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"A Community Newsletter" —LRCA, P.O. Box 60272, Washington, DC 20039 (202)930-5473

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## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings Lamond-Riggs,

We are looking forward to our last meeting of the program year on June 4, where we will recognize the contributions of residents and supporters of LRCA. With the hard work and advocacy of the board, residents, and our elected officials, we have been able to do great things for Lamond-Riggs this program year. Our elected officials have advanced full funding for reconstruction of the Lamond-Riggs Library, funding for inclusion of the Riggs Road/South Dakota Avenue NE corridor in the Main Street program to provide support for and grow small businesses along the corridor, and funding for a clean team for the corridor. We are happy to report that the DPR playground at the Riggs-LaSalle Recreation Center will be opening to the community outside of school hours by October 1, 2018, and hopefully as early as July.

We are also excited to announce that we are partnering with the Anacostia Watershed Society on a grant to raise awareness about keeping the Anacostia River clean! Together we are hosting a free boat tour of the Anacostia River on June 23, 2018, 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm. Free bus transportation will be available. Register at <https://anacostiaws.salsalabs.org/62318anacostiariverboattour/index.html>. More information on this & other activities through this partnership will be provided at our June meeting.

Inside the newsletter are dates for a few events in June and beyond, including a neighborhood farm stand opening at UDC Backus (5171 South Dakota Avenue NE) on June 9, 2018, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Save the date for LRCA's 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, September 29, 2018, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at The VIP Room, located at 6201 Third St. NW. For more info, call (202) 832-1793.

Be sure to join the neighborhood listserv at <http://groups.yahoo.com/lamondriggscommunity> & visit the website at <http://lrcadc.org> to stay up-to-date on information and activities throughout the summer. Over the summer please let us know your budget wishes and priorities that you would like LRCA to focus on for the next program year. Please have a safe and enjoyable summer.

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, June 4, 2018  
Monday, October 1, 2018  
Monday, November 5, 2018  
7:00 pm in the LaSalle-Backus EC Auditorium (off Madison Street).

### AGENDA

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

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**ANC 4B09 SMD Meeting with  
Commissioner Tischa Cockrell (4B09)  
Regarding Walmart ABRA Application to Sell Beer &  
Wine**

June 6, 2018  
6:30 pm

Riggs-LaSalle Recreation Center (501 Riggs Road NE)

**Movie Night with LRCA &  
ANC Commissioner Barbara Rogers (4B08)**

Riggs-LaSalle Recreation Center  
501 Riggs Road NE  
June 22, 2018 - Black Panther  
July 17, 2018 - Motown Music Concerts  
Free Popcorn; bring a lawn chair or blanket

**Free Food Pantry**

June 7, 2018  
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

LaSalle-Backus Education Center (501 Riggs Road NE)  
Free groceries for neighborhood residents

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**Trustee Change**

LRCA Trustee Harrison Beacher has relocated a mile down the road and is no longer on the LRCA board. Pursuant to LRCA's bylaws, the board will appoint a member to this position. We thank Harrison for his tremendous contributions to LRCA and the community.

**Free Neighborhood Beautification Services for Seniors**

Senior residents, sign up to receive free landscaping services, such as mowing and weeding, provided by DC's Department on Energy & the Environment at <https://doee.dc.gov/service/free-beautification-services-your-neighborhood>.

**Metro Red Line Service Work July 21 – September 3**

- Rhode Island Avenue & Brookland stations closed.
- No Red Line service between Fort Totten and NoMa-Gallaudet stations; use Green Line as alternate.
- Shuttle buses provide service between Fort Totten, Brookland, Rhode Island Ave, and NoMa-Gallaudet stations. Red Line trains will operate in two segments: between Shady Grove & NoMa-Gallaudet and between Fort Totten & Glenmont.
- Rush Hour Promise will remain in effect for most rail customers; however, certain Red Line trips will be excluded due to service adjustments.

**DC Fire & EMS Cadet Program**

Applications are being accepted for the DC Fire & EMS Cadet Program until July 1, 2018 at <https://fems.dc.gov/page/cadet-program>

**Minimum Requirements**

- Be a DC Resident
- Be a DC Public, Public Charter or Parochial High School Graduate, with a diploma or GED
- Be between the ages of 18 - 21 years old at the time of application
- Have had a cumulative high school GPA of 2.5
- Have a driver's license, provisional license or learner permit at the time of application

Once evaluated and selected Cadets earn an annual salary of \$22,526 and accrue 4 hours of paid annual and sick leave bi-weekly. Upon successful completion of the Program, new Firefighter EMT recruits will earn a starting salary of \$48,881 annually, accrue 4.5 hours of paid annual and sick leave bi-weekly, and have access to health and life insurances and union representation.

