

Cohousing Now!

Aging in Community Cohousing Conference



Aging in Community Cohousing Conference
Salt Lake City, Utah
May 19-21, 2016
Co-Produced by Coho/US and SageHill

Please join us for a two-day information packed conference on aging in community and the cohousing model. In answer to the nation's "elder boom," our goal is to **fuel a nationwide development of senior friendly cohousing** communities that support successful aging in both adult-focused and intergenerational communities. We also aim to **spark conversations about aging** within our existing communities, and share community programs that demonstrate healthy, vibrant aging.

You will discover the power of aging in community from cohousing leaders and professionals, aging and care experts, leaders in conscious eldering, lenders and policy makers who understand that successful aging is as much about purposeful living and caring about the well being of your neighbors as it is about beautiful architecture, universal design and sustainability.

This conference holds the answers for creating a highly functioning senior friendly community. You will learn how to get started, meet the people who can help make it happen, and learn best practices from others who have already made the journey. There is something for everyone - those exploring the idea, newly forming groups or existing communities with aging members.

More details to follow on [Aging in Community Cohousing Conference](#) webpage.....mark your calendar now.

Conferences & Events

Aging in Community Cohousing Conference
May 19-21, 2016 in Salt Lake City Utah
Call for Presenters - Request for Proposals

National Cohousing Open House Day Saturday April 30, 2016
Let the Planning Begin Ideas from Mira Brisk



Senior Cohousing: Thriving in Community

Friday, 6:00-8:00 pm, Nov 13 at Eno River Unitarian in Durham, NC, hosted by CoHousing Solutions & Village Hearth Cohousing

Regional Cohousing Conference Opportunity

Interested in partnering with Coho/US to produce a regional conference? Share your creative ideas with us!

Cohousing Blogs

Redefining Cohousing: A Fresh Look (Part 1)

Raines Cohen, [Cohousing Coach](#)

Alert readers may have noticed changes in the webpage **What Is Cohousing?** The new definition, crafted by a team of volunteers, aims to make the concept more universal and easier to understand, to avoid getting stuck in some of the misconceptions or stereotypes that have tripped us up in the past, and provide fresh context. Please join me in a behind-the-scenes peek at how it came about, and where you can make it your own, moving forward. [Read more](#)

The Best Place to Survive an Ice Storm

Jon Ippolito, [Belfast Cohousing & Ecovillage](#)

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Classified Ads

Homes for Sale

4 Bedroom, 2 1/2 Bath Home for Sale

New home in vibrant ecovillage on Maine coast with no fossil fuel bills

Rare Opportunity for Pacifica Cohousing, Walkable to Artistic Carrboro, NC

Wonderful light-filled detached home in Arcadia: \$319,900

Colorado Mountain Ranch & Farm -- 3 & 4 BD at Heartwood

In Christmas of 2012, a year after my family moved to Belfast Cohousing & Ecovillage, our town was the epicenter of one of the



most severe ice storms the Maine coast has seen in recent memory. Temperatures dropped to negative 5 Fahrenheit at night and electricity was out for days as ice encrusted roads and power lines. Yet while the pipes froze in houses just down the road, the homes in our village stayed warm without power, wood, or fossil fuels. When I returned to my ecovillage home after four and a half days without power, the temperature had

only dipped from 68 to a tepid 58. [read more](#)

Cohousing in the UK

Grace Kim, Schemata Workshop & Capitol Hill Urban Cohousing

In mid-June I was invited to speak on Cohousing common house design in the UK. It was a great opportunity to visit the various different Cohousing schemes that exist in the UK, highlighting the diversity that is not as present in US Cohousing schemes. [read more...](#)



Informing the Next Generation of Land Use Law?

Robert Boyer, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

Throughout the last century, multiple public and private institutions have distanced citizens from the design and construction of their future homes and discouraged community-oriented design. These overlapping financial, regulatory, moral, and industrial structures- detailed below-are among the greatest challenges to forming an intentional community today. In addition, their reinforcement of low density, automobile-dependent, sprawling development patterns has contributed indirectly to global environmental problems and the erosion of social capital in the US since the end of World War Two. [read more](#)



Seeking Community

Moving to an Established Community Rather than Creating A New

Tom Lofft, Liberty Village Cohousing, Maryland

In response to an inquiry on the coho-I email discussion group, about recommendations on connecting with people who might be interested in starting a community, Tom responded:

Hi all wannabes and start-up cohousers: I recommend that any small group, especially those who are thinking of breaking new ground as pioneers, or who may have made a best effort and folded their program, to consider moving en masse to an established community which may still have multiple lots, condos, or home building opportunities still available....Why start over on a four to ten year risk loaded enterprise when an energetic community is waiting to embrace you all only a few hours away. [Read more](#)



Cohousing - Below Market Rate?

(The Rev.) Elizabeth M. Magill, Mosaic Commons

These comments are in response to a coho-I inquiry: Wherever cohousing exists or is built, does it in fact sell *below* market rate relative to comparable residences within the surrounding community? Liz responds: Because home prices are compared based on similar homes and cost per square foot, I can't think of anything that would make cohousing homes below market rate. For example, we made smaller homes, so market

3 Bedroom Home at Mosaic Commons, \$349,000

For Sale in New Hampshire's Greenest Community

Burlington Vermont 3 Bedroom Townhouse \$384,900

Seeking Members

Now forming - rural/urban cluster housing in Sonoma County, California

Jubilee Cohousing in Floyd, Virginia

The Commons at Windekind

Rapidly Growing - Community-Centered Neighborhoods in Charlotte

Build your Home & Life at Katywil, CO-farming, CO-homesteading, CO-housing

Join a Green, Intergenerational Cohousing Community near Sacramento!

