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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello Lamond-Riggs Family,

As I write this message, it is 67 degrees and sunny. This weather is unbelievable but we must get prepared for a change in the temperature. Thanks to all of those that attended our February meeting. We also thank the three new residents that joined our meeting for the first time.

We thank the DC WASA representatives for attending our meeting and updating the residents on the work being done in our community. Additional thanks go to Councilmembers Brandon Todd and Kenyan McDuffie.

We will have Derek Staten, Community Outreach Coordinator with the Fourth District Metropolitan Police Department at our March meeting to inform us about scams reported by DC residents.

We still need your financial support through your paid membership. Visit www.lrcadc.org to secure your membership and voting privileges for the LRCA elections occurring in May. You must join by April to vote in May. We hope to see you at our March meeting and 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, March 6, 2017, 7:00 pm** and **Monday, April 3, 2017, 7:00 pm** in the LaSalle-Backus EC Auditorium.

AGENDA

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

CALLING 911 TO REPORT A CRIME

You are encouraged to call the police to report suspicious activity in our community. Please note, you do not have to give your name or phone number when reporting a crime. The dispatcher will ask if you want to provide your name and phone number, YOU CAN DECLINE TO PROVIDE THAT INFORMATION. You can also let the dispatcher know that you DO NOT wish to be contacted by phone or in person regarding your report. Please report such incidents as, strange person looking into cars, smoking drugs on the sidewalk, playing loud music late at night, after the hours of the noise ordinance. These types of incidents will not plague our neighborhood if we report them. We must do our part to keep our neighborhood safe.

MPD POLICE SERVICE AREAS (PSA) MEETINGS

PSA 401 - Donald Ennis (Donald.Ennis@dc.gov)

Meetings are the second Wednesday of every month at the Shepherd Park Library, located at 7420 Georgia Ave, NW, 7pm. The next meeting is Wednesday, March 8, 2017.

PSA 402 – Lt. Matthew Domas (Matthew.Domas@dc.gov)

Meetings are the fourth Thursday of every month at the Fourth District, located at 6001 Georgia Avenue, NW, 7 pm. The next meeting is March 23, 2017.

PSA 405 - Lt. Ashley Rosenthal (Ashley.Rosenthal@dc.gov)

This meeting is combined with ANC 5A meeting, which begins at 6:45 pm and the PSA meeting begins at 7 pm at 5171 South Dakota Avenue, NE, 7:00 pm (UDC/BACKUS in Room 129). Please follow the ANC 5A meeting schedule.

PSA 406 - Lt. Ozetta Posey (Ozetta.Posey@dc.gov)

Meetings are quarterly and take place the 2nd Tuesday of the month at the Fourth District, 6001 Georgia Avenue, NW, 7 pm. The next meeting is March 14, 2017.

-In Remembrance-



Mrs. Dorothy M. Loines entered into eternal rest on Friday, February 3, 2017. Her services were held on February 13, 2017 at Peoples Congregational United Church of Christ. Mrs. Loines was our neighbor and lived in the 600 block of Nicholson Street, NE.



Mrs. Eliza Jones passed from this life on Sunday, February 5, 2017. Her services were held on Thursday, February 16, 2017 at Canaan Baptist Church. Mrs. Jones was 96 years old. Mrs. Jones was our neighbor and lived in the 600 block of Nicholson Street, NE.

LRCA

Lamond-Riggs Citizens Association, Inc.
General Membership Meeting Minutes
LaSalle-Backus Education Campus
6 February 2017

President Barbara Rogers called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. LRCA Trustee Willie J. Lynch, Jr. provided the invocation. Three new residents to the neighborhood introduced themselves.

Ward 5 Councilmember Kenyon McDuffie spoke about the need to “fight” against the U.S. Congress interfering in the affairs of the District of Columbia. The District raises \$7 billion in local revenue each year and has a right to set its own priorities. We must stand together. Annual performance/oversight/budget hearings start this week. All residents can sign-up to either testify or provide written testimony to relevant committees. Voting on the budget will take place in June.

