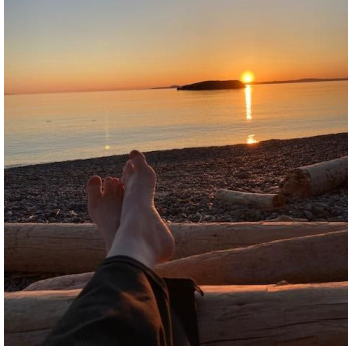




This is what's happening in Cohousing Now!



Stones and Storms

by Karen Gimnig

As a child I spent many hours on the beach running along the driftwood and jumping from log to log. I carefully avoided the “hot lava” of the stones below. From time to time I paused to consider a particularly tricky junction, or to gather my courage for a bigger leap. I think many of us enter cohousing like that. We throw ourselves into community with childlike abandon, stepping joyfully from common meal to work day, pausing occasionally to plan our next step or gather our courage for a bigger leap into relationship. A lot of the time we’re pretty careful to avoid the “hot buttons” of conflict.

I’ve aged since those early days. I’m wiser now and more fragile. I still love to step my way along the logs seeing how far I can get. At my favorite beach I’ve learned the path that gets me the furthest, and I know that points at which I’m better off stepping into the stones. There’s a down side (besides my pride). I tend to get rocks in my shoes that have to be worked out. Conflict is like that too. As we get older and wiser we choose more carefully where to enter it. It’s uncomfortable and it can take work to get through it. Also, we may be more willing to do that work when we see the need.

Recently a big storm came through and tossed a bunch more driftwood onto the beach. My familiar paths were gone, but as I explored the new patterns, I had a lot more to work with. I explored different options, in the familiar yet new game of jumping from log to log. In the end, I stepped down into the stones, found a spot that looked promising and nestled into the beach, leaning up against a friendly log. I took my shoes off and soaked in the grounding energy of the earth. I imagine the storm of covid has tossed some new logs into your community. As you find your way in the new terrain, I hope you find a spot to step into the rocky places, lean into the support that is there, and soak in the grounding energy of your beautiful community.



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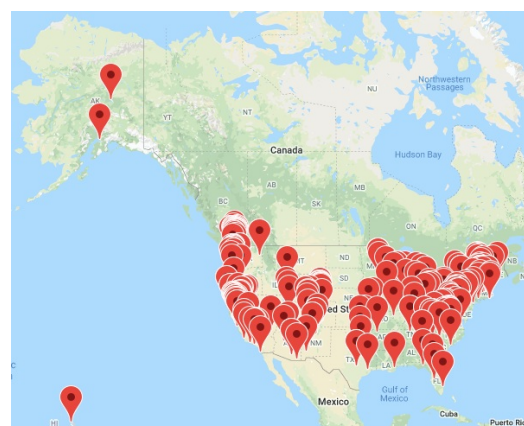
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Pandemic forces cohousing communities to examine shared values and relationships

*By Judith Graham, Kaiser Health News
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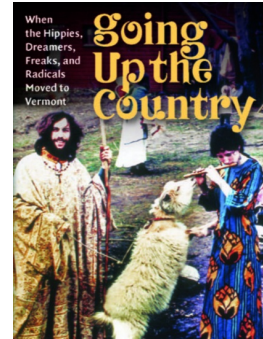


New cohousing development coming to Harrisonburg

by Stephanie Penn

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What Happened To America's Communes?

By Russell Flannery, Forbes

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by Patty Tomsky

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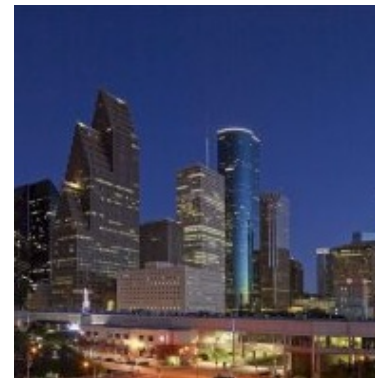
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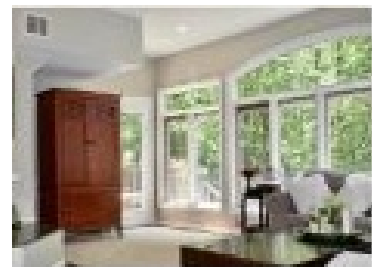
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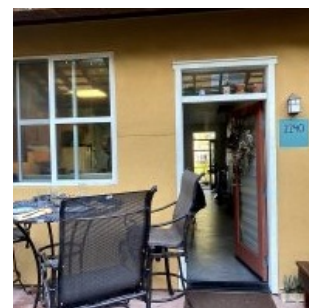
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