

# www.LRCADC.org

"A Community Newsletter" —LRCA, P.O. Box 60272, Washington, DC 20039

**LRCA OFFICERS**

President  
**Barbara Rogers**  
 202-904-1027  
 lrcabarb@yahoo.com

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
**Rodney Foxworth**  
 202-997-1875

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
**Tischa Cockrell**  
 202-247-0547

Treasurer  
**Tanya L. Slade**  
 571-235-7191

Recording Secretary  
**Barbara J. Carter**

Corresponding Secretary  
**Juanita B. Cooper**  
 202-635-1957  
 jboydcooper@gmail.com

Financial Secretary  
**Pat McCallan**  
 202-529-3927

Trustees:  
**Uchenna Evans**  
**Paul Garcia**  
**Charon Hines**  
**Barbara Lee**  
**Delvia Lewis**  
**Willie J. Lynch, Jr.**  
**Melvin Rhodes**  
**Helen Thompson**  
**Juanita Waller**  
**Yinusa Yusuff**

**ANC 4B07**  
**Judi Jones**  
 202-446-7580

**ANC 4B08**  
**Barbara Rogers**  
 202-904-1027

**ANC 4B09**  
**Tischa Cockrell**  
 202-247-0547

**ANC 5A01**  
**Frank Wilds**  
 202-635-6215

**ANC 5A08**  
**Gordon Andrew Fletcher**  
 202-440-2159

Newsletter Editor:  
**Barbara J. Carter**  
 202-257-3089

Yahoo Group:  
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/LamondRiggsCommunity>  
 WWW.LRCADC.ORG

**THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

**Hello Lamond-Riggs Family,**

Spring is in the air! Thanks to all of those that attended our March meeting. We want to thank Derek Staten, Community Outreach Coordinator with the Fourth District Metropolitan Police Department for giving an informative and engaging presentation. Our residents received literature and asked some great questions.

Our speaker for April will be Lou Durden, VP of Business Development for Fresh Communities Holding Corporation (FCHC). He will discuss the agricultural technology housed at Bertie Backus and the possibility of a farmers market coming to our community and offering fresh produce.

**We need you to join the executive board of LRCA.** What does the executive board do? Fundamentally these ten residents meet once a month with the other officers to ensure LRCA meetings and plans move steadily forward to benefit the community. Each also offers leadership to a committee within LRCA. Come out to our April meeting to update your paid membership for the 2016-17 year, and secure voting privileges for the LRCA election of new officers occurring in May. You must be an active/paid member by the April meeting to vote in May or to appear on the ballot as a candidate for any LRCA position. Join LRCA at a meeting or join at <http://lrcadc.org/join-lrca> online. We look forward to seeing you at our April meeting, and please bring at least one 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, April 3, 2017, 7:00 pm**  
**Monday, May 1, 2017, 7:00 pm**  
**Monday, June 5, 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. Guest Speakers
5. Updates from PSA and ANC
6. Committee Updates
7. Closing Remarks
8. Benediction

**COMMUNITY NEWS****Parking Enforcement for Street Sweeping**

Residential street sweeping started March 1, 2017. The District's residential street sweeping program is an important tool used to keep the streets clean. Motorists are asked to obey parking signs posted with the days of the weeks and hours of the day when parking restrictions will be enforced. After March 10, parked vehicles may be towed where parking is prohibited to allow the sweepers access to the curb lane. DPW would like to thank motorists in advance for keeping the curb lanes clear for street sweeping. Last year, with your help, DPW collected 2,000 tons of litter and pollutants from District streets before it was washed into the river. If your street wants to have sweeping added, you may enter a petition to have signs posted and sweeping to occur by visiting <http://dpw.dc.gov/service/street-sweeping-scheduled> where you can view the requirements and initiate a petition for your street. If signs have been damaged or gone missing, please report to 311. Not every residential street in the District currently receives mechanical sweeping service.