Lt. Donald Ennis of the MPD 4th District introduced himself. He is new to the 4th District and serves on the evening shift. The Lieutenants on duty in the 4th District are Lt. Posey (days), Lt. Ennis (evenings), and Lt. Domas (nights). **Sgt. Miller** discussed the fact that theft from automobiles is a continuing problem in the neighborhood. Please remember to take all items out of your car when you exit. If you see anything suspicious, call 911.

Principal Justin Ralston, LaSalle-Backus Education Campus, has established a partnership with American University. AU students come in to work with LaSalle students each week. LaSalle-Backus enrollment is nearing 400 students. The school is trying to create additional space to accommodate the students. There is a math night held at the school. Principal Ralston holds chats every 1st Thursday and anyone can come to speak with him.

Water and sewer work in the neighborhood was discussed. Representatives from **D.C. Water and Sewer Authority** (DCWASA) stated that all in-ground work is complete, including work done by Washington Gas. The next work will be resurfacing the streets. Residents expressed concerns about the heavy equipment causing vibrations, multiple openings of the streets and billing for water service. DCWASA representatives are available for future meetings.

President Barbara Rogers notified attendees that this is an election year for LRCA. Duties for each office are on the web site, www.lrcadc.org and all LRCA members are encouraged to get involved and run for an office.

Hakeem Rogers of the Mayor's Office of Community Affairs provided information about upcoming budget engagement forums. Residents can register at www.eventbrite.com and Mayor Bowser wants input from residents.

December 2016 LRCA meeting minutes were accepted with one correction, the spelling of Principal **R**alston's name.

Treasurer's Report Lisa Brannock reported on behalf of Treasurer Tanya Slade. Current bank balance is \$2388.64.

Rodney Foxworth discussed programs offered by the Department of Employment Services and the University of the District of Columbia.

Tischa Cockrell provided information that a forum will be held on February 16th and 22nd to discuss the *Every Student Succeeds Act*.

Councilmember Brandon Todd introduced Gary Johnson, Constituent Services Coordinator for Ward 4.

Benediction was provided by Pastor Meg of the Washington, DC Christian Reformed Church and Pastor Bunny Jackson of Elevate Church.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Barbara J. Carter, Recording Secretary

IT'S LRCA OFFICERS ELECTION TIME!

Please volunteer and run for office and to be a trustee in the Lamond-Riggs Citizens Association, Inc. You must be a paid member of LRCA for at least a month prior to the election in May to be considered for an office and to vote in the election. Visit www.LRCADC.org to learn about the duties and responsibilities of each office in LRCA. This is your opportunity to take a leadership role in your community. Your service is welcome, appreciated, and needed.

Beautiful Music on a Saturday Afternoon
in the Spring
A Charity Fundraiser for Scholarships



The Lamond-Riggs Citizens Association, Inc. is sponsoring a fantastically fun Spring fundraiser featuring our own **SHIRLETA SETTLES** in concert.

Ms. Settles beautifully sings blues, jazz, gospel, soul, and R&B. Don't miss this wonderful afternoon event at an amazing price.

Event details:

Who: SHIRLETA SETTLES
 What: In Concert
 When: Saturday, May 20, 2017
 Where: People's Congregational UCC
 4704 13th Street, NW
 Washington, DC 20011
 Time: 2pm – 4pm
 Ticket Cost: \$30 per person

Shirleta Settles is a resident of Riggs Park and is kindly donating her talented voice in support of youth development in our neighborhood. With her live band you will enjoy being seated at a table with your friends for an outstanding and engaging performance. Only 200 tickets will be available, and her concerts typically sell out quickly. Get your tickets today through any LRCA executive board member listed on the first page of the newsletter, or buy at the March 6, 2017 LRCA meeting. We hope to see you and your family or friends at the concert! Your ticket purchase and any additional donations towards the scholarship fund are tax deductible* and will be helping to send neighborhood high school students to college this fall. To preview her amazing performance style visit <http://www.ShirletaSettlesSings.com/media/videos>

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