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

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**THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

**Hello Lamond-Riggs Family,**

As I think about ending my presidency of LRCA, I feel so blessed to have met most of you who read this newsletter every month.

I want to thank the new residents that came out to our April meeting. I encourage each of you reading this message to get and remain involved in our community.

We want to thank Mr. Lou Durden, VP of Business Development for Fresh Communities Holding Corp (FCHC) for introducing neighbors to the hydroponic and aquaponic gardens growing in our neighborhood. The executive board will be pleased to tour the facilities and we look forward to having a local farmer's market in our neighborhood soon.

We will be holding elections at our May meeting. Please come to hear from the candidates and cast your vote.

***Barbara Rogers, President***

**NOTICES & AGENDA**

**LRCA Meetings**

*General meetings are scheduled for the first Monday of each month from October through 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, May 1, 2017, 7:00 pm and Monday, June 5, 2017, 7:00 pm in the LaSalle-Backus EC Auditorium.**

**AGENDA**

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

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### LaSalle-Backus

LaSalle-Backus Education Campus is excited to be enrolling students for the upcoming school year in PK - 8th grades! Next year we will be offering two sections of all grade levels from K - 8th grades to ensure that our class sizes remain small enough for individual attention from our staff. Additionally, we will be expanding our extracurricular offerings to include more DCIAA athletic programs and other after school opportunities for our scholars. Please feel free to contact the school at any time with questions at 202-671-6340 or e-mail [justin.ralston@dc.gov](mailto:justin.ralston@dc.gov) to communicate with Principal Ralston.

### Voting and a Drawing for May Concert

As of the April 3, 2017 general meeting there are 172 paid members of LRCA. Members who come to the May meeting to vote will also receive a chance to win one of five tickets to Shirleta Settles's concert. The tickets were donated by our generous neighbor Ms. Paquita Wiggins. Voting LRCA members must be present to vote and to win one of the concert tickets. If your membership was not active in April you will not be eligible to vote for (or run as) new officers and trustees of LRCA. There will be short introductions made by candidates for LRCA president and vice president.

### Good Safety Habits

- Keep car and house keys in your pocket, not in your purse.
- Put your cell phone number on your luggage tags.
- Always be aware of your surroundings and look around for suspicious people loitering nearby.
- Buy a paper shredder and use it.
- Lock your house doors when doing yard work.
- Make a copy of the front and back of all your charge/credit cards and keep the copies in a safe place.
- Keep your Will current.
- Make a list of instructions for next of kin regarding insurance policies, bank accounts, utilities, loans, debts, subscriptions, etc.
- Ask for a list of all up-front costs when considering a reverse mortgage, or any other contract.
- Do not accept telephone solicitations. Ask them to send offers by mail instead.
- Do not let strangers tell you what you need.
- Use only licensed contractors, not strange people knocking on your door. You can check licenses online.

### Community Clean-up Project, Join Us!

Join ANC and LRCA president Barbara Rogers along with many of your neighbors on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> as we give a little love back to the Earth. We're helping nature and the neighborhood by organizing a clean-up of the hill at Oglethorpe and New Hampshire that has accumulated trash over the winter. Meet us at 11am at Hellbender Brewing Company, 5788 2nd St NE. RSVP here: <http://bit.ly/hbcleanup> With a couple dozen volunteers it will be easy to make short work of this clean-up project and it will beautify the end of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street significantly. Removing the accumulated refuse will also help not attract critters to the block. Please bring work gloves. Hellbender Brewery will offer a free pint to the first 15 neighbors who register and participate in the cleanup at the URL above.

## LRCA

Lamond-Riggs Citizens Association, Inc.  
General Membership Meeting Minutes  
LaSalle-Backus Education Campus  
Monday, April 3, 2017

President Rogers called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. Trustee Willie J. Lynch provided the invocation. Four neighbors who were attending a LRCA meeting for the first time introduced themselves.

