

CoHo Ecovillage Orientation Guide

For New Members, Associate Members, and Renters

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Please discuss the items on this list with your buddy. Saturday common meal breakfasts are another venue to get to know folks and ask questions in a smaller group (for morning people!).

Team Logistics

After the completion of membership steps, the Membership Team coordinated with other teams to cover logistics for the following areas. Confirm these steps have been completed and your questions have been answered.

Sustenance Team	Meal software and password Meal program guidelines document
Neighbors Team (Susan)	Tiki password Tiki Calendar, Files and Archives, Information and Team Pages Bio/photo posted on website (or Tiki) Nametags Common House cubby CoHo ID (if still being used; previously used as bus pass)
Membership Team	Welcome Ceremony Birthdays posted on Tiki birthday calendar
Neighbors Team (Debby)	CoHo membership list(s) CoHoList and CoHoChat (see explanation under Communication Channels section below)
Common House Team	Tour of common house Review of Common House Usage Guidelines document Common house access code
Shop Team	Shop Use Agreement, training Shop access code
Admin Team	Unit Owners Proxy form (for renters only)

Some additional logistics...

Buddy	Bike barn access code Workshare teams, Steering Council, HUB (see CoHo WorkTeams file) Meeting schedule: Community Life (1st Wednesday) and Business Meeting (3rd Sunday) Consensus decision-making (see CoHoConsensusProcess) Sociocratic selection process Wellness Retreats Common meals are vegetarian; common house is peanut-free HomeLife, A Home in Community (AHIC) Emergency contact sheet in red notebook in pantry (see file online)
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Information for Residents

Who to Call in CoHo (list on Tiki); go to Information and Team Pages/People/Who to Call in CoHo	Temperature and humidity controls in units Unit keys and mailbox keys Automated External Defibrillator (AED) in Hervey's unit (171)
Buddy	How to use knob to activate shower
Buildings Team (on Tiki)	Approval for unit changes that penetrate walls; pre-approved list Repairs that are responsibility of HOA
Buildings Team and GAT (on Tiki)	Design Review Process, 10-day reviews (see DesignReviewProcessPolicy)
Sound Team (on Tiki)	Agreement about flooring in upper flats to address sound issues

Communication Channels

Source	Who Sees	Description
CoHoList	Members, Associate Members, Renters	CoHo business (agendas, minutes, etc); use FYI in subject line for non CoHoList type messages that need to go to residents only
CoHoChat	Above plus Friends of CoHo	Social messages, requests, events, etc.
CoHoPublic	Anyone	Marketing messages to folks interested in CoHo
cohoecovillage.org (public website); includes blog and photo albums	Anyone	Information about CoHo Ecovillage
CoHo Tiki (private intranet)	Members, Associate Members, Renters, Friends of CoHo (varying levels of access)	CoHo calendars, bios/photos, documents; weekly calendar sent via CoHoList
Archives (on-line on Tiki); Colleen is archivist	Members, Associate Members, Renters	Thousands of minutes, reference documents, team charters and handbooks, policies, "how to" documents, legal documents, building drawings
Common House Bulletin Boards	Anyone	Entry (upcoming events); hallway (public events); rec room (CoHo info)

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Introduction to CoHo Jargon

Block (or red card)	Stop a consensus decision because of significant concerns
"Building 10" Neighbors	Associate Members
CLC	Community Life Cluster (group of smaller teams with interpersonal focus)
CoHoots	Nickname for members of CoHo Ecovillage
CoHoTopia	Separate nonprofit entity created for meal program and other groups (Friends of CoHo and Associate Members are non-voting members of CoHoTopia)
GAT	Grounds Administration Team
GCE	General Common Element (land owned by community)
HOA	Home Owners Association
HUB	Team for helping individuals/teams find work/work assignments
LCE	Limited Common Element (land owned by unit owner)
NVC	Nonviolent communication (model used by CoHo)
Paramount objection	Significant concern that prompts further discussion (term from sociocracy)
SC	Steering Council
Sharing Circle	Gathering to share NVC feelings/needs
Sustenance	Meal Program Team
Twinkle	Wiggling of fingers (nonverbal applause)