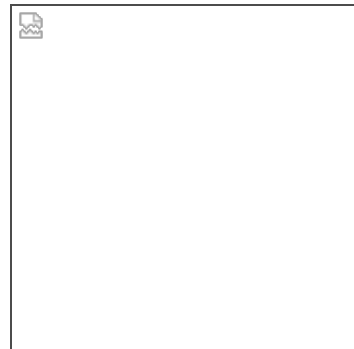


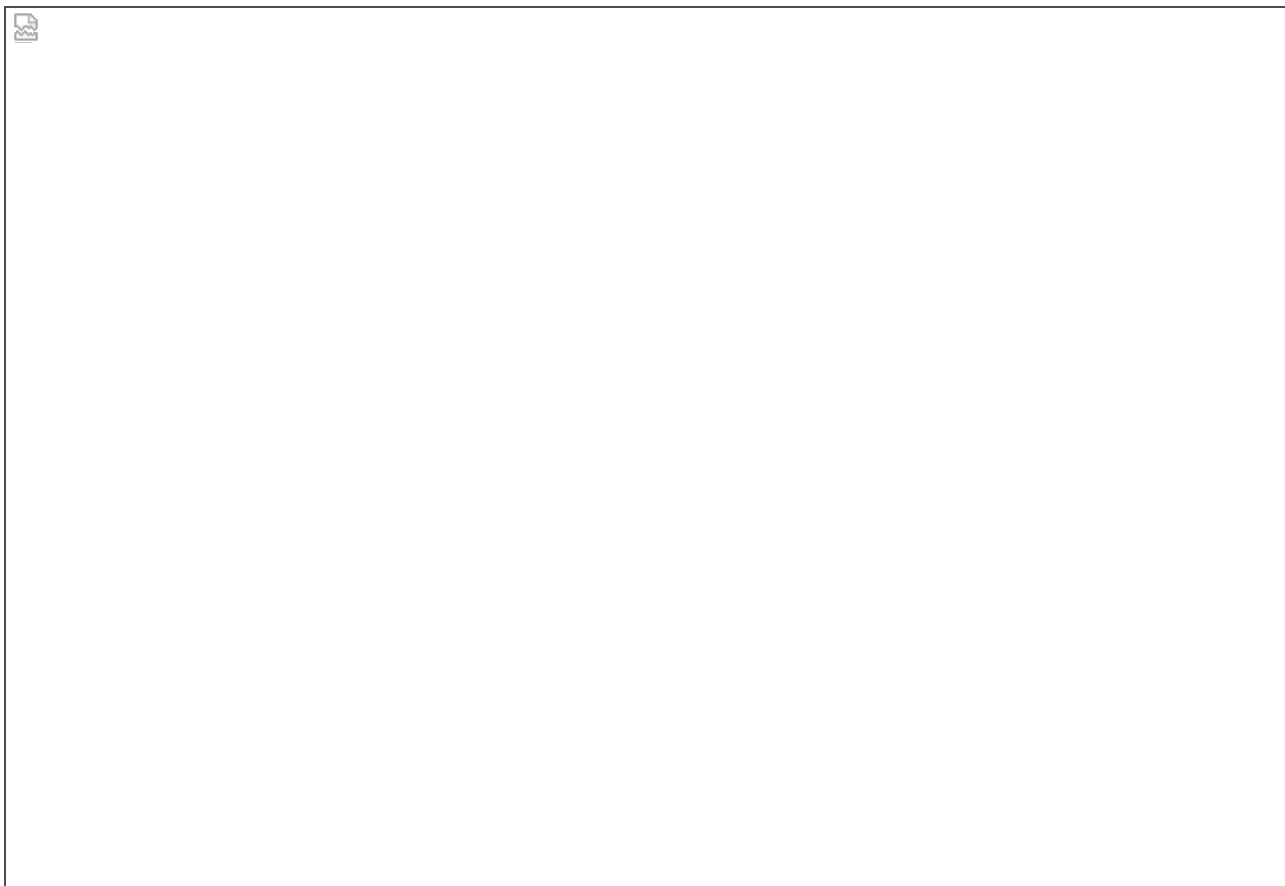
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Cohousing Now!
Cohousing Communities Coming Together in Disaster



