

Long Reach Community Association

2017 Annual Report

Long Reach Board of Directors

Nina Basu, Chair

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Josh Friedman

Reginald Avery

Janet Evans, CA Council Rep

In 2016-2017, the Village Board continued to fulfill its regular duties in areas such as covenant enforcement, monitoring village finances, appointing committee members, approving village operating policies and responding to residents' concerns. This report highlights the activities and services provided by the Long Reach Community Association during Fiscal year 2017.

The Board also took the following specific actions in a variety of areas during the past year:

- ▶ Testified at CA Budget Hearings urging CA for funding for landscaping and hardscaping around Stonehouse and the Art Center
- ▶ Supported the restoration and installation of the Village posters at Lake Kittamaqundi
- ▶ Maintained close contact with County officials regarding the Long Reach Village Center and the Indoor Tennis Facility
- ▶ Advocated for a traffic circle at Tamar Drive/Old Montgomery Road intersection in Jeffers Hill
- ▶ Attended meetings with the County on Sustainable Communities
- ▶ Met with CA President and CA Board member to review highlights of the FY16 CA capital projects
- ▶ Met with Howard County Police
- ▶ Appointed David Wissing to fill the seat vacated by Karen Hitcho.
- ▶ Met with Howard County Council members to discuss village concerns
- ▶ Attended meetings with Howard County concerning the Village Center Revitalization process
- ▶ Approved a review of the Employee Handbook
- ▶ Testified to the Planning Board to oppose Royal Farms gas station on Route 108 BA 14-022C
- ▶ Appointed the Election Committee
- ▶ Reviewed and approved the Association's financial reports
- ▶ Appointed Tim Titus as the Long Reach Rep to the CA Watershed Committee & met with him for updates.
- ▶ Appointed Sharon Lee Vogel as the Long Reach CA Senior Advisory Rep & met with her for updates.
- ▶ Met with CA President Milton Mathews and CA Board Chair to discuss CA's accomplishments and financial summary
- ▶ Donated funds to Long Reach area high schools after prom activities
- ▶ Met with Howard Hughes Corporation about the plans for downtown Columbia
- ▶ Met with the Long Reach CA Aquatic Staff
- ▶ Met with the Howard County Police to discuss community safety
- ▶ Advocated for CA to **acquire the 5+/- acre open space property** from Howard Hughes Corporation to develop into an active recreational site such an Indoor Tennis Facility.
- ▶ Issued 15 Day Notices to properties not in compliance with the covenants
- ▶ Approved and updated the Goals & Objectives, Board Rules & Procedures and Conflict of Interest policies
- ▶ Attended meetings with CA and other villages to discuss issues of mutual concerns
- ▶ Monitored pedestrian and vehicular traffic concerns
- ▶ Approved an audit of the Association's financial records
- ▶ Testified before the Planning Board in favor of increasing the New Town density to allow for the development of Grandfather's Nursery property
- ▶ Monitored development of the Blandair property

The Village Board has adopted the following budget for the fiscal year May 1, 2017 through April 30, 2018.

FY2018 Budget

Assessment Share	376403	Administrative	389864
Programs	152324	Programs	120659
Rentals	231875	Rentals	62359
Special Projects	1170	Special Projects	18830
Interest	750	Newsletter	31000
Miscellaneous	7530	Fixed Costs	125040
		Miscellaneous	22300
TOTAL INCOME	770052	TOTAL EXPENSES	770052

Long Reach sponsored many continuing events, programs and services. Among the most popular were:

Neighborhood Pool Party ★ Block Party Kits ★ Cul de Sac Grants ★ Cul de Sac Contest ★ Halloween Party
 ★ Volunteer Appreciation ★ Newcomer Information Packs ★ Columbia Cleans
 ★ Adopt-A-Path ★ Welcome Packets ★ Free Meeting Space for Neighborhood Watch groups ★ Classes of all
 kinds ★ Master Gardener Series ★ Long Reach Day of Service ★ Coupon Exchange ★ Camp Oasis ★ Searching For
 Spring children event ★ Natural Hair Workshop ★ Coupon Workshop ★ Family Bingo Night ★ National Night Out
 ★ Information & Referral Services ★ Maps - Columbia, Bike Paths, County ★ Ladies Night Out ★ Collected Supplies
 for Animal Shelter ★ Nutcracker Performance ★ Long Reach Yard Sales ★ Flea Markets ★ Paper Shredding Events
 ★ Soil Testing with CA ★ Collected school supplies for area schools ★ Collected toiletries for the Teen Center ★
 Gingerbread Workshop ★ Mosquito Workshop

The Association newsletter, **Reach Out**, is published every six weeks. The newsletter is mailed directly to each residence. In addition to the newsletter, the Association maintains a **website** which can be reached at <http://www.longreach.org> and our Facebook page—Long Reach Community Association.

Covenant Process

During the past year the Association handled the following covenant activity:

Exterior Alteration Applications	379
Resale Packages	206
Letters of Compliance	197
Covenant Complaints	165
Phone Conversations & emails with residents about the covenants	3831

Association Staff

Sarah B. Uphouse	Administrator
Rita Seidelman	Asst. Administrator
Tina Addo	Administrative Asst.
Trissie Manwiller	Facilities Coordinator
Darlene Brown	Covenant Advisor
Tina Osborne	Covenant Advisor
Sara Kaisler	Program Coordinator
Marta Evans	Bookkeeper
Anne Kulesza	Newsletter Coordinator
Merelyn Santos	Community Assistant
Cristina Dawson	Evening Community Aide

As the Long Reach Community Association enters its 46th year it is both viable and in excellent shape and accepts the challenges of a mature village. The Board is closely monitoring the village center revitalization process and are looking forward to making it the focal point once again of our community. The construction of CA's nearby Long Reach Tennis Club is a wonderful addition to this revitalization effort and a great amenity for Long Reach and Columbia residents. We are your first point of contact with the governance structure of Columbia and are always ready to assist you. You are the village's most important asset and the Board of Directors counts on you to let them know your views and concerns. Thank you for making the past year a success. It has been our pleasure to serve you.