



The Benefits of Sharing Resources in Cohousing

At its core, the word **shared** is defined as "used, occupied or enjoyed jointly with one another or others" and resource is defined as "a stock or supply of money, materials and other assets that can be drawn on by a person or organization to function effectively." Most of us think of shared resources as sharing an order from big box retailers or if we are cooking and make more than we can eat, we share. **The concept of shared resources in cohousing is so much more.**

There is nothing we share lots of things - common spaces, meals, lawnmowers and other tools, as well as our time and expertise. It's one of the top reasons people choose to live in cohousing.

Shared common areas at Heartwood Commons will include the common house for gatherings and meals, a community garden, a craft/art area, and a dog park. Each household has full access to all the shared amenities. *Pretty awesome.*

Shared resources often includes a community member's time or a sharing of their talents. For instance, a neighbor that receives a ride to the airport from one member, later provides a meal to another neighbor recovering from an illness. And, other members plant and harvest veggies from the garden that are then used in preparing common meals.

Sharing resources can also benefit the environment. Instead of having 36 lawnmowers, in cohousing the need is reduced to 1 or 2 lawnmowers. The environmental friendly smaller footprint of the homes is offset by generous shared green spaces, gardens and walking paths. Shared energy savings comes from energy efficient building materials, windows, doors and appliances, and the use of renewable geothermal energy.

There is also a convenience factor that results from sharing resources. If I am doing a small DIY project and need a hand saw or a drill, I need look no further than the community's workshop. There I'll likely find just the tool I need for the project *plus* any needed guidance from one of our many experienced members.

As you can see, sharing is a core value at Heartwood Commons. As we share our resources, time and talents, we engage with our neighbors, support the environment, and strengthen our community way of living.

Construction Update

The slab for Building A – the future home of Anne and Katie – has been poured. **Close to the common house, parking and the common green, there are 2 homes still available.** One is an end unit of 1,200 sq. ft. with 2 bedrooms, 1½ baths, and a wrap-around front porch. The other is 1,000 sq. ft. with 2 bedrooms and 1 bath, and a kitchen that features a generous island and built-in microwave and oven. *Join us for one of our on-line events to learn more.*



The slab for Building A!

Watch the video on our YouTube channel: https://youtu.be/n9_wowz_G5E



Be sure to follow our progress at [Heartwood Commons on Facebook](#)

Milestone Reached: \$3 Million Invested by Community Members

That's how much current Heartwood Commons members have invested in our community. We are so excited to have reached this important milestone. With 80% of our homes spoken for, we only have 8 homes left. Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity to join one of most affordable cohousing communities currently under construction in the US.



Don't know much about Tulsa? We think you'll be surprised. Tulsa is rated as one of the most livable and friendliest cities in the country. Located in the NE corner of the state called Green Country, Tulsa features all 4 seasons and the amenities of much larger cities without the high cost of living or the traffic. **Check us out!**

Join us for a June Event to Learn More



Dig In to Heartwood Commons

Tuesday, June 10 at 6:30 pm CT

or

Saturday, June 26 | Noon CT

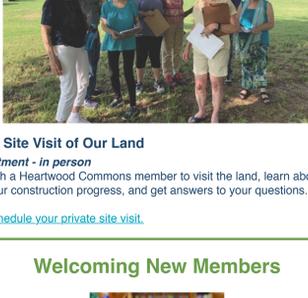
Attending **Dig In to Heartwood Commons** is the best way to meet some of our members, see our plans and pricing, hear about our construction update, and get answers to your questions.

Our community is growing, and we have only a few homes left. Now is a good time to check us out and learn how you can become a member and select your home.

We hope you will join us on Zoom for this fun and informative presentation!

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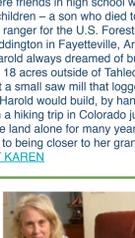
Personal Site Visit of Our Land

By appointment - in person

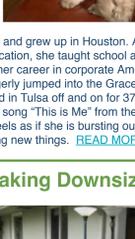
Meet up with a Heartwood Commons member to visit the land, learn about our site plan, see our construction progress, and get answers to your questions.