Communities Can Rise Above the Floodwaters, Together



Natural disasters, like Hurricane Harvey and the resulting devastating flooding in Houston are a time for community to pull together. When Colorado experienced [catastrophic floods in 2013](#) the WildSage cohousing community escaped major damage, then they came together to go out in the larger city community to lend a hand with sandbagging, evacuating and cleaning up the aftermath. A newly forming group in Houston has been reporting the same type of community coming together to help

From [Cohousing Houston](#), (a group that began forming in February 2017):

"Although we in Houston don't officially have cohousing yet, what we are experiencing during Hurricane Harvey & its aftermath is community coming together at its best. I know everyone has seen pictures, but driving down the street & seeing people's stuff splayed out in their yards, house after house, is surreal. Yesterday was the 1st day we had sunshine & everyone was out helping each other in mass."

A few of our stories:

-Members Tom & Kathy, we got lucky; sold our home 3 months ago & are renting in a high rise close to the Texas Medical Center (awaiting cohousing!). Brays Bayou swirled around us but we were safe & dry on the 20th floor.

-Members Kip & Lynn, Cohousing had several feet of water in their home. They immediately started the recovery process-tearing out dry walls, etc. We helped them Tuesday afternoon.

-Member Margie evacuated to member Debbie's house. Margie's house was spared but her daughter's house was flooded. We're on our way to tear out sheetrock over there.

- Friend Carol's house flooded. We spent the day dragging wet stuff out of her house. We ordered a moving van to move what's remaining into storage.

"Today is a beautiful, sunny day today in sharp contrast to the unceasing rains & floods of just a few days ago. Danger is not over as bayous & reservoirs crest & overflow. Recovery is beginning, there is a long road ahead, but there are lots of helping hands & so many stories.

The spirit of cohousing is alive & well in Houston, Texas!"

[NPR](#) has a list of ways you can help people in Houston including some of the organizations that are undertaking rescue and recovery work and how you can contribute to them.

Conferences & Events

Twin Oaks Communities Conference
Labor Day weekend, Sept 1 - 4, 2017

The theme of this year's Twin Oaks Communities Conference is Inclusivity and Social Justice. Held in Central Virginia, this conference is a unique opportunity to connect with other community builders and seekers, and experience community while learning more about it. ([details here](#))

Now accepting Proposals for 2018 Regional Conferences
Share Your Wealth of Knowledge!

Do you live in community?
Have you created community?

Are you passionate about Cohousing ?!

Please consider presenting at a CoHoUS conference
([please submit here](#))

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Homes for Sale

[A Place in a Thriving Community...and a House Comes With It!](#)

[Beautiful Condo in Vibrant Durham NC Urban Cohousing Community](#)

[Beautiful home in Marsh Commons Cohousing, Arcata CA](#)

[Emerson Commons - Cohousing near Charlottesville, Virginia](#)

[Homes for Sale in New Hampshire's](#)

Aging Successfully, Study Group 1 Online Facilitator Training Presented by McCamant & Durrett Architects

