

- **LPCA Announcement**

- Take the LPCA Survey, available online (www.surveymonkey.com/r/3RV8ZV2) or in paper. The LPCA wants to know what it can do to serve you better!
- Need volunteers to help drop off paper surveys door-to-door so all residents can participate. Completed paper surveys can be dropped off at the LeDroit Market at the corner of 4th and T.
- Contact Jon (jonpgoldman@gmail.com) to volunteer.

- **MPD Safety Report - Sgt. Smith**

- Crime is up, 5 violent crimes this month
- 3 robberies – two were set ups, one where someone was lured to a residence after a meeting online and robbed, one where a delivery person was robbed bringing food to a home. The third instance was where an individual was robbed during the purchase of marijuana.
- Property crime also up.
- MPD has a new system called DC Crime Cards, a more intuitive way to see crime statistics for your neighborhood.
- Q&A:
 - Question - Safety committee asked for update on recent shooting and stabbing. What is MPD doing to keep residents safe?
 - MPD unable to determine what had happened with stabbing, individual was drunk and could not articulate what had happened.
 - Unsure the cause of the shooting, if no one hurt then it is logged by MPD only as the sound of gunshots.
 - MPD patrols the neighborhood for crime prevention. No increase in patrols because there is no increase to MPD manpower. MPD can set up target areas if there are specific problems. Noted difference between generalized crime and crimes related to personal relationships, which are harder to track.
 - Question – there is group of concerned neighbors in LeDroit that are working together on the street traffic problems on 4th street, where drivers drag race at night and individuals constantly run through red lights. Noted officer presence at the intersection of 4th and T today, which helps with speeding. What can we as neighbors do?
 - Encouraged continued neighbor involvement and contacting lawmakers.
 - Has reached out to automotive coordinators, has not heard back.
 - Could use another stop sign on 4th street, but this is not MPD's area.

- **Kent Boese, Candidate Ward 1 Councilmember Candidate**
 - Lives up Georgia Ave., currently a Commissioner for 1A
 - Education:
 - We need to reevaluate the impact evaluation model. Right now we are evaluating teachers on testing, rather than evaluating actual teaching.
 - Would plan to review the Hatch Act, right now our teachers cannot run for positions on the School Board so don't feel empowered and are hesitant to participate when they have good ideas.
 - Safety:
 - Found crime problems have grown since last year. After an event like a shooting, we need to have the right people at the table, like the Police Chief, so there is a response.
 - Will work on the Near Act to get the Agency more involved.
 - Plans to work with DCRA to board up vacant properties.
 - Already works closely with our Commissioner Norman.
 - Public Spaces:
 - Will work on allocating resources to keep areas clean, need to ensure there is enough manpower and that funds being allocated in the right way.
 - Q&A:
 - Question: if you could change one piece of legislation passed by the council what would you correct?
 - TOPA law – first right of tenant to buy a property. There must be a distinction between separate single-family and multi-family dwellings. There also must be a difference between owner-occupied or rental-occupied properties. We should ensure that people who are renting actually have a path to ownership.
 - Councilmember McDuffy went too far with legislation on renting out AirBnBs. If you own your home, live there, and are getting a homestead deduction, then you should not have too many hoops to jump through to sell.
 - Question – we've come to accept no level of competency and lack of responsiveness from our local government agencies. What would you do to change this?
 - Discussed splitting up DCRA - should carve out a section that just does business licenses, with walk-up windows.
 - Right now we are keeping business out of DC because it is too hard to open shop here. He knows business who choose to open in Virginia rather than DC because it was so difficult to work through the system. Need to keep jobs in DC.
 - Attrition in agencies is a problem, we need to find a way to get around this and splitting agencies into smaller sections may work.
 - Question – how would you define affordable housing?

- Currently divided into \$30k or less as very affordable, \$30k-60k as affordable, anything more is market rate
- Need to stop practice of only a few inclusionary units in larger developments, which help, but are still not affordable
- Wants to create housing that has affordability of all levels, right now mostly limited to people in the affordable level but not the very affordable. Need availability for all ranges of ages and family units.
- Has experience working on housing for the aging population.
- Question – how would you address literacy in the metropolitan area?
 - More resources into early childhood development
 - Support the faith-based community, to find safe spaces for youth to come to programs to increase literacy
 - Need good elementary and middle schools as a basis for literacy later in life.
 - A good model is 16th street Family Place – there are adult literacy courses and they also provide childcare, which solves the problem of single parent or working-parents issues.