[Email to schedule your private site visit.](#)

Welcoming New Members



Karen was born in Minnesota, one of 7 children, and grew up in Lyon, Kansas. She and her husband, Harold, were friends in high school who later became sweethearts. They had two children – a son who died too young and a daughter, Annette. Harold was a forest ranger for the U.S. Forestry Department. His last assignment was at Lake Weddington in Fayetteville, Arkansas. Having grown up playing with Lincoln Logs, Harold always dreamed of building his own log cabin. When he retired they bought 18 acres outside of Tahlequah, near the Illinois River in Oklahoma. They also bought a small saw mill that logged one log at a time. Over the next 7 years, Karen and Harold would build, by hand, their own dream log cabin. Unfortunately Harold died on a hiking trip in Colorado just two short years after they moved in. Having lived on the land alone for many years, Karen is now ready to move. She's looking forward to being closer to her granddaughter, Amanda, in Tulsa. [READ MORE ABOUT KAREN](#)



Judy was born in Ponca City and grew up in Houston. A graduate of the University of Texas with a major in Education, she taught school and worked for the Girl Scouts before spending the bulk of her career in corporate America. After retiring from Sprint Corporation, Judy eagerly jumped into the Grace School ministry for two years. Although she has lived in Tulsa off and on for 37 years, she will always be a Texan at heart. Now, like the song "This is Me" from the movie "The Greatest Showman," Judy says she feels as if she is bursting out of a shell, and discovering she loves people and learning new things. [READ MORE ABOUT JUDY](#)

We're Making Downsizing Fun!



Looking to an early 2022 move-in date, members of several, garage sales. This one was focused primarily on kitchen items. Before opening to the public, our Kitchen Team got first dibs on anything they could use in the Common House Kitchen. There were many great bargains. Even a bidding war on the work-out bench. We had lots of fun while lightening our load. *Want to know when our next sale is?* Follow us on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/HeartwoodCommonsTulsa>

Feeding Our Connections

We got lucky! The typical May showers and thunderstorms held off for our May pot-luck! – a pot-luck at the home of Claudia and Larry. It was a perfect evening spent in their beautiful backyard oasis that features a Koi pond and flowerbeds overflowing with perennials, many native to Oklahoma. A Master Gardener, Claudia has also created a Monarch waystation with several kinds of milkweed. She, along with several other members, raise and release Monarchs. *It's a tradition we plan to continue on an even larger scale when we move to Heartwood Commons.*



Sharing a laugh! It was something about turtles. You had to be there...



A special garden visitor - a male Monarch butterfly



Gathered around the koi pond

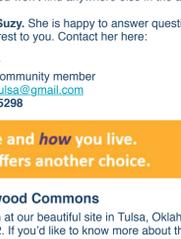
Last Thoughts

We are so excited to welcome Kay and Bill, and PJ to Tulsa. The May pot-luck was our first time to meet each other in person.



Pictured left: Kay and Bill recently moved back to Tulsa after living in Texas for 10 years. They are enjoying getting reacquainted with Tulsa and seeing old friends.

Pictured right: PJ joins us from Monterey, CA. She's discovered that she is a ceraunophile – a person who loves lightning and thunder. She's really enjoying our spring thunderstorms.



Looking for more connections and a community you can count on?

We invite you to learn more about Heartwood Commons, where future neighbors become friends – even before we move in.

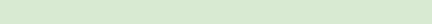
We only have a few homes left. We don't want you to miss the opportunity to be part of this exciting community way of living you won't find anywhere else in the area.

You are always welcome to call or email Suzy. She is happy to answer questions and share the details of most interest to you. Contact her here:

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Heartwood Commons offers another choice.

More About Heartwood Commons
Heartwood Commons has begun construction at our beautiful site in Tulsa, Oklahoma! Our anticipated move-in date is early 2022. If you'd like to know more about the possibility of reserving one of our last homes, be sure to reach out to us soon.



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