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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 you know, this will be my last message to you as president of LRCA. It has truly been an honor and privilege for me to service as your president these past 4 years. It was my goal to continue the legacy of LRCA as the best neighborhood association in Washington, DC. There have been many accomplishments during my tenure and I am so grateful for the hardworking executive board members that I have had the pleasure to serve with for the past four years. You all have made my journey so enjoyable and I consider you all my family. I also want to thank the residents that are on committees, the past presidents and executive board members for your dedication to LRCA and our community.

I want to congratulate the new executive board that was elected at the May meeting. These committed residents will be sworn in by DC Attorney General Karl Racine at the June meeting. We will also be joined by Mayor Muriel Bowser and Councilmembers Brandon Todd and Kenyan McDuffie.

I have accomplished my goals as president, to increase membership and establish a web site and listserv. But most of all I accomplished bringing the community together, new and older residents. I love this community and will continue to serve as ANC Commissioner. I will continue to attend the meetings and stay involved.

In closing, I encourage residents reading this to get involved in our community.

Love you all!  
**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, October 2, 2017, 7 pm**  
**Monday, November 6, 2017, 7 pm**  
**in the LaSalle-Backus EC Auditorium.**

**AGENDA**

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

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Results of LRCA Officers Election for 2017-2019

President – Uchenna Evans

1st Vice President – Paul Garcia

2nd Vice President – Gwen Cofield

Treasurer – Iyanna Holmes

Financial Secretary – Sheila King

Corresponding Secretary – ***Vacant***

Recording Secretary – ***Vacant***

Trustees: Harrison Beacher, Lauren Boyd, Charon Hines, Linda Hodges, LaRoya Huff, Olga Naidenko, Michael Nelson, Sarah Shank, Tanya Slade, Lisa Wray

### Sela Community Day

Mark your calendars! Our third annual **Sela Community Day** will take place on **Sunday, June 4, 2017, from 1:00pm to 4:00 pm**. This is a great opportunity to join Sela students, staff and community as we kick-off the summer with fun, food, and fellowship. Sela Public Charter School, 6015 Chillum Place NE, Washington, DC 20011.

### A Jumpin' June Festival!

<http://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-jumpin-june-festival-tickets-34542673065>

Explore! Children's Museum is hosting its fourth FREE backyard fest – and this time we're celebrating movement! Come get the wiggles out! Enjoy family-friendly activities, meet new neighbors, and learn what Explore! has in store for the Summer! The Explore! Children's Museum, Jumpin' June Festival is on Saturday, June 3 from 11:00am - 1:00pm at 5234 4th St. NE. Come out and enjoy.

### -Remembering Our Neighbors-

**Elder Leroy “Bud” Christopher Huff**, father of LaRoya Huff, passed on March 23, 2017. His funeral was held on Friday, March 31, 2017 at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 4901 16<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Washington, DC.

**Mr. Fred Dendy** passed on May 9, 2017.



Lamond-Riggs Citizens Association, Inc.  
General Membership Meeting Minutes  
LaSalle-Backus Education Campus  
Monday, May 1, 2017

President Rogers called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. The invocation was provided by Pastor Meg Kuykendall, Washington, DC Christian Reformed Church. Those attending a LRCA meeting for the first time introduced themselves.

Reports:

**Sgt. Miller, PSA 406**, responded to a question about residents smoking marijuana outdoors. Sgt. Miller stated that the police are aware of the situation and take action where appropriate.

**LaSalle-Backus Education Campus- Principal Ralston** reported that the memorial to the victims of 9-11 has been replaced with a flower box and a bench. Enrollment has increased to 380 students. New teachers have been added to the staff. There are now two teachers for every grade and there is a full-time music teacher. All students will be able to take Spanish, music and art every week. Students in grades K-6 will get 30 minutes of play everyday. The Middle school will be moved to Coolidge High School by 2020.

