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**THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

Greetings Lamond-Riggs,

Please join us for our next meeting on March 5. On the agenda – (1) update on the library rebuilding process; (2) information on the new DC Fire & EMS transport policy; and (3) information on District government programs to help residents purchase and repair homes.

We are now accepting scholarship applications from graduating high school seniors who live in Lamond-Riggs and who attend a public school in DC. The application deadline is April 18, 2018. For eligibility guidelines and to download an application, visit <http://www.lrcadc.org/scholarships>.

We continue to accept dues payments, which support these scholarship awards for neighborhood youth. You can easily and securely pay online at <http://www.lrcadc.org/join-lrca> - \$10 for single person household and \$15 for household of two or more adults.

Stay connected with LRCA  
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/lrcadc>  
Twitter: @lrcadc  
Listserv: <https://groups.yahoo.com/group/LamondRiggsCommunity>

In service,  
Uchenna Evans

**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 5, 2018  
Monday, April 2, 2018  
Monday, May 7, 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

**Police Service Area (PSA) Officers**

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PSA 406

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**Social Saturdays with  
ANC Commissioner Barbara Rogers (4B08)**

Follow on facebook @ANCSocialSaturdays  
3rd Saturday Monthly  
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Culture Coffee Too (300 Riggs Road NE)  
Children welcome; hot chocolate provided in March

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**ANC 4B09 SMD Meeting with  
Commissioner Tischa Cockrell**

6:30 pm, 3rd Tuesday Monthly  
Riggs-LaSalle Recreation Center (501 Riggs Road NE)

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**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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**Free tax assistance**

Every Monday & Thursday (February through April)  
10:00 am

Lamond-Riggs Library  
5401 South Dakota Avenue NE

AARP provides free tax assistance for qualified individuals.

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**Safe at Home Grants**

Seniors, grant money is available to receive home modifications such as handrails, chair lifts, grab bars, shower seats, and bathtub cuts.

This program also provides vouchers for seniors to purchase and install home security cameras.

For information, visit <https://dcoa.dc.gov/safe-home> or call (202) 724-5626.

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**Volunteers Needed for  
Spring Clean Day**

Love living in Lamond-Riggs? Enjoy our community life? Want to make our neighborhood more beautiful? Then the April Lamond-Riggs Spring Clean Day is right for you! On April 14, 2018, LRCA will organize our neighborhood beautification event. Starting with coffee and donuts at 9:30 am, alley and street cleanups for a couple of hours, and a community get together for a hot dog lunch and a friendly chat with your neighbors at noon.

Look out for information at the April 2nd LRCA meeting where we will announce site locations and area leaders. For more information, and to join the Spring Clean planning team, please contact the LRCA Environment Committee by email at [environment.lrca@gmail.com](mailto:environment.lrca@gmail.com) or phone at 202-368-4850.

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**LRCA Environment Committee Interest Survey**

Please complete a short 8-question survey from LRCA's Environment Committee on initiatives you would like to see or organize in the community. View the survey at <http://bit.ly/2swso4q>

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**LaSalle-Backus Library**

The LaSalle-Backus Education Campus received a generous grant from the Heart of America Foundation to renovate the school's library. Completion is anticipated for April 20, 2018. Follow the progress at <https://lbecreads.wordpress.com>

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**Neighborhood Watch/Crime Prevention Training**

March 13, 2018

7:00 pm

MPD 4th District Headquarters

6001 Georgia Avenue NW

Hosted by Ward 4 Councilmember Brandon Todd, 4th District Citizens Advisory Council, & MPD. Training conducted by Citywide Neighborhood Watch Trainer Samantha Nolan. RSVP to [nolantutor@yahoo.com](mailto:nolantutor@yahoo.com)

# LRCA

## LRCA General Membership Meeting Minutes LaSalle-Backus Education Campus February 5, 2018

President Uchenna Evans called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Minutes from the December general membership meeting were approved. Membership approved spending of up to \$3,000 from the budget for scholarships for neighborhood youth.

**Sheila King, Financial Secretary** – LRCA started the year with a cash balance of \$3,421 and have collected \$3,260 from membership and printing donations. Expenses for copying and printing total \$1,374, government filing fees total \$80, and miscellaneous supplies at \$16. Total expenses are \$1,771. Ending balance is \$5,211.

**Faye Caldwell, Special Assistant to Ward 4 Councilmember Brandon Todd** – Oversight performance hearing for agencies will begin this month. For information on how to testify, call (202) 724-8052. There is also information on the Ward 4 website. Councilmember Todd will be hosting a Block Captain Training on March 13 from 7pm-9pm at MPD 4<sup>th</sup> District – 6001 Georgia Avenue, NW.

**4<sup>th</sup> District Commander Wilfredo Manlapaz** – There is a new Captain for 406 – Captain Pamela Wheeler started 4 weeks ago. If you are not on the listserv, Commander Manlapaz encourages members to join so that you can stay up to date on happenings in the neighborhood.

**Lt. Ozetta Posey, PSA 406** – Theft from auto is up 425%; all other crimes are down. Lt. Posey encourages everyone to not leave any visible items in vehicles in an effort to decrease the number of thefts from automobiles in 2018. Crimes of opportunities in this neighborhood are from individuals who live in the neighborhood.

