

Reach Out

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@LRCA_Stonehouse



Long Reach Community Association

Walktober Walks



Join Long Reach as we participate in Walktober, a statewide initiative that encourages walking and highlights its many benefits. This is one of the best times of the year to enjoy the beautiful natural spaces throughout our community.

We have three guided walks that will showcase different pathways, scenic spots, and points of interest right here in Long Reach. It's a great opportunity to get outside, connect with neighbors, and appreciate what makes our village special. The walks are free.

- Thursday, October 1st at 10am – No Registration
- Thursday, October 15th at 10am – Registration Required
- Thursday, October 29th at 10am – No Registration

Visit longreach.org for more details about each walk and how to register.



**LONG REACH**
**HOLIDAY
GREENS**
Workshop
FRIDAY, DEC. 4
7 PM at Stonehouse
Eat, drink, & be creative!

- make your own centerpiece
- wine, heavy hors d'oeuvres, & supplies
- must be 21 or older
- \$65 per person

REGISTER AT:
LRCA.EVENTBRITE.COM

LONG REACH
HALLOWEEN PARTY
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24
10:30 AM - 12 PM
AT STONEHOUSE
Come in Costume!
Featuring Magical Entertainment
Pumpkin Decorating
Children's Art Activity
**For Children 10 and under**
Children must be accompanied by an adult
Registration not required
Learn more at longreach.org



Snap what you
LOVE about
Long Reach!

LONG REACH PHOTO CONTEST

Have a favorite spot in Long Reach?

Submit your best photo of Long Reach for a chance to win a prize.
Open to all Long Reach Residents.

DEADLINE: OCTOBER 4, 2026

For contest details, visit
LONGREACH.ORG

Long Reach Village Board

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The Village Board typically meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month.

Visit longreach.org for meeting details, minutes, and more.

Planning Exterior Changes?



If you are considering making changes to the outside of your property such as new siding, adding a shed, landscaping, etc. 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, the Resident Architectural Committee (RAC) Review process information, meeting schedule, and the application forms are available on the village website longreach.org. If you have questions, please contact the Covenant Advisor at by email at applications@longreach.org or call 410-730-8113.



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Our office hours are M-F, 9 am to 4 pm. Stonehouse is open by appointment only. Please contact our staff for assistance with village services such as resale packets, letter of compliance requests, exterior alteration application questions and processing, and facility rentals. Visit longreach.org for more information.

Upcoming Board Meetings

October 6 & 20

Upcoming RAC Meetings

September 30, October 14 & 28

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. What a wonderful, and warm summer we have had this year, with temperatures and rainy sessions that certainly make the days interesting. If you don't like the weather now, wait 15 minutes, it will change. Have no fear, slowly the year is ending, and the weather and temperature will change again. Now that school is back in session, the holidays are quickly moving upon us, and the new year is right around the corner, we will have a few more weeks to be outside in the yard. As summer ends, one of the time-honored outdoor tasks that still awaits all of us whether you are a homeowner or leasing property with the drop in temperature followed by the winds and...leaves, leaves everywhere. A quick reminder to everyone, CA does not pick up leaves, no matter how much and many bags you might have. That function belongs to Howard County Government and that means that you cannot just deposit your leaves on the street or down the sewers. No sir not at all. Leaves must be placed in paper trash bags located along the street for collection by Howard County. If you are unsure what date your collection is scheduled, please check the Howard County Government trash and recycle website or call the County for collection dates as well as how holidays may affect your collection.

The last thing that I want to bring to your attention is again that CA will purchase two buildings. Remember that any potential purchase can and only be funded by our assessments as residents. It is important that we as residents need to speak up and remind the Board that it is our money that fund these plans and makes the purchases.

Trash & Recycling Reminder

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. Trash, yard waste and recyclables should be put out no earlier than the afternoon prior to pick up day. For free bulk item pick-up, visit howardcountymd.gov/trash-recycling.



Community News



Pumpkin Palooza — On Saturday, Nov. 21, 11am-2pm at the Miller Branch Library (9421 Frederick Rd), join Howard County for games, composting demos, food, and more. Bring your pumpkins, gourds, squash, and jack-o'-lanterns to be composted at the Alpha Ridge Landfill!



Oakland Mills Fall Festival — Saturday, October 3, 11am-3pm at the Oakland Mills Village Center. Enjoy food trucks, craft vendors, live entertainment, children's activities, and more! Visit oaklandmills.org for more details.



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 and/or pathways, contact CA at 410-312-6330 or email open.space@columbiaassociation.org.



Columbia Art Center — Take a pottery or watercolor class this fall. Columbia Art Center offers art classes for all ages and interest levels. They host rotating gallery exhibitions, studio rentals, lectures, and more! Located in Long Reach — for more details, visit columbiaassociation.org/community-program/columbia-art-center



Community Tree Planting October 28th at 10am

Join the Columbia Association (CA) Sustainability Team and other neighbors to help plant native trees and remove non-native invasive plants from the Waiting Spring pond area in the Jeffers Hill Neighborhood of Long Reach.

All equipment will be provided. Please wear closed-toe shoes and bring water and a hat. Everyone is welcome to participate.

Meet at the **Jeffers Hill Pool parking area** (6031 Tamar Drive, Columbia). For details and to register, visit columbiaassociation.org/communitytreeplanting

Questions?

Email sustainability@columbiaassociation.org

Beech Leaf Disease



Beech leaf disease (BLD) has been confirmed in Howard County and is spreading.

Beech trees are common in many of Columbia's mature wooded areas and are an important part of the tree canopy. They provide wildlife habitat, help absorb rainwater and keep forest soil in place.

CA's sustainability experts are working to understand what beech leaf disease will mean for Columbia's forests and tree canopy. To find out more and what you can do to help, visit:

columbiaassociation.org/blog/open-space/beech-leaf-disease-has-reached-columbia-what-residents-can-do



Join EdCosmic STEM Academy for a fun and engaging 6-week hands-on STEM series where students dive into physics, engineering, and astronomy through creative building projects, exciting experiments, and guided investigations. It's the perfect blend of learning and discovery for curious young minds.

Designed for Ages 9-11 (Grades 3-5). Class size is limited to 10 students to ensure meaningful, hands-on learning.

- Six-Week Session: Thursdays, Oct. 1 - Nov. 5th
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- Registration Fee \$150 & Materials Fee \$25



For more information and to register, visit longreach.org



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Family
BINGO NIGHT

PIZZA
KONA ICE
SODA & WATER

FRIDAY,
OCTOBER 2

AT STONEHOUSE
DOORS OPEN 6:30PM

10 Games - \$5 person

Online Registration Required
LRCA.Eventbrite.com

LONG REACH
Village-Wide
Yard Sale

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10 - 8AM

Declutter this fall! Have a sale in your own yard and we'll take care of the advertising for you. It's easy! We will list all the participating streets on our website and on our social media.

REGISTER AT LONGREACH.ORG/YARD-SALE