

Hager Homestead Newsletter

March 2022

Building the first 55+ cohousing community in New England



Our Long-Awaited Banner Went Up This Week!

It took a long time to get it done, but--bless the town of Littleton's Building Department--they approved our permit, and Nauset Construction affixed our banner to the construction fence this past week. In the architect's drawing you can see (far right) the existing house...and just behind the banner is the real house! Other buildings and mature trees to come...

Find Out About the Project!

Hear about our plans, timeline, and how to reserve a home. Limited pre-construction homes available in the only 55+ cohousing community in New England.

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March Zoom Info Session!!
Sun., Mar 27, 7-8 pm EDT

[Click to Register for Sunday](#)



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The Value of the Priority List!

You should be on our Priority List!

**You're not ready to live with us yet,
but would like to in the future?**

When we have homes to reserve at Hager Homestead—as we do now (two! See below)—we offer the opportunity first to the current member/owners, and then to members on our Priority List. That’s why, if you’re interested in Hager Homestead, your best chance to someday live in our community is to 1. attend an Info Session, 2. become an Explorer, 3. then move onto our Priority List.

We have an Info Session next weekend on Sunday evening. (See announcement above.)

Scroll to the bottom of this newsletter to tour our site, or follow this link to our [website](#) for information on how to become an Explorer and get on our Priority List!

**Our Dear Member, Micki, Will Stay in California ...
*and her future home is now available.***



Our 2nd home became available to reserve when our member Micki, who lives in California, decided to stay in California for now. OK, so maybe we *did* grouse too much about the weather this winter on Zoom meetings with Micki. *(Note to Self: Don't talk too much about "freezing rain" if you want a Californian to move to your community.)* Micki is special for her beloved dog, for her winning hard-hat decoration at our New Year's Zoom this December (see blurry top right photo), and because she was ready to help us put together our Nude-Members Calendar! A fundraiser, just like the Pleasant Point Assisted Living Center did a few years ago. Still an option.

Staying in Maine

Our first home became available to reserve when our members, Chris and Lynne decided to stay in Maine



Chris and Lynne still come to our meetings!

Lynne and Chris do not *mind* the cold--they're hard core

New Englanders. They wanted to move down here to be close to their daughter and grandchildren...then learned that the kids will soon be moving to Maine! But they still hang out with us...and we're so happy to know them!

What Co-Housing Means to Me:

Our Member, Judy explains...

"I will retain my independence and also share decisions. I can ask for advice and give my own advice. There are rules and a schedule to tell me when (for example) an exercise instructor will be there, what Saturday's movie will be, and what the common meals are like. But I help make the rules. I help decide whether to have a garden or a bocce court, a wood shop, or a tinkerer's space, and whether or not to mow the lawn, have goats, or have no lawn at all.

I won't say that it's been all unicorns and rainbows. Our membership has waxed and waned over the years. And it has been a ton of work--I've had to absorb a lot of information and make a lot of decisions that I confess I'd prefer to put off. But I'm doing it for *me!*"



Information Corner:

Chuck Durrett's Cohousing Company is packed with news

Charles Durrett, with Kathryn McCamant, introduced the concept of cohousing to the United States with their book *Cohousing: A Contemporary Approach to Housing Ourselves*. He is helping build many cohousing communities today, and the company's website is a great resource for anyone interested in cohousing, community design, active adult communities and sustainable development. Use this link to visit the site's aggregation of news articles: <https://www.cohousingco.com/in-the-news>

Crocuses on a Lawn in Littleton

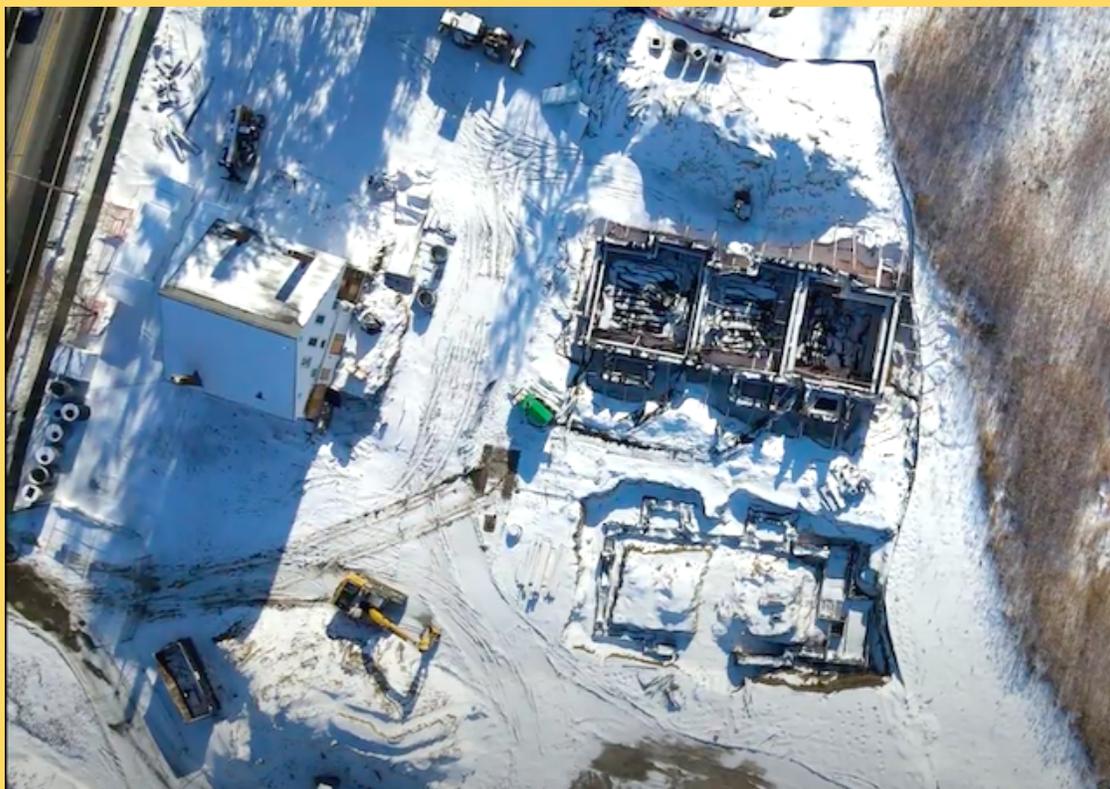
We Celebrate the First Day of Spring



"Where the most beautiful flowers grow, there man's sprit is fed and poets grow." -- Henry David Thoreau

Tour Our Site!

Visit Hagerhomestead.org and scroll to the bottom of the '[About Our Project](#)' page for a video tour of our future home



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