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Reach Out

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Long Reach Village Center Redevelopment

Columbia Concepts, LLC, the developer of the proposed plan to redevelop the Long Reach Village Center has held several community meetings. Keep informed about the redevelopment plan and upcoming meetings by visiting the Columbia Concepts website **destinationlr.com**.

Party Time with the Neighbors!

FREE Block Party Kits for Long Reach residents are **available now 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. So don't wait! Block party kits are available online at **longreach.org.**

Long Reach Village Cul de Sac Landscaping Grants

Thinking about sprucing up your street's cul de sac?

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**.

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Holiday Closure
Stonehouse will be closed on Fri., July 4th

Fourth of July Celebration

Celebrate Independence Day with fun and 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. A bike corral will be available to securely store your bike during the festivities. The events begin at 5pm and end with the fireworks starting around 9:10-9:30pm. For more information, visit

howardcountymd.gov/july-4th-fireworks

LONG REACH

PHOTO CONTEST

Submit your best photo of Long Reach for a chance to win a prize and display your artwork at Stonehouse this Fall!

OPEN TO ALL LONG REACH RESIDENTS!

DEADLINE: LABOR DAY, SEPT. 1, 2025

- RULES & INFO AT WWW.LONGREACH.ORG
- EMAIL YOUR PHOTO SUBMISSION & SIGNED FORM TO LRCAEVENTS@LONGREACH.ORG

Long Reach Village Board Members

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The Village Board typically meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month. Visit **longreach.org** for meeting information, meeting minutes, and more.

Join the RAC

Want to make connections in your community? Consider volunteering. We are looking for a few more individuals to serve on the Resident Architectural Committee (RAC). RAC members review and vote on applications for exterior changes that are submitted by Long Reach property owners. The time commitment is small, but the community impact is great.

Meetings are held every other Wednesday evening. For details, email info@longreach.org or call the village office at 410-730-8113.

Trash & Recycling Containers

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

Trash, yard waste and recyclables should be put out no earlier than the afternoon prior to pick up day and should be stored out of sight by sunset on collection day. For more details and free bulk item pick-up, visit **howardcountymd.gov/trash-recycling** or call 410-313-6444.

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The Village office is open by appointment only. Village services, including Letter of Compliance requests, resale document sales, and the processing of Exterior Alteration Applications, are available. Please contact our staff for assistance or to schedule an appointment. Visit **longreach.org** or call 410-730-8113.

Upcoming Board Meetings*
July 15, August 19

Upcoming RAC Meetings *
Online via Zoom
July 9 & 23, August 6 & 20

* *Visit **longreach.org** for meeting information*

CA Representative Comments

By Reginald Avery • waialua1@icloud.com

Greetings to my fellow residents of the Village of Long Reach. With the community elections over and the CA and the Village Boards back in operation again, I feel the need to express my sincere appreciate and thanks for the honor of being allowed to serve you as your Columbia Association Representative. I also greatly appreciate all those who voted for me and those who sent kind letters of expression of support. This previous year has been a difficult one and this upcoming CA Board year also promises to be a difficult time.

For those who haven't heard there are new rules that were instituted by the new Chair and Vice of the CA Board. Those rule changes include addressing how a resident communicates with the Board. To help those who plan to attend and testify before the CA Board, you need to be aware that before testifying you need to register ahead of time and also submit a written copy of your testimony to the Board. Accordingly, comments made during the time allotted to you must not be accusatory towards CA the corporation, against the staff, nor of any Board members. If the Chair or Vice or member of the CA Board decides that they don't like what you say or take offense you can and probably will be removed and asked not to return. Additional rule changes include that Board members are not allowed to ask questions during resident's speak-out nor are members of the Board, allowed to question the policies and decisions of the Chair, Vice-Chair nor that of any senior staff during Board meetings nor in Board communications. Obviously, these are more, and these are going to be difficult times, but I assure I will continue to speak up for Long Reach.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Lakefront Live—FREE summer entertainment series at the Downtown Columbia Lakefront. Enjoy free concerts, movies, and performances for the entire family. Visit **columbiaassociation.org/lakefront-live** for the summer schedule.