# LRCA

LRCA General Membership Meeting Minutes  
LaSalle-Backus Education Campus  
May 7, 2018

President Uchenna Evans opened the meeting with a silent invocation at 7:06 PM. Riggs Park Day is set for May 19 at the Riggs LaSalle Recreation Center at 12 p.m. Volunteers are needed for set-up, day-of tasks, and clean up. Survey for Art Place programming and retail will be shared online on the LRCA website. A farm stand is coming to UDC Backus in early June - focus groups will be held and a survey conducted. Minutes from the April meeting approved by membership.

Current LRCA bank balance reported Financial Secretary at \$5,555.01. Financial report approved by membership.

**MPD 4D Commander Randy Griffin, Cpt. Pamela Wheeler-Taylor, Cpt. Bryan Christian, Lt. Ozetta Posey** – Theft from auto is increasing. Lt. Posey encourages everyone to remove all valuables from cars. More patrols will be added to combat speeding traffic and gun crimes. Lt. Posey urges the community to call 911 whenever there is suspicion of criminal activity – always call MPD first. If MPD's response time is too long or MPD is nonresponsive, you can contact Lt. Posey directly to let her know, but everyone should always call 911 first. MPD crime report is available at <https://mpdc.dc.gov/page/statistics-and-data>.

**Barbara Mitchell, Legislative Director to Ward 5 Councilmember Kenyan McDuffie** – Budget items secured are: street, alley, and curb projects in areas with significant senior populations; funding of Main Street initiatives including a Clean Team; Lamond-Riggs Library construction funds – LRCA President Uchenna Evans, Lamond-Riggs Library Friends President Robert Oliver, and ANC Commissioner Frank Wilds (5A01) to serve on the DCPL Design Team Panel; Remodel Cities; and sponsorship of the Charles Hamilton Houston statue. Lack of maternity wards in eastern city neighborhoods continue to be an issue of concern.

**LaRoya Huff, Community Liaison to Ward 4 Councilmember Brandon Todd** – DPW can replaced at 6<sup>th</sup> and Madison NE. DDOT repaving of Riggs Road and Eastern Avenue NE addressed. There will be a meet and greet at Culture Coffee Too in June. CM Todd will host a Living Room chat – date to be determined. There is a security camera incentive program for DC residents who want to install cameras on their property - <https://ovsjg.dc.gov/service/private-security-camera-system-incentive-program>

**Phillip McAuley, Ward 4 MOCR** – Recommends community to apply for the security camera rebate program, especially considering the crimes at the 700-800 blocks of Oglethorpe Street NE. Over 10,000 have taken advantage of the program so far. Ward 4 businesses have received over \$2.6 million in funding through the Great Streets Program. The DC Funk Festival Parade is scheduled for May 12 at 4 p.m. Meet at Howard Theater, 620 T Street NW at 3 p.m. if interested. Visit [www.mayor.dc.gov](http://www.mayor.dc.gov) to follow mayoral activities.

**Jim Sebastian, DDOT Associate Director for the Planning and Sustainability Division** – Discussed the extension of the Metropolitan Branch Trail (MBT) from Brookland to the Fort Totten Metro Station. The goal of the MBT is to link Silver Spring, MD to Union Station in Washington, DC via bicycle trails. The extension runs from John McCormack Drive to the Fort Totten Metro Station and will include a new sidewalk on the south side of Galloway Street NE opposite The Modern apartment community. Expected start date is June 2018 with completion estimated for November 2019. Visit [www.metbranchtrail.com](http://www.metbranchtrail.com) for more information.

**Evan Goldman, VP of Land Acquisition and Development for EYA** – There will be 163 houses in the new Fort Totten South development coming to South Dakota Avenue and Riggs Road NE, all three-bedroom homes except for approximately 15 two-bedroom townhomes. There will be 29 homes reserved for below market rate sale (half will be at 50% AMI, the other half at 80% AMI). Development will have 20,000-25,000 sq. ft. of retail along Riggs Road. LRCA negotiated community benefits package with value of \$325,000, \$200,000 of which will go to public space improvements. BZA hearing will be on May 30, 2018. Average market price for the homes estimated to be \$500k-\$600k. Info available on LRCA's website at <http://lrcadc.org/development>.

**Uchenna Evans, President LRCA** – On behalf of ANC Commissioner Barbara Rodgers (4B08) – hosting two movie nights with LRCA this summer: June 22 and July 17 at 7pm at Riggs-LaSalle Rec.

**DC Candidate Meet & Greet** – Primary election on June 19, 2018. All candidates for DC Council At-Large & DC Council Chair were invited to participate in a meet and greet. Marcus Goodwin (At-Large candidate), Jeremiah Lowery (At-Large candidate), and Ed Lazere (DC Council Chair candidate) attended. The LRCA does not make political endorsements.

