



Newsletter | December 2021

Now, more than ever, we are feeling the value of belonging as we create and build Heartwood Commons. It is truly amazing to come together to create and build something much bigger than any of us could do alone. We invite you to join us on this journey.



It's All About Making Connections

People already living in cohousing tell us they find the relationships built in their cohousing community to be far more important than the structures. After all, everyone had a roof over their head before coming to cohousing. *It's the desire for connection that propels most people to join a cohousing community.*

At its core, Heartwood Commons has been intentionally designed to create connections.

Walkways are arranged to increase the chance we will interact with our neighbors and friends on a daily basis. The Common House provides for shared meals and group activities. The community garden makes it fun to dig in the dirt together. The workshop, art/craft room, and contemplative spaces offer opportunities for shared interests and learning. Large front porches make impromptu visits with neighbors convenient.

We are just as intentional in the way we are building connections among us now, before we move in, and in how we are making plans for how we will live together.

Zoom allows everyone regardless of where they live to participate in business and team meetings, and social activities. And we have found it gives us all – introvert and extrovert – the opportunity to speak up and participate in a meaningful way. Our on-line Coffee Klatches and Happy Hours let us socialize and get to know one another better.

Monthly socials, creatively planned by a different group of members each month, offer fun, laughter, and a sense of belonging. This month we are going to a White Christmas Movie Sing-a-Long at our local Circle Cinema, Tulsa's only historic art house theater.

To help us build resiliency as a community, we've enlisted Karen Gimnig, a widely respected consultant in the cohousing world, to help us connect deeper and build our communication skills.

All of these activities are intentionally planned to continue the important groundwork of community building that will help us be ready to fully launch our community when construction is completed.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Foundations. Roofing. Porches. Oh My! And, to top it all off, we're now connected to utilities and the stormwater system is being installed. So much is happening every day.

We're ready to welcome you to the Common House.



At our November site visit you can literally hear the excitement! Click [HERE](#) to listen



Fall comes to Heartwood Commons.



Yummy treats to show appreciation for the construction workers.



Don't let your options run out

If you've been thinking about joining us, **now is the time.** We only have a few 2-bedroom homes left. We are already on a wait list for our largest and smallest size homes. Once we are sold out, it will likely be several years before a home becomes available.

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

Welcoming New Explorer

Jill



Jill and her sister, Marcy, who is already a member of Heartwood Commons.

Jill grew up in Tulsa and graduated from the University of Oklahoma with a degree in Social Work but soon after graduation took off for California.

In California, Jill continued her child welfare work while earning a Masters in General Psychology and then an MBA from Pepperdine University. She spent most of her career with Orange County Social Services and retired 8 years ago.

Now after 40 years, she is looking to return to Tulsa where her two sisters still live.

For fun, Jill enjoys antiquing, reading, movies, walking and rooting for OU (Boomer Sooner!). She's a fan of rock and roll, and classical music. Interesting fact - Jill still has a pair of purple suede quad roller skates for indoor rink skating. She doesn't to have a bucket list, but if money were no object she would like to travel to Australia and the Scandinavian countries. One of the skills she would bring to Heartwood Commons is being a good listener.

Jill tells us: "COVID increased my feelings of isolation, like it did for many of us. I'm ready for a new chapter in my life. Cohousing offers me the opportunity for a soft landing in Tulsa into a community of active, like-minded individuals, who are friendly, engaging and looking for new ways to enjoy life while aging."

Learn What All the Excitement is About



Discover Heartwood Commons

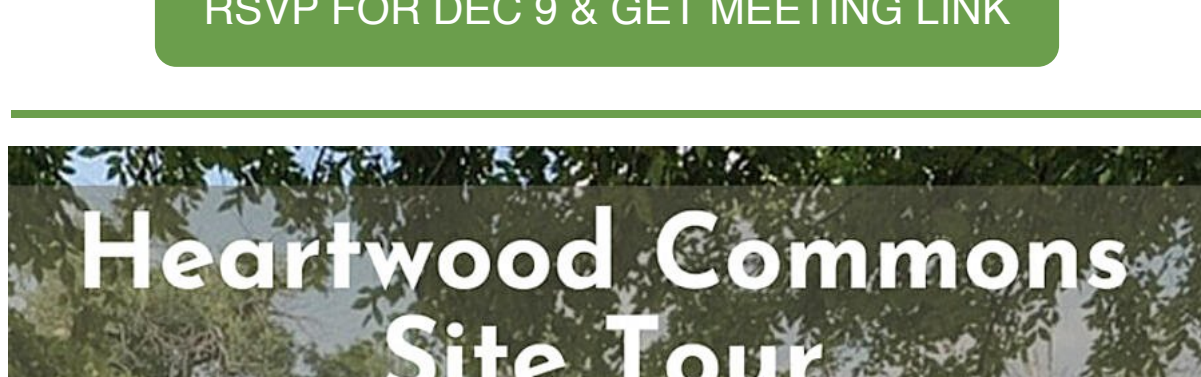
Discover Heartwood Commons

Thursday, December 9 at 6:30 pm CT on Zoom

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 DEC 9 & GET MEETING LINK](#)



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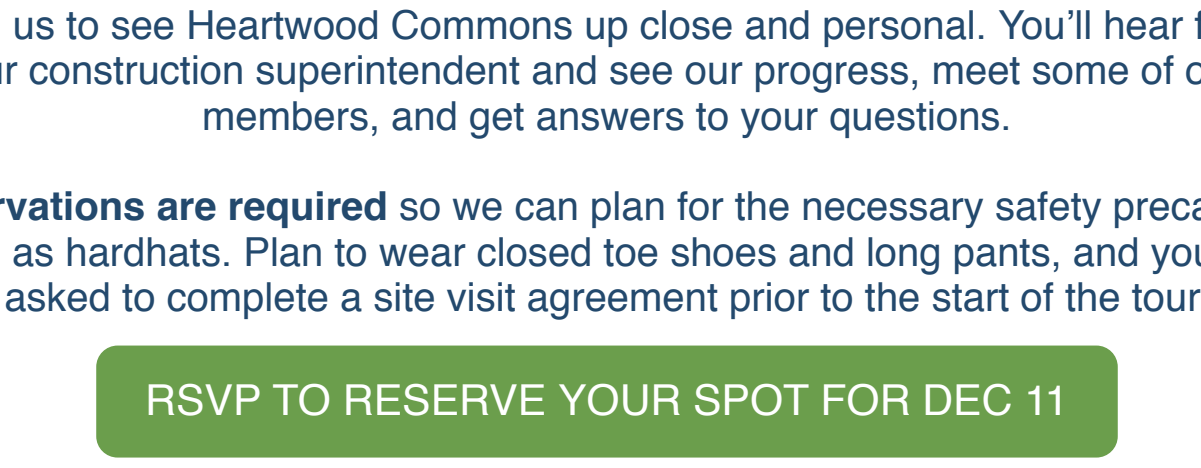
Saturday, December 11 at 10:00 am CT

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. Plan to 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 DEC 11](#)



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/carports are still available. Learn more [HERE](#) or call member Suzy at 918-519-5298. _

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

[Heartwood Commons](#) is under construction at our beautiful site in Tulsa, Oklahoma!

Our anticipated move-in date is early summer 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 still have a few 2-bedroom homes 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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Help us get the word out about Heartwood Commons. Share this newsletter with your friends. And, invite us to speak to your book club, church or civic group, a group of your friends. We promise a lively conversation via Zoom in person.

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