

This is what's happening in Cohousing Now!



Learning

Cohousing is a space where intelligent, educated, compassionate, intentional and highly motivated people gather to do something none of them has ever done before. The formation of community invites and even demands learning about property and building codes, design and development, relationship and communication, consensus and group dynamics, and so much more. The learning curve is steeper than most of us imagine when we begin and brings about richness in life beyond even our most idealistic expectations. And, it turns out, both the formation and the learning continue throughout the life of the community.

Community is ever changing. The arrival of new energy, new ideas, new challenges is constant as the members come and go, and just as importantly as the members grow and the environment changes. Relationships shift, different needs become visible, previously dormant skills are called upon. Learning is an essential element of living in community, and happily we don't have to learn alone. Certainly individuals learn from one another. More broadly, communities learn from one another. In the rich ecosystem of cohousing, each community learns from those who have gone before, pass on what they have learned to those who come after, and share ideas and lived experience among one another.

CohoUS recognized how essential learning is to cohousers. It is an essential mission of the organization to support our community of communities in sharing knowledge. With so much knowledge to be shared, we use many venues to invite sharing. Mark your calendars for Aug 25 - 28 for the next live, in person event in Madison. Join us for online events in February and April in 2022. If you haven't already, become a CohoUS Partner and access our library of recordings from more than a dozen past events. (Community Launch, Community Partnership, Individual Partnership) Sign up to speak at an upcoming event.

We have much to learn from you. We have much to learn in community. Together we will become more connected, more engaged, more collaborative than we have ever been before.

CohoUS News

It is with sadness that the CohoUS Board announces Karin Hoskin, our Executive Director for the last four and half years, will be leaving CohoUS and starting a new position elsewhere beginning December 1, 2021. We will miss her in many ways; from her innate kindness and thoughtfulness, to her professionalism which helped grow CohoUS, improving our



online presence with a new website and multiple directories, to her steady approach, she has improved our financial stability and a structure, allowed us to add staff and moved us forward with programs such as Community Launch, Community Partnership, Individual Partnership, and Professional Launch program.

But nothing can describe the challenge she overcame during the Covid crisis. Until then, all of our conferences had been in-person, with our most successful to date being in Portland, Oregon, in the Summer of 2019. With the start of Covid our model needed to reset drastically, and cohousers needed support not seen before. Working with Karen Gimnig, Communications Director, Karin set up over 50 online Webchats on topics ranging from Cohousing and the Coronavirus to Introduction to Consensus. They also converted our in-person conferences to successful online conferences that let individuals and communities from around the country join together in an unprecedented manner. Without this pivotal adaptation many cohousers would not have been able to come together as a geographically diverse community facing similar challenges. These were big changes that will remain with us for the longer term.

Karin also gave us the solidity we need to prepare for a new growth stage. We look forward to expanding cohousing to the next level, seeking new and deeper collaborations as we move towards our goal of creating more affordable and sustainable cohousing, expanded awareness to our unique way of living, and connections with policymakers that will help make this growth possible.

It is with mixed emotions we say goodbye, excited for Karin's next adventure, and sad she is leaving. We wish Karin the best. We will miss her, but know she will always be a part of the cohousing community.

CohoUS is Hiring! Click HERE for job description

Partners

Partnership Programs are a smart investment, and an effective way for your community to learn and grow. From free online events and discounted live conferences; to free advertising and



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directory highlight; to mentoring from experts, your community will get better and better at doing what you do. As a Community Partner, you'll also be investing in CohoUS in creating more and better cohousing.

Established Communities: https://www.cohousing.org/community-partner-program/

Forming/Building Communities: https://www.cohousing.org/community-launch-program/

Events

Madison & More!

In 2022, we will gather in Madison complete with hugs and late night drinks. AND (More!) we will gather online to stay connected for those we miss in Madison, and make some of the Madison sessions available as recordings after the event. We hope you are with us for yet another new and exciting year in cohousing.



February - Loving Cohousing - online conference event April - Cohousing Week - online events April - National Cohousing Open House Day - live and online!

Click HERE for more information



Communities Coming Together

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

We are thrilled to announce Madison Keynote Speaker **John Nichols** and Public Presentation Speaker - **Anne Reynolds**

We are now **accepting RFP submissions** for session speakers through a brand new process We hope you will find that it is faster, easier and more reliable than the forms we've used in the past, <u>click here</u>

Cohousing in the News



Finding Community Through Cohousing

By Angelina McCall on 9NEWS

More than ever, people are searching for community after a year where the pandemic left so many feeling isolated . . .

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The Cohousing Community That Saved Me From Parenting Isolation

by Sarah Wheeler for Romper - Parenting

For my family, this time has most certainly been anguishing. But it has not at all been lonely.

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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.



Doug's Famous Lentil Loaf

A recipe from Doug Shire, one of the First Residents Group (FRoG) at EcoVillage in Ithaca.



Giving Thanks

By: Sandy Thomson, Heartwood Cohousing

As one of the founding board members of CohoUS, I feel strongly about the importance of having a national organization, but many cohousers seem to take it for granted....As I see it, CohoUS is critical to keeping us learning from each other, getting the word out, and growing our movement for a more collaborative society. But it needs all of our support to continue to exist.

ntinue to exist. Katie McCamant, Nevada City Cohousing



→ We suggest each community contribute \$300 or more per year, but donations of any size are welcome. You can give online, or send a check to CohoUS, 4710 16th St, Boulder CO 80304.

Thank you!

Classified Listings

Forming Communities and Communities Seeking Members



Alpenglow CoHousing Ridgway, CO



Adams Creek Cohousing Hood River, OR



Skagit Cohousing Anacortes, WA



Our Home - Cathedral Park Portland, OR



Sunnyside Village Marysville, WA



Rachel Carson EcoVillage Gibsonia, PA



Heartwood Cohousing
Bayfield, CO



CoHousing Houston Houston, TX



Cohousing ABQ Albuquerque, NM



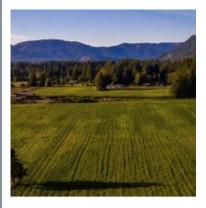
River Song Cohousing
Eugene, OR



Washington Commons
West Sacramento, CA



<u>Heartwood Commons</u> <u>Tulsa, OK</u>



Rooted Northwest Arlington, WA





Homes for Sale or Rent



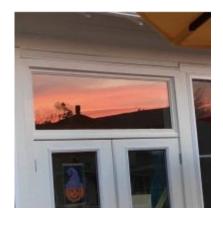
Wasatch Commons Salt Lake City, Utah



Wolf Creek Lodge Grass Valley, CA



Swan's Market Cohousing



Village Hearth Cohousing

Cohousing Professionals







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schemata workshop

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Wonderland Hill Development Company

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20 Building Communities

46 Cohousing Professionals

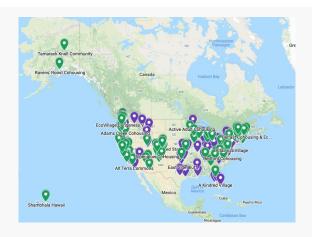
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