



Newsletter | September 2020

## We are breaking ground!



We are thrilled to announce our long-anticipated groundbreaking on **September 17th at 10:00 AM at 7141 S Quincy Ave in Tulsa**. This is the culmination of four years of research, discussion, planning and design and we are all celebrating like crazy!! We will be joined at this historic occasion by Mayor G.T. Bynum, city and county officials, family and friends, and representatives from some of our partners in the project. As we turn those first shovelfuls of dirt, we anticipate a bright future for cohousing in Tulsa and a great place to call our home.

We are grateful for these collaborative partners who have walked with us on this journey to bring our cohousing dreams to reality.

Katie McCamant of Cohousing Solutions — Development Consultant  
Molly Jones and Jones Design Studio, PLLC — Architect  
Bryan Bowen and Caddis Collaborative, PC — Construction  
Blue Sky Bank — Land Loan  
Stava Construction Corporation — Construction Contractor  
First Oklahoma Bank — Construction Loan  
Shelly Parks of Covision Consulting — Marketing Consultant



## Putting Our Values to Work

*Living lightly, mindfully and sustainably on the land*



### Geothermal Brings High Energy to Heartwood Commons

It's an exciting time in our community, now within weeks of beginning earthwork for construction we'll begin to see our efforts toward creating community become visible. After preliminary geophysical exploration, our land has been declared highly suitable for geothermal energy! [READ MORE](#)

## Explorer Spotlight

*Gail Sloop*



Gail has been interested in cohousing for many years, having grown up on military bases, where everyone knew everyone and was friendly. She moved to OKC during her senior year in high school and except for graduate school, has been there ever since. She has lived in the same house since 1981, which she describes as "eclectic" in design. Understandable, as she is an artist and art teacher. Her artistic endeavors focus on jewelry making. Her most recent piece used a "bloodless" diamond and recycled gold. [READ MORE](#)

## The Value of Being an Explorer

We know it can be hard being new to any group. And right sizing into a cohousing community is a big step for anyone to take. That's why we offer an Explorer period. This is a time to really dig in to Heartwood Commons, meet current members, form relationships, ask questions and let the value of cohousing really sink in. You'll be connected with a Buddy to guide you through this process. You'll attend our General Meetings to see how we govern ourselves and use consensus decision making. The Explorer period is designed so you feel completely at ease with your decision to join. And despite the pandemic, we have found our Zoom meetings and on-line socials have made our Explorers feel right at home. We invite you to become an Explorer soon. Learn more at <https://www.heartwoodcommonstulsa.com/how-to-reserve-your-home>

## Upcoming Events



### Dig In to Heartwood Commons

**Thursday, September 10 | 6:30 pm CST on Zoom**

**OR**

**Wednesday, September 23 | 6:30 pm CST 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.

SEPT 10 - RSVP FOR THE MEETING LINK

SEPT 23 - RSVP FOR THE MEETING LINK



### Tour Heartwood Commons (last before construction begins!)

**Saturday, September 19 | 10 am-Noon CST**

**Heartwood Commons**

**7141 S Quincy, Tulsa, OK**

Join us for a tour of the land (using physical distancing guidelines). Meet some of our members. Get answers to your questions. This will be your last chance to walk the site and imagine the possibilities. Once construction begins, our access will be limited.

DETAILS & RSVP



### Explorer Orientation

**Tuesday, September 29 | 6:30 pm CST**

Intrigued with Heartwood Commons? We invite you to become an Explorer and check us out. This on-line orientation will give you the details of how you can dive deeper into the details of our project by observing our Member Business Meetings, reviewing our legal and financial documents, joining us for our social times, and more. Being an Explorer is a great way to see if we might be the community for you.