President Rogers asked all financial LRCA members to consider running for an office. Anyone interested in running for an office in LRCA should contact Mrs. Pat McCallan, chair of the nominating committee. You must be financial to run for office. The April 2017 meeting is the last date to become a financial member of LRCA.

**Mr. Lou Durden, VP of Business Development for Fresh Communities Holding Corporation (FCHC).** FCHC is working in collaboration with the Anacostia Economic Development Corporation and UDC to grow fresh vegetables using hydroponic (without soil) and aquaponic (using fish to supply nutrients) methods. This allows vegetables/plants to be grown year-round. The food is being grown in the Lamond-Riggs neighborhood in the “buildings” on the parking lot of the UDC building on South Dakota Avenue, where a farmer’s market is being planned for this spring/summer.

The owner of the **Annie’s Ace Hardware store at 3405 8<sup>th</sup> Street, NE** (at Monroe St.) extended an invitation to attendees to patronize the store. The store features local vendors, has a garden center and will source items upon request.

**Noelle Bonham, Manager, American Jobs Center, Department of Employment Services,** located at the UDC building on South Dakota Avenue, discussed the services provided. The center is open to job seekers, particularly those un/under employed who want to enhance job skills. Services include help with résumé writing, interview techniques, document preparation in the business center, and enhancing computer skills.

**Barbara Mitchell, Legislative Director for Councilmember Kenyan McDuffie,** encouraged attendees to testify at the 2018 District of Columbia budget hearings. Those who want to provide testimony can e-mail or testify in person. The budget is to be sent to the D.C. Council on April 4, 2017. **Faye Caldwell of Councilmember Brandon Todd’s** office also reminded those in attendance to attend and testify at or submit testimony regarding the budget hearings.

**Charon Hines, Director, Mayor’s Office of Community Affairs,** stated that the Mayor’s State of the District Address is posted at <http://mayor.dc.gov>. She explained the situation with the issue of missing youth in the District. The reason it appears that more youth are missing is because there have been changes made in the reporting. The District is now advertising more formally and frequently that young people are missing so that more residents/citizens can be aware and look out for them. New initiatives have been started to address the issue of missing young people, including a new hotline, 1-800-RUN-AWAY(786-2929).

**ANC Commissioner Gordon A. Fletcher** discussed the Art Place development. There is expected to be a coffee shop, a 24-hour fitness center, a dental office, and a daycare center. There will be a sign-up sheet at the LRCA May meeting to visit Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes-Norton’s office.

**Paul Garcia, LRCA Trustee,** encouraged members to purchase tickets for the May 20, 2017 concert featuring Shirleta Settles. Tickets are \$30.00 each and proceeds will benefit local Lamond-Riggs high school students who will attend college.

**Gwen Cofield, Co-chair Lamond-Riggs Development Task Force,** stated that the lease has been signed for Culture Coffee, a coffee shop, to come to Fort Totten Square. The store should open in late spring.

**Tanya Slade, Treasurer,** reported that, per bank statement, the LRCA March 31, 2017 ending balance is \$1,680.52.

March, 6 2017 minutes were approved as distributed and posted.

**Robert Oliver** reported that the Friends of the Lamond-Riggs Library will be restarted. This will allow the community to give voice to the needs of the library.

Trustee Willie J. Lynch provided the benediction. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Barbara J. Carter, Recording Secretary

## IT'S LRCA ELECTION TIME!

Elections for officers and trustees are scheduled for the LRCA general body meeting on Monday, May 1, 2017. If you interested in being a trustee, please contact Ms. Pat McCallan at 202-529-3927. Nominations can also be made from the floor. We need you! To be eligible to vote in this election, you must have paid your LRCA dues no later than Monday, April 3, 2017.

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### 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. The application is online at <http://lrcadc.org/scholarships> and due May 2, 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. This concert is seated at tables. Tickets will be available at the May 1, 2017 meeting and can be purchased at <http://bit.ly/2nwCD1p> online. We want to see you there - at the meeting and the concert!