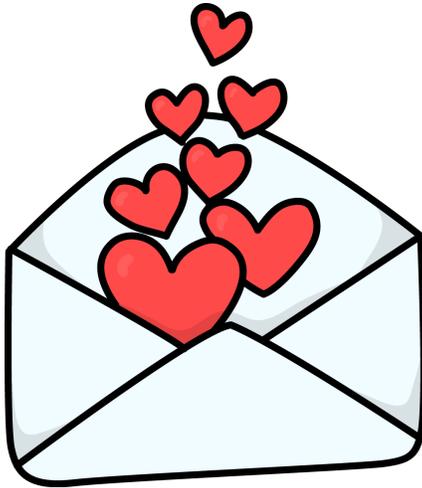




## This is what's happening in Cohousing Now!

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### A Love Letter to Community

By Trish Becker

'Tis the season for public proclamations of love, according to Hallmark at least. While I'm yet to find a candy heart inscribed with neighborly sentiments, I am called to profess my love for cohousing and all who join us in this movement. So, this year I offer you, *community*, a love letter.

First, to the burning souls. You know who you are. You spend countless hours planning, building, listening, and laboring, all in pursuit of the village of your dreams. You recruit new members over potluck dinners and explain the virtues of communal living to a society obsessed with individualism and efficiency. You assemble teams of experts, equally deserving of our gratitude. To the architects, lawyers, consultants, and developers who offer their time, labor, and expertise to bringing our collective dreams to life - I see you, and I thank you.

To the communitarians of all forms, co-creating homes and neighborhoods that honor our planet and our future - each established community is a beacon of possibility in a dark world. With your every action, you demonstrate how we can (and must) come together in pursuit of environmental regeneration, collectivism and belonging. You model generative dialogue and healthy conflict, cornerstones of a healthy democracy. Each day, you illuminate a more hopeful future.

Our movement is both expansive and deeply personal. This love letter is also written to Don, a member of Aria Cohousing Community, who still delivers homemade applesauce each week though we moved out years ago. Your generosity is boundless, and you offer gifts to your neighbors without expectation. To the future members of our growing micro-

village, Chase Street Commons - you bring fresh eyes to governance structures, site plans and legislative battles, even hours after putting the kids to bed. Our children will grow up in the supportive web of a loving community, a direct result of your labor and creativity. And to our ancestors - we are called to build a more connected future because there is a longing for connection embedded in our very cells. You remind us that collectivism has been systemically destroyed, and we must fight to return to a more natural way of being.

I hope you'll join us at [Loving Cohousing](#) on February 19. During this virtual gathering, we will examine the complexities of neighborly love, share our wisdom and expertise, and build healthier communities together. Love – for our planet, our future and one another – is the foundation of our movement. Now that's something worth celebrating.

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## CohoUS Welcomes Trish as our new Executive Director!

CohoUS is thrilled to announce our new Executive Director, Trish Becker. A social worker to the core, Trish brings over a decade of experience working in nonprofit and higher education with a focus on community engagement, strategic partnerships and event design. For the past 7 years, she has served as the Director of Community Engagement at the University of Denver's Graduate School of Social Work (GSSW), leading community engagement initiatives and creating gatherings that advance social justice. Her consulting group, [Storyspring Consulting](#), provides strategy, facilitation and coaching to nonprofits, social changemakers, and intentional communities.



Trish is a founding member of [Aria Cohousing](#) and [Chase Street Commons](#), a micro-village built upon the principles of cohousing. She is a [Tedx speaker](#) and a passionate advocate for housing solutions that address our collective crises of loneliness, environmental degradation and housing inaccessibility. Above all, she believes that humans need one another for meaning and survival, and that collective housing is poised to be among the signature movements of our time.

She will join us in mid-February, and we are very excited about the many gifts Trish brings to our movement.

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## Partners

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We've loved having so many CohoUS partners through Community Launch and Community Partnerships. It's great to share events with you, highlight your communities in our advertising and getting to now you throughout 2021. We're delighted that so many of you have renewed. Thank you!

If you haven't renewed yet, now is the time. We've extended your Partner benefits through January to give time for renewals, but please know that we will begin removing partner access non-renewed communities and individuals on February 1. Please don't let that happen to you,

# Renew Now!

because we really want to see you at  
Loving Cohousing on Feb 19! To renew,  
email [office@cohous.org](mailto:office@cohous.org)

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## Events

Loving Cohousing, February 19

Registrations Now Open

We're delighted to welcome Jes Gordon of East Lake Commons as our keynote speaker for Loving Cohousing. Jes will share her journey of discovering cohousing, contributing to her community as she and her partner raised their child in community, and now continuing to support her community as she relies on them to support her through illness. Jes is an inspiring example of loving her community and relying on her loving community at the same time. You won't want to miss it!



April - Cohousing Week - online events

April - National Cohousing Open House Day - live and online!

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**Live and in person!**

Main Event

Aug 27-28, 2022

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The National Cohousing Conference will be held in the US Heartland for the first time, in Wisconsin's capital city of Madison. Madison is known for its huge farmers' market, bike trails, university, and its four cohousing communities. Madison is also one of two cities in the US located on an isthmus.

Planning for the conference is ramping up, with folks from the local communities working with staff and other volunteers to get the program and logistics set. It will be held at the Concourse Hotel, with a free Friday presentation at the State Historical Society. The conference includes about a dozen pre-conference intensives, 48 regular sessions, a keynote address and time for networking with other cohousers from around North America.

For more information [click here](#).

More to come!

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## Cohousing in the News



### New Models for Collective Housing

By Andreea Cutieru, ArchDaily

Housing production has been relying on the same spatial configurations for almost a century, catering to a vision of domestic life that no longer constitutes the norm.

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### Berkeley Moshav has design, now seeks members for Jewish co-housing project

By Sue Fishkoff, The Jewish News of Northern California

The community submitted plans to the city in mid-December, and groundbreaking should begin in 18 months. . .

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## Blog Posts



### How To Decide Which Cohousing Community Is Right For You

By: Jennie Lindberg, Sunnyside Village Cohousing

So many exciting cohousing communities! How does a seeker decide which one is best?

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### A Context for Hope: The Gift of a Cohousing Childhood

By: Margo Solod, River Song Cohousing

Over and over, one message kept coming up: the benefits of a childhood or parenthood spent in an intergenerational “village” . . .

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We thank these communities for donating or partnering with CohoUS in 2021. We hope your community takes pride in being part of the cohousing movement and

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Manzanita Village  
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Monterey Cohousing  
Community  
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Muir Commons  
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& Farm  
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Wolf Creek Lodge  
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[Rachel Carson EcoVillage](#)  
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Tulsa, OK



[Rooted Northwest](#)  
Arlington, WA



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Bayfield, CO

**Living in Community in Eugene, Oregon**

Owning your own home in a beautiful, intentional neighborhood along the Willamette River bike path.

Sharing support and resources with neighbors

Multiple generations working, playing, and sharing meals together

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