

Long Reach Community Association

2010 Annual Report Long Reach Board of Directors

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In 2009-2010, 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 2010.

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
- ▶ Agreed to sponsor Long Reach Cub Scout Pack 914
- ▶ Monitored pedestrian and vehicular traffic concerns
- ▶ Gave testimony at Planning and Zoning on concerning ZRA 102 & 113
- ▶ Met with General Growth to discuss the downtown development and developing a pedestrian pathway system
- ▶ 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
- ▶ Met with Celebration Church about plans to build an addition on its land with additional parking on BGE power lines
- ▶ Met with various village HOAs to learn of their concerns
- ▶ Met with CA concerning stream back restoration in Jeffers Hill
- ▶ Met with County Officials to discuss CB58-2009 & CB29-2009
- ▶ Revised the Long Reach Employee Handbook
- ▶ Met with developers, County officials, CA and residents of Snowden Overlook to get Snowden Overlook annexed into Long Reach which was finally accomplished on April 13, 2010.
- ▶ Made decision to retire the Long Reach Country Fair
- ▶ 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 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, 2010 through April 30, 2011.

FY2011 Budget

Assessment Share	292953	Administrative	321852
Programs	176450	Programs	124446
Rentals	183514	Rentals	66404
Special Projects	1980	Special Projects	19820
Interest	8500	Newsletter	17735
Miscellaneous	14450	Fixed Costs	114761
		Miscellaneous	12830
TOTAL INCOME	677847	TOTAL EXPENSE	677847

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 ★ 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 310

Letters of Compliance 142

Covenant Complaints 128

Phone Conversations & emails with residents about the covenants 2303

Association Staff

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 39th 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 welcomed the residents of Snowden Overlook into the Association this year bringing Long Reach to over 6100 households. 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.