# Reach Out

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## The Future of Neighborhood Centers

The Columbia Association (CA) will be discussing the future of Columbia's neighborhood centers at its **October 10** Work Session. The CA Board would like to create a policy to help guide CA in its handling of the centers. CA will be considering center uses, how they serve the community, & the financial impact. The CA Board would like to hear from community members who use or have used the neighborhood centers. You may attend the meeting on **Oct. 10, 7pm at CA Headquarters** (6310 Hillside Court) or send comments to the Board at columbiaassociation.org/contact-us/contact-board-directors. Also, feel free to contact the village manager, Tina Addo, at info@longreach.org or 410-730-8113.

## Tamar Drive Complete Streets

Community Meeting at Stonehouse
Thursday, Oct 17 • 6:30– 8pm

The Office of Transportation is holding an open-house style community meeting to present concepts developed through the Tamar Drive Complete Streets Study.

A 15-minute presentation will be given at both 6:30pm and 7:30pm. If you cannot attend, exhibits will be posted at the Office of Transportation's website and an opportunity to comment will be open until October 31st. Howard County anticipates a final report on the study by late fall.
Questions? Email transportation@howardcountymd.gov.

**Part-time Front Desk Assistant**
(Day time, occasional evenings & weekends)

We're HIRING

Duties involve performing general office tasks; providing information and assistance to residents. Candidates must be 18 years or older.

**Part-time Facility Assistant**
(Evenings & weekends, as needed)

Duties involve monitoring building use during events; ensuring compliance with facility policies and procedures. Candidates must be 21 years or older.

**Interested? Submit a resume to info@longreach.org**

**Next issue of *Reach Out* will be published on Nov 15**

## Fall Yard Reminders

Trees are starting to drop their foliage. Please remember to dispose of your raked leaves properly. Leaves and yard waste can be recycled on your regular recycling pickup day through the third week of January. Helpful tips to keep in mind:

- Yard waste for collection must be placed in paper bags or reusable containers. NO PLASTIC BAGS.
- Do not rake or blow leaves into the street–Dumping leaves, grass clippings, or any yard waste into a storm drain inlet is both bad for water quality and is in violation of County Code. The county's street sweeper equipment is not designed to pick up leaves. Sweepers typically avoid areas of curb containing an excessive number of leaves.
- Do not dump your leaves and other yard debris onto CA Open Space. This is not permitted.
- Please do not put bags of yard waste at the curb earlier than 6 pm the evening before your pickup day.
- Consider home composting. Howard County offers free composting kits and classes. For information, please visit howardcountymd.gov/composting. But remember, you must obtain approval from the Long Reach Architectural Committee for a compost bin.
- Participate in the "Rake and Take" program.

**Learn more at howardcountymd.gov/yardtrim or call 410-313-6444**

## Village-Wide Yard Sale

YARD SALE

**Sat. October 12 • 8am**

Have a sale in your own yard and we'll take care of the advertising. It's easy! Just visit Stonehouse or call the village office to sign up your street and pick up a red ribbon. Participating Long Reach streets will be listed in our ads. Look for the red ribbons on the street signs.

**Call 410-730-8113 or stop by Stonehouse to register**

## Long Reach Village Board Members

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## Village Board Highlights

- ✓ Reviewed CA's neighborhood center analysis and discussed the viability of the Long Reach neighborhood centers.
- ✓ Appointed Saura Sahu to the Resident Architectural Committee.
- ✓ Calvin Ball provided updates on the county's plans to stabilize the village center & consider new tenants focused on an Arts, Education, and Empowerment theme.
- ✓ Approved revised FY19 Fourth Quarter Report.
- ✓ Approved FY20 First Quarter Report.
- ✓ As part of CA's Budget Input, requested funds for dredging of Jackson Pond, Waiting Spring, & Dannon Garth, and removal of invasive plants. Requested CA to review its operational & maintenance expenses for CA facilities.

