



## Harper's Choice

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<b>Harper's Choice</b>	<b>Swansfield</b>	40 (we don't provide tables)	Daycare	55	100	100	\$1500/month	Happy Sprouts Day Care	55	
			Church Services	8	100 (Sunday Morning/Afternoon Use)	0	380/mth			
			Ghanian Association	3	100 (Sunday Night Use)	100	\$30/use			
			Rentals/Paid Mtgs.	Less than 1	1	100	Saturday Only - \$20/hr (Res. 4-hour Social); \$25/hr (Non-Res. 4-hour Social); \$20/hr (Res. 2-hr mtg); \$30/hr (Non-Res. 2-hr mtg)			
			Local Meetings	Less than 1	100	100	Mostly Free, but see above for pricing			
<b>Harper's Choice</b>	<b>Longfellow</b>	40 (we don't provide tables)	Drama Club	6	100 (Saturday Night Use)	100	\$65/use			
			Church Services	6	100 (Tuesday Night Use) 100 (Sunday Morning/Afternoon Use)	0	240/mth			
			Nursery School	37.5	100 for 9 months	100	\$1000/month			
			Rentals/iPaid Mtgs.	Less than 1	1	100	Saturday Only - \$20/hr (Res. 4-hour Social); \$25/hr (Non-Res. 4-hour Social); \$20/hr (Res. 2-hr mtg); \$30/hr (Non-Res. 2-hr mtg)			
			Local Meetings	Less than 1	100	100	Mostly Free, but see above for pricing			



August 30, 2019

Columbia Association  
6310 Hillside Court, Suite 100  
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Dear CA Board of Directors:

Along with this letter and as requested, you will find our completed Neighborhood Center Survey. However, all of the information we have been asked to provide to date has been focused on quantitative rather than qualitative data.

To begin, there are a few things to consider regarding some of the data points that you are seeking. First, our NCs are not staffed. Second, the notion of “hours rented/hours available” is a misnomer. The only time that we market available rental time is on Saturdays before 5 pm and when I say market, I mean in a hands off way; we do not aggressively promote these spaces as rental venues. Most of the event rentals at the NCs are childrens’ birthday parties; there is no alcohol permitted and again, the events are not staffed. Third, technically speaking, we really don’t have hours that are not available for some clients. For example, if one of our church groups wanted to hold a midnight service, we would permit that, but we do not market that timeframe as available. Similarly, if a local HOA wanted to hold a board meeting on a weekday evening, we would permit that. Fourth, we can only inform on the residential status of the person/entity who rents/leases our NC spaces, not those who participate in the programs that those rents/leases represent.

We agree that it is necessary to understand the costs involved in maintaining the NCs and we support that effort. All of us should have a clear understanding of costs, both current and future, of these facilities. We are intimately familiar, especially in more recent times, with the tremendous costs involved in maintaining these centers. As we’re sure you will recall, Longfellow NC went through a major renovation just over five years ago. More recently, the mold problem and subsequent remediation, cost all of us -- owner, operator, and tenants alike. In essence, it was a second major renovation in those short five years. We estimate that, between the fall of 2018 and summer of 2019, the Harper’s Choice Community Association (HCCA) lost roughly \$12,000 from tenants and renters at Longfellow and \$6,000 from our Swansfield NC day care provider which lost its license. I am pleased to report that the nursery school is back and we have replaced the day care with another provider.

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It is equally important however, to conduct an analysis of the benefits of the NCs, both monetary and in support of our village missions. The spreadsheet helps address the monetary portion of the analysis, but not the non-monetary, more subjective aspect of the NCs operations. For example, there appears to be a question of the amount of time that the centers are being utilized vs. the amount of time that they are available for use. While this is a legitimate area to look at, it is not as important as one may think. A stand-alone church, for instance, is used sparingly during a typical workweek. If one looks at the time available vs. the time used, one could come to the conclusion that the costs of the church operation are not worth it. Of course, this couldn't be further from the truth; the value of the church to the community is not found in the time utilized, but rather, in what is accomplished in that time.

