



# Cohousing in Corvallis

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Remember when your best friend lived right next door?

## Field Trip to CoHo via the Bus (by Susan)



Issue 6 of our newsletter introduced the topic of cohousing and money. One area many families target for savings is transportation. To test out the logistics of bus travel to/from our CoHo site, I took a short field trip in mid March from the downtown transit center to the CoHo site. Bus #6 runs every 30 minutes Monday-Saturday.

From downtown, I got off at 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and Alexander and walked a few blocks east to our site to see if I would "beat the bus" to the stop one block from CoHo (the bus continues south and loops back north). I discovered that our timing was about the same. So on sunny days or days when I have time and less to carry, I can enjoy walking a few blocks to CoHo. On rainy days, or when I am tired or toting more stuff, I can stay on the bus. Either way, I will arrive home at about the same time—in 15 minutes or so.

I spent about 20 minutes walking the site in the opposite direction from my usual route, checking in on our Old Oak and Crystal Lake, and seeing what it looks like to exit from our entrance.



Plus, I checked out the bus shelter more closely—the skylights, windows, and bench were nice touches. The cost of my bus ride was reasonable (\$1.50 roundtrip for adults, \$.70 for kids 6-17 and seniors, free for kids 5 and under, adult monthly pass \$18). All in all, it was a pleasant spring field trip and a preview of many more to come.

## Corvallis (aka Marysville aka "Heart of the Valley" aka "Tree City USA")

Want to learn more about Corvallis? Here's a quick overview and links to more info.

Corvallis was originally called Marysville, probably for the nearby Mary's River.



Corvallis (which means "heart of the valley") was also twice named "Tree City USA" (November foliage in photo at left).

Designated a "Bicycle-Friendly City," Corvallis has 60+ miles of bike paths, trails, and roadside bicycle lanes.

Before the annual fall closure of the city's outdoor pool, one more event is scheduled--a "puppy pool party."

More Corvallis tidbits....

- Is 227 feet above sea level
- Has the highest education level in the State
- Has the highest library usage per capita of any city in the nation (library shown at right)
- Ranked 10th best city in the nation of any size by Frommer's Cities Ranked & Rated
- Has rate of enrollment in renewable energy programs 7 times the national average
- Is hiring a sustainability coordinator



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## What's In a Name?

Corvallis has several names, and so do members of CoHo. Dave delights in devising devious and delectable derivations of our community name. For some reason, spellchecking programs don't recognize any of them. Here are a few of his creations:

CoHoGoPhers,  
CoHoggets, CoHonkolites,  
CoHorticulturalists,  
CoHomilies, CoHoniacs, and



CoHobohehians, CoHomeotelutons,  
CoHoagulates, CoHoppers,  
CoHonians, CoHoPhoNos,  
CoHoFoCoLoToTors.

Photo above: As one of the facilitators for our Mock Home Selection, Dave helped set a casual at-home atmosphere for CoHospitators by wearing his moose slippers.



**Is it time for you to make your dream of living in community come true?**

The clock is striking 10, marking the time that 10 homes are still available in CoHo!

This clock is on the Benton County Courthouse in downtown Corvallis. Built in 1889, it is the oldest active courthouse in the state of Oregon.

## To find out more about CoHo Cohousing

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