

### The Labor of Love

Once again, we close the door on February, the month of love (though aren't they all?). In celebration of Black History Month, we reflected upon Black collectivists who have inspired us in our pursuit of a more cooperative society. We explored cooperatives as a tool for creating more inclusive communities. And we found connection and inspiration with fellow communitarians at The Commons. Each of these is an act of love. Love for one another, for



community and for our future. With love, I think of labor. I think of the work it takes to grow something, to sustain and to nurture. To bring something to life, and to allow it to thrive. Here are a few ways CohoUS, and those in our midst, are working to nourish the cohousing movement.

### **Spring Programs**

<u>The Cohousing Institute</u> is live and abundant with courses and programs to help you on your cohousing journey. With courses on <u>financing</u>, <u>marketing</u> and <u>launching your community</u>, we have the tools to empower and educate you and your fellow dreamers. We've even launched a course designed specifically for <u>architects</u>, led by Grace Kim!

#### **Coalition for Racially Diverse Cohousing**

We are pleased to launch the Coalition for Racially Diverse Cohousing which will support CohoUS in our pursuit of a more equitable cohousing movement. We seek individuals with experience in housing, racial justice work, community organizing and other relevant fields to join the coalition. Experience living in cohousing is not required. We aim to include a diverse set of perspectives and identities, recognizing that many of these identities have historically been left out, silenced, and marginalized within the cohousing movement. BIPOC individuals and people with marginalized identities are encouraged to apply. A detailed description of the coalition can be found <a href="here">here</a>, and our <a href="here">application</a> deadline has been extended to February 28.

### **Advocacy**

Chuck Durrett of <u>The Cohousing Company</u> is making a push with the U.S. Congress to allow future residents of subsidized housing to play a role in the design and management of their affordable housing project. You can <u>learn more</u> about the effort and join in by <u>writing letters</u> to your congress person. Let us <u>know</u> how we can support your own advocacy efforts. All great change began when two people started talking!

# SENIOR COHOUSING ADVOCATES COMMITTEE

CohoUS has joined forces with SAGE Senior Cohousing Advocates to form a CohoUS Senior Cohousing Advocates Committee. The committee will continue and expand on SAGE's work to bring more information and resources to seniors living in cohousing and those contemplating it. We've created this new senior section in the e-news to highlight information and events of interest to seniors and others.

### The committee needs your help!

We're looking for story ideas from the trenches as well as volunteers to work on specific projects. The latter can range from contacting senior cohousing communities to find out how they're addressing the challenges of aging, to helping us with future online Q&A sessions, workshops, etc. Read more <a href="here">here</a>.



### The Commons

A (free) monthly gathering for the cohousing curious (and experts too!)

Curious about cohousing but don't know where to start? Want to meet with cohousing newbies and experts alike? This (free) monthly gathering will include a Cohousing 101 presentation and ample time to connect and ask questions. We'll share cohousing lingo, best practices and more information on how to continue your cohousing journey. Join us once, or every time – we'll be here every month on the 10<sup>th</sup> at 10am MT.

10th of every month | 10am MT

**REGISTER** 



# SPRING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

# Learn how to develop and build better cohousing communities.

Featuring expert guidance from professionals in their fields, these educational sessions will cover everything from financing to marketing to architectural design. No matter your role or what stage you're at in your cohousing community journey, there's something for everyone!

## March - May 2023



Registration is currently underway for the <u>Cohousing Institute's</u> first spring training programs providing expert guidance and resources for community builders and professionals to develop more and better cohousing. Click each title below to learn more and register (partners remember to use a code at registration to receive your discount).

# <u>Preparing for Property: Cultivating Your Local Cohousing Market with Katie McCamant and Erin Harris</u>

March 23rd 3-5pm PT (FREE FOR PARTNERS)

Financing Your Cohousing Development with Katie McCamant April 27th 3-5 PT (FREE FOR PARTNERS)

#### 3-Month Cohousing Architect Training with Grace Kim

Register <u>here</u> for a free info session on 3/9 10-11am PT April 8th - June 11th (25% OFF FOR PARTNERS)

# <u>6-Week Intro to Cohousing Course: Launching Your Community with Erik Bonnett</u> and Mathilde Berthe

March 28th - May 2nd (25% OFF FOR PARTNERS)

(Need based scholarships are available supporting our commitment to inclusion)



# SAVE THE DATE! The National Cohousing Open House Weekend will take place on May 6th and 7th

CohoUS will host National Cohousing Open House Weekend on May 6 & 7, 2023. Cohousing communities around the country will open their doors to share the experience of living in community. Events may be hosted using virtual and in-person formats and will highlight the unique features of communities, forming groups and regional coalitions. More information is coming soon, including a website to register your event and a toolkit to support your planning and marketing. For now, hold the date and start dreaming about how you can showcase your community!