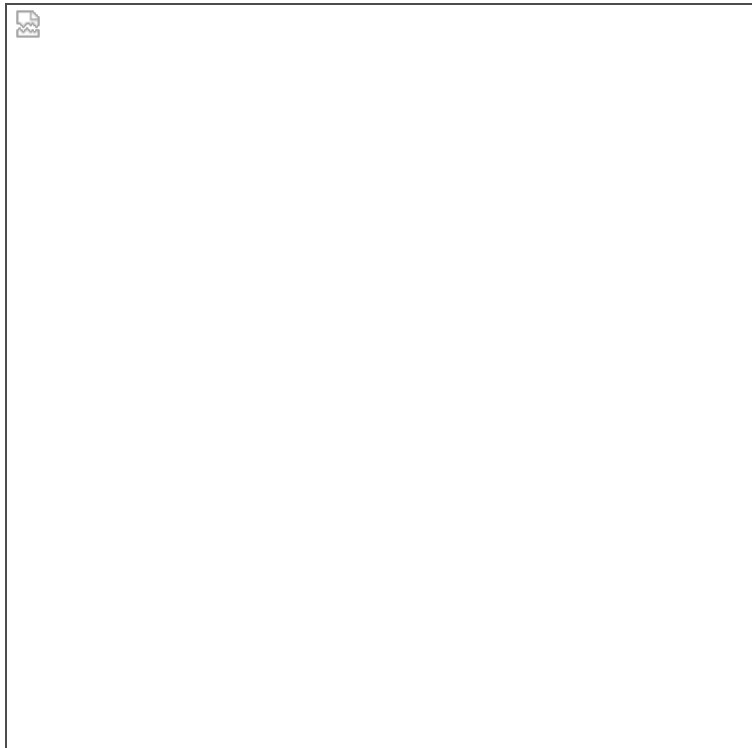
Wednesdays, Oct 11 - Dec 13

9:30am - 12:30pm PST (3 hrs) [for more information...](#)

Cohousing Blog

A NEW LOOK AT GETTING OLDER: INSPIRING ADULTS 55+ TO SUPPORT ONE ANOTHER AND THE POSITIVE IMPACT IT HAS ON HOUSING AND LIVELIHOOD.

Article by Charles Durrett and Lindy Sexton



The last nails are being hammered in. Fresh paint still clings to the damp air. In Port Townsend, Washington, residents of the newly-built Quimper Village Senior Cohousing eagerly await moving into the neighborhood that they co-designed. The neighborhood that not only symbolizes their desire to take an active role in their aging scenario, but also their commitment to supporting, listening to, and living in community with each other.

Communities like Quimper Village are cropping up around the world as older adults are discovering the value of taking control of their lives. Socially, financially, and environmentally it makes sense to live near people who care about you, but until you can work with others to create this scenario, it is just a good idea and nothing else. Senior cohousing communities, and groups inspired by cohousing, grow from that need to move things forward into a collective of organized and forward-thinking activists. The result far exceeds expectations, in many cases.

Oakcreek Community Senior Cohousing in Stillwater, OK is a good example of a neighborhood where people spend more time on their front porch talking with their neighbors than in their private home. It happens naturally, because the group works together to design their community based on the values they create as a team.

[Greenest Community](#)

[Santa Cruz CA, New Brighton Cohousing -Townhome for Sale](#)

[Welcoming new members, selling new homes](#)

Seeking Members

[Boulder County LGBTQ-Affirming Intentional Community Seeking Members](#)

[Bristol Village in Vermont to be ready for move-in this summer. Come join us!](#)

[Join a Green, Intergenerational Community near Sacramento!](#)

[Last two townhomes available this summer! Elderberry Cohousing](#)

[Village Hearth: Adult Cohousing on 15 Beautiful Acres in Durham, NC](#)

Homes for Rent/Exchange

None currently advertising, please search our [website classifieds](#) for the most up to date listings.

Senior Cohousing

[Oakcreek Senior Cohousing - 2br home available](#)

[Wolf Creek Lodge, California - Home Available](#)

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In the News

Cohousing's Diversity Problem
by Amanda Abrams

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Living in Community

What does it feel like to move into a cohousing home you've been building for years?

by Ann Lehman



7/31/17 On moving day. What does it feel like to move into a cohousing home you've been building for years? Exciting! The movers were friendly and right on time and carried all my boxes and furniture down three flights of stairs to the waiting truck. As the rental apartment I was leaving slowly emptied out, I had worried that I might feel sad to leave, but instead I was giddy with anticipation. When I arrived in my car at my new home, there was small group of cohousing friends there to greet me with open arms, feed me snacks, hold the front doors open, and watch the movers unpacking my belongings! My movers pulled up and I was officially moving in. We learned that the elevator was on emergency power due to a partial power outage at our new building, but at least it was working, unlike the day before.

