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Reach Out

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Village Center Redevelopment

The Howard County Planning Board heard Columbia Concepts' petition to redevelop the Long Reach Village Center on December 18th and approved the Redevelopment Plan.

A Zoning Board Administrative Meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 11, at 7 pm**. The meeting is hybrid, so you may attend in person or virtually. For information about the meeting, visit **https://cc.howardcountymd.gov/zoning-land-use/zoning-board** or call 410-313-2001.

Highlights of the proposed Village Center Redevelopment Plan include:

- 505 residential units (a 7-story multi-family rental building with retail on first level, a 7-story senior rental with retail/ commercial on first level, and 50 for-sale townhomes).
- A two-story indoor multi-sports complex for programmed sports, such as tournaments, and some retail space.
- The Columbia Art Center and Stonehouse Community Center will be torn down, and the operations will be relocated to another building in the center. The other village center buildings will be demolished as well. The only building to remain intact will be the gas station.
- The majority of parking will be in underground garages, and the developer is also requesting a waiver to reduce the number of parking spots required by the county.

STAY UP TO DATE! Visit **longreach.org** to get the latest information on the redevelopment process, or visit the Columbia Concepts website **destinationlr.com**.

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Upcoming Stonehouse Holiday Hours
Stonehouse will be closed January 19 & February 16.

Useful Snow Information

Stonehouse Closing: For updates on weather-related closings please visit **longreach.org**.

Clear Your Sidewalks: Howard County does not remove snow on any residential sidewalks. The property owner (including townhouse and condo associations) abutting a sidewalk in a public right-of-way is responsible for removing snow from the sidewalk within 48 hours after the snow fall.

If a property owner has not removed the snow within that timeframe, you may want to contact the property owner and advise them of the County Code or ask if they need assistance. As a last resort, contact the Howard County Police Department at 410-313-2200.

Do Not Park along Cul-de-Sacs: Parking on the inner circle of cul-de-sacs is always illegal, but plows can only clear your circle if there is enough room for plows.

Where To Go For More Snow Information:

- **Howard County Snowplow Tracker:** howardcountymd.gov/public-works/snow-removal
- **State Info:** chart.maryland.gov
- **School Closings:** hcpss.org

SAVE THE DATE! Long Reach Village Paper Shredding Event

Saturday, April 25 • 9am to Noon at Stonehouse

FREE for Long Reach Residents! Visit **longreach.org/events** for more information

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.

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 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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Stonehouse • Office Hours • Services

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*

January 20, February 3 & 17

Upcoming RAC Meetings—Virtual*

January 21, February 4 & 18, March 4

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

CA Representative Comments

By Reginald Avery • waialua1@icloud.com

Well, my fellow Long Reach residents, if you haven't noticed, the weather outside is changing, it's getting colder, and it's certainly getting darker earlier these days. As we enter a new season that means the CA Board of Directors are having initial FY27 budget discussions, which we already started in September, and we are continuing to develop and finalize. For the next several months the main focus of the Board will be to develop and prioritize our strategic budget objectives and desired financial outcomes, in accordance with the previously Board-approved FY27 budget schedule. The purpose of the Board's budget discussions that were scheduled for September and continues for the next several months, the Board will determine what will be the high-level, strategic objectives for FY27 budget year and to provide CA staff the guidance needed to begin to produce income, expense and capital expenditure data projections. From that data the Board will be able to develop the correct budget that will address the priorities for our overall community.

At the Board November and December meeting, the Board, will further refine guidance to the staff to produce a draft budget document that will be issued to the community in January 2026. At the September 25, CA Board meeting, the Board decided on several main concerns as strategic priorities for the FY27 budget: Resource Resilience & Awareness of Value, which will focus on attaining AAA credit rating. Funding for long-term capital expenditures. Prioritizing maintenance of assets. Evaluating reducing resident costs. Evaluate affordability of membership plans, rates and service offerings. Assessing CA's compliance with ADA standards. Increase access to before/after school programs. And enhancing environmental sustainability.

