# Reach Out

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## LONG REACH VILLAGE ELECTION ISSUE!

Election Day is Saturday, April 22, 2023

Election information is available in this newsletter and on the village website longreach.org.

LONG REACH

## Village-Wide Yard Sale

**Saturday, May 20th 8am-noon**

Have a sale in your own yard on May 20th and we'll take care of the advertising for FREE! If you'd rather be a shopper and find some treasures that day, you can do that too.

We will list the streets participating in this year's village-wide yard sale on our website and on our social media the day before the sale.

**Register at longreach.org/yard-sale**

## Looking for a fun summer job?

### Camp Oasis is now hiring counselors!

Applicants must:

- Enjoy working with children
- Be comfortable swimming
- Be at least 18 years or older
- Be available July 10—August 11

**Are you interested?** Email your resume to events@longreach.org

Next *Reach Out* publication - May 19, 2023

## 50+ LUNCH

**Wednesday, April 26th**
**11:30am - 1pm**

Join us for a delicious lunch, fun conversation & live music!

Tickets are $5.00 in advance.
Purchase tickets online at lrca.eventbrite.com or in-person at Stonehouse.

**Stonehouse, 6110 Foreland Garth, Columbia**

Questions? Call 410-730-8113

## Trash & Recyclables Containers Reminder

Trash containers should have secure lids on them. Except for scheduled curbside collection day, containers should be stored out of sight. No refuse, trash or bulk items/materials may be accumulated or stored on any lot.

Trash, yard waste and recyclables should not be put out earlier than the afternoon prior to pick up day and should be stored out of sight by sunset of the collection day. Learn more at howardcountymd.gov/trash-recycling.

## Long Reach Village Board Members

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|---|---|
| Nina Basu, Chair | nina.basu@gmail.com |
| Ed Coleman, Vice Chair | etc@comcast.net |
| Reginald Avery | waialua1@icloud.com |
| Justin Van Hassel | justin.vanhassel@gmail.com |
| Josh Friedman, CA Rep | josh.friedmanmpa@gmail.com |

## Village Board Highlights

- ✓ Removed Flag for: 6147 Starburn Path, 5667 Lightspun Lane, and 5401 White Mane.
- ✓ Met with Sharonlee Vogel, Long Reach's CA Senior Advisory Committee Representative.
- ✓ Appointed Josh Friedman as LRCA's Columbia Council Representative.
- ✓ Discussed HOCO Bill 17-23 regarding village elections.
- ✓ Met with John McCoy, CA Watershed Manager about upgrades to Locust Park Pool's stormwater management.

Visit **longreach.org** for meeting dates & meeting minutes.

## Stay In Touch Long Reach!

Sign up to receive village updates, local event details, community resource information, and our newsletter, *Reach Out,* directly in your inbox. It's simple and we do not share or sell your email. **Sign up at longreach.org**

## Open LRCA Board Position

The Long Reach Community Association is looking to fill a vacant position on its Board of Directors with a term ending April 30, 2024. This position is in addition to the two open positions to be filled on Election Day.

Interested Long Reach residents may submit an application to the Village Manager/Executive Director via email at info@longreach.org or drop it off in-person at Stonehouse during business hours.

Visit longreach.org for additional details and to download an application.


## YOUR AD HERE!

Reach Out advertising is an affordable way to promote your local business. It is direct mailed to over 5,000 residences within Long Reach and sent electronically to our email list.

For details, visit **longreach.org/newsletter**.


## Long Reach Community Association

Stonehouse • Office Hours • Services

Stonehouse is open by appointment only Monday through Friday, 9am—4pm. Village services including Letter of Compliance requests, resale document sales, & the processing of Exterior Alteration Applications are currently available. Please contact our staff for assistance or to schedule an appointment.

Visit **longreach.org** for more information or call 410-730-8113.

**Upcoming Board Meetings***

*Stonehouse at 7:30pm*

April 4 & 18, May 2 & 16

**Upcoming RAC Meetings** *

*Stonehouse at 7:00pm*

April 12 & 26, May 10

* *Visit **longreach.org** for information on any meeting changes.*

## Hosting a Graduation Party This Year ?

Stonehouse can accommodate banquets and meetings with ease. We offer a variety of rooms, from large to small, that are versatile enough to handle large weddings and small conferences.

Our Plaza Room holds up to 150 guests and features a wood floor & commercial kitchen with warming ovens for your catering use. For smaller events, consider our Tamar Room which holds up to 80 guests.

**visit longreach.org/rental-information or contact us at 410-730-8113**

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# LONG REACH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

# 2023

# Village Election Information

## Come out and vote!

The next two pages contain useful information on how you can participate in this year's village elections.

For more information, visit our website longreach.org or email your questions to us at elections@longreach.org.

These are unedited statements as submitted by the candidates. All statements are cut off at the 150th word.

