

Long Reach Community Association

2009 Annual Report Long Reach Board of Directors

Karen Hitcho, Chair

Nina Basu, Vice Chair

Ed Coleman

Josh Friedman

William Taylor

Russell Swatek, CA Council Rep

In 2008-2009, the Village Board continued to fulfill its regular duties in areas such as covenant enforcement, monitoring village finances, appointing committee members, approving village operating policies and responding to residents' concerns. This report highlights the activities and services provided by the Long Reach Community Association during Fiscal year 2009.

The Board also took the following specific actions in a variety of areas during the past year.

- ▶ Testified at CA Budget Hearings
- ▶ Gave testimony at Ho. Co. Budget Hearings
- ▶ Met with the Howard County Police to discuss community safety
- ▶ Accepted the CA Management Contract
- ▶ Attended meetings with CA and other villages to discuss issues of mutual concerns including the downtown development and village center revitalization
- ▶ Met with representatives from Royal Farms to discuss development of their property
- ▶ Gave testimony at Planning and Zoning on ZRA 107 opposing the Royal Farms Gas & Go
- ▶ Appointed William Taylor to the Board
- ▶ Approved changes to the Architectural Guidelines for rain barrels and composite decking materials
- ▶ Gave donations to the villages' high school's After Prom activities and the Co-Rec Softball League and the Eagle Scout Rain Garden at Jeffers Hill Neighborhood Center
- ▶ Agreed to sponsor Long Reach Cub Scout Pack 914
- ▶ Monitored pedestrian and vehicular traffic concerns
- ▶ Met with General Growth to discuss the downtown development
- ▶ Participated in the CA/Village Work Group Meetings
- ▶ Approved direct mailing of Village Election Absentee Ballots
- ▶ Approved an audit of the Association's financial records
- ▶ Gave testimony at Planning and Zoning on concerning ZRA 102 and ZRA 113
- ▶ Wrote a Reach Out column
- ▶ Met with Celebration Church about plans to build an addition on its land
- ▶ Met with developers, County officials, CA and residents of Snowden Overlook to attempt to get Snowden Overlook annexed into Long Reach
- ▶ Met with Ho. Co. Housing about its purchase of Columbia Landing
- ▶ Attended MTA meeting about reducing public transportation services
- ▶ Met with State legislators regarding various issues affecting the residents of Long Reach.
- ▶ Monitored development of the Blandair property and participated in the Advisory Committee
- ▶ Met with the LR representative to the CA Watershed Advisory Committee
- ▶ Met with representatives from Ho. Co. Government to formulate revitalization recommendations for the Village Centers
- ▶ Met with the Enterprise Foundation and reviewed plans for Sierra Woods renovation
- ▶ Supported and attended the many meetings of Long Reach Village's "Better Together" initiative
- ▶ Met with CA Open Space to review plans for the Jeffers Hill Community Tot Lot and upgrades to the Jackson Pond Tot Lot

The Village Board has adopted the following budget for the fiscal year May 1, 2009 through April 30, 2010.

FY2010 Budget

Assessment Share	284476	Administrative	312756
Programs	178350	Programs	131717
Rentals	183875	Rentals	57663
Special Projects	6120	Special Projects	23045
Interest	9000	Newsletter	19479
Miscellaneous	12975	Fixed Costs	117636
		Miscellaneous	12500
TOTAL INCOME	674796	TOTAL EXPENSE	674796

Long Reach sponsored many continuing events, programs and services. Among the most popular were:

- Three Neighborhood Pool Parties ★ Block Party Kits ★ Cul de Sac Grants ★ Halloween Party ★
- Volunteer Appreciation Party ★ Hanukkah Party ★ Roots of Howard County ★ Holiday Lights Tour ★ Newcomer Information Packs ★ Columbia Cleans ★ Adopt-A-Path ★ Welcome Packets ★ Free Meeting Space for Neighborhood Watch groups ★ Free meeting Space for Scout Troops ★ Classes of all kinds ★ Coupon Exchange ★ Camp Oasis ★ Searching For Spring children event ★ Information & Referral Services ★ Maps - Columbia, Bike Paths, County
- ★ Quarterly TH/Condo Newsletter ★ Columbia International Day ★ Bus Schedules ★ Long Reach Yard Sales ★ Long Reach Country Fair ★ Kids Clothes Swaps ★ Ho. Co. Greenfest ★ Sponsored Cub Scout Troop 914 ★ Supplied Volunteer Work for Columbia Residents to Earn-A-Membership in CA facilities

The Association newsletter, **Reach Out**, is published every six weeks. The newsletter is mailed directly to each residence. In addition to the newsletter, the Association maintains a **website** which can be reached at <http://www.longreach.org>. Those residents who wish to receive emails concerning upcoming Association meetings and events can check out the website at www.columbiacalendar.org.

Covenant Process

During the past year the Association handled the following covenant activity:

- Exterior Alteration Applications 299
- Letters of Compliance 122
- Covenant Complaints 178

Phone Conversations & emails with residents about the covenants 2243

Association Staff

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| Sarah B. Uphouse | Administrator |
| Rita Seidelman | Asst. Administrator |
| Darlene Brown | Covenant Advisor |
| Maryann Cohea | Covenant Advisor |
| Sheila Yancey | Program Coordinator |
| Cynthia Baney | Facilities Coordinator |
| Merelyn Santos | Community Assistant |
| Marta Evans | Bookkeeper |
| Anne Kulesza | Newsletter Coordinator |
| Sandra Clausen | Evening Staffer |
| Jessica Martiny | Camp Oasis Director |

As the Long Reach Community Association enters its 38th year it is both viable and in excellent shape and ready to accept the challenges of a mature village. It is your first point of contact with the governance structure of Columbia and is always ready to assist you. During the past year the village has carefully monitored and testified on all the County zoning issues affecting our residents and worked diligently on the annexation of Snowden Overlook. You are the village's most important asset and the Board of Directors counts on you to let them know your views and concerns. Thank you for making the past year a success. It has been our pleasure to serve you.