



This is what's happening in Cohousing Now!



Sharing Ideas

You know what happens when you put two cohousers together in a room and get them talking? Ideas flow like crazy. Cohousers love to share what they've learned, what they like, what didn't work at all, and opinions of all kinds. With all that sharing, a lot gets learned, expensive mistakes are avoided and community gets stronger.

How about when you put 1100+ cohousers in a room? We've never actually tried that, but we come close every day with the Cohousing-L listserv. With over 1100 regular users, along with 47,000 archived posts, the listserv is a treasure trove of information about cohousing. The users include brand new founders asking lots of questions and highly experienced communitarians offering lots of answers and everyone in between totalling roughly 150 posts each week.

If you haven't discovered this amazing community resource, we hope you will join us. Thanks to Fred Olson's volunteer dedication and skilled moderation, the listserv remains a free resource to anyone interested in cohousing. Sign up [here](#).

CohoUS BOD Farewell Ty and Welcome Henning



We sure will miss Ty as he steps down from the CohoUS board directors this fall. Most recently serving as our Treasurer, he has been a very valuable board member as we evolve and expand offerings. We'll continue to see in the cohousing world as he continues his work to create community in Texas and Oklahoma. Thank you Ty for serving on the CohoUS BOD and making strides in the cohousing movement!

To 'meet' all of our current board of directors members, [click here](#)

Henning is a founding member of the first cohousing community in Regina, Saskatchewan, Prairie Spruce Commons. He is active in the Canadian cohousing movement and is on the committee for the Canadian cohousing conference.

Henning was originally from Denmark and though it is with some difficulty, he has been able to read Danish cohousing material such as the 25-year anniversary book from Saettedammen, often considered the first cohousing community. Reading the accounts of those first founders, with their reasons for seeking a new way of living, it is amazing to see where we have changed and where we are still following in their footsteps. Please welcome Henning to the CohoUS BOD!

Events



Cohousing Over Time

About 150 of us gathered on Zoom this recent weekend to talk about **Cohousing Over Time**. Keynote speaker Sky Blue challenged us to "have a purpose beyond just living in a collection of houses".

We learned about being inclusive of neurodivergent people and what it means to make cohousing anti-racist.

We learned ways to maintain sustainability of our buildings and the importance of reserving funds to do so.

We learned about policy making or changing through the consensus model and how to adopt sociocracy as community governance.

We made some important connections, learned about our exhibitors and had fun!

Recordings will be available to Cohousing Over Time event registrants and CohoUS partners. [Click HERE](#) to register for access to the recording. [Click HERE](#) to learn more about our partnerships programs

Cohousing Affordability

Save the date and join us Saturday Oct 23, 2021 for an online conference event **Cohousing Affordability**.

One of the most common values and biggest challenges for cohousing is to be affordable to all. This event will dig into this difficult topic from many perspectives, from development options to HOA dues and the ways to help each other.





National Cohousing Conference Aug 25-28, 2022 in Madison, WI

Our conference committee has chosen a venue and secured the dates! As the committee begins to form the theme of this national conference, they'd like to hear from you! What topics would you like offered? What speakers would you like to hear from?

It may feel far into the future, but it would help us a lot to know if our community of communities are anxiously be anticipating this LIVE in-person conference, or still feel wary, or simply just not know how they feel at this time. To any extent possible, please let us know what your intentions are.

Please [click HERE](#) to complete this brief survey

Blogs



Connection-Centric Design

By: Washington Commons

According to Erik's research, the hallmark of projects that succeed in creating cohesive community is 'connection-centric design'. Erik identifies 2 types of connection-centric design: Overt and Covert.

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Charging Electric Vehicles at Wolf Creek Lodge

By: Bob Miller, Wolf Creek Lodge

Construction at Wolf Creek Lodge in Grass Valley, CA was completed in 2012. At that time, no member owned an electric vehicle. *(Now in 2021)* After two years of planning and installation, the Lodge activated individual charging stations for all 30 households.

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Flashback Recipes

Cohousing has changed a lot over the years, but cooking for one another remains a joy, along with our love for good, wholesome food. CohoUS Staff has recently uncovered a stash of cohousing recipes. We hope you'll enjoy them as much as we do. To add to this

treasure chest, send your favorite recipe and a bit of the story, to staff@cohousing.org.



[Feb 2008 Lisa's Dream
Chocolate Cake](#)



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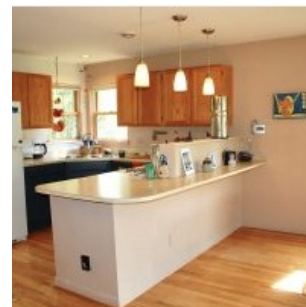
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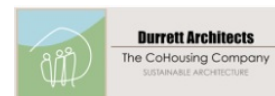
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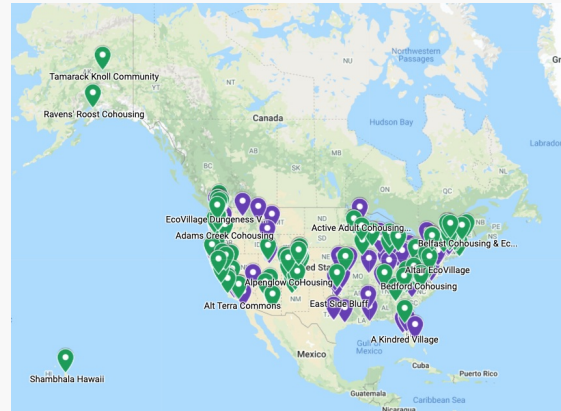
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