We also have some concerns about questions that are aimed at distinguishing between renters/tenants being residents or not. If you are looking to find whether we're making more money on non-residents as opposed to residents, this question will get at that. However, we run a nursery out of Longfellow and a day care out of Swansfield. Most of those utilizing these services are likely going to be either residents or nonresidents who work in the area. So, from our perspective, both serve an equally important function in our Village and in Columbia as a whole.

As for the more general, non-monetary value of our NCs, our nonprofit nursery school has been in operation for 50 years. Clearly, it is serving a valuable need as the demand for the service has not dwindled in all of that time. Simply put, that service is priceless. While the timeframes may not match the 50 years of the nursery school's tenure, the other programs, such as our churches and day care center, are also priceless when it comes to meeting our mission and that of the Columbia Association. More specifically, HCCA's mission is to create and nurture community and to work to maintain the Village as an exceptional place for residents, businesses, property owners, and other stakeholders. CA's mission is to engage our diverse community, cultivate a unique sense of place and enhance quality of life.

When Longfellow was down and Swansfield had no daycare, at no time did anyone from our community even mention the need or desire to be rid of our NCs. In fact, it was everyone's inclination to ask out of concern, what happened with our Longfellow renters and tenants and whether we were able to take care of them. Similarly, the board was concerned with how long it would take to re-lease Swansfield, but not whether we should or shouldn't continue to serve our community with that NC.

We also take this opportunity to address Owen Brown Community Association's (OBICA) letter to the CA Board dated July 12, 2019. While we appreciate OBICA's right and desire to participate in this discussion in its entirety and to formulate and distribute their opinions on this subject matter, we are very disappointed in the tone and tenor of the notions expressed within. Most disappointing was the expression of an "us and them" mentality as opposed to a "we" mentality. If there's a belief that our NC renters and tenants have value only to Harper's Choice residents, that would be ill informed. As mentioned before, our new day care provider, our

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nursery school, our churches, etc., serve not just the Harper's Choice population, but Columbia as a whole. This is true of all of the Villages and the Columbia Association. We're all in this together!

We appreciate your consideration of our comments and we look forward to working with you to come to a mutually agreeable position.

Sincerely,



Rebecca Beall  
Chair  
HCCA Board of Directors

Cc Board of Directors, HCCA  
Steve Ingley, Village Manager, HCCA

## Long Reach

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Long Reach	Phelps Luck-Front Room	50	COMMUNITY USE-pre school, HOA meetings, non profit meetings, parent meetings, board meetings, self defense classes, birthday parties, graduation parties, weddings, Christenings, Baptisms, seminars, fraternal meetings, church	105	73%	55%	3 hr mtgs-\$65 CA/\$75 6hr party \$350 CA/\$425	not exclusive usage		Ongoing community usage is being obtained through a variety of different types of rentals.
Long Reach	Phelps Luck-Back Room	50	COMMUNITY USE-pre school, HOA meetings, non profit meetings, parent meetings, board meetings, self defense classes, birthday parties, graduation parties, weddings, Christenings, Baptisms, seminars, fraternal	105	70%	55%	3 hr mtgs-\$65 CA/\$75 6hr party \$350 CA/\$425	not exclusive usage		Ongoing community usage is being obtained through a variety of different types of rentals.
Long Reach	Locust Park	50	COMMUNITY USE-pre school, HOA meetings, non profit meetings, parent meetings, board meetings, self defense classes, birthday parties, graduation parties, weddings, Christenings, Baptisms, seminars, fraternal meetings, church	105	71%	55%	3 hr mtgs-\$65 CA/\$75 6hr party \$350 CA/\$425	not exclusive usage		Ongoing community usage is being obtained through a variety of different types of rentals.
Long Reach	Jeffers Hill	50	COMMUNITY USE-pre school, HOA meetings, non profit meetings, parent meetings, board meetings, self defense classes, birthday parties, graduation parties, weddings, Christenings, Baptisms, seminars, fraternal meetings, church	405	78%	55%	3 hr mtgs-\$65 CA/\$75 6hr party \$350 CA/\$425	not exclusive usage		Ongoing community usage is being obtained through a variety of different types of rentals.

