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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings Lamond-Riggs,

Thank you to everyone who came out for our first meeting of the year! At our next meeting on November 6, we will hear from the Cafritz Foundation, the developer of Art Place at Fort Totten on South Dakota Avenue (between Galloway and Ingraham Street NE). We will also hear from Washington Gas about its proposed merger with AltaGas.

In this issue of the newsletter, read about the rebuilding of the Lamond-Riggs Library, find out how to get a community garden plot or start composting at UDC Backus, and learn about useful services like home adaptation grants for seniors and individuals with disabilities. In addition, we are looking for volunteers to help us deliver this monthly newsletter to our neighbors. If you are able to deliver the newsletter on a monthly basis, please send us an email at info@lrcadc.org with your name and contact information and we will let you know which blocks we would like you to cover.

We continue to accept membership payments - \$10/year for individuals and \$15/year for households of two or more adults. Your membership payment supports scholarships for deserving neighborhood students and the operations of the LRCA. Easily and securely pay your membership online at <http://www.lrcadc.org/join-lrca>. Alternatively, fill out the last page of this newsletter and bring it with payment to our next meeting on November 6 or mail form with payment check to LRCA.

Finally, if you are looking for more ways to get involved, consider joining a committee. Committees are listed on the final page of this newsletter. Send us an email at info@lrcadc.org with your name and committee interest. Thanks for your continued support and we hope to see you in November.

In service,
Uchenna Evans, 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, November 6, 2017
Monday, December 4, 2017
Monday, February 5, 2018
7:00 pm in the LaSalle-Backus EC Auditorium (off Madison Street).

AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Updates from PSA Officers
3. Guest Speakers
4. Updates from Elected Officials
5. Officer's Reports: Minutes and Treasurer
6. Committee Updates
7. Closing Remarks

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Monthly ANC meetings

ANC 4B

7:00pm, 4th Monday of each month except July & August
MPD 4D Headquarters (6001 Georgia Avenue NW)
Website: <http://anc4b.info/>

ANC4B09 SMD meeting: 3rd Tuesday each month, 6:30pm
Riggs-LaSalle Community Center (501 Riggs Road NE)

ANC 5A

6:45pm, 4th Wednesday monthly except July & August
UDC-CC Backus (5171 South Dakota Avenue NE)
Website: <https://www.dccanc5a.org>

ANC 5A08 SMD meeting
6:30pm, 4th Tuesday monthly
UDC-CC Backus (5171 South Dakota Avenue NE)

Free Food Pantry

4:00 pm, 3rd Thursday Monthly
LaSalle-Backus Education Center (501 Riggs Road NE)

Free bags of groceries for community members

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Riggs-LaSalle Halloween Party

October 31, 2017

5:00 pm

Riggs-LaSalle Community Center (501 Riggs Road NE)

Halloween games, arts & crafts, costume contest, & music

UDC Bertie Backus Compost & Community Garden

UDC's Bertie Backus Food Hub is up and running at 5171 South Dakota Avenue NE (off Galloway Street). The Bertie Backus Compost Project is looking for residents who are interested in composting. A short training is required. If interested, contact Dr. Kamran Zendeheel at kamran.zendeheel@udc.edu or at (202) 274-7161.

The Food Hub also has 40 garden beds available for the community. If you would like a plot or if you would like to volunteer at the Food Hub, contact Matthew Gardine at matthew.gardine@udc.edu.

Safe at Home Grants for Seniors & Persons with Disabilities

DC's Safe at Home Grants provides adaptations (e.g., chair lifts, grab bar, etc.) around the home for qualifying seniors (60+) and individuals with disabilities (18+). In addition, eligible seniors and individuals with disabilities may receive a private home security system at no cost. For more information, contact (202) 724-5626.

ReadyDC

Disasters Don't Plan Ahead, You Can

Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, Jose and Maria have shown us disasters are very real and could happen to you. Are you ready? Not sure where to turn? Talking about disasters can be tough, but the best way to keep your family safe is to get ready now. ReadyDC is the new personal preparedness campaign from the District of Columbia and we're asking you to step up to the plate because it's never too early to plan. Preparedness is a shared responsibility and we need you to be aware, make a plan, build a kit and stay informed. Start the conversation with your family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers – visit ready.dc.gov to learn more.

In Memoriam

Rosa Jean Seldom, 92, Oglethorpe Street NE; Renee Frierson, 58, Oglethorpe Street NE; Chester Kearney, 84, Nicholson St. NE; Inez Rowley, 87, Kennedy Street NE; Harold (Chubby) Draugn, Madison Street NE

LRCA

LRCA General Membership Meeting Minutes LaSalle-Backus Education Campus October 2, 2017

President Uchenna Evans called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. Pastor Meg Jenista opened the meeting with a moment of silence for those affected by the shooting in Las Vegas. President Evans introduced the current board and encouraged those interested in being more involved in the association to sign up for a committee.

Ward 4 Councilmember Brandon Todd discussed two bills he introduced – (1) universal free lunch for all DCPS students and (2) a back to school tax holiday for DC. He addressed a free legal advice for seniors at UDC Law Center and The Elder Abuse Information Act. He is working on lifting a moratorium on Class B liquor licenses to allow full service grocery stores to sell beer and wine. He invited residents to the 3rd Annual State of the Senior Address which will be held at the Riggs LaSalle Rec Center on October 26.