- **Director Julie Lawson – Mayor’s Office of the Clean City**

- New to position, wanted to introduce herself to the community.
- Longtime Ward 4 resident, active in her children’s PTA
- Her office’s focus is on rodent abatement and litter clean up. It is a small office within the Mayor’s office, so can elevate issue to Mayor’s attention.
- Current projects:
 - Saturday held a city-wide clean up. If everyone picks up some trash, makes a difference.
 - Cleanup bags available at all DPR rec centers. Just ask at the front desk.
 - Throw out filled bags at your residence, take back to the rec center, or call 311 for a pick-up.
 - Working to apply research on why people litter to find long term solutions to prevent littering.
 - Adopt-the-Block program - connecting youths to block leaders who can be role models, encourage community involvement
 - Programs to protect parks – right now you can go to the Office’s map and you can see who owns each park area and adopt it. Her Office is in partnership with the National Park Service.
 - Doubled budget for rat abatement
 - \$500,000 for trash compactor grants for restaurants and business with overflowing trash.
 - Efforts to organize restaurants on one block to use one sealed trash compactor rather than many small open dumpsters

- In-District composting in the works.
 - Q&A:
 - Question – what to do about an abandoned property with abandoned vehicles and a rat problem?
 - Contact her directly, the law is tight with abandoned vehicles, but if there is a safety risk the Office can take action.
 - Question – what are your typical calls?
 - Does not answer calls like 311, looks at long term trends, such as specific problem areas with rodents. For example, there was a large rodent problem with an alley on H street and the Office worked to make the businesses use rat-abatement procedures.
 - Question – what are the general proximity of trash cans in the city to one another?
 - There is no city norm
 - Studies show people will only walk 12 steps with litter to a trash can. They look at where to put density, but need to be careful to not install too many cans, because cans attract illegal dumping and other unwanted activity.
 - Office checks to ensure cans don't overfill and are picked up on a regular basis.
 - Question – does she work with DPW crews on street cleanings? Right now they “book it” too fast down the streets so the clean ups are useless and trash is thrown on the sidewalk.
 - Unaware of that problem, is doing a ride along with DPW soon
 - Check out the website at Cleancity.dc.gov
- **Ramona – DC Dept. of Human Services, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)**
 - Asks that neighbors spread the word about TANF and the new TANF policies.
 - TANF allows families to benefit from education and provides funding to assist children. The goal of TANF is to empower families economically and educationally, and provide families in need with the services they need. TANF works by providing federal block grants.
 - Goal to get families on and off TANF. Children will see parents do better and want to do better themselves.
 - Offers:
 - Cash incentives to go back to school
 - College tuition assistance
 - Monetary assistance for training
 - New:
 - As of April 15, cash benefits went up
 - No longer a timeline for use of TANF
 - Improved customer service

- Contact TANF if you see problems.
- Q&A:
 - Question – has she visited other areas?
 - Goes to all 8 wards, is “on the TANF roadshow”.
 - The roadshow goes to different areas, schools, community centers, and public events. TANF also partners locally, such as with MPD.
 - Question – how is TANF monitored to ensure that children and families are able to grow?
 - TANF provides a case manager who provides personalized review of participants.
 - Contracted providers are held accountable that their programs work.
 - Has smaller sub-programs, like the Home Business Program and the Bridges Program to locate the barriers that may prevent a parent from returning to work.
 - Question – have you gone to present to the Kelly Miller housing development?
 - Will reach out to property manager.
 - Question – what is TANF’s caseload?
 - Does not track by caseload, can offer statistics if interested.

- **Aaron Rinaca – LeDroit Park Historic House Tour**

- The goal of the House Tour is to attract people to LeDroit to show off the community’s history and architecture.
- Ideally will have 6-8 homes to showcase.
- Will have conventional paper handouts on properties, but also digital options to control costs.
- Target date a Saturday in September 2018, will have a final date selected by May
- Potential partnership with Howard University, students would research and write about the homes, then write a midterm – this would encourage students in becoming involved in LeDroit
- Unique idea for LeDroit – host a reception, like a BBQ, so interested individuals can speak to long-time residents and a historian, maybe even the Mayor. Goal would be additional donations without negatively impacting the publically open tour.
- Need houses! If you have a home you would be interested in opening up or interested in even being a stop on the tour where people could walk by, contact the committee.
 - No restriction on style, year of construction, etc. All houses tell a story of the neighborhood.
- Need volunteers! Need help with contacting media outlets, bloggers, Cultural tourism DC, and get the word out. Will take any volunteers.

- Email Aaron Rinaca (aaron.rinaca@gmail.com) or Ethan Arnheim: (ethanarheim@gmail.com)

- **Community Announcements**
 - Come this Saturday to the event in the Park at LeDroit!
 - Featuring:
 - Band playing Go-Go music
 - LPCA raffle
 - Falcon!
 - Councilmember Nadeau's Office
 - Ward 1 Public Safety Summit tomorrow from 6 pm to 8 pm at Banneker Rec Center
 - Talk to MPD Chief and Commander
 - Meet with other local residents to discuss issues.
 - Talk with Brianne:
 - Next meeting in Columbia Heights, Monday, April 30, 6:30 pm, Sheba Café
 - Check out <http://www.brianneknadeau.com/events>
 - Common Good Farm Kick Off this Saturday!
 - Also event on Wednesday, from 3-6 pm
 - Invite anyone for Produce Plus to attend.
 - Shinada Phillips - Mayor Bowser's Office
 - Reach out to her with questions, comments, or concerns
 - Group of residents are organizing to address aggressive driving on 4th street
 - Working with Bloomingdale as well, for 1st street concerns
 - If interested, talk to Aaron Rinaca (aaron.rinaca@gmail.com)

- **LPCA Elections**
 - Next month!
 - Formal positions available: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer
 - Formed a committee for nominations: Alison, Kyle, Richard, Sarah, Connie
 - Notify LPCA if interested in running.

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