# Cohousing is part of a more sustainable, democratic and connected future.

To date, CohoUS has helped enable the development of over 200 cohousing communities in the US. These communities serve as examples of the sustainable and community-based neighborhoods our country will need in the future. Please support CohoUS and help us double that number in the next few years.



**Your monthly gift** will both support new initiatives as well as the continued nurturing

of our communities and growth of our movement. As an **Evergreen Neighbor**, you can take pride in **creating a legacy** that will live on to support future generations.

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

Cohousing Association of the US 3860 Chase St

### **DONATE**

# **Classified Listings**

Forming Communities and Communities Seeking Members



Sunnyside Village Cohousing Seattle, WA



Adams Creek Cohousing Hood River, OR



Mission Peak Village Fremont, CA



Burns Village & Farm Cohousing and Agrihood Community Burns,TN



Cohousing Houston Houston, TX



Rachel Carson EcoVillage
Gibsonia, PA



Cathedral Park Cohousing Portland, OR



Heartwood Commons Tulsa, OK



Heartwood Cohousing Bayfield,CO



Washington Commons
West Sacramento, CA



Skagit Commons Anacortes, WA

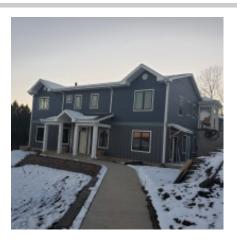
### **Homes for Sale or Rent**



Santa Cruz, CA
For Sale: 5 bedroom light-filled beauty at
Coyote Crossing



Durham, NC
For Sale: \*price reduced\* LBGT-focused
55+ community - 2 bedroom, 2 bath home
available in Village Hearth Cohousing



lowa City, Iowa
For Sale: 2 bedroom, 1 bath,
architecturally designed, first floor home
available at Prairie Hill Cohousing.



Fair Oaks, CA
For Sale: 2 bedroom, 1 bath upstairs flat with well-designed floor plan, efficient storage, and large windows in Fair Oaks Ecohousing



### St. Louis Park, MN

For Sale: Delightful Cohousing Cooperative Apartment available this Spring in the Minneapolis, MN



### Fort Collins, CO

For Sale: Beautiful three bedroom, two bath townhouse nestled in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains



### Spokane, WA

For Sale: 1 bed 1 bath home for sale or lease in Haystack Heights Cohousing Spokane WA



Prescott, AZ

For Sale: Sweet and cozy, craftsman-style home in Manzanita Village, Prescott Arizona

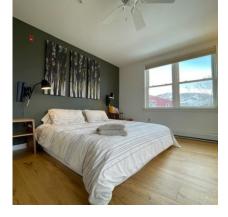


For Sale: Large home in Greyrock Commons in Fort Collins, Colorado -Semi-rural, 17 acres on edge of city limits, 2 mi to downtown, close to foothills, trails, Horsetooth Lake



### Prescott, AZ

For Sale: Craftsman style 2000 sq. ft. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 office custom home in one of the most livable small cities in the country.



Boulder, CO
For Rent: Furnished 4BR / 4BA available this Summer at Multi-generational Cohousing in Boulder, CO

## **Supporters**



















## By The Numbers

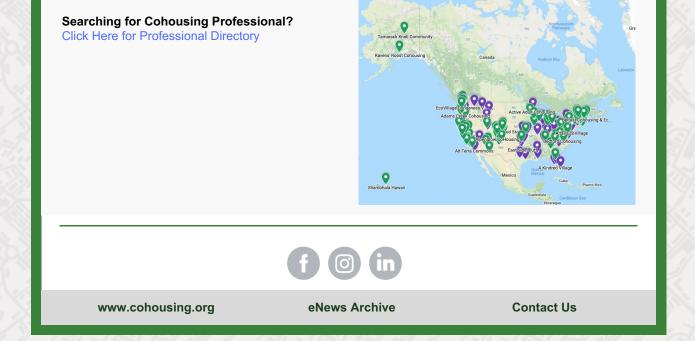
172
Established

105
Forming

20 Communities Under Construction

## **Community Directory**

Searching for a Cohousing Community? Click Here for Community Directory Click Here for Seeker Directory



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