 7:00 pm
in the LaSalle-Backus EC Auditorium.

AGENDA

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

College Scholarship Opportunities

The H Street Community Development Corporation has released the application for its John A. Wilson Scholarship program. They are \$10,000 scholarships offered to DC public high school graduates with a preference for residents of Wards 5, 6, and 7. Visit <http://www.hstreetdc.org/for-youth> for information and applications.

Job Training Opportunities Available

Project Empowerment: Places participants in paid work experiences at \$9.00 per hour. It also provides supportive services, job coaching, life skills, etc. to residents who've had problems getting and/or keeping a job. To register, contact: Charles Jones at DOES by email: charles2.jones@dc.gov or phone, 202-698-5599.

UDC Certificate Training Programs (South Dakota Ave. by Ft. Totten Metro): Provides training from 10 to 12 weeks in Health Care, IT, Transportation, Hospitality and Construction. Programs include pre-job placement and other services (e.g., resume writing, dressing for success, etc.). To register, contact: Jua Williams at UDC by email: jua.williams@udc.edu or phone 202-274-7209.

Committees make a difference! See our web site for a list of committees. The Public Safety Committee has a meeting scheduled on February 14th at Riggs-LaSalle Recreation Center, 6:30 pm. We will announce other committee meetings at our regular monthly meetings and on our web site. Please make a difference by participating in committees.

DPW Notifies Residents: It's Time to Apply for the Sidewalk Shoveling Exemption

The DC Department of Public Works mailed postcards to residential and commercial property owners to notify them of the requirement to shovel their sidewalks within the first 8 hours after the end of a snow/ice storm. DPW is advising residents to apply as soon as possible for the exemption from enforcement of the sidewalk shoveling regulation if they are homeowners who live in their own home, age 65 or older and/or are living with a disability. Residents must apply annually for the exemption from sidewalk shoveling enforcement.

DPW is responsible for enforcing the requirement for residential and commercial property owners to shovel their sidewalks after a storm ends.

To apply for the FY 2017 exemption, which is valid October 1, 2016 through April 30, 2017, residents may:

- Apply online at DPW's web site: <http://sse.dcdpw.us>
- Apply by calling the Mayor's Citywide Call Center at 311. Applicants will receive a confirmation number at the end of the call.
- Apply by mailing the completed Sidewalk Shoveling Exemption application, obtained at <http://dpw.dc.gov/service/sidewalk-shoveling-exemption> to:

Government of the District of Columbia
Department of Public Works
2000 14th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20009

Lamond-Riggs Citizens Association, Inc.
General Membership Meeting Minutes
LaSalle-Backus Education Campus
December 5, 2016

President Barbara Rogers called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm. Mr. Ceasar Dudley provided the invocation. Ms. Rogers thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting and reminded us that the next LRCA general membership meeting is February 6, 2017.

Trustee Paul Garcia stated that LRCA has obtained 501(c)3 status and contributions to LRCA are tax deductible to the extent allowed by tax law. LRCA needs approximately \$9000 annual operating budget. Printing of the newsletter and the provision of academic scholarships to eligible DC high school students are the main expenses for LRCA. An actual budget will be presented in February. Anyone can make a monetary donation to LRCA. Barbara Rogers says she has received suggestions that we raise dues. There will be a fundraiser in the spring and we will look into applying for grants for which LRCA might be eligible.

Lt. Posey (MPD PSA 406) reminded those in attendance to remove all items from cars and leave nothing visible in cars. All crime is down, except theft from auto. She advised us to remind neighbors; knock on their door, if necessary. Thefts in the neighborhood are mainly attributable to the shoplifting at Walmart. Violent crime is down. If you see a rental car parked in the neighborhood for more than 3 days, call Officer Posey. Sometimes the rental cars have been stolen. MPD is working with the US Park Police and the DC Department of Human Services to get assistance for homeless citizens. There is an issue regarding thieves being able to access key fob transmissions, which allows them to enter cars. Please be advised to not leave keys near the front door of your home. One suggestion is to place the key fob in a metal box away from the front door. Lt. Posey can be reached at ozetta.posey@dc.gov or 202-730-0601.

Sgt. Scott Dowling (PSA 405) responding to issues of package theft from house porches, advised attendees that, if possible, have the package sent to a place where there is someone available to receive it. Do not leave keys in cars unattended.

Gwen Cofield, Lamond-Riggs Development Task Force (LRDTF), reviewed the elements of the community benefits package for the Ft. Totten South development at the southern corner of South Dakota Avenue and Riggs Rd. The focus is on work force development, small business development and public space development. The community benefits package will be included in the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) process.

LaSalle-Backus Education Campus Principal Walston informed the attendees that enrollment is at 380 students, which is more than the projection for the school.

Rodney Foxworth, LRCA 1st VP, informed attendees that the street camera has been reinstalled at Nicholson Street and Riggs Road by the recreation center. There is a concern that the camera view does not extend as far up Riggs Road as is desired. The LRCA Public Safety Committee representatives will engage with Walmart regarding crime. Additionally, LRCA will be sending a letter to METRO regarding the renaming/amending the Ft. Totten Station to include the designation of Riggs Park, Ft. Totten/Riggs Park. We will ask the District Government to cover any required costs to change the signs referring to the station.

Trustee Willie Lynch, Jr. provided the benediction. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Barbara J. Carter, Recording Secretary

LRCA

Financial Resources

If you have experience in grant applications, soliciting sponsorships, organizing local business cooperatives, fundraising, or believe you can help LRCA in gathering financial support to keep operating as the strong organization it has been for 60 years, please call or send email to president Barbara Rogers to join the budget committee. We need talent and initiative to immediately fill the gaps in funding for this year or the first items to cut will unfortunately be student scholarships for graduating seniors.

The operating cost for LRCA is approximately \$9000/year. Approximately one-third is printing and delivering this newsletter for every resident, including you, one-third is for college scholarships for neighborhood children, and the remainder is for the administration of the organization, meetings, supporting sister organizations, and neighborhood events. The printing expense is new to the budget because previously it was donated by a local printing company that has since gone out of business after losing large city contracts.

We all know that it takes two components to make things happen in the neighborhood, people and money. LRCA has been operating since 1957 looking out for the interests of and representing the approximately 3000 homes in our area. This includes significant successes in establishing the character of development in the neighborhood (such as the Ft. Totten Square project and the two others underway), increasing public safety, maintaining a direct line of communication with the mayor and city council members, accelerating responses to city service requests, supporting the recreation center, and supporting our school children's future. Please lend us your expertise today.

(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.

Salutation	First Name	Last Name	Evening Phone #	Daytime Phone #
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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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