

Hager Homestead Newsletter Fall 2022

Building the first 55+ cohousing community in New England



We wave 'Hello' from the deck of Brenda & Tom's home, where we picnicked recently.



Announcing:
Info Session: Sunday, October 16, 6 pm
EDT

Are you curious about the progress of the project? Now is a great time to get involved and discover if cohousing at Hager Homestead is a fit for you.

The community is growing, construction is underway and we only have a few homes left to reserve. Join the info session for news about available homes, floor plans, and prices.

We're proud to be a group of people who share so many values: communication, cooperation, learning, family, friendship, organic gardens, chickens and having FUN!

We may be getting on in years, but we all still want to connect with our neighbors and friends, to watch a movie together -- and not have to drive home! That's a little bit of what cohousing is all about and we invite you to learn more!

[Find out About the Project!](#)

Join this Zoom event to meet some of our members

Sunday Oct 16, 2022, 6-7 pm EDT

Hear about our plans, our timeline,
and learn more about cohousing.

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Site Walk in September

In early September our developer, Matt Blackham, led the Hager Homestead community onto our site. Donning our hard hats, we wandered in and out of the cottages and enjoyed the smell of