## River Hill

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River Hill	Meeting Room	60 - Banquet 130 - Theatre Style	Private Rentals	102	84.38%	7%	CA Resident & Non-Profit	Large Storage Closet:	168 hrs/week	Senior Programs
			- Social				Discount = 10%	Montessori Preschool	(24 hrs/day)	Teen Programs
			- Meetings (nonprofit+)	Monday - Thursday			Children's Birthday	WuShu Martial Arts		Middle Schooler Activities
			- Classes	7 am - 9 pm			Party =			CA Classes
			- Leases (churches)	Friday			\$165/3 hours,			Non-profit Offices &
			Montessori Preschool	a.m.			\$75/hour additional			Related Programs/Trainings
			(8/19 - 8/20)	Saturday			Other Socials =			Multi-cultural Center
			Free Uses (varies)	am			\$399/5 hours,			ESOL Classes
			- Scout Troops	Sunday			\$75/ hour additional			Satellite Library Programs
			- Swim Teams	9 am - 10 pm			Meetings = \$35/hour			Organization
			- CA Aquatics Dept				Class Rates =			Partnerships
			- CA Training Programs				Start-up = \$18/hr			
			- CA Events (varies)				Regular = \$22/hr			
			- Village Meetings (ocassionally)				Lein Payer = \$20/hr			
			Events							
			(varies from year to year)							
			e.g. Pool Party,							
			Talks,							
			RHCA/CA Watershed							
			Events							

**Notes:** \*Includes hours for the Montessori School that began in August 2019.  
 \*\*Average usage based on a typical week of rentals at the Meeting Room and includes the hours used by the Montessori School.  
 \*\*\*Based on FY19 rental contracts. However, multi-use renters have only been counted once.



August 20, 2019

Board of Directors  
c/o Dennis Matthey  
Columbia Association  
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Columbia, MD 21046

RE: Neighborhood Center Survey

Dear Members of the Board of Directors,

Please find attached the completed Neighborhood Center Survey for the River Hill Meeting Room.

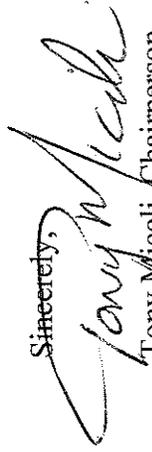
The Neighborhood Centers play an important role in the life of Columbia and these roles naturally change over time. In River Hill's case, the Meeting Room was home to the association's offices prior to the construction of Claret Hall and was the central gathering place for residents in the early years of the village. The association's Board of Directors and Resident Architectural Committee met in the facility, the association's special events were held in the building, and space was rented for classes, social events, religious groups, and other similar uses. Once Claret Hall opened, the facility was rented for 10 years by a non-profit, cooperative nursery school that many children from throughout Columbia attended. During this time, the building continued to be rented out evenings and weekends for other uses. Following the closure of the co-op nursery school, the facility has twice housed another co-op nursery school while renovations were made to their location. For many years the River Hill Meeting Room housed a popular driver education school. Throughout its life, the building has been used for a wide variety of "free uses" that benefit the community including scout troop meetings and swim team events/meetings. Beginning in August 2019, the facility began, once again, to be utilized weekdays for a preschool/daycare program. The Neighborhood Centers in other villages have and continue to serve in similar capacities.

As you evaluate the survey responses from the villages, please recognize that it is highly likely that the methods used by each village to derive the responses may differ. Therefore, any comparisons you make must acknowledge this. Additionally, while we can measure revenue and

expenses and the number of uses, when considering the future of the Neighborhood Centers we must recognize their intrinsic value. We need to value the importance of these spaces to the communities they serve and their varied roles in building interpersonal connections. After all, the Columbia Association and the village associations were created to enhance the quality of life for Columbians and others who choose to work and play here. This responsibility takes many forms. Providing recreational facilities such as pools and gyms are just one method to fulfill this mission. When considering the Neighborhood Centers, let's also ask what needs do the Neighborhood Centers currently fill and how can they be used to better serve the Columbia community in the short and long term? Let's also remember, having a neighborhood center in one village doesn't just benefit the residents of that village or that village association. We are all better off when there are strong community connections.

