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Creating a Community to Last a Lifetime

At Heartwood Commons we're creating a community to last a lifetime. Unlike other housing options, those of us that will live there have been involved every step of the way. We've made sure that our values of creating connections and an environment that supports growing older successfully have remained at the center of all our designs and decisions. Every month we make progress. September and October hold a lot of special memories.

It's when we:

- Started our first Aging Successfully – Aging in Place study group that brought together our initial core group. As we explored what we wanted as we grew older, cohousing became our dream. (2016)
- Hired Katie McCamant, cofounder of cohousing in the US, as our development consultant. One of THE BEST decisions we made for sure. (2017)
- Purchased our land – after looking at more than 50 possibilities, we all agreed we had found THE PLACE. (2018)
- Selected Heartwood Commons as the name of our community. (2018)
- Unveiled our architectural plans to the public with the "Big Reveal." (2019)
- Broke ground on Heartwood Commons surrounded by community leaders, our professional partners, and family and friends. (2020)
- Celebrate that construction has begun on more than 50% of our homes and the common house with a projected move-in date of next May or June. (2021)

By next October, we will be all settled in our new homes, chatting with our neighbors on our front porch, sharing meals in our common house, and making new memories in the community we first began to imagine in 2016. **With only a few homes left to purchase, now is the time to learn more. Sign up for one of our events below.**



We just purchased our land – September 2018 Choosing our name - October 2018



The "Big Reveal" - October 2019



Groundbreaking - September 2020



The rendering becoming a reality - October 2021

A Growth Experience

by member Lynn Rivers



In keeping with our values of living lightly, mindfully and sustainably on the land, our Landscape Task Force is focusing on the use of native plants. We have now completed two native plant webinars. It has definitely been a growth (pun intended) experience. Some of us already knew about native plants and their potential to help our struggling ecosystems; some of us didn't but are motivated and learning.

Our first webinar "Why Plant Native?" was presented by Lissa Morrison, a native plant expert from Fayetteville, Arkansas with a lifetime of experience. The second was "Digging Deeper," also by Lissa. In checking out the many sources of information on native plant material Lissa gave us, I found that native plants and shrubs stand up to traditional nursery plants in all the ways that matter and MORE!

Here is what I mean: Natives are drought tolerant, only needing occasional watering when established in a garden or yard. Natives are quite beautiful when planted in the right soil with the right sun exposure. Natives support the many bees, butterflies, birds, and other wildlife as they provide habitat, and food for their young and the whole life cycle. Plus they provide incredibly important sustenance for migrations that may be thousands of miles long. These elements of habitat, food, a supportive eco-system, and good soil populated with too many beneficial organisms to even name, means that when we plant native we contribute to a healthy diversity of life forms. We are actually helping to mend the world on our five acres community.

We're rejecting traditional turf lawns, part of a quickly expanding movement across much of the world's developed countries. We're replacing them with plantings of natives. In my own garden, native giant coreopsis has supported several generations of bumblebees. Cut coneflowers in a pot will support finches and other birds through the winter, the dill, re-blooming after a mid-summer trim, has already produced many swallowtail butterflies, and the milkweed monarchs. And I'm only a beginner at this!

A little item about Change is due here. People generally resist change when it knocks on the door, be it a change in residence, a change in a relationship, even a change in the weather. Beneficial change can be difficult too. So, are we changing to native gardening practices all at once? Probably not. We will bring some old traditional (non-native) plant friends with us to Heartwood (I'm bringing the "Liebendorfer Rose," a small lavender bloomer that travelled to Oklahoma Territory in my great-grandparents' covered wagon and survived the Panhandle Territory for generations) because they bring us joy and in my case, help us remember. Native plants co-exist well with non-natives. I hope we will reflect that resilience as we learn to co-exist at Heartwood Commons.



From the yards of some of our members.

Come See What All the Excitement is About



Come Home to Heartwood Commons

Tuesday, October 12 at 6:30 pm CT on Zoom
or
Saturday, October 23 at 11 am CT on Zoom

Come see what all the excitement is about! Meet community members, see our plans and pricing, hear about our construction progress, and get answers to your questions. **Your cohousing dollars will go further at Heartwood Commons in Tulsa, rated one of the most livable cities in the US.** Now is a great time to learn more. We only have a few homes left.

Even if you've attended a previous presentation, we hope you will join us for important updates. Move-in is projected for May/June 2022.

- [RSVP FOR OCT 12 & GET MEETING LINK](#)
- [RSVP FOR OCT 23 & GET MEETING LINK](#)



Heartwood Commons Site Tour

Saturday, October 16 at 9:30 am CT
Meet at Heartwood Commons, 7141 S Quincy, Tulsa, OK

Join us to see Heartwood Commons up close and personal. You'll hear from our construction superintendent and see our progress, meet some of our members, and get answers to your questions.

Reservations are required so we can plan for the necessary safety precautions such as hardhats. Please wear closed toe shoes and long pants, and you'll be asked to complete a site visit agreement prior to the start of the tour.

[RSVP TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT FOR OCT 16](#)



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.

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 a 3-month 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 work together and govern ourselves, and our social events to get to know us better. The only commitment you are making when you become an Explorer is to actively engage with us so you can decide if Heartwood Commons is the community for you. Thanks to Zoom meetings and on-line socials, Explorers from across the country tell us they feel right at home. We invite you to become an Explorer soon while homes and garages/carpools are still available. Learn more [HERE](#) or call member Suzy at 918-519-5298.

Heartwood Commons at Play

We have FUN together! Recently we gathered on Zoom for a Murder Mystery night. Our theme: Murder of the High Wizard. Needless to say, this evening's fun only increased our anticipation of living in community together. Spoiler alert! Rebecca Redbush did it! (Second from the left, bottom row.)



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

[Heartwood Commons](#) has begun construction at our beautiful site in Tulsa, Oklahoma! Our anticipated move-in date is late Spring 2022.

Building a cohousing community is different. We started with a dream and have come together to make it happen. It takes a long view to gather the people together, design our homes and build our community. We love this photo and the "long view" it represents. We have a few homes still available and we invite you to join us!



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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