**Board Meeting Minutes available at longreach.org**

## Upcoming Board Meetings

*Stonehouse at 7:30pm*
October 15 & November 5

## Upcoming RAC Meetings

*Stonehouse at 7:30pm*
Oct 9, Oct 23, & Nov 6

## CA Council Representative Comments

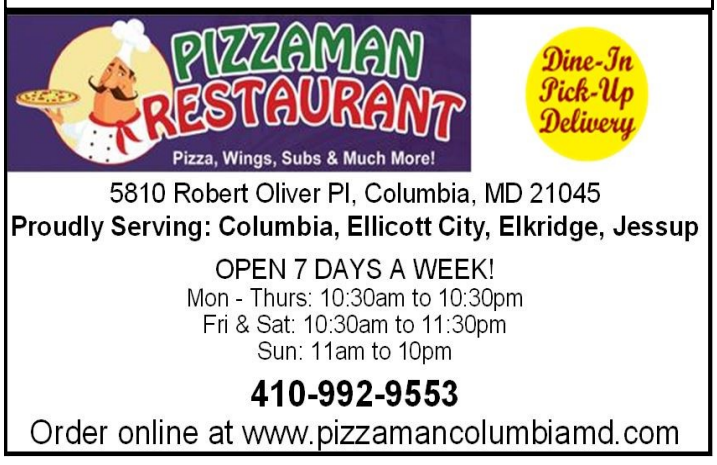
By Janet Evans • jsevans8965@gmail.com

After my last column, I was super excited that we received positive responses from several residents wanting to participate in the watershed efforts or participate in support of the environment in some other way. Thank you! We look forward to working with you.

I recently attended the memorial service for Jane Dembner, CA's Director of Planning and Community Development, who lost her battle with cancer back in June. I knew her through my work on the CA board, through her innovative "Columbia Speaks" series, and her work supporting the growing bicycle infrastructure. The service was beautiful, but what really struck me was how easy it is to have people in our lives that we see regularly, may have frequent conversation with, but really only know a sliver of what they're all about. More importantly, how often do we branch out to learn more than that? I know for me the answer is not as often as I should, but it is a meaningful memorial service when one walks away feeling inspired to do more, be more and learn more.

So how to branch out? Change my routine. Step out of my comfort zone, Push myself to discover new things. It's not easy and some days are better than others, but life is a journey, right?

If you are a CA member, the same may be said for the CA amenities you take advantage of. Maybe you frequent the gyms but have never been to the Columbia Art Center, which has a variety of classes and events. Maybe you ride on the pathways but have never taken advantage of a multicultural event. Or maybe you're a tennis player who has never tried kickboxing. There is so much available, often for free, if you just take the time to find out more and try it.

# Community NEWS

**Long Reach Magnet**—Show off your Long Reach Pride! Stop by Stonehouse to pick up your FREE Long Reach car magnet today! Must present a valid ID with Long Reach address. Available while supplies last. First come, first served. Limit one per person.

**Downtown Columbia Mini-Maker Faire**— **Sunday, October 13** 10am – 6pm Attend a gathering of fascinating, curious people who enjoy learning and who love sharing what they can do. Learn more at innerarbortrust.org/events-2019.

**Tree Giveaway**—Howard County is giving away 2,000 native species trees, one per household. The trees will be in 5-gallon containers and approx. 5-8 feet tall. Pick up dates are **October 17 and October 19**. To reserve a tree, visit livegreenhoward.com/treegiveaway.

**AC & Dehumidifier Recycling**— Drop off up to two room air conditioning units and/or dehumidifiers and get a $25 reward per appliance and free CA mini-golf coupons at the BGE/CA sponsored event on **Saturday, November 16**, 9am to 1pm at the Columbia Sports Park (5453 Harpers Farm Road).

**Plant Swap & Rain Garden Workshop**— **Saturday, October 19** at the Owen Brown Community Center (6800 Cradlerock Way) .

- **Rain Garden Workshop**: 1-3pm. Learn about rain garden maintenance & how to choose the best plants for your site. Cost $5, Register at raingardencare2019.eventbrite.com.
- **The Plant Swap**: 3-4pm. Bring in at least one plant from your garden, then take home something new.

