

#### This is what's happening in Cohousing Now!



We're Tired . . . and So Grateful ~ by Karen Gimnig ~

It was a joy to gather the other night with dozens of cohousers for our latest "Cohousing and Coronavirus" webchat. As we reflected on how things are going and what we need from each other at this stage in dealing with a pandemic, there were some themes. Universally, we are tired. Tired of isolating, tired of cleaning, tired of worrying, tired of masking and tired of figuring out when and how and how much we will isolate, clean and mask. We've been at this a while and we'd really rather not do it any more. But we are going to keep doing it, for all kinds of reasons, and since we are, we are so grateful to be doing it together.

During that conversion over Zoom we were comforted in knowing we are not alone. We shared ideas and experiences, held space for one another, and asked hard questions. We didn't have all the answer, but we had the one that matters most. We are grateful for community. We see every day how living together is better than living alone - in candles to mark a coming child, in shared (distanced) Thanksgiving feasts, in chocolate day (because we all need more to celebrate). We are grateful that in community we have each other, across the path and across the nation. Together we will make it through another day with gratitude.



Share your Cohousing and the Coronavirus Stories with Us!

Yep, we're still in a pandemic. Many people are having real struggles with illness, isolation and financial difficulties. What we ARE also hearing is about little bright spots in the world ... moments of joy, sweet experiences such as this acknowledgement from a family that recently moved into cohousing:

"An extra special thank you to the Pandemic Porcupine, aka Ellen, who has brought S. and G. a note and surprise every day of quarantine and completely made their day every time. We feel so lucky to be living in this community and have felt so grateful for all your support."

We all could use some 'Chicken Soup for the Soul', please share your stories with us, email us, write a blog for the eNews, post something on Facebook!

Click <u>Here</u> for the Nov 30 recording of Cohousing and the Coronavirus Community Check-In WebChat



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## The Deeper Dig: Creative solutions to the housing crunch

By Mike Dougherty and Erin Petenko

In recent years, co-housing developments have gained popularity.

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Listen: Texas's first cohousing community is coming to the East End. Here's what it's about.

By R.A. Schuetz and Nancy Sarnoff

We've all heard of coworking. But cohousing? Not so much. That's because there are no cohousing communities in Texas, something a group of Houstonians are planning to change.

Listen to the podcast or read the transcript <u>here</u>.

# A Jewish cohousing movement is on the rise — but challenges beyond Covid remain

By Rachelle Stein-Wotten, JTA

On a January afternoon, snow blanketed the streets of this western Canada city of famously weather-fickle residents. But it didn't keep 30 Jews from packing into the living room of Noam and Val Dolgin to talk about Jewish cohousing.

Read full article here.

## Cohousing communities: What they are and considerations to make

By Sarah Li Cain

Cohousing communities generally consist of a shared space surrounded by private homes. The shared space might include a dining area, recreational areas and even a large kitchen.

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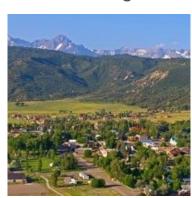
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