

Why You Want To Be My Neighbor

at CoHo Ecovillage, Corvallis, Oregon

There are so many reasons...

1. CoHo is all about *community*. It's filled with caring, intelligent, articulate neighbors ready to share experiences and ideas with you.
2. CoHo is rich in expertise. You can learn and share information and skills on everything from bike repair to communication, from plumbing to gardening.
3. CoHo cares about sustainability. You'll find inspiration and ready resources for living a sustainable lifestyle.
4. We are dedicated to developing effective communication skills and ensuring that everyone's needs are heard and taken into consideration.
5. Several optional community meals per week. You help cook, prep, or clean up a couple of times a month, depending on your participation.
6. Numerous special-interest groups meet regularly at our Common House (music, board games, puzzles, crafts, community affairs, educational events, etc.)
7. CoHo is on a good financial footing, with realistic contingency and maintenance-reserve funds in place. Our Finance Team is on top of things.
8. It's quiet here. Some kid noise during the day (which we don't mind), and the neighborhood is quiet at night.
9. Kids! We've got 'em — for your kids to play with or for you to talk to, play with, and befriend. Organized activities currently include a babysitting co-op, on-site daycare, and Kids Club.
10. The buildings are well-built — solid, tight, well insulated. Also they're built green — no toxic materials.
11. Units have radiant, in-floor heat (inexpensive and *cozy!*).
12. Units have high ceilings and big windows not found in many run-of-the-mill modern homes.
13. Buildings are arranged around a central foot path to encourage interaction.
14. Plenty of room and incentive to garden. People are always trading and giving away seedlings, produce, and knowledge.
15. CoHo has large open spaces, dedicated woodland and meadow.
16. CoHo has a grand Common House with a big kitchen, large meeting room, cozy living room, laundry room & game room, kids' playroom, and guest room.
17. CoHo has a big bike barn for your use — secure and dry.
18. CoHo is close to downtown (less than 1.5 miles). It's an easy bike ride or walk for tea, bookstore, whatever you like downtown. Less driving around town! Get out of the car!
19. Corvallis has a major university (OSU), providing many cultural opportunities. We celebrate being geeks!
<http://www.davincidays.org/>
20. Corvallis is one of the most bicycle-friendly towns in the U.S.
21. Great farmers' market (twice weekly in summer)!
22. Corvallis hosts a wide range of resources for nourishment of mind, body, and spirit.
23. We live close to nature, with amazing birds and other wildlife nearby. CoHo borders a large city-county park. It's a 10-minute walk to the river where there are miles of meandering pathways through open and wooded areas.
24. Yes, it rains in Oregon, that's why the trees are so big. We have great forests! And rainy season is a good time to work on art and indoor projects.
25. The rain ceases in summer, and every day is beautiful.
26. Old-growth forest is just a 20-minute drive and a 15 minute walk away.
27. Mild winters and summers — seldom extremely cold or hot.
28. Fun Oregon Country Fair near Eugene:
www.oregoncountryfair.org/
29. Close to Breitenbush (a great hot spring).
30. We're not far from Portland (for your big-city fix).
31. We're close to many places of great beauty; ocean and mountains are just an hour away.
32. Amazing waterfalls abound throughout Oregon.
33. Berries! August is a free, all-you-can-eat blackberry buffet. Grow your own or u-pick blueberries, raspberries, and strawberries.

For more information, visit cohoecovillage.org

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