We look forward to discussing the future of Columbia with you.

Sincerely,



Tony Miceli, Chairperson  
Board of Directors

Cc: Dennis Matthey, CA  
Village Board

## Oakland Mills

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Oakland Mills	Stevens Forest	25 seated; 75 standing but this is two rooms	Non-Profit 501C3, The Village in Howard, M-F; Church on F/Sun; HOA meetings during month in evenings; Late June through Late July "Adventures in Camp, for profit, privately owned	n/a	100%	33%	Columbia resident - \$40/hour; Non resident - \$50/hour	n/a	n/a	OM Board has not discussed this.
Oakland Mills	Thunder Hill	58 seated; 125 standing	Cooperative Nursery School since 1968; Adult Improve Drama Group; Summer swim team meeting/events	n/a	100%	50%	Columbia resident - \$40/hour; Non resident - \$50/hour	n/a	n/a	OM Board has not discussed this.
Oakland Mills	Talbott Springs	25 seated; 75 standing but this is two rooms	2 churches, Fri/Sat/Sun.; currently we do not have a weekday tenant. This is the first in 13 years w/out a tenant and we	n/a	100%	100%	Columbia resident - \$40/hour; Non resident - \$50/hour	n/a	n/a	OM Board has not discussed this.
				*Neighborhood Centers are self-serve, non-staffed facilities that do not have regular operating hours. They are only open and available during the hours in which they are leased/rented.	Varies based on rental contract	Varies based on rental contract				*OM Board briefly discussed the current Neighborhood Center issue but did not brainstorm at the time on potential uses. Board chair/manager will participate in 9/5/19 meeting



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October 3, 2019

Columbia Association Board of Directors  
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Dear CA Board of Directors:

**“We inspire and engage our diverse community by providing programs, services, and amenities that foster a unique sense of place and enhance quality of life.”** This is CA’s new mission statement. This is a shared mission and perfectly describes the unique existence of the neighborhood centers within our villages that serve as sense of place unlike any other in Columbia.

This letter supplements the neighborhood center spreadsheet requested this past summer. The information requested for the spreadsheet required statistical data. This letter provides an overview of the overall operation of the neighborhood centers.

Columbia’s neighborhood centers were purposefully created within the villages to serve as a center of community activity, a gathering spot, and meeting space. Fifty years later the neighborhood centers continue to serve this purpose.

**Imagine** a multi-generation venue in the heart of a village serving our diverse community. **Imagine** neighborhood centers, often described as “no frills,” which have evolved over the last 50 years which are home to the educational, programmatic, and recreational needs of the community at large. **Imagine no more** – Columbia’s neighborhood centers do just that.

### **Stevens Forest Neighborhood Center**

Stevens Forest NC is fully occupied year round. Current tenants are The Village in Howard, Adventures in Camp, and a house of worship. Other current uses include local HOA Boards. Stevens Forest NC is truly a multi-generational center.

**The Village in Howard (TVIH)** occupies the facility weekdays, September through June. TVIH is a non-profit membership organization for Howard County residents’ age 55+ who wish to be a part of a community where members support each other as they remain in their own homes. TVIH builds community by providing activities and programs which educate, entertain, and connect members; and provides the bonus of decreasing isolation. TVIH promotes “neighbors helping neighbors” by assisting one another. The Stevens Forest neighborhood center is TVIH’s center to meet all of their needs.

**The center is their “ideal” place because it is:** affordable; one floor with easy, no stair entry; ample and easy parking; flexible, providing 2 separate rooms and an office; accessible restrooms; outdoor benches and tables for gathering and informal conversations; adjacent to the Stevens Forest Pool which has aquatic activities for seniors; and strong support from Oakland Mills management and staff.