Food Trucks @ Merriweather Row Plaza—Enjoy a variety of food trucks every Wednesday this summer at the Merriweather Plaza (10480 Little Patuxent Parkway) from 11am-2pm. View the weekly food truck schedule at **merriweatherdistrict.com/event/food-truck-Wednesdays**.

Farmers Markets—Enjoy fresh local produce and goods at several locations throughout Howard County. Visit **howardcountyeda.org/living-here/farmers-markets** to download the Farmers Market Schedule.

Chrysalis Events —Located in downtown Columbia and home to the Chrysalis amphitheater, Merriweather Park at Symphony Woods offers various events and cultural experiences throughout the warmer months. Many are free and family-friendly. Visit **innerarbortrust.org** to learn more.

Report Non-Emergency Issues Online—Report water main breaks, broken street signs, and more on Howard County's mobile app and website. Residents can report non-emergency issues which will be assigned to the responsible department. Download the TellHoCoApp on your phone or visit **howardcountymd.gov/Tell-HoCo**.

CA Open Space Questions—If you have questions or concerns about Columbia Association Open Space areas, call 410-312-6330 or email open.space@columbiaassociation.org.

Yard Maintenance Reminder

Now that the weather is warmer, and we all begin to spend more time outdoors, please keep up with yard maintenance, including mowing grass and weeding.

And don't forget to maintain the grass of your cul de sac circle, which is the responsibility of the homeowners whose driveways surround and open onto the cul de sac.

Remember that if you have a county-owned strip of grass abutting the sidewalk in front of your house, Howard County Code requires you to keep that grassy strip mowed too.

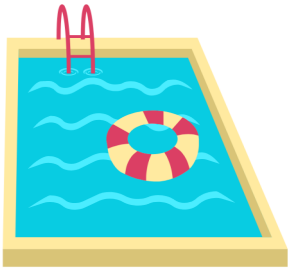
Long Reach Outdoor Pool Schedule

Jeffers Hill—410-730-1220
Closed on Thursdays

Kendall Ridge—410-730-5292
Closed on Tuesdays

Locust Park—410-730-5621
Closed on Fridays

Phelps Luck—410-730-5765
Closed on Wednesdays



FREE POOL DAYS for Columbia Association residents with a Columbia Card. Visit CA's outdoor pools for free on the second Sunday of each month: July 13, & August 10. Plus each Columbia Cardholder household can get four pool passes. Restrictions apply. To obtain a free Columbia Card, call Columbia Association at 410-730-1801 or email CMSC@ColumbiaAssociation.org. For more details, visit **columbiaassociation.org/sports-recreation/pools**

School Supplies Drive

Prepare for Success, a non-profit organization in Howard County, is collecting school supplies for local children in need.

Donations may be dropped off at Stonehouse (6110 Foreland Garth) in the Long Reach Village Center now through August 17. Please consider donating new composition books, pencils, pens, backpacks, crayons, glue sticks and more. For a complete list of needed supplies and more details, visit **prepareforsuccess.org**.

Keep Waterways Clean

Picking up after your pet isn't one of the fun parts of pet ownership. But it's important. In addition to keeping our outdoor spaces pleasant and smelling good, removing pet waste is critical to keeping our waterways clean.

Pet waste is not a good lawn fertilizer nor is it safe for composting. When it rains, pet waste is carried off into our storm drains and waterways. This waste contains bacteria, parasites, and viruses that can pollute our waterways and harm human health. Pet waste is also a source of nutrients and too much of these nutrients lead to algae growth, creating "dead zones" for aquatic life, and can even affect humans.

By properly disposing of pet waste, we all make a positive impact on the health of our local waterways.

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