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# Reach Out

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## Long Reach Village Center Redevelopment

Howard County Government, owner of the Long Reach Village Center, is looking to sell the Center for redevelopment. The County is preparing a Request for Proposal (RFP) to solicit bids for the Village Center. The RFP is scheduled to be released July 2023.

County officials attended the Long Reach Village Board meeting on June 20, 2023 to explain the RFP process and proposed time-line. The presentation, county contact information, and updates about the Village Center may be found on the county's website:

**howardcountymd.gov/planning-zoning/long-reach-rising**

Next *Reach Out* publication - August 18, 2023

Stonehouse will be closed on Tuesday, July 4

## Party With The Neighbors!

**FREE** Block Party Kits for Long Reach residents are available through Labor Day & include a $50 gift card to help with party food and supplies!

A limited number of gift cards are available on a first come, first served basis. Learn more at **longreach.org**

## Long Reach Sustainable Landscaping Tour

**Yards Wanted!** The Long Reach Watershed Advisory Committee (WAC) is organizing a self-guided tour to showcase the sustainable landscaping practices in our village! The event is scheduled for Saturday, September 9, 10am-2pm.

Many of us have been incorporating sustainable landscaping practices in our yard maintenance, so we're hoping that a few neighbors will want to show off their work in a relaxed, safe way.

Rain gardens, pollinator gardens, permeable pavers, lawn reduction, and much more! If you are interested in participating, please email WAC@longreach.org.

## LRCA Cul de Sac Landscaping Grants

Long Reach Community Association could provide you funds, up to $200 if your plan is approved, for the purchase of plant materials. To be eligible, you must live on a county-dedicated road with a cul de sac island. You and your neighbors must agree to develop, plant and maintain the landscaping plan.

The grants are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Applications are available at **longreach.org**.

## School Supply Drive

Prepare for Success, a non-profit organization in Howard County, is collecting school supplies for children in need. **Drop off donations at Stonehouse now through August 18th.** Please consider donating new pencils, backpacks, crayons, glue sticks and more. For a complete list of items, visit **prepareforsuccess.org**.

## Long Reach Village Board Members

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## Village Board Highlights

- ✓ Board held Fiscal Year 24 Organizational Meeting
- ✓ Elected Nina Basu Board Chair & Ed Coleman, Vice-Chair
- ✓ Approved FY2024 Budget
- ✓ Approved Flag Removal for: 5832 Alderleaf Place, 9001 Blue Pool, and 8952 Watchlight Court
- ✓ Appointed Rick McCray to the LRCA Board of Directors
- ✓ Met with Leslie Barnett with CA for an update on CA events and happenings.

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


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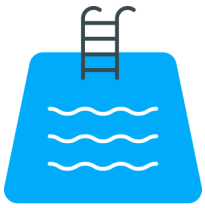
## Long Reach Outdoor Pool Schedule



**Jeffers Hill**—410-730-1220
Closed Thursdays • Last Pool Day: Aug. 27

**Kendall Ridge**—410-730-5292
Closed Tuesdays • Last Pool Day: Sept. 4

**Locust Park**—410-730-5621
Closed on Fridays • Last Pool Day: Aug. 13

**Phelps Luck**—410-730-5765
Closed on Wednesdays • Last Pool Day: Aug. 13

**CA residents have the opportunity to visit CA's 23 outdoor pools for free on the second Sunday of each month: July 9 and August 13**. Residents of CA-assessed property must have a Columbia Card to receive access. CA is also offering each Columbia Cardholder household four passes to use at any of the outdoor pools! Restrictions apply. Cards can be obtained by contacting CA's Customer Care Team at 410-730-1801 or CMSC@ColumbiaAssociation.org.

## 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*
July 18 & August 15

**Upcoming RAC Meetings** *
*Stonehouse at 7:00pm*
July 5 & 19, August 2 & 16

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

## CA Representative Comments

By Reginald Avery • waialua1@icloud.com

Being your representative on the CA Board of Directors, continues to be an honor, it has made me cheerfully very busy, and I am still equally excited about representing our Village. As I stated in my first newsletter to you, I represent all residents, those who voted for me and those who did not. As your representative, I want to share what I have been doing to representative you. The big elephant in the room, is that I am one of three Board members selected to pick the firm, that will search for the best candidates for our new CA President. When it comes to this search, it's essential to approach the process thoughtfully and thoroughly. I take that very seriously and that means selecting the best firm who will provide the best list of candidates that we the residents deserve and expect. In line with that the Board desires to be transparent, we will communicate progress to you the stakeholders, and maintain confidentiality when necessary.

