



Newsletter | December 2020

Now more than ever, we Heartwood Commoners believe in – and experience every day – the value of community. We continue to move our project forward and are excited to share with you our latest news.



Bottom left photo taken prior to COVID-19.

Project Update

The dominoes have all fallen into place for construction to begin. But first we had lots of papers to sign for our construction loan with First Oklahoma Bank.



And Now, Let the Construction Begin

It starts with the little things like surveyors marking utilities. Next comes the construction trailer and lots of moving of dirt. Follow our progress on [Facebook](#).



Don't Let Your Options Run Out

If you've been thinking about joining us, now is the time. As construction proceeds, home options will begin to close. For example, while you can still select your color scheme (cool tones or warm tones), back door options are no longer available.

We only have a few homes left. We are already on a wait list for our largest home size. Once we are sold out, it will likely be several years before a home becomes available.

Thanksgiving Abounds at Heartwood Commons

The start of construction is a huge milestone. It is fitting that we pause to give thanks for our partners in this endeavor:

- Our architects Molly Jones / [Jones Design Studio](#) and Bryan Bowen / [Caddis Collaborative](#)
- Our general contractor, [Stava Building Corporation](#)
- Our woman-of-every-hat development consultant, Katie McCamant / [CoHousing Solutions](#)

They and our community membership will see the project through to move-in early in 2022.

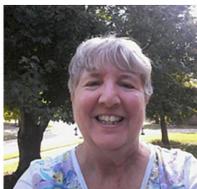
We express our deepest gratitude to all members – current and former, new and old – who have made so many tangible contributions toward this milestone moment. We won't try and name everyone, but we are grateful for founding members who secured our land, early members who participated in design workshops, those who negotiated contracts and worked through design, others who nurtured relationships with Explorers to become Members, those who nurture our community's developing culture, communication and decision making, and others who have carefully tracked our finances to this point – as well as everyone who has worked their own financial situation to commit down payments and additional investments that secured this moment.

We have persevered through this crazy year and succeeded. Now we will watch with anticipation as this dream become reality.



Welcoming Our Newest Members

We are growing fast. Our two newest members have several things in common. Both have had their eye on Heartwood Commons for some time. Both love to travel. Both have been caregivers for parents and spouses. Both are so excited to join Heartwood Commons.



Mary Adams

Mary has been following Heartwood Commons since 2017 when she heard the cofounders of cohousing in the US, Kathryn McCamant and Chuck Durrett, speak in Tulsa about cohousing. While the timing wasn't right for her to get involved then, she is so excited to become our newest member.

Born and raised in Illinois, Mary came to Tulsa with her young son to attend college. Being a single parent and going to school wasn't easy, but she stuck with it and earned a BA in Communications to go along with her AA in Early Childhood Development.

A job in the travel industry of almost 30 years sparked her interest in travel. So far she has visited Costa Rica, England, Paris, Germany, Hawaii, and Spain. Like many of us, she is dreaming of her next trip. High on her list is a trip to Australia, California or New York, or perhaps an Alaskan cruise.

Fueled by a life-long interest in the nursing field, she became a loving caregiver for her husband and both parents. Following the recent death of her mother, she is making plans for a fresh start. She has a new job, a new apartment, and a new future at Heartwood Commons. She enjoys gardening and has selected a home near our community garden plot.



Vickie Martin

Like Mary, Vickie has been following Heartwood Commons for a long time. In fact, she even looked at our land while we were still considering purchasing it. As the pandemic has worn on, she decided now is the time to jump on board.

Vickie was born in Harrison, Arkansas, and raised in Redding, California. She raised her 3 sons in Tulsa. After the death of her husband, she moved back to Arkansas to care for her parents.

Vickie loves to travel near and far! The pandemic has interfered with a trip to Tuscany and an around the world trip originally scheduled for this January. She is also missing visits to New Mexico, Vermont and Little Rock to see her sons' families which include 6 grandkids under the age of 7. Interesting side note: Out of her three sons and their spouses, 5 are geologists.

Vickie enjoys the outdoors and is looking forward to exploring the River Trails and Turkey Mountain Urban Wilderness Area in Tulsa on her 3+ mile daily walk with her dog, Doodle. She is a skilled seamstress and quilter, and can sew just about anything. She likes to listen to audio books and in particular likes fantasy/science fiction, historical fiction and thrillers.

At Heartwood Commons, she is looking forward to the sounds of conversation, birds, dogs, music and fun happenings.

Join us for an Upcoming Event



You've Got Questions? We've Got Answers.

Sunday, December 20 | 2:00 PM CT on Zoom

Join us on Zoom to get answers to your questions, and learn more about our progress, pricing, plans, and how you can get involved.

[RSVP FOR THE MEETING LINK](#)



Dig In to Heartwood Commons

Thursday, January 14 | 6:00 pm CT on Zoom

Join us for this Zoom event to learn more about Heartwood Commons. See our plans and pricing. Learn about our progress, legal structure and decision-making. Get answers to your questions. Explore the membership process and timeline.

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Private Site Tours of Our Land

By appointment - in person

Come check out our property! Meet up with a cohousing member to visit the land, learn about our site plan, and see our construction progress. Tours are outdoors with a single member as tour guide. Masks required.

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

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

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

You are always welcome to call or email Suzy at [918-519-5298](tel:918-519-5298) or heartwoodcommonstulsa@gmail.com. She is happy to answer questions.

Last Thoughts



We gathered on a sunny November day in the park to share lunch and our thoughts on what about Heartwood Commons make us feel gratitude. You'll see – there was a definite theme.

- Friends to enjoy a beautiful day with.* – Jan
- A caring community and friends who reach out.* – Pat S.
- The comfort of loved and loving neighbors.* – Pat S.
- Having picnics with friends.* – Sherry
- Knowing you have friends to depend on.* – John
- Friends and a caring community.* – Claudia
- Community and a sense of belonging.* – Larry
- Finding like-hearted people.* – Marcy
- Great friends and a sense of togetherness.* – Alice
- Sharing meals with friends.* – Pat H
- A caring community in which to grow old and days filled with laughter and friendship.* – Suzy

Choose *where* you live and *how* you live.
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 observing one of our last homes, be sure to reach out to us soon.

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