## **LRCA Officer Elections**

Candidates for LRCA president, vice-president, and 2<sup>nd</sup> vice-president positions were given an opportunity to speak for two minutes about why members should vote for them. Nominations were accepted from the floor. There were no nominations for Recording and Corresponding Secretaries. LRCA financial members started voting. (Please see page 2, Community News, for election results.)

**LRCA Scholarship Fundraiser** Shirleta Settles, the performer, encouraged all attendees to purchase tickets for the fundraiser, scheduled for Saturday, May 20, 2017. LRCA has received a \$500 donation from Johnson Development Corporation for the scholarship fund.

**Phillip McCauley of the Mayor's Office of Community Affairs** stated that the 2018 budget includes age-friendly initiatives, including transportation to wellness centers.

**Gwen Cofield, Co-Chair LRCA Development Task Force**, stated that the new Arts Place development on South Dakota Avenue is expected to include a dentist's office, a coffee shop and a 24-hour fitness club.

**Robert Oliver, Friends of the Lamond-Riggs Library**, reported that \$5 million is included in the DC budget for FY 2018 and \$15 million is in the FY 2019 budget.

President Rogers stated that she is setting up a community tour of the greenhouses behind the UDC (old Backus building) on South Dakota Avenue and that she is working on a community festival for this summer.

Barbara J. Carter  
Recording Secretary

### Benefactors of LRCA

The following donors have directly contributed financial support to LRCA which we sincerely appreciate:

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| Cortney Arnold                  | Harrison Beacher       | Barbara J. Carter |
| Juanita Cooper                  | Katherine Devine       | Uchenna Evans     |
| Elevate Ministries              | Cheryl H. Everson-Mack | Mary F. Henson    |
| Johnson Development Corporation | Marla Johnson          | Stephanie Lewis   |
| Arlene McDonald                 | Dillard Pane           | Paul Smith        |
| Hatshepsitu Tull                | Heather Vitale         | Paquita Wiggins   |

### Spring Cleaning

Lamond Community Action Group (LCAG) completed another successful Spring Clean event on Earth Day, 22 April 2017. Thank you all that braved the rain and chilly temperatures to participate. As part of the Spring Clean event we planted flowers, cleaned neighbor’s yards and the community lot, and picked-up trash throughout our community. Special thanks go out to Mr. Keith White who coordinated the delivery of supplies and the trash pick-up from the city and to Thomas and Marsha Blanton for coordinating the continental breakfast. Also, thanks to Councilman Todd's staff member, Ms. Faye Caldwell for working alongside the LRCA throughout the day.

The “Hellbender Hill” cleanup at the end of 2<sup>nd</sup> St NE where it meets New Hampshire Ave on 29 April 2017 was a shining success as well. Susanna Murley organized a community cleanup of the trash that accumulated over the winter months, and we saw about twenty volunteers sign up to help. We’re very appreciative for the removal of such a large pile of trash!



### Summer Activities

Although LRCA doesn’t meet July-September, you don’t have to be out-of-touch. Stay tuned into neighborhood news and activities by participating at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/LamondRiggsCommunity> on the community Listserv and by checking the <http://www.lrcadc.org> LRCA web site regularly. Any announcements will be shared. Here are a few of the activities **currently in planning**: Movie nights at the Recreation Center, an August block party for back-to-school fun, a farmers’ market, and more!

### Special Thanks

We extend a very special thank you to the outgoing executive board members and officers who have been serving the community for years: Barbara Rogers, Rodney Foxworth, Tischa Cockrell, Barbara Carter, Juanita Cooper, Pat McCallan, Barbara Lee, Delvia Lewis, Willie Lynch, Jr., Melvin Rhodes, Helen Thompson, Juanita Waller, and Yinusa Yusuff. Your continuous service to the community is sincerely appreciated and we look forward to seeing you again around the neighborhood and at meetings. Thank you once again for all of your contributions to improving the community!