**DC Public Schools (DCPS) Study Abroad**

DCPS sends nearly 400 students from every ward in the District of Columbia on 18 study abroad trips every summer for immersion, culture, and serious learning from China, to Costa Rica, to France. This year Coolidge High School will send 14 students to 7 different countries: Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Galapagos of the Andes, Guatemala, Nicaragua, and Peru. The teachers who manage the Study Abroad Program here at Coolidge are Ms. Gross-Adams, Ms. Clauss, and Mr. Austin.

**Finding Your PSA (Police Service Area)**

For information about your specific MPD Police Service Area (PSA) go to <http://geospatial.dcgis.dc.gov/PSAFinder> and input your street address. Once you find your PSA, click the MORE INFORMATION link for detailed maps within your district, contact information for the district commander for your area, public safety meeting schedules, and more.

**✦ In Remembrance ✦**

**Mrs. Ethel G. King**, of Jefferson Street, NE at age 67 entered into eternal rest on February 18, 2017. Her services were held in Emporia, VA on Saturday, February 25, 2017.

**Riggs Park Community Farmer's Market Proposed**

Lou Durden, VP of Business Development for Fresh Communities Holding Corporation (FCHC), will share and discuss the agricultural technology housed at the far end of the Bertie Backus Campus parking lot. This will prove to be interesting and informative. Additionally, it is the intent of FCHC to bring a farmers market to the site, offering fresh local produce to the community.

**Keep Those Rose Bushes Blooming!**

This is the time to be setting up your garden for warmer weather. Although you may have seen your bulbs pop up and even cherry trees blossom, it's not too late to help your shrubbery do better this summer. Get out your garden shears and trim off all dead stems and dried flower clusters on rose bushes, crepe myrtles, and other shrubs. If some have gotten out of shape or gone wild, trim them back as soon as possible before they start wasting energy on making leaves and flowers. Cut stems just after the joint of a bud. Many bushes can take a 1/3 trim and recover nicely but do so evenly and don't just hack off the top please. Don't wait until summer when scorching temperatures would cause additional trauma for your out-of-control garden. Get those Cyprus trees next to your steps or front porch cut back now so they don't block your path with this year's growth. If you're considering cutting branches on trees, hurry up. And please be sure to paint the exposed ends to seal them from insects that may burrow inside to get at the rising sap. Put down your new mulch now to stop early weeds. And if you're filling in bare lawn patches, be sure to water daily for two weeks. For a lawn that doesn't demand as much watering later, don't fertilize, instead aerate. Feed your azaleas and other bushes soon. Trim back branches invading any fencing now and give old fences a new coat of rust-proofing paint. When summer rolls around your yard will be a beautiful part of the neighborhood. Too much work for you by yourself? Hire a high school student to do the work and to keep your yard in shape throughout the summer. Need help finding one? Talk to us.

## LRCA

Lamond-Riggs Citizens Association, Inc.  
General Membership Meeting Minutes  
Monday, March 6, 2017

President Barbara Rogers called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Trustee Willie J. Lynch, Jr. provided the invocation. Ms. Rogers welcomed four neighbors who were attending a LRCA meeting for the first time.

Reports: **LRCA Trustee Paul Garcia** provided information about the LRCA scholarship fundraiser scheduled for Saturday, May 20, 2017. The fundraiser will feature our neighbor, Ms. Shirleta Settles, in concert at the People's Congregational Church. Tickets are \$30.00 per person.

**MPD PSA 406**- Sgt. Miller reported on behalf of Lt. Posey. Sgt. Miller responded to concerns about speeding traffic, cars making illegal turns and speed cameras. He will discuss the issues with Lt. Posey.

**Principal Justin Ralston, LaSalle-Backus Education Campus** reported that the Big 10 NCAA Tournament has donated much-needed funds to LaSalle-Backus. The money will be used to advance literacy and meet technology needs. Students and faculty will attend a tournament game at the Verizon Center. Grades 6 through 8 will move to Coolidge High School in 2019.

