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Your cohousing dollars go further at Heartwood Commons



Heartwood Commons boasts some of the most affordable home prices of any cohousing community currently under construction. With a cost of living almost 15% below the US average, Tulsa was recently named one of the "7 Most Affordable Cities in the US" by Rocket Homes. Known for its warmth and friendliness, Tulsa has all the amenities of a much larger city without all the hassles.

Don't know much about Tulsa? Click [HERE](#) to check us out, we bet you'll be surprised.



What is a Common House?

The Common House is one of the most important features in a cohousing community. *Much more than a clubhouse, it is the heart of the community, the place where everyone comes together to share meals, enjoy a variety of activities, and connect and have fun.*

An extension of your home, the Common House and other shared amenities allow you to live in a smaller, right-sized home that is easier to keep up, uses less energy and costs less.

At Heartwood Commons, our Common House includes two bedrooms that can be reserved when family or friends visit which eliminates the need for that extra bedroom in your own home that is rarely used.

A large kitchen is perfect for serving community meals, teaching a class on biscotti making or canning your favorite spaghetti sauce.

We are a creative community of painters, quilters, fiber artists, basket weavers, card makers, knitters, and more. Our arts and crafts room, renamed The Studio, is designed as a place to create, co-create, teach and learn with plenty of work space, project storage, and natural light.

The dining hall is where we will share common meals, a spontaneous happy hour, and celebrations of all kinds. It can quickly transform into a jam setting for community musicians and their friends, a dance hall for contra dancing, or a sing-along of your favorite tunes. The possibilities are endless and exciting to consider.

The cozy living room is for smaller gatherings such as book clubs, team meetings, watching a movie or a big game, and conversation. A laundry room provides large capacity washers and dryers for bigger loads and for those who would rather use their in-home laundry space for other purposes.

A generous large outdoor patio and screened in porch overlooks the community green and will offer a spectacular view of the community and the morning sunrise.

One of its best features, the Common House is a place to connect informally when picking up your mail or stopping in for a morning cup of coffee and conversation.



We are so excited to share with you how our Common House is taking shape. The photo at the beginning of this article is a rendering of what the Common House will look like upon completion.



The Freedoms of Cohousing

by community member, Suzy Sharp

In the spirit of the 4th of July, I've been thinking about the many freedoms I'll gain by living at Heartwood Commons. Here's just a sampling of the possibilities:

- **Freedom from keeping up a too big house.** Living in cohousing will give me more time and money to pursue interests I enjoy.
- **Freedom from stairs and other environmental hazards.** My home at Heartwood Commons is designed for my safety and will allow me to age in place longer.
- **Freedom to leave my home for an hour, a day, or a month.** Cohousing's natural neighborhood watch program lets me feel secure when I'm gone.
- **Freedom from feeling isolated.** At Heartwood Commons, I can socialize easily and as often as I like.
- **Freedom to grow.** I can enjoy a variety of activities right outside my front door and satisfy my desire to keep learning.
- **Freedom from major maintenance costs.** It will be such a relief knowing major home repairs like a new roof or painting the outside are covered through my HOA dues.
- **Freedom from cooking every meal.** Sharing common meals is all about great food and even better conversation.

What **freedom from** . . . and **freedom to** are you wishing for? Join the conversation on our [Facebook](#) page.

Construction Update

We're vertical! It's so exciting to see the first of our homes taking shape. Now that we've "gone vertical" we can see our front and back doors, and our living room, bedroom and kitchen windows. *With each passing day, it's getting easier to imagine living in our new homes.*

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



Pictured top right: The view of the community green from Katie's kitchen window.

Join us for a July Event!

Join us on Zoom or In-Person

We invite you to explore Heartwood Commons and the comfortable, social, and engaged community lifestyle it offers by attending one of our informational presentations. You'll meet community members, see our plans and pricing, learn about our timeline, and get answers to your questions. Our community is growing and we only have a few homes left. **Now is a great time to learn more.**

On Zoom:



Dig In to Heartwood Commons

Wednesday, July 14 at 6:30 pm CT

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

[RSVP FOR JULY 14 & GET MEETING LINK](#)

In Person:



Learn About Heartwood Commons

Saturday, July 24 at 10:00 am CT
Zarrow Pointe, 2025 E 71st St, in Town Center Theatre Room
(1st building on your left, just past the outdoor pool)

Following the presentation, you'll have the opportunity to see our construction progress with a visit to the land.

To attend this event, you must show proof of COVID vaccination at the Zarrow Pointe reception desk. We are grateful to Zarrow Pointe for providing us this comfortable meeting space.

[RSVP TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT FOR JULY 24](#)



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.](#)

Living Out Our Values

Our June social team put together a terrific evening of food, drink and fun in downtown Tulsa. We came together to celebrate Tulsa Pride. We had fun cheering on everyone who participated in Tulsa's biggest Pride Parade ever.

Many thanks to John and Pat for hosting the social hour at their new downtown apartment lounge and for the yummy hors d'oeuvres. And thank you to Bill and Kay who are now dubbed the "official sangria makers."



Choose *where* you live and *how* you live. Heartwood Commons offers another choice.

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

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.

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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