



Newsletter | June 2022

### Building Community in Tulsa, Oklahoma

Your cohousing dollars go further at Heartwood Commons. **Check us out!** Tulsa is considered one of the most livable cities in the country. **We are moving toward a fall move-in and only have two homes left.**

### Nurturing Neighbors



"We might think we are nurturing our garden, but in fact it's our garden that is nurturing us." – Jenny Uglow

Many Heartwood Commons are looking forward to the gardens bringing us together. Whether you enjoy tending to the garden or delight in watching a living masterpiece unfold, the garden nurtures the soul.

Meet three future neighbors who love gardening, Carol, Claudia, and Pat & John.

#### Carol

I've been gardening since age 22 when Steve built my first raised bed garden at our home in Dayton, Ohio. I love digging in the dirt, planting seeds, talking to my baby plants, and enjoying real food that has not been touched by pesticides. Very meditative. I can go out to garden burdened with worries and leave feeling refreshed.

Native perennials are my favorites, followed by milkweed for monarchs and various plants that friends have given me over the years. For instance, my friend Linda gave me her Lenten roses before she moved to Montereau. And my daughter-in-law's mother, HelenBeth, has shared her favorite native plants with me, as well. I have lots to bring to Heartwood Commons and look forward to sharing with our new neighbors.

#### Claudia

I have always been an outdoor person, so an interest in gardening just came naturally. Being outdoors planting, pulling weeds, or just "digging in the dirt" is not work to me, it is a way to relax. From early spring to late fall, my morning routine is generally to get my coffee and go outside to see what is poking its' head above ground, budding out, ready to be picked, and even what is no longer worth trying to save.

Just as I love the plants, I love the insects and animals that my garden attracts. The toads that mated in my pond every spring are fascinating, and I would seldom go to bed at night without taking my flashlight and going outside for one more "head count." I grow many plants to attract various butterflies, both for nectar and for host plants for their caterpillars. My yard has hosted Monarchs, Eastern Black Swallowtails, Fritillaries, Pipevine Swallowtails, Gorgone Checkerspots and more.

#### John and Pat

We spent over 30 years creating a relaxing oasis at our former home. A monarch waystation and fish pond added to the beauty. Despite moving to a transitional apartment, we continue sharing these skills. John is volunteer with the Teaching Garden at Woodward Park (Tulsa OK), while Pat is the bookkeeper at The Garden Center Mansion in the park. We are patiently waiting to use our gardening skills at Heartwood Commons, both around our home and throughout the community.



Only 2 homes left! Don't let your options run out! Check-out our remaining 2-bedroom homes [HERE](#).

## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

It turned out to be family and friends day at a recent site visit.



Left: Claudia, Medina (granddaughter), Ahkiah (Medina's boyfriend), and Larry Right: Alice, Krista and Elizabeth (sisters)



Left: Ellis (daughter-in-law), Steve, Matt (son), and Carol Right: Marian, Cameron (son), and Jessica (daughter)



Left: Cheryl (sister) and Vickie Right: Lynn, Fred, John (son), and Jenn (daughter-in-law)

### Learn What All the Excitement is About



#### Heartwood Commons Site Tour

Saturday, June 11 at 10:00 am CT  
Meet at Heartwood Commons, 7141 S Quincy, Tulsa, OK

Come see what all the excitement is about! You'll hear from our construction superintendent, see our progress, meet some of our members, and get answers to your questions.

Reservations are required.

[RSVP TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT FOR JUNE 11](#)



#### Discover Heartwood Commons

Tuesday, June 14 at 6:30 pm CT on Zoom

Join people from all across the country to learn about Heartwood Commons. Meet community members, see our plans and pricing, hear about our construction progress, and get answers to your questions. Now is a great time to learn more. We only have two homes left.

Even if you've attended a previous presentation, we hope you will join us for important updates.

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

#### Site Visit by Appointment

Meet up with Heartwood Commons members to visit the land, see our construction progress and get answers to your questions.