**Phillip McCauley, the Mayor's Ward 4 Community Relations Liaison**, stated that traffic issues have been identified and the office will work with the DC Department of Transportation for resolution.

**Lionel Gaines, Ward 5 Community Liaison**, provided information about the Mayor's Budget Engagement Forums at which District citizens discussed their issues regarding the budget. Go to <http://budget.dc.gov> for more information.

**Councilmember Kenyon McDuffie** will hold an emergency meeting on March 7, 2017 regarding crime in Ward 5. **Barbara Mitchell, Legislative Director for Councilmember McDuffie**, provided information about the short-term rental bill being initiated in the DC Council. The bill will clarify and govern how District residents can rent out their property on a short-term basis. There will be a council hearing on the proposed bill on April 24.

**Ward 4 Councilmember Brandon Todd** has completed oversight hearings for 12 of the 24 agencies under his purview.

**Derek Staten, MPD 4D Community Outreach Coordinator**, provided information regarding avoiding scams. His talk emphasized that all citizens should be vigilant, attentive, alert, and pay attention. Do not give out personal information in any instance where you did not initiate the contact. Even if you did initiate the contact, be careful.

**ANC Commissioner Gordon Fletcher** stated that he wants to improve communications regarding the ArtsPlace development. ANC5A will look at what business services will be a part of the ArtsPlace development.

**Tischa Cockrell reported that the Marion Barry Youth Leadership Institute is accepting applications. For information call (202) 698-5826. Go to <http://summerjobs.dc.gov> for more information about the Mayor Marion S. Barry Summer Youth Employment Program.**

**Robert Oliver** reported that there is now an effort to restart the Friends of the Lamond-Riggs Library. Working with the Federation of Friends we can suggest ways to improve the Lamond-Riggs Library.

**Treasurer Tanya Slade** stated that the treasury balance is \$1,973.93. The February 6, 2017 minutes were approved as distributed and posted. **Trustee Lynch** provided the benediction.

President Rogers adjourned the meeting at 8:40 pm. **Barbara J. Carter**, Recording Secretary

## IT'S LRCA OFFICERS ELECTION TIME!

Please consider your opportunity today to run for office or to become a trustee of the Lamond-Riggs Citizens Association. To be eligible to vote in May or be nominated for a position you must be an active/paid member of LRCA by the April meeting. Join at a meeting join at <http://lrcadc.org/join-lrca> online. Also visit [www.LRCADC.org](http://www.LRCADC.org) to learn about the details of each office within LRCA. This is your opportunity to continue a legacy of strong and beneficial leadership in your community. Your service is invited, appreciated, and needed to keep LRCA active and relevant. Contact LRCA Financial Secretary Pat McCallan at 202-529-3927 to indicate your interest in nomination.

Elections will occur at the LRCA regular meeting on Monday, May 1, 2017.

---

## Beautiful Music On A Saturday Afternoon In The Spring *A Charity Fundraiser for Student Scholarships*



The Lamond-Riggs Citizens Association is hosting a fantastically fun spring fundraiser featuring our own local talent, SHIRLETA SETTLES in concert. Ms. Settles beautifully sings blues, jazz, gospel, soul and R&B. Don't miss this wonderful afternoon event at an exclusively low price you won't find for any other of Ms. Settle's concerts. Proceeds from the event will benefit local Lamond-Riggs high school students with college scholarships for eligible graduating students. Application online at <http://lrcadc.org/scholarships> are due April 11, 2017.

The event:

- Who: SHIRLETA SETTLES
- What: Vocal Concert with band, table seating
- When: Saturday, May 20, 2017
- Where: PEOPLES CONGREGATIONAL UCC  
4704 13TH STREET, NW  
WASHINGTON, DC 20011
- Time: 2 PM – 4PM
- Ticket Cost: \$30 per ticket

You will want to purchase tickets for family and friends at such a great price. Tickets will be available at the April 3, 2017 meeting. Online tickets are can be purchased at <http://bit.ly/2nwCD1p> We want to see you there - at the meeting and the concert!