Officer Juanita Brown (PSA 405). In the past 30 days there has been a 40% decrease in burglaries and 10% increase in robberies and assaults in PSA 405. Officer Brown encouraged everyone to be aware of their surroundings to help decrease the chance of becoming a target of crime. She encouraged everyone to be wary of phone calls asking for personal information over the phone.

PEPCO representatives Travoris Culpepper and Sara Bishop presented on the Capital Grid Project, which will create a networked system that will help prevent large scale outages throughout DC. In this neighborhood, the project will largely affect those who travel on Eastern Avenue and Riggs Road. Construction will begin in 2019. For more information, visit www.pepco.com/capitalgrid.

Lamond-Riggs Library Friends (LRLF) President, Robert Oliver, and VP, Rodney Foxworth, presented on the reconstruction of the Lamond-Riggs library. LRLF issued a community survey on the rebuilding, available at www.LRCADC.org. Deadline is October 20. The library executive committee will be discussing the entire process and answering questions on the project on October 5 at 7:00 PM.

Phillip McAuley, Ward 4 MOCR Subscribe to the mayor's weekly newsletter at www.mayor.dc.gov. Together with DCPS Chancellor Antwan Wilson, Mayor Muriel Bowser created a five year strategic plan for DCPS, available at www.dcps.dc.gov. Mr. McAuley asked that the community aid in making sure that kids attend class daily to decrease absenteeism. DC recently received two awards - the National Housing Policy Award and the Leadership in Environmental Design Award.

Barbara Mitchell, Legislative Director to Ward 5 Councilmember Kenyan McDuffie, presented on two bills: Managing Outdoor Work for Seniors Act and the Charles Hamilton Houston Commemorative Works Act. The M.O.W.S. Act will aid seniors with outdoor maintenance such as mowing and landscaping. The Commemorative Works Act focuses on better representing women and minorities in DC by erecting eight statues of minorities and/or women. If you are interested in supporting either effort you can attend the hearings on October 5 at the Wilson Building - the Commemorative Works Act at 9:30 AM and the M.O.W.S. Act at 10:00 AM.

ANC 409 Commissioner Tischa Cockrell invited residents to attend the Riggs-LaSalle Steelers Homecoming on October 14. Riggs Liquor plans to reopen in November. Commissioner Cockrell's SMD meetings are the third Tuesday of each month at Riggs LaSalle Rec at 6:30 PM.

ANC 4B08 Commissioner Barbara Rogers announced that Walmart is still hiring, especially for the holiday season.

ANC 5A08 Commissioner Gordon Fletcher updated the community that the dangerous dogs in the North Michigan Park area have been confiscated. He is working to remove the background check requirement that Riggs Plaza residents are required to undergo prior to moving into Arts Place. ANC 5A approved his resolution to support transfer of the land on the corner of Riggs Road and South Dakota Avenue NE to DPR for a community park. ANC 5A has a new website - www.dcanc5a.org.

President Evans presented the June 5 meeting minutes, which were approved.

Financial Secretary Sheila King provided a financial update. As of August 31, 2017 the Association has \$3,420.98.

La Salle Backus Principal Justin Ralston. LaSalle-Backus now has three crossing guards and will be getting solar panels. The school received 160 computers this year. Now every 6th, 7th, and 8th grader will have a computer of their own. All classrooms are being fitted with Smart Boards (interactive white boards). The school received a grant for an empowering males of color initiative. open to 6th, 7th, and 8th grade males. The school plans to launch a female mentorship program this year. The school has increased active play time to 30 minutes. The school received a grant for a new community garden. There is still room for enrollment for K-8 grades.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

/s/ Helen Li, Recording Secretary

LRCA

New Lamond-Riggs Neighborhood Library

The neighborhood library will be rebuilt at its current location at 5401 South Dakota Avenue NE. Residents will have plenty of opportunities to be give input on the new library. Visit the dedicated rebuilding website for up-to-date information and community meeting dates: <https://dclibrary.org/newlamondriggs>.

Key Dates:

Winter 2017-18: RFP for design/build contract

Spring 2018: Design/build selection

Summer 2018: Design kick-off

Fall 2019: Old library closes for construction

Fall 2019: Interim library opens

2021: New library opens



Membership Dues

Your financial support is essential to funding programs like annual youth scholarships, the holiday social, and for LRCA to remain official stewards for your neighborhood as a nonprofit entity in DC. If you are not able to attend our monthly meetings, please show your support by activating your annual membership online at <http://lrcadc.org/join-lrca> with a credit card donation. Paid members may vote on LRCA business and are eligible for the holiday gift drawings in December. Thank you for showing your support with your donation today. Ask a neighbor if they have joined too!

Join a committee:

Check the box to join an LRCA committee or send us an email at <http://www.lrcadc.org> with your committee interest.

(Cut here and mail your membership form with payment, or bring to the next meeting)

Membership Form - October 2017 thru September 2018

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Your membership donation may be **tax-deductible**. LRCA is a 501(c)3 public charity. Please consult with your tax professional.

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<i>Education</i>	<i>Environmental</i>	<i>Communications</i>		<i>Development Task Force</i>
		<i>Newsletter Distribution</i>		<i>Youth Development/ Recreation</i>
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