These are but a few ideas that we are working on. Please let me know if there are other priorities that we need to include.

COMMUNITY NEWS

CA Open Space 50/50 Survey Program—Does your land abut CA Open Space? If so, you could qualify to have CA pay for half of your home's boundary survey. To ensure accurate installation of exterior alterations within your property boundaries, a survey can be done. For details, email **realestateservices@columbiaassociation.org**.

Columbia Art Center Classes—The Columbia Art Center is a favorite spot for locals with a creative eye and is located in the Long Reach Village Center. Enjoy art classes, events, lectures, studio time, gallery exhibitions, and a gift shop. Call 410-730-0075 or visit **columbiaassociation.org/community-program/Columbia-art-center**.

CA Open Space Questions—If you have questions or concerns about CA Open Space areas, you may call Open Space at 410-312-6330 or email Open.Space@ColumbiaAssociation.org.

Report Non-Emergency Issues Online—Report water main breaks, broken street signs, and more on Howard County's mobile app and website. Download the **TellHoCoApp** on your phone or visit **howardcountymd.gov/Tell-HoCo**.

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Long Reach CARES

The Long Reach Community Action and Resources for Environmental Stewardship (CARES) is a volunteer committee that educates and enables neighbors to steward our private and shared spaces in sustainable and environmentally friendly ways.

CARES hosts and participates in numerous events throughout the year, including sustainable landscaping tours, educational booths at various community events, Weed Warriors, native plant giveaways, Eastern Bluebird nest box monitoring, village trash clean-ups, pull & plants, bird watching, and more! Visit **longreach.org/cares** to learn more. Questions? Email cares@longreach.org.

Upcoming Trashy Hours (Community Clean-Ups):

- **Sunday, Jan. 25, 9-10am:** Long Reach Village Center. Meet in the courtyard near Doodlehatch (8775 Cloudleap Court, Columbia)
- **Sunday, Feb. 22, 9-10am:** Jeffers Hill Neighborhood. Meet at the Jeffers Hill Neighborhood Center (6031 Tamar Drive, Columbia)

Planning Exterior Changes?

With Spring just around the corner, many residents are considering making changes to their property such as new siding, a shed, landscaping and more! Before making changes to your property, make sure to review the Long Reach Architectural Guidelines to find out if you need to apply for approval and to ensure compliance with the village Covenants.

The Architectural Guidelines, Architectural Review process information, and the forms that you will need are available on **longreach.org**. If you have questions, contact the Covenant Advisor at 410-730-8113 for assistance.

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Long Reach Village Elections

Throw Your Hat In The Ring!

Nominations Open March 2— 20

Three Village Board positions will be filled at the annual Long Reach Village election on **Saturday, April 25, 2026**.

- Candidates must be property owners or lease-holding tenants of properties in Long Reach Village.
- Petitions may be picked up at Stonehouse or available online beginning **March 2, 2026**.
- Candidates must file a Nomination Petition no later than **March 20, 2026** at **12 noon**.

Visit **longreach.org** for details
Questions? Email elections@longreach.org

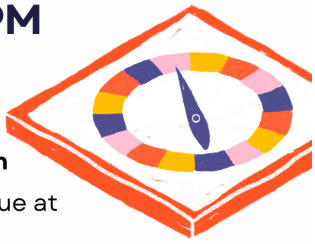
LONG REACH

GAME NIGHT

& Chili Dinner

Join friends, family, & neighbors playing board games at Stonehouse! Bring your own or borrow a board game from our collection.

Thurs. Feb. 19, 6-8 PM
at Stonehouse



- Choose from 18+ games!
- **FREE for Columbia Association Residents** (Valid CA address due at registration.)
- Serving Meat OR Veggie Chili with yummy toppings!
- Kids under 18, must be with an adult.

REGISTER ONLINE: LRCA.EVENTBRITE.COM

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