**Please call** community member Suzy at **918-519-5298** to become an Explorer and join this Orientation.



## Porch Chats – Great Conversations You'll Overhear at Heartwood Commons

*with Jan Owen*

Stepping into Marcia and Sherrill's yard is a dizzying experience of waterfalls, windchimes, whirligigs, bird feeders, koi pond, clay and metal sculptures and one large blue "bottle tree." Everywhere you look is something interesting and remarkable. [READ MORE OF JAN'S PORCH CHAT WITH Marcia and Sherrill](#)

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



### Want to Learn More?

You are always welcome to call or email Suzy at **918-519-5298** or [heartwoodcommonstulsa@gmail.com](mailto:heartwoodcommonstulsa@gmail.com). She is happy to answer questions and share the details of most interest to you.

## Last Thoughts



### The Sound of Music

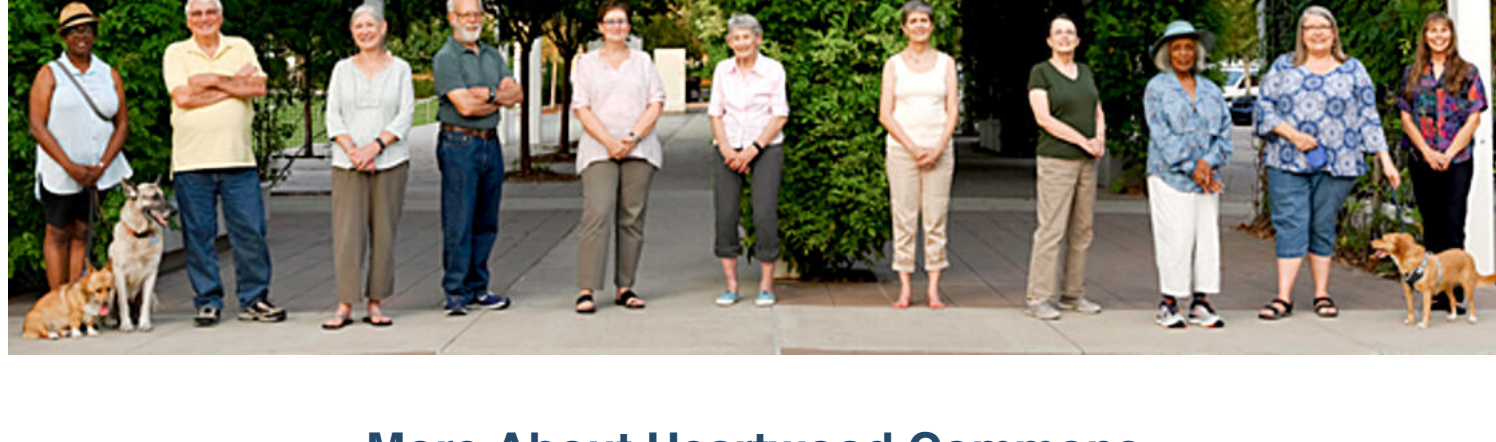
*Music is essential to me.* It is how I express joy and sadness, hope and despair. I have played music in one form or another for about 62 years.

In the best of times, making music with others has always required some degree of effort. Especially as I grew older, other responsibilities demanded time. Still, I always figured out a way to be part of a band, orchestra, quartet, or just a group of friends wanting to jam in any style.

In the midst of this Covid-9 crisis, playing music, in even small gatherings, is all but impossible. Yes, there are ways to collaborate over the internet, but it is not the same.

*It is in this context that I am even more eager to move to our new home at Heartwood Commons in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Cohousing will be a place of co-celebration of life, and of co-music making.* The common house will be constantly inviting neighbors to play instruments, to sing, and to dance. It can be planned or spontaneous and will offer me the easiest access to music making I have ever had.

*I can't wait.*



### More About Heartwood Commons

Heartwood Commons is a vibrant, progressive cohousing community under development in Tulsa, Oklahoma for proactive adults. Tulsa, one of our country's most livable cities, features a small town feel with all the amenities of a larger city, and an affordable, low cost of living.

**Heartwood Commons will break ground at our beautiful site in Tulsa, Oklahoma this month.** Our anticipated move-in date is late 2021. **With only 15 homes available, now is the time to get involved.** If you'd like to know more about reserving one of our last homes, be sure to reach out to us soon.

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Call 918-519-5298 to talk to member Suzy Sharp