

## What is it to belong?

Happy Pride Month to our LGBTQ neighbors and communitarians across the US! I hope it has been a time of celebration, reflection and gratitude. As Pride Month comes to a close, let us take a moment to reflect upon what makes it possible for each of us to feel a sense of belonging.



Is it to feel that our identities are truly seen and celebrated?It's critical that our communities are committed to exploring and affirming all the identities that make us, as individuals, whole. This month, we celebrate our LGBTQ neighbors and the history of activism that brought us to where we are today. Communities like Village Hearth in Durham, NC are committed to providing a supportive and affirming space for LGBTQ neighbors and their supporters. As a community of communities, we celebrate our queer neighbors and commit to the labor involved in creating affirming spaces for all.



Is it to have our basic needs met, so we are able to be present and fully engaged? We know that the labor of caring for a child or other family member can be consuming, especially when we are forced to do so without the support of the village. CohoUS is proud to offer childcare at this year's <a href="National Cohousing Conference">National Cohousing Conference</a> in Madison, WI. We are also excited to offer <a href="Scholarships">Scholarships</a> to those seeking financial support. We hope you'll join us at the conference with the trust that your community will provide what you need to engage as your most creative self.

Is it to have autonomy over our bodies, our experiences and the decisions that affect us? Cohousing involves a horizontal social structure. We seek to create decision-making processes that allow for each voice to have equal weight and value. This requires constant reflection of how our identities impact our experience and some communities use practices, like <a href="mailto:sociocracy">sociocracy</a>, that prioritize equity and empowerment for all.

In uncertain and painful times, we all need the support of a community to heal and find hope. To belong is to feel seen and valued by those around you, to know that you have a space and a voice. We hope you find that here.

In Community,

Trish Becker (she/her) Executive Director



## **National Cohousing Conference**

In separate corners of the country, cohousing communities are creating pockets of belonging, ecological regeneration and democracy in action. What is possible if we come together as a community OF communities?

Join us in Madison, WI this August, for our first in-person conference since 2019. The main conference is 8/26-28 with pre-conference intensives and tours 8/25-26.

Together, we will gather and share the skills needed to build and sustain our communities. We will learn and grow among a supportive community of seekers, community members and professionals. Live and in-person, we will connect with others over our shared dreams for a better world. We hope you'll join us as we build a healthier future, together.

**Register for the Conference** 

Partners receive an additional \$150 discount off conference registration.

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#### **Every Dollar Counts**

Help us grow the cohousing movement! Your contribution allows us to broaden our reach and support individuals in finding the village of their dreams.

Donations, as a community or as an individual, are accepted year round and can be made to:



Cohousing Association of the US

#### Make a Gift Online

## The Science of Cohousing

The latest from the Cohousing Research Network

# Cohousing as Civic Society: Cohousing Involvement and Political Participation in the United States

The civic-society literature argues that members of voluntary civic associations engage in community building and other activities that hone political skills and cultivate a sense of efficacy, which can lead to higher levels of participation in politics. This study situates cohousing in the civic-society literature and asks whether cohousing as a form of civic association encourages participation in electoral politics.

Berggren, Heidi M. "Cohousing as Civic Society: Cohousing Involvement and Political Participation in the United States." Social science quarterly 98.1 (2017): 57-72.

#### **Classified Listings**

Forming Communities and Communities Seeking Members



Adams Creek Cohousing Hood River, OR



Heartwood Commons Tulsa, OK



Sunnyside Village Marysville, WA



Skagit Cohousing Anacortes, WA



River Song Cohousing
Eugene, OR



Rachel Carson EcoVillage Gibsonia, PA



Cathedral Park
Portland, OR



Juniper Hill Commons Harrisburg, VA



Heartwood Cohousing Bayfield,CO



Washington Commons
West Sacramento, CA



Cohousing Houston Houston, TX



Cohousing ABQ Houston, TX

#### **Homes for Sale or Rent**



Salt Lake City, UT
Homes Available in Established, Close-



Cotati, California

Knit, Urban Community in Salt Lake City Wasatch Commons, UT

Two rooms for rent in 3 bedroom shared condo in Frog Song Cohousing



Fair Oaks, CA

For Sale: charming 2BR/1BA upstairs flat with well-designed floor plan, efficient storage and large windows in Fair Oaks EcoHousing.



Lafayette, CO

Fall 3-month house rental Sept-Dec at stunning home in Nyland Cohousing community, Lafayette, Colorado

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**Under Construction** 

#### **Community Directory**

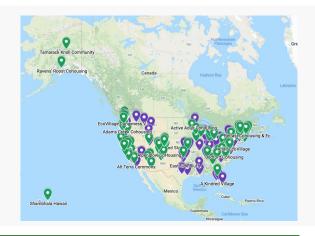
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