**Barbara Mitchell, Legislative Director to Ward 5 Councilmember Kenyan McDuffie** – Oversight hearings for the agencies start at the beginning of February. Once the Mayor's budget is released the office will also be reviewing the office for each of the agencies. Ms. Mitchell will work with President Evans to make sure that the information is shared with the membership as well as additional information on how to testify at the hearings.

**DC Mayor Muriel Bowser** – The Mayor introduced her Cabinet Officials: Christopher Shorter, Director of the DC Department of Public Works; Jeff Marootian, Director of the District Department of Transportation; HyeSook Chung, Deputy Mayor for DC Health and Human Services; Allison Ladd, Deputy Director of the DC Department of Housing and Community Development; Laura Newland, Executive Director of the DC Office on Aging; Jennifer Niles, Deputy Mayor of Education; Del McFadden, Executive Director for the DC Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement; Julie Lawson, Director of the Mayor's Office of the Clean City; Kimberly Bassett, Director of the Mayor's Office on Women's Policy and Initiatives; Keith Anderson, Director for the DC Department of Parks and Recreation. Finances, safety, and education have shown improvement across all 8 wards – the city is safer and stronger than it has been in many years. Audits were conducted – 21 clean audits and, for the first time, three that showed no material weaknesses in operations. In 1950s there were 800,000 people in Washington, DC. Since then, DC's population has declined, making it difficult to invest in the many needs of the city. In 2018, DC is projected to be home to over 700,000 people – we are attracting residents and businesses, which will allow us to have the resources to make the critical investments we need to make as a city. This is the time that the Mayor's Office makes the critical decisions about the budget. The budget goes down to the Council at the end of March. Prior to that, there are three forums across the city where citizens can get involved in budget review and help balance the budget. Affordable housing continues to be the most important issue to residents in DC. Safe at Home program provides grants to seniors so that senior home owners are able to stay in their home longer. Senior property tax credit allows those over the age of 65 with a household income of than \$125,000 a year to qualify to pay half their tax bill. The Mayor's Office is very committed in finding out the issues causing the low attendance and graduation rates among high school seniors – need the whole community to be involved in making sure young people are placing a high value on showing up to school each day. The Office is committed to refining policies and making them clear and consistent across all DC schools. Those who did not follow the existing policies and let the city down have already been let go. The Mayor's Office has been able to advance the funds to push the library project up. An advisory group has been formed and they are working with the DCPL to make sure that they are getting everyone's input. Director Anderson and his team at DPR have been working hard to create safe spaces for teens in the community - let the Mayor's Office know how they can better help young people and create safe spaces.

**ANC 4B09 Commissioner Tischa Cockrell** – The next single member district meeting will be on February 20 at 6:30pm at LaSalle Recreation Center.

**Olga Naidenko, Environmental Committee** – Looking to organize a Lamond-Riggs beautification day for April. There will be a sign up at the March meeting.

**Charon Hines, 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee** – Working on a larger anniversary celebration but also Riggs Park Day, Oral History Project (partnering with Christian Reform Church who is celebrating 75 years in the neighborhood), and a senior fun run and walk in partnership with DC DPR.

**LaRoya Huff, Youth Development Committee** – DOES is recruiting for 18-24 year olds for their 11 week program beginning February 12. Participants receive \$8.50 an hour for 11 weeks then are fast-tracked into three-month DOES program. If you know someone interested, contact LaRoya.

**LaRoya Huff, Senior Committee** – Any seniors with outstanding grant applications to the safe at home program or for the security camera incentive, please contact LaRoya. Food, Fun and Friends occur every third Friday from 6-8pm hosted and sponsored by Culture Coffee Too. There will be a children's story time in March as well.

**Robert Oliver, President of Lamond-Riggs Library Friends** – There will be a Black History Celebration at the Lamond-Riggs Library on February 15 at 7pm. Historian CR Gibbs will present on "Africa, African-Americans and World War II."

LRCA puts together a list of priorities that are periodically sent to agency officials and the Mayor's Office. If you have any suggestions or questions, contact President Evans so that the Association can take your comments to the proper officials.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 PM. /s/ Helen Li, Recording Secretary



**Mayor Muriel Bowser at LRCA February 2018 Meeting**

Thank you to Mayor Bowser and DC agency leaders for joining us at our February meeting. Audio recording is available at <http://www.lrcadc.org/newsletters-minutes>. View the mayor's toolkit for prosperity at <https://dmgeo.dc.gov/fairshot-toolkit>

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**Lamond-Riggs Library Rebuilding Process**

The Lamond-Riggs neighborhood library will be rebuilt at its current location. For up-to-date information, visit <https://dclibrary.org/newlamondriggs>.

**Timeline**

- Winter 2017-18: RFP for design/build contract
- Spring 2018: Design/build selection
- Summer 2018: Design kick-off
- Fall 2019: Close for construction
- Fall 2019: Interim library opens
- 2021: New library open

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**Membership Form - October 2017 through September 2018**  
**LAMOND-RIGGS CITIZENS ASSOCIATION P.O. BOX 60272 - WASHINGTON, DC 20039**

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