**Lisa Wray, 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee** – The planning committee met in May to discuss the Fall lunch celebration for LRCA's 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Additional details will be shared at the June LRCA meeting.

**LaSalle-Backus Principal Justin Ralston** – The library was renovated a couple weeks ago – over \$30,000 renovation. The school is hosting their second annual career day on June 1. Anyone interested in presenting on what they do and inspire kids is welcome to participate.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 PM. /s/ Helen Li, Recording Secretary.

## How to Dispose of Something in DC

Disposing of trash and recyclables the right way helps keep our city clean, beautiful, and healthy. To take the guesswork out of waste disposal and recycling, Department of Public Works (DPW) created a new web app (available at: <https://zerowaste.dc.gov/>) that allows residents to type in almost any item they can think of, after which they will be provided with information on how that item should be properly disposed of, recycled, reused or composted in the District. If DPW collects your trash and recycling, you've also likely received a postcard from them with reminders on how to prepare your trash and recyclables for collection. Some of the reminders include not putting recyclables in plastic bags, and when bins should be set out and removed from the curb.

**Note: Trash that is left outside of garbage cans will not be picked up. You must request a bulk pick-up if you plan to have trash that exceeds your cans.** DPW can be reached via phone at (202) 673-6833.

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## Lamond-Riggs Library Update from DC Public Library

The Lamond-Riggs Library, at 5401 South Dakota Ave. NE, is going to be rebuilt. The project is fully funded at \$20 million.

In March 2018, the DC Public Library (DCPL) issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to select a design build team. Nine firms responded, and the Library has chosen three finalist teams to present proposals through a Request for Proposals (RFP) process to DCPL's architect selection panel. Three community members, chosen by Council Member Kenyan McDuffie, will serve on the selection panel to choose the design-build team for the new Lamond-Riggs Library.

The design process will begin in Summer 2018 and will take approximately 16 months. Once the design is complete, the current building will be closed and DCPL will provide library services at an interim location during construction. The new building will open in Fall 2021.

Community engagement is a vital aspect of the library design process. DCPL gathers input in a variety of formats, including surveys, focus groups and community meetings. To date, DCPL has conducted an initial survey (electronic and paper) that received more than 100 responses, and DCPL has begun targeted focus groups with customers to get a sense of what they would like to see in their new library. In addition, DCPL gathers demographic data and growth projections to inform the design. DCPL will provide regular updates on the website, [dclibrary.org/newlamondriggs](http://dclibrary.org/newlamondriggs).

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## Bertie Backus Farm Stand Opening June 9, 2018

The University of the District of Columbia is pleased to announce the opening of a farm stand at the Bertie Backus Campus. All produce is sustainably produced, local, organic and will be sourced from UDC's Firebird farm in Beltsville, MD, and UDC's Urban Food Hubs in Washington, DC. UDC's produce offerings will vary as the farm season progresses so look out for a list of what UDC will have to offer each month. If you are interested in helping make opening day **June 9, 2018** a community event, please contact Maryam Sabur at [bertiebackus.farmstand@gmail.com](mailto:bertiebackus.farmstand@gmail.com). UDC is looking for volunteer musicians, help with children's crafts and games, and any suggestions that will enhance the farm stand.

**Location:** UDC Backus Campus, 5171 South Dakota Avenue NE, Washington DC 20017

**Time:** 9:00 am-12:00 pm

### Dates

June 9, 2018

July 7, 2018

August 11, 2018

September 15, 2018

October 6, 2018

November 10, 2018

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## Thank you for making the 2018 Riggs Park Day a Fun, Safe, and Successful Community Day!



The LRCA and ANC Commissioners Barbara Rogers (4B08) & Tisha Cockrell (4B09) would like to thank everyone who attended Riggs Park Day on May 19, 2018 at the Riggs-LaSalle Recreation Center. This event could not have happened without the contributions of so many people. Big thanks to our donors—Walmart for the snacks, beverages, & monetary donations; Ledo Pizza (7435 Georgia Ave. NW) for the pizza; Blue Sky Construction for the sandwiches; Takoma Park Liquors for beverages; the Nationals and Ward 4 Councilmember Brandon Todd for Nationals ticket vouchers; and residents who made donations for the live music. Our great event partners—face painting by Adondra Woods; storytelling and drawing with Explore! Children's Museum & the Lamond-Riggs Library; coloring with Adventures with Luna & Friends; children's music by The Uncle Devin Show; capoeira class & demo by Capoeira Malês DC; and live music by Crossfire the band. Our volunteers, including LRCA board members, residents, and Faye Caldwell of Councilmember Todd's office. The many District agencies and the Anacostia Watershed Society for hosting information tables, and finally DPR and staff at the rec for providing the site, moonbounce, other items, and assistance for the event.