**Deer Management in Blandair Park**— Howard County Department of Recreation & Parks has announced its schedule for managing the deer population. **Blandair Park North (Bow Only): Oct. 8, Nov. 7, Dec. 5, & Jan. 14**. For more details, visit howardcountymd.gov/wildlife or call 410-313-1675.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## Senior Advisory Committee Update

Welcome to Fall in Columbia! Where did the summer go?

There is going to be a new 50+ Center in East Columbia. It'll be a free-standing building next to the East Columbia Library on Cradlerock. It will be the largest 50+ in the county at over 30,000 sq. ft. with exercise rooms, classes, meeting rooms, and much more in this two-story facility which includes elevators.

The Bain Center is undergoing extensive renovations. Some of the programs there are still running there, others have relocated temporarily. Plans call for the reopening of the revamped center in November if not sooner. A lot is being added there.

Please mark October 19 on your calendar. "Master Aging" is the totally revised and enhanced version of the senior expo. It will be held at Howard Community College. There will be more on-site parking and very few steps to climb. The Capital Steps will perform. The focus is on a second chapter of life for seniors. It will be an interesting day!

The Village in Howard, which got its start with the Senior Advisory Committee of the Columbia Association continues to grow. It offers many programs to seniors. Check it out at www.thevillageinhoward.org

Interested in what the expanding downtown Columbia will look like? Check out the following link on the Howard Hughes website: http://www.downtowncolumbia.com

**Sharonlee Vogel, Long Reach Representative to CA Senior Advisory Committee. Contact: sharonleevogel@gmail.com**

## Free Safety Classes

**Fire and Fall Prevention**
Learn about fire and fall prevention in the home with a FREE home safety visit.

**Stop the Bleed Program**
Learn how to identify and control life threatening bleeding—it could save a life.

**Hands-Only CPR & AED Training**
Learn the importance of using just your hands in CPR.

**Learn more at www.hcdfrs.org or call 410-313-2016**

## Adopt– A– Hydrant Program

Pledge to keep your hydrant clear for firefighters to access in case of an emergency. Send your name, address, e-mail, and hydrant tag number to outreach@hcdfrs.org to register. After registering you will receive an "adoption certificate" and can share photos of your hydrant using the hashtag #MyHocoHydrant.

**Visit howardcountymd.gov and search "adopt a hydrant"**


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**Join our email list at longreach.org**

We're on Facebook 'Long Reach Community Association'

Follow us on Twitter @LRCA_Stonehouse

## The Long Reach Halloween Party

**Saturday, Oct. 26, 1:30-3pm at Stonehouse**

★Pumpkin Decorating ★ Refreshments★

**Featuring Magical Entertainment**

Come in costume for a "Spooktacular" time! The event is FREE! Children up to 10 years old are invited to join in the fun. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

## Master Gardener Series

MASTER GARDENER

Join us for **free** presentations from the Master Gardeners of Howard County! All presentations are held at Stonehouse.

**Perennial Gardening - Oct. 21 • 7pm**

In-depth forum on plant care, design concepts, and more

**Invasive Plants: What You Need To Know - Nov. 18 • 7pm**

Learn how to deal with invasive plants in your landscape

**Register at LRCA.eventbrite.com or call 410-730-8113**

## Mark your calendar for these Holiday Events!

### Holiday Greens Workshop

**Fri, Dec 6 • 7pm at Stonehouse**

Make your very own winter centerpiece, bringing the beauty of the outside in. Wine, snacks, & supplies will be provided. Must be 21 years or older. **Register at longreach.org/register/greens**

### The Nutcracker

**Sun, Dec 8 · 3pm at Stonehouse**

Join us for a abbreviated performance of the Nutcracker. Free admission with a donation of one non-perishable unexpired food item per person benefitting HopeWorks of Howard County.

**Registration opens Nov. 4**

**Register at LRCA.eventbrite.com**

### Gingerbread House Workshop

**Sat, Dec 14 • 10am-Noon at Stonehouse**

Ready for some candy coated, holiday family fun? Come decorate your very own gingerbread house! $20 per house. Children must be accompanied by an adult. **Register at longreach.org/register/gingerbread**