### **Adventures in Camp (AIC)**

Adventures in Camp (AIC) was established in 2004 and the Stevens Forest Neighborhood Center has been its home for the past 16 years. Stevens Forest is an ideal setting for the summer camp. Adventures in Camp is privately owned by a public school teacher, and every counselor is a local professional educator, or in college hoping to become a teacher. The neighborhood center is centrally located in the neighborhood and adjacent to the Stevens Forest tot lot and pool, both of which are used several times a week by the campers. AIC rents the center from mid-June through late August and provides before and after camp hours for those families who need additional camp time. Along with weekly educational and fun field trips AIC also provides reading, math, and writing enrichment. AIC is the perfect fit in Oakland Mills serving all of Columbia and provides a unique camping experience of “teacher run/summer fun.”

Additional uses of the Stevens Forest Neighborhood Center include weekend worship services and HOA meetings.

### **Thunder Hill Neighborhood Center**

#### **Oakland Mills Nursery School (OMNS)**

The Oakland Mills Nursery School opened its doors at the Thunder Hill Neighborhood Center in 1970 and has been in operation ever since! What an amazing **50 years** of nurturing Columbia’s preschoolers in a parent/coop setting. OMNS leases the facility 5 days week running 2 sessions per day for children ages 3 – 5.

OMNS’s philosophy affirms the individual learning styles of each child. The spirit of play is present in all activities to promote the social, physical, intellectual and emotional development of the children. OMNS’s is aligned with and accredited by Maryland State Department of Education’s (MSDE) early childhood standards. OMNS promotes and builds relationships with families and community agencies. OMNS is recognized as a community partner with the majority of the families residing throughout Columbia.

#### **Other Uses of Thunder Hill Neighborhood Center**

The facility is rented throughout the year to a **Drama Improve Group**. The setting is perfect with the adjacent courtyard and restaurant. We have rented to this group for the past five years.

**Thunder Hill Swim Team** – the swim team uses the neighborhood center for meeting space, social space throughout the pool season. Other uses have been houses of worship, small family gatherings, and a driving school.

### **Talbott Springs Neighborhood Center**

Until this September, Talbott Springs was home to preschool for the past 12 years. Our current tenants are two houses of worship renting the space on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. During July and August the center space is donated to the Howard County Police Department one day a week for the Summer Youth Activity Program. HCPD School Resource Officers and HCPD's Youth Division run the program which is free and open to the community-at-large. Several years ago, the Oakland Mills staff facilitated a partnership between CA Aquatics and HCPD for free use of the Talbott Springs Pool for those attending the summer youth program. This is a great partnership for many of our young residents whose families could not afford a pool membership.

Currently we are brainstorming on the future use of the center. We have several ideas that we would love to share with the CA Board as we embark on the neighborhood center policy process.

We are working on finding a tenant for weekdays on a short term basis as we explore great possibilities and uses for TSNC.

### **Hours of Operation – All Centers**

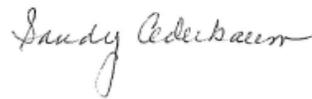
All of Oakland Mills neighborhood centers are surrounded by residential properties and not staffed by OMCA. Thus, we must be extremely cognizant of the village's responsibility to provide a safe and secure environment and not negatively impact on the surrounding community. SFNC is open during the hours it is rented to the longstanding tenants. Those tenants often request some night programs which are permissible. We do not rent the building for social parties. While this may have been acceptable 50 years ago, it is no longer the prudent way to manage a facility. On occasion we will rent to small business meetings and local non-profits for meetings and small gatherings.

We look forward to working with the CA Board regarding the creation of the CA Neighborhood Center Policy. Please feel free to contact either of us with any questions you have or additional information you need.

Sincerely,



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## Wilde Lake

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Wilde Lake	Bryant Woods	50	Non-profit Montessori Nursery School since 1969, religious services, meetings, band rehearsals, classes	n/a	100%	67%	Columbia resident - \$32/hour; Non resident - \$35/hour	n/a	n/a	No
Wilde Lake	Faulkner Ridge	35	Cooperative Nursery School since 1968, CA summer camps, meetings, religious services, improv club, classes	n/a	100%	80%	Columbia resident - \$27/hour; Non resident - \$30/hour	n/a	n/a	No
Wilde Lake	Running Brook	35	Cooperative Nursery School since 1969, CA camps, meetings, religious services, classes	n/a	100%	83%	Columbia resident - \$27/hour; Non resident - \$30/hour	n/a	n/a	No
				*Neighborhood Centers are self-serve, non-staffed facilities that do not have regular operating hours. They are only open and available during the hours in which they are leased/rented.		**Varies from year to year. Figures provided are for FY2019.	***FY2019 rates			****The Wilde Lake Village Board discussed this question at its August 5, 2019 meeting.