# 2023 LONG REACH VILLAGE BOARD CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS

## **Village Board** (2 positions open—3 Candidates)

**Saura C. Sahu (Kendall Ridge)**

I, Saura C. Sahu, am a resident of the Long Reach village. I live in my residence at 6478 Summer Cloud Way. I served the US Food and Drug Administration and the National Institutes of Health as a Research Scientist. I have served as a member of our village Resident Architectural Committee (RAC) for three years. Now I am interested in serving my village as a member of its Board of Directors. I find pleasure in getting involved in the affairs of my village and serving its residents. I consider it as my pleasure, honor and duty.

**Dr. Lillian Norris-Holmes (Kendall Ridge)**

Dr. Lillian Norris Holmes, a retired K-16 educator has lived in Kendall Ridge with her family since 1999. She advocates for democratic values, empowerment of community efforts, equal education for all children, and care that positively impacts the elderly population.

She actively campaigns for State and county-wide candidates who make Long Reach Village a major-priority of their leadership. Her service and achievements include an Obama Fellow 2012, Co-Chair Howard County Democratic Presidential Election 2016, member of the State of Maryland Presidential Electoral College 2016, Co-led Howard County Citizens Election Fund 2016, County Executive Community Resource Ambassador 2022, Howard County Democratic Central Committee 2022.

Her education includes: Ed.D, Educational Leadership, Ed.S, Educational Administration, Cambridge College, Cambridge Massachusetts, M.A., Supervision and Administration, Hampton University, Hampton, Virginia.
Dr. Norris Holmes is committed to service and will continue advocating for the community while serving on the Long Reach Village Board.

**Nina Basu (Phelps Luck)**

I love Long Reach, and I have, and will continue to, fight for Long Reach. We are the largest Village in Columbia, incredibly diverse, and a wonderful community. Yet too often Long Reach is ignored or sidelined, or worse still told to wait for a future day when Long Reach is the priority. My biggest goal for the next term is to ensure the development of the Village Center into an attractive, safe, vibrant destination.

I have proudly served this community. As a Board Member, I advocated for increased public safety, worked to achieve the land transfer from the developer to create the CA tennis facility, and helped annex Snowden Overlook. I am a tireless advocate for Long Reach, and will continue to fight for Long Reach and advocate for CA and the County to make investments in improvement and amenities in Long Reach.

## **Columbia Council Representative** (1 position open—2 Candidates)

**Reginald (Reg) T. Avery (Jeffers Hill)**

It has been my deepest honor to have served on the Long Reach Village Board for the past two years and now I would like to extend that honor by serving you, the residents, as your Columbia Association Representative. It is my passion in life to serve my community and at the same time identifying and working to solve the challenges that we face as a community. I will continue to fight for improvements in our community faculties and enhance our resources and work to keep our pools and gyms open and modern. I will also push for the new Village center that we deserve by keeping the County focused on that purpose. And I promise to seek the opinion of the residents whom I will serve. I am dedicated to advocating for Long Reach to make it a better place to live. Thank you for your vote.

**Rick McCray (Kendall Ridge)**

Long Reach Village is a vibrant and diverse community made up of residents who are committed to the safety and prosperity of our neighborhood. I have been a resident of Howard County for close to fifteen years and a proud homeowner in the Kendal Ridge section of Long Reach for almost five years. I am a devoted husband and father of three school age children. I have taught in Howard County Schools, coached many of your children in basketball, and proudly led a local chapter of the Watch D.O.G.S program, a national program that encourages positive male involvement in the school system. I am invested in the longevity, health, and stability of Long Reach Village. I would proudly represent the residents of the Village of Long Reach as the Columbia Council Representative.

# VOTING INFORMATION

**Who Can Vote:**
Owners and tenants of Columbia Association assessed property in Long Reach in good standing are entitled to vote. Only one vote per ownership or tenancy interest will be counted. **Note: Tenants must have a copy of their current lease on file at Stonehouse.**

**How to Vote (three options):**
Long Reach Community Association members will have three options for voting: online, by mail, or in-person on election day. Ballot Priority: If multiple ballots are submitted for a single property, the first ballot received has priority.

- **In-person:** Polls will be located in the lower level area of Stonehouse, 6110 Foreland Garth, on Saturday, April 22, 2023 from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm. Current, valid identification is required of everyone voting in person on Election Day. If you are a tenant, you must also bring a copy of your current lease. Copies will be made at no charge.
- **Online:** Please follow the instructions on the Absentee Ballot. Online voting closes at 4 pm, Friday, April 21, 2023.
- **By mail:** Absentee ballots will be sent by mail early April or may be picked up at Stonehouse. All absentee ballots must be received at Stonehouse by 4 pm on Friday, April 21, 2023, or by a member of the Election Committee no later than midnight, Friday, April 21, 2023.

**Important Reminder:** Please make sure you read and carefully adhere to the instructions on the postage paid envelope. We require the full legal name of the owner or tenant, Long Reach address, signature, date, and the requirement to circle either TENANT or OWNER.

