



Cohousing in Corvallis

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Remember when your best
friend lived right next door?

Medley of CoHo Summer Moments...



New Members Welcomed

If you've been watching our website or reading our newsletters, you've seen recent changes in the number of homes available in CoHo.

At our July 9th meeting, we welcomed Peter as CoHo's 27th member (which put us at the 80% presold mark required for our construction loan).

In photo at left, Juva is facilitating the meeting and holding the conference phone (Peter called into the meeting), Anne is posting the 27th apple on the

CoHo tree, and April is providing tree support.

The following week, Peter was joined by Stacey, Andy and Caleb; Betsy and Eli; John Jo and Elizabeth; Rob, Skya and Jen; and Joey, Aria and Dave. Look for their bios on our website soon.



There are now two homes available in CoHo.

Based on the experience of other cohousing communities, CoHo is likely to see shifts in membership during the next year. In fact, some communities have been "sold out" 3 or 4 times.

CoHo is still welcoming local and out-of-town visitors with an interest in learning more about our community; a Welcome Weekend is set for Saturday, August 12th and Sunday, August 13th. Folks who join our membership queue take 4-6 weeks to learn about CoHo and then make a decision about joining. If a household completes the membership process, but there are no homes left that they are able and willing to purchase, the household can go on our Waiting List. We hope that openings in the next year will quickly be filled by folks from our Waiting List who have already checked out CoHo and made the decision to become members.



For several months, the clock on the Benton County Courthouse in downtown Corvallis has appeared in our newsletter to herald the number of homes left in CoHo, appearing next to the caption "Is it time to make your dream of living in community come true?"

Because construction is starting soon, the clock is being retired and we are switching to the sign on our site to broadcast the number of homes available.



Even when that number reaches zero, we are eager to connect with folks who share the cohousing dream. Whether folks join our Waiting List, end up as our next-door neighbors (now or in the future), stay connected as Friends of CoHo, or become cohousers in a potential second cohousing community in Corvallis, we welcome people who want to make their dream of living in community come true.



CoHo at da Vinci Days

CoHo members greeted visitors at our booth in the Sustainable Solutions venue at da Vinci Days. Nestled in with hybrid cars enthusiasts, green builders, solar advocates, Natural Steppers, and environmental champions, CoHo shared how our village-like setting can promote sustainability through community.

The ease of resource sharing in CoHo and the strong social support make it an ideal environment to enhance sustainable living. A CoHo handout listed dozens of ways CoHo supports sustainability in the areas of site, energy, water, materials, and social community.



July Welcome Weekend

CoHoots and visitors enjoyed an outdoor potluck at Avery Park at our July Welcome Weekend.

Folks got to meet and greet each other "up close and personal" in a game of People-to-People. A caller shouted out pairs of body parts to be linked (such as "knee to knee" or "hand to ear") and folks in pairs, triplets, or larger groups quickly arranged and rearranged to achieve the desired effect.

These photos are great candidates for a photo caption contest (hint--watch future newsletter issues!).



Party! Party!! Party!!!

CoHo members rallied at the end of the festive da Vinci Days weekend for a well-deserved and long-awaited CoHo celebration of the approval of our construction loan and the addition of several new members. Bubbles galore filled the skies. We toasted our good fortune. And there were smiles everywhere!



CoHo Display in Book Bin Window

Check out the great photo display of CoHo moments in the Book Bin window throughout July.



CoHo Blueberry Adventure

A blueberry-picking adventure was transformed into a rescue operation when the first load of CoHo folks had car trouble. Fortunately, a second CoHo car transported berries and neighbors home. Then a neighbor-to-neighbor combo did tow truck coordination. If you look very closely in this photo, you can see Nancy's "blueberry smile."

To find out more about CoHo Cohousing

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Juva in blue (with April) playing People-to-People



Susan wearing "Ask Me About Cohousing" button at da Vinci Days CoHo booth

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