[Email to arrange your site visit.](#)

For more information about our events, please contact Suzy Sharp at 918-519-5298 or email [heartwoodcommonstulsa@gmail.com](mailto:heartwoodcommonstulsa@gmail.com).

### Welcome New Members

#### John and Sarah-Anne



Sarah-Anne and John are originally from Chicago and Cleveland respectively and landed in Tulsa about 11 years ago. They are both physicians. Sarah-Anne is a family and lifestyle physician, has a degree in Public Health, and is currently studying yoga and meditation. John is an internal medicine physician, the former president of OU-Tulsa, and host of Medical Matters on our local NPR station. They have 2 children in college and share their home with Quincy, a doodle who is looking for more playmates. They enjoy vegan cooking, traveling, hiking, reading, and rooting for their hometown teams. Community, vitality, sustainability and shared values attracted John to cohousing. Sarah-Anne has been dreaming of living in a tiny house for years. She's looking forward to community and right-sizing at HC.

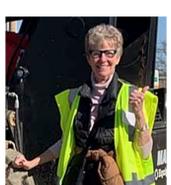
#### Judy



Judy was born in Wisconsin, raised in southwest Kansas, and has lived in the Tulsa area for 44 years. She has 4 children, 3 grandsons, and 1 great-grand spread between Tulsa, Vancouver and the Boston area. Using her degree in French from OU (Boomer Sooner) and grad classes at Oregon State and OSU, she has spent most of her professional life in public schools teaching French in an immersion program coordinating foreign language classes, and teaching English as a second language. Passionate about the environment and ecological responsibility, her favorite teaching role may well be that of an Interpretive Naturalist at Oxley Nature Center. Judy is a dog lover who enjoys long walks, sunsets, reading, board games, and classical, jazz, folk and bluegrass music. Interested in Heartwood Commons for a long time, she's excited to share her knowledge of native and invasive plants, and is looking forward to leading nature and botany wildflower walks.

### Welcome Our New Explorer

#### Linda



A native Okie, Linda has called Tulsa home for 40 years. A retired internal medicine physician, she has a son and daughter and two grandchildren. Her grandchildren, ages 2 and 4, love all kinds of big trucks. They were thrilled to see the picture above of their grandmother next to one of the big pieces of equipment on our land. She said we helped her make some big points. Life has been full of changes recently. She sold her house (too much to handle any more) and moved into an apartment. And she lost her much-loved dog, Cosmo. Cosmo was a puppy when he joined the family. First, he was a companion to her husband Gordon and then to her after Gordon's death. Linda enjoys cooking and finds baking especially relaxing. She enjoys traveling and has been to many areas of Europe, Canada, New Zealand and the US. She's also a fan of folk music and Broadway musicals. Linda finds the concept of cohousing very interesting, and has great respect for what we've created.

### We Get Around



We recently took a field trip on the Aero BRT that stops right at the end of our street. It offers a quick, easy and energy efficient way to get to some of Tulsa's most popular destinations – The Gathering Place, Brookside Neighborhood, downtown Tulsa and the Tulsa Arts district. It operates 7 days a week, every 15 minutes during peak weekday time and every 20-30 minutes on the weekend.

Our destination was Café Ole, in the popular, walkable Brookside neighborhood that includes many restaurants, Trader Joes, Whole Foods, clothing stores, and other services. Clearly everyone had a great time!

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

We only have a few two-bedroom homes left. Once we are sold out, it will likely be several years before a home becomes available.

Your cohousing dollars go further at Heartwood Commons in Tulsa.

Join people from across the country who are deciding to call Tulsa home. Known for its friendliness, Tulsa is ranked one of the most livable cities in the US. And, we are told our home prices are the lowest of any cohousing community currently under construction in the country.

#### What are you waiting for?

Join us for a presentation or tour to learn how you can be a part of Heartwood Commons.

To learn more reach out to Suzy, one of our community members. She is happy to visit with you about Heartwood Commons and answer your questions. Contact her here:

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