**September 6, 2019**

**To: Nancy McCord**

**Fr: Kristin Shulder**

**RE: Wilde Lake Neighborhood Centers**

**Overview**

Wilde Lake Community Association manages three neighborhood centers located in the Village of Wilde Lake. The centers do not have on-site staff and do not have regular operating hours. Renters are required to do their own set ups and clean ups. During the school year, the centers are primarily used by nursery schools. The centers are available during evenings and weekends for HOA & club meetings, classes and church services.

	<b>BRYANT WOODS</b>	<b>FAULKNER RIDGE</b>	<b>RUNNING BROOK</b>
<b>Room Capacity</b>	50	35	35
<b>Building Size</b>	1,788 sq. ft.	1,264 sq. ft.	1,401 sq. ft.
<b>Activity Space</b>	1,044 sq. ft.	775 sq. ft.	966 sq. ft.

**Bryant Woods Neighborhood Center**

[Bryant Woods Montessori Children's House](#) has been the main tenant at BWNC since 1969. BWNC is a non-profit nursery school. In May 2018, BWNC signed a two year lease for the 2018/2019 and 2019/2020 school years. In accordance with the lease, BWNC has use of the neighborhood center Mondays through Thursdays (8:30am-8:30pm) and Fridays (8:30am-4:30pm) from late August through mid-June. In FY2019, the school also rented the center for three weeks during the summer for a camp program.

In FY2019, BWNC was used by regular renter Glorious Gospel Ministries each Sunday through the year. It was also rented by other groups for meetings and band rehearsals during evenings and weekends. BWNC is located in a residential neighborhood on Green Mountain Circle near the Bryant Woods neighborhood pool.

### **Faulkner Ridge Neighborhood Center**

[Wilde Lake Children's Nursery](#) has operated out of FRNC since 1968. WLCN is a non-profit cooperative nursery school. The school signs a one year lease for use of the center from September through June. For FY2020, WLCN has use of the neighborhood center Mondays through Fridays, 9am-3pm.

During the summer, CA camps rents the center for its programs. In FY2019, CA used the space for six weeks for "Camp C.O.O.K." and before & after camp care. The location is ideal for summer camp because it is attached to the Faulkner Ridge neighborhood pool. The camp program includes daily outdoor pool time.

In FY2019, FRNC was rented to a small church for six months on Sundays and, occasionally used for small board, HOA and improv club meetings during the evenings and weekends. FRNC is located on Marble Faun Way off of Faulkner Ridge Circle.

### **Running Brook Neighborhood Center**

[Running Brook Children's Nursery](#) was established in 1969. RBCN is a non-profit cooperative nursery school. The school signs a one year lease each year for use of the center from September through June. For FY2020, RBCN has use of the neighborhood center Mondays through Fridays, 8am-4pm.

During the summer, CA camps rents the center for its programs. In FY2019, CA used the space for ten weeks for "My First Camp" and before & after camp care. The location is ideal for summer camp because it is next door to the Running Brook neighborhood pool. The camp program includes daily outdoor pool time.

In FY2019, RBNC was also rented by two regular clients during evenings and weekends: Bosniak-American Islamic Community (Saturdays from September through June) and Running Brook Condominium Association.

### **Cooperative Nursery Schools**

Cooperative nursery schools, like Wilde Lake Children's Nursery and Running Brook Children's Nursery, provide a unique community building opportunity. The schools are run with parent volunteers. There are teachers on staff, but parents are scheduled to help out in the classroom and with all aspects of running the school, including administrative support, cleanup and food prep. Because parents are giving their time for free, the schools operate with few paid staff and at lower costs than traditional preschools. Cooperative nursery schools allow parents to get to know other parents and children.