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Reach Out

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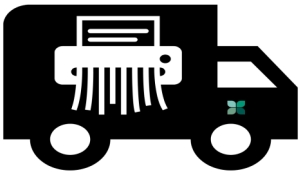

Long Reach Shredding Event

Saturday, April 25 · 9am - 12pm
Stonehouse (lower level parking lot)

- FREE for all Long Reach residents (ID is Required). $15 for all others.
- Limit 3 grocery-sized bags or banker boxes per household. First-come, first-served.
- Please do not pack boxes or paper bags heavier than you can carry from your vehicle without assistance to the shredding truck. This is not a drive-thru event & assistance is not available.
- The event is over once the truck is full.

What to Bring: Recyclable documents with sensitive Information.

Do NOT Bring: Non-sensitive or non-recyclable materials such as magazines, newspapers, binders, x-rays.

Visit **longreach.org** for more details

Columbia Cleans Day Trashy Hour

Sunday, March 22nd
9-10am—Jeffers Hill Area

Join fellow residents to help pick up trash and debris in Long Reach open spaces throughout the Jeffers Hill Neighborhood.

All ages are welcome! Great event for scout troops, youth groups, and community organizations. All supplies provided. Advance registration not required, but waivers are required.

For details and waivers, visit **longreach.org**

Next *Reach Out* publication - May 15, 2026

Upcoming Stonehouse Holiday Hours
Stonehouse will be closed April 3, 2026

Village Center Redevelopment

A Zoning Board Administrative Meeting has been rescheduled for **Wednesday, March 11, at 7 pm**. The public meeting is hybrid. For details, call 410-313-2001 or visit **https://cc.howardcountymd.gov/zoning-land-use/zoning-board**.

Highlights of the proposed Long Reach 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 are to be relocated to another building within the center. The other village center buildings will be demolished. The gas station is to remain.
- 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! Learn more about the proposed Village Center Redevelopment. Visit **longreach.org** or visit the Columbia Concepts website **destinationlr.com**.

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.

Stay In Touch Long Reach!

Get Village updates, local event information, public meeting details, community resource information, and our newsletter directly in your inbox. **Sign up at longreach.org**

It's Time to Celebrate!

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

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Long Reach Community Association

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*

March 3 & 17, April 7 & 21

Upcoming RAC Meetings—Virtual*

March 4 & 18, April 1, 15, & 29

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

CA Representative Comments

By Reginald Avery • waialua1@icloud.com

My fellow Long Reach residents, I know, current temperatures are much too cold to think about going to the pool but…when you do go, how would you feel about, that pool being replaced by a splash pad? How would you feel if your neighborhood play areas were not a priority and remain rated as “poor or very poor”. Am I mentioning these only as a scare tactic? No, not at all. In the December CA Board of Director meeting, the Board decided to maintain the annual charge rate and cap, which will result in charge bills rising by as much as 3.5 percent due to higher property rates. In budget discussions, the FY27 budget projects include $350,000 to design splash pads to replace CA neighborhood pools. And a pool in Long Reach is one of the pools being discussed.

To help you understand, the FY27 budget project’s operating expenses will be $7.6 million, which does not include depreciation for CA’s 23 outdoor pools. CA spends a yearly average of $300K per pool, while the Reston Association operates 15 pools at a cost of $200K per pool while Montgomery Villages spends an average of $230K to operate 6 outdoor pools. We should be modernizing our pools not removing them and at the same time we need to reinvest in our play areas that an inspection report indicated 12 locations were “poor to very poor”. I believe that it is time to invest in those areas that are beneficial to our residents, areas that enhance the investment of our residents. I don’t believe that replacing our pools with splash pads is an asset to our village nor is bypassing repair of our play areas is a wise decision. Please let CA know how you feel as I will as your Representative.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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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Webinar and Giveaway

Join us for a webinar to learn about **microponds** & how to make one in your backyard. Microponds are a valuable resource for local wildlife in your garden.

FREE WEBINAR
APRIL 8 AT 7PM
Webinar Registration Link available at longreach.org

We are giving away a **FREE micropond kit** to the first 50 Long Reach residents to register.

Visit **longreach.org** for more information.

Long Reach Village
Bird Watching Walks

Saturday, April 18 at 8 am
Kendall Ridge Neighborhood

Join the Long Reach CARES for a bird watching walk around the Kendall Ridge neighborhood to see what birds are traveling through our area during their spring migration. All ages are welcome.

The walk will last approximately an hour. FREE! For details and to register, visit **LRCA.eventbrite.com**

Long Reach Native Plant Giveaway

Saturday, April 25 · 9am-Noon

Long Reach Native Plant Giveaway

Planting natives in your yard helps beautify and also protects Maryland's ecosystem.

Long Reach Community Association will be giving away a limited number of free native plants or trees to Long Reach residents.

Plant pickup will be at Stonehouse. For information on how to register, visit **longreach.org**

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Save the Date—May 16th!

The Long Reach Village-Wide Yard Sale is set for Saturday, May 16th. Learn more at longreach.org/yard-sale

Long Reach Village Elections

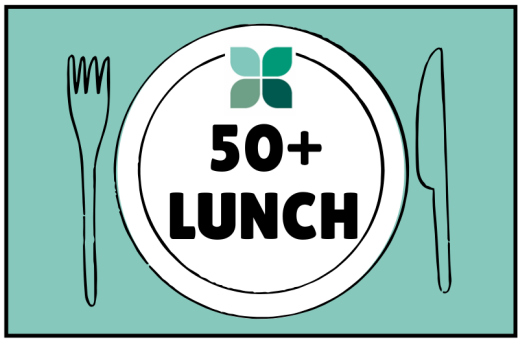
Throw Your Hat In The Ring!

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** at **9am**.
- 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



Friday, April. 17, 2026

11:30 AM – 1 PM

Join us for a delicious lunch, fun conversation & special music presentation by retired. Univ. of MD professor, Hugo Keesing:

"Motown's First Decade- The 1960's"

- 50+ CA residents: $5, Non-residents: $10
- Valid Columbia Association address req.
- Register in advance at lrca.eventbrite.com or in-person at Stonehouse.