I climbed the three sets of stairs to my apartment and was happy to note it was very doable (the three sets of stairs)! Having lived in a second-floor walk-up with another flight up to my loft bedroom for the previous year had gotten me prepared for climbing the stairs. I walked into my new space--so clean and well-lighted by natural light. For over a year I was worried because no one else seemed to want the units in my "stack" with the same exact floor plan on the first and third floors, but once I moved in, I decided that I had one of the lightest apartments in the building-which had been my dream!
([read more](#))

Coho/US Notes



Despite its potential, 95 percent of U.S. cohousers are white, 82 percent identify as Democrats, and 66 percent hold a graduate degree, according to one study. "The joke around cohousing is, '[Yeah,] we have diversity in our neighborhood-we have Subarus that are three different colors,'" says Alan O'Hashi, a Boulder cohousing resident who leads cultural competency workshops. ([read more](#))

New Grown-Up Dormitories Are One Way to Beat the Seattle Freeze

The unique dwelling arrangements can help neighbors connect to form a community.
By Stephen Strom



Shared spaces are a hallmark of cohousing communities. These intentionally planned neighborhoods include private homes with jointly owned, communal spaces. Members commit to sharing space-and, to some degree, sharing their lives. But while most cohousing communities are composed of traditional single-family homes located in suburban towns, Capitol Hill Urban Cohousing (Capitol Hill, 1720 12th Ave.; 206.285.1589), completed in June 2016, is a multistory, multi-unit building in a highly urban setting. ([read more](#))

How the Triangle Became Ground Zero in the Cohousing Movement

By Cole del Charco

It's Almost Budget Season, please support Coho/US !

As many communities get ready for budget season we'd like to gently remind you that Coho/US is a national non-profit raising awareness of the benefits of cohousing and supporting the development of cohousing communities nationwide. Running an organization like this requires an operating budget.

Alice Alexander from Durham Cohousing says "Supporting Coho/US through annual contributions is a terrific way to ensure our association continues as a connector and clearinghouse to help our communities thrive." She recently included this language in her Durham Cohousing's budget package as justification for continued annual support to Coho/US:

\$300.00 - Annual dues to support the Cohousing Association of the US (Coho/US), which benefits Durham Cohousing by (1) serving as a vehicle for recruiting community members by providing credibility for the cohousing model, and attracting the public to cohousing; and (2) providing learning and networking opportunities through resources, conferences, and connections to the cohousing world to enhance our own community.

Coho/US suggests each community contribute \$300 or more per year, or \$25 per person (the later would equate to \$900 if there are 36 units). Donations are greatly appreciated and can be [made here](#).

Cohousing Directory Metrics

Established Communities = 166
 ---Completed = 149
 ---Building = 17

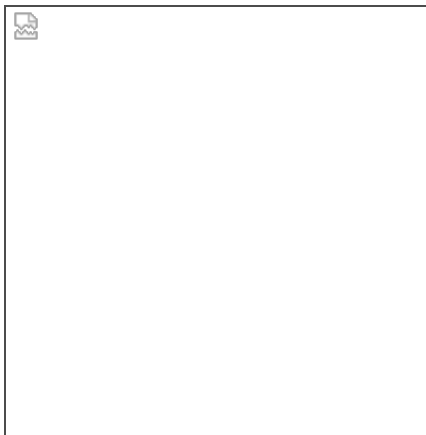
Forming** = 141
 **Thirty five forming groups have acquired land they plan to develop

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Lee Anderson stands on a small mulch path, garden hose in hand, watering plants in a garden partially funded by grants from the city of Durham. One of his seven housemates, Tony Simpson, stands right behind him, admiring the size of the growing watermelons and cantaloupes. Simpson is ecstatic. "Those are some weird-looking tomatoes. They look like cucumbers," he says. "Yeah, those are some weird-looking tomatoes," Anderson replies. Anderson and Simpson live in the corner house of the North Street Neighborhood, an intentional community-a planned residential complex designed to have a high degree of social interaction. ([read more](#))

## Resources

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