Another effort I am deeply involved in as a Board member, is measuring risk and need of the CA's Stream restoration Program and the Swells Orchard Pond Project. Both these projects have the potential to have a positive impact on the community and the environment if done correctly, that includes hearing both sides of the issue and deciding what is best for our community. I am actively involved in both initiatives, and I am equally dedicated to taking a fresh look at both initiatives to ensure viability of the projects as well as do what makes economic sense.

Finally, I welcome the advice and counsel of you the residents of Long Reach. Please stop me share your thought as we continue striving to make Long Reach a better place to live.

# Community NEWS

**4th of July Festivities**—Celebrate Independence Day with free festivities and fireworks on the Lakefront in Downtown Columbia (10275 Wincopin Circle). Live music, food trucks, and fireworks show. Free public parking is located at the Mall in Columbia and other surrounding public lots. The events begin at 5pm and end with the fireworks starting around 9:20pm.

Visit **columbiaassociation.org/event/july-4th-celebration**

**New Pizza Merchant!**—Long Reach Village Center welcomes its newest merchant — Little Caesars Pizza! Stop by the village center to check it out. Visit littlecaesars.com or call the store at 410-730-2100.

**Popsicle Playdates**—The Jeffers Hill Elementary School (JHES) PTA is hosting two summer popsicle playdates for rising JHES Kindergarteners at the CA Tot Lot next to JHES/behind the Jeffers Hill Pool. The playdates will be **Sunday, July 16 and Sunday, August 13** from 2-3pm. Please join the JHES Kindergarten Group - Fall 2023 on Facebook for information.

**Events at The Chrysalis**—Visit the Chrysalis at Merriweather Park in Symphony Woods for fun concerts and community events for all ages. Learn more at **innerarbortrust.org**

**Lakefront Live**—Enjoy a summer of free concerts, movies, and dancing events for the whole community, all happening at the Downtown Columbia Lakefront. Visit **LakefrontLive.org** for the full schedule.

**Sunset Serenades**—Howard County Recreation & Parks is host to Sunset Serenades: a free series of outdoor summer concerts at the Centennial Park Amphitheatre (10000 MD 108, Ellicott City). All concerts begin at 7pm. Concert dates: July 12, July 19, July, 26, and August 2. Visit **howardcountymd.gov/summerconcerts**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## Long Reach Nestboxes

Long Reach CARES Nestbox Trail Update: We are having a busy nesting season out on the Long Reach Bluebird nestbox trail! There have been house wrens, tree swallows and bluebirds nesting in our boxes so far! Why is it called a nestbox trail? We call our boxes nestboxes instead of bird houses because our cavity nesting birds only use these boxes in the summer for their nests; so a "nest box" is a better name for them! House wrens, tree swallows and bluebirds are all secondary cavity nesters; meaning that in nature they use holes in trees created by woodpeckers.

Long Reach Community Action and Resources for Environmental Stewardship (CARES) committee aims to educate and enable neighbors to steward our private and shared spaces in sustainable and environmentally-friendly ways. Learn more at **facebook.com/LRCARES** or attend a CARES meeting—visit **longreach.org/cares** for more information.


## It's Time to Celebrate!

**So many important milestones to enjoy with friends & family this year**

**We have the venue for those moments!**

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 with a less formal setting, consider our Tamar Room.

**Ask about our Summer Special!**
$100 off a Friday or Sunday Plaza Room Rental during August 2023

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

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## Report Non-Emergency Issues

Report water main breaks, broken street signs, street tree concerns, & more on the County's mobile app and website **Tell HoCo**. The county will then assign to the responsible department. Download the TellHoCoApp or visit **howardcountymd.gov/Tell-HoCo**.

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## Stay In Touch Long Reach!

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# Long Reach Pool Party

The Best Summer Event in the Village!

**Thurs., July 20, 6-8:30pm**

**Kendall Ridge Pool**

★ Games ★ DJ ★ Pizza ★ Swimming ★

**In order to pickup free tickets you must**:

- Be a Long Reach Resident
- Sign up in person (ID with Long Reach address required)
- Only pick up tickets for immediate family
- One adult for every three children under the age of 18 required.
- Be 18 years or older
- Bring an unexpired non-perishable food item for each ticket.

# Camp Oasis

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**Session 1:** July 10 – July 14
**Session 2:** July 17 – July 21
**Session 3:** July 24 – July 28
**Session 4:** July 31 – Aug. 4
**Session 5:** Aug. 7 – Aug. 11

**Before care:** 7am-8:30am
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**After care:** 4pm-6pm

General Tuition Rate:
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See website for details

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

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

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