



This is what's happening in Cohousing Now!



(Photo by Gayatri Malhotra)

Building A Movement

By Trish Becker

All great change began when two people started talking.

I learned about cohousing at my own going away party. I'd been working at a nonprofit and was leaving to work with the pro-democracy movement on the Thai-Burma border. My supervisor hosted a party in my honor at his cohousing community on Fort Collins, CO.

"What IS this place?" I asked.

As he explained to me the concept of shared meals, smaller homes in exchange for ample common space, and a commitment to supporting your neighbors, something in me sparked with excitement. I was a recent college graduate, and I didn't yet grasp how valuable community would be when I decided to grow my family. But I knew they were onto something here. I locked it away as an idea for my future self and envisioned myself joining a community when I retired.

Over the years, cohousing was always a little treasure, kept in my back pocket and taken out when exploring options for a more meaningful future. One of those times, as our family grew, we revisited this little treasure and found our way to a community with construction already underway. We were living in our community as our daughter was born. But this was a rare fortune. Most people in the US don't know about cohousing or know what value it can add to their lives. Many new parents don't realize how badly they need a village, until they are drowning in the labor of parenthood, and in isolation.

How do we ensure that everyone has cohousing as a treasure in their back pocket? How can we create a future where cohousing is a household term, one that we all know and understand? How can we empower people early in their journeys with options, so that when their circumstances change, they look for a village, not more square footage?

Every community begins with a small handful of burning souls. Every movement is borne of potlucks and late-night discussions. Who are you talking to who might benefit from community, or who can fuel your fire in creating one? We see ourselves in the stories of others, and there is power in seeing others' dreams come true. Are you telling your story of community – what drew you, what challenged you, and why it's all worth it?

There are many opportunities to align with and build a movement for greater connection in our homes and neighborhoods. You can start by joining us for [Cohousing 101](#) a virtual panel discussion about the building blocks of community living. You can invite cohousing-curious friends to a community dinner, so they can experience the magic firsthand. Write an op-ed for your local paper, featuring what you love most about community, or what stands in your way to creating one (and how to change it!). Attend our [National Conference in Madison](#) and, even better, bring a friend.

Building a movement starts with a conversation. We'd love to hear from you.



Live and in person!

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Aug 27-28, 2022

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[Registration](#) is now live for the 2022 Cohousing Conference, Communities Coming Together! We will be live and in-person in Madison, WI, August 25-28.

Register by May 31st for the early bird discount of \$100 off registration. Partners also receive an additional \$150 discount. To explore and sign up for a Partnership, [click here](#).

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Cohousing 101

Join cohousing experts and dreamers alike as we explore the building blocks of community. This 2-hour virtual event seeks to educate and empower. Topics include the foundational principles of cohousing, lingo and basics, an opportunity to connect with professionals in the field, and the chance to ask your burning questions about collective living.

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This event is free for partners and \$15 for non-partners.

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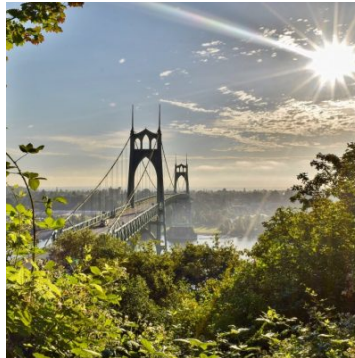
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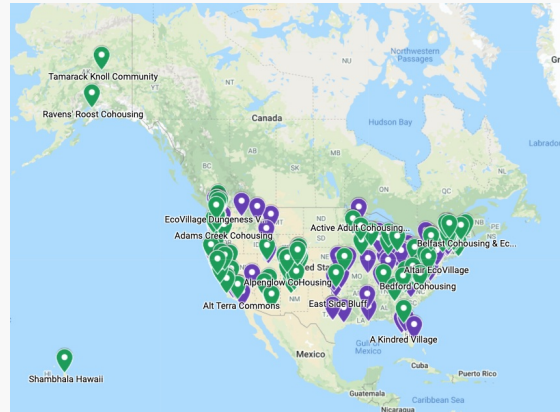
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