Riverside Living in Eugene, Oregon!

Cohousing Professionals

Caddis Architecture

CoHousing Solutions | Sustainable Neighborhood Consultants

Kraus Fitch Architects | Home - Community - Planet

Linda Herman Consulting

McCamant & Durrett Architects: The Cohousing Co

schemata workshop | architecture & planning

Zucker Architecture

In the News

Living Together, Growing Together: The Cohousing Movement WMRA Public Radio

"You can't hide. Who you are, is going to be out there, you know, it's going to be out there. So honestly to grow relationships you have to take risks and be honest and that's the toughest things - to continually do it for 15, 20 years."

comparisons essentially compare our 3BR homes to other 2BR homes. We made attached homes, which saves money, but makes us comparable only to attached homes....You do make choices in building that may cost more or less, but for example choosing energy efficiency (we aimed for "super-insulation") means additional cost. As Sharon Villines said: the home is "richer" rather than cheaper. [read more](#)

Cohousing Research Network

Dr. Angela Sanguinetti, for CRN and Coho/US Board



Coho/US announces a new partnership with the **Cohousing Research Network**! CRN was formed in 2011 at the National Cohousing Conference in Wash, DC. Researchers and writers from all over the world gathered together and decided that cohousing research should be as collaborative as cohousing itself! CRN is a hub for researchers to connect and collaborate, but it is also committed to helping cohousing communities! We encourage you to refer research requests to CRN, who will ensure that: (a) the research leverages existing knowledge and available data, (b) demands on your community members for participation, when critical to the research, are reasonable and worthwhile, and (c) research outcomes are reported back to you. Thanks to support from Coho/US, CRN--and the impact of cohousing research--will grow. I look forward to keeping you up-to-date on the latest and greatest CRN news!

End Notes

New Adventures in Cohousing

Jeff Zucker, Coho/US Board President

Greetings. I have the privilege and honor of being the President of the Board of Directors for Coho/US for the next 12 months. While I look



forward to an exciting and productive year, I would like to thank the members whose terms are expiring and who have contributed so much to the success of Coho/US. These folks put in a tremendous amount of work during their terms. They include: our number cruncher extraordinaire, **Dick Kohlhaas**; our queen of cohousing in New England, **Laura Fitch**; our esteemed past president, **Bill Hartzell**; as well as our soon-to-be past vice president, **Patrick Han**. Together, they helped forge a new vitality for Coho/US, and I trust that they will continue to work with us to forward the cause of cohousing.I came to cohousing by way of visionary architect **Paolo**

Soleri. Dr. Soleri coined the term "arcology," combining the words "architecture" and "ecology" into a single term to express his notion of a better way for humanity to live. I worked on Dr. Soleri's "urban laboratory" to test his theories, known as the Arcosanti project in Arizona, beginning in 1973. I have remained closely associated with the project ever since, and am currently its supervising architect. [read more](#)

Your Favorite Breakfast Place: Annual Support to Coho/US

Cohousing Communities - existing and forming - are encouraged to give annually. Please consider becoming a **Sustaining Community**, by pledging to contribute each year, for five years, with a minimum of \$300 - and receive one free registration to the National Cohousing Conference. [Read more](#)

Many Thanks to These Communities who have Given in 2015

Cohousing Directory Metrics

Established Communities = 155

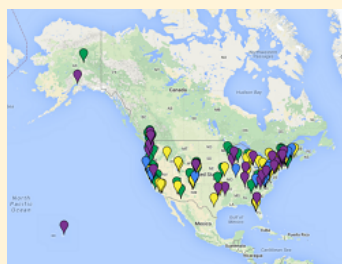
Completed = 131

Building* = 25

Own Site = 21

Forming = 97

* Many building communities have residents but continue to add members and build homes.



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Will Stacy, Shadowlake Village, Blacksburg Virginia

**Top 10 real estate trends for 2016**  
PricewaterhouseCoopers and the Urban Land Institute's "emerging trends in real estate" annual report noted housing demand will take off across all residential sectors in the long-term. And that influx of buyers will also come with more demand for new and alternative housing options, such as microhousing and **cohousing**.

### National Communities Conference Held at Twin Oaks

Mother Earth News



"Anarchist collectives from Richmond, Va., faith-based organizations, groups from New York City to Oregon, to home-steaders from the Midwest all participated in the four-day-long event."

### Stillwater cohousing community allows older residents control, support in their lives

News OK

"We haven't lost anyone since we've been out here," [Kay] Stewart said. "But one of these days I know we will find someone, and then what do we do? It's going to be like a very big family going through it together. We will all grieve, but we will have each other to carry the grief load."



## Resources

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[About Coho/US](#) - revised

[Guidelines for Visiting A Cohousing Community](#)

[NCB Financial Product Offerings](#)

[Tag Cloud](#)

[Cohousing Brochure](#)

**Cohousing Directory Updates**

**Intown Neighborhood Place** -  
Forming in Durham, North Carolina

**Piedmont Ecovillage**  
Seeking Site in Richmond, Virginia



nurture cohousing across the country.

**DONATE NOW**

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**Desert Willow**

Forming in Hurricane, Utah

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