**Please remember that tenants are required to produce a current lease. Copy of lease must be on file at Stonehouse or your ballot will not be counted. Email copy of lease to elections@longreach.org.**

# Candidates' Night—Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at 7 pm

Candidates' Night will be held virtually. This is a wonderful opportunity to hear from the candidates and ask questions! Check the village website longreach.org for virtual meeting information.

For more information, email the Election Committee members or elections@longreach.org

### Election Monitor Committee

Justin Van Hassel, Chair – justin.vanhassel@gmail.com
Karen Hitcho – hitcho2@verizon.net
Jan Perriens – jlperriens@gmail.com
Kristin Shulder – klshulder@yahoo.com

The complete election rules are available online at longreach.org/village-elections-2023.

# ELECTION DAY ACTIVITES

Come out and vote—Plus enjoy these fun activities!

- **In-person voting • 9:30 am - 1:30 pm**
- **Paper Shredding • 9am – Noon:** Safely and securely dispose of sensitive information. FREE for Long Reach residents (ID Required). Limit 3 grocery bags/banker boxes per household. The event is over once the truck is full. This is not a drive-through event. Participants must be able to carry their shredding from their car to the shredding truck.
- **Native Plant Giveaway • 9:30am - Noon:** Pick-up a beneficial and beautiful native plant for your garden. First-Come, first served.
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**After care:** 4pm-6pm

General Tuition Rate:
$350 per 1-week session

**$25 off Camp Tuition**
**each session if camper is enrolled in multiple sessions or enrolls multiple children of the same family.**
See website for details

Visit us at **campoasis.org** for more information and to register.

Contact us at **lrcaevents@longreach.org**

Like us on Facebook **@campoasisMD**

# Community NEWS

**LRCA Clean-Up Days**—Long Reach CARES will be holding two trash clean-up days in April if you would like to volunteer: **Saturday, April 1** - Locust Park from 9-11am, with a rain date of April 2 (meet at Stonehouse) and **Tuesday, April 11** - Jeffers Hill from 4-6pm, with a rain date of April 12 (meet at the pathway next to the Jeffers Hill Pool). For additional details, email wac@longreach.org or info@longreach.org.

**Medication Disposal Event**—Bring any and all prescriptions or over-the-counter medications, syringes, Epi-Pens, vitamins, and even pet medications to HC DrugFree's Drive-Thru Medication & Sharps Disposal event on **Saturday, April 22, 10am-2pm** at the Wilde Lake Village Center Parking Lot. For more information, call 433-325-0040 or visit hcdrugfree.org.

**Ask Howard County**—Howard County Government is ready to help residents navigate the county bureaucracy, respond to questions or concerns, and assist those trying to access County services. If you have a question, but you're not sure who to ask, send the them an email at Ask@howardcountymd.gov.

**Report Traffic Concerns**—Traffic complaints are the #1 concern expressed to the Howard County Police Department. You can now report an isolated or recurring traffic violation, and parking violations online at howardcountymd.gov/police or email HCPDtraffic@howardcountymd.gov. Of course if you witness a flagrant traffic violation in real time, call 911.

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# Long Reach CARES Nest Box Program

LR CARES had a very exciting 2022 nest box program! Our volunteers reported 11 successful nests- 5 bluebird, 2 tree swallows and 4 house wren nests.

Unfortunately, secondary cavity nesting birds, which include bluebirds, chickadees, tree swallows, nuthatches, wood ducks and house wrens struggle to find adequate nesting sites due to many human activities such as habitat destruction, climate change, removal of standing dead trees (snags), pesticide exposure, and pressure from non-native predators (such as dogs and cats) and introduced non-native cavity nesting birds such as house sparrows.

Our community nest box program is vital to helping secondary cavity nesting Maryland native birds find safe places to lay eggs and raise their young. You can help our beautiful Maryland secondary cavity nesting birds by joining our nest box monitoring program in 2023!

Many thanks to our intrepid 2022 monitors Ariel, Bonnie, Dara, Diane, Ed, Janet, Jill, Karen, Lisa, Mariah, Roshan, Scott and Victor. And also many thanks to the LR Village board and LR Village management and staff for their incredible support!

If you are interested in nest box monitoring or would just like to learn more, please fill out the form at https://forms.gle/WNQyE7DmYPdsZPCC6.

Please feel welcome to contact Long Reach CARES about the program and for additional resources on nest boxes. Email WAC@longreach.org or find CARES on Facebook by searching for "LR CARES".

Photo Credit: Mariah Beyers 2022

# Selling your home?

## Letter of Compliance

If you are putting your home on the market this spring, you may request a Letter of Compliance from the Long Reach Village Office. A Letter of Compliance, though not required by law, is highly recommended and a useful tool to have when selling your home. It assures anyone interested in buying your property that when the Letter was issued there were no Covenant violations on the property at the time of inspection. This is important as they will become responsible for any violations after closing.

We recommend requesting a Letter of Compliance at least 60 days before settlement. For more information, including the request form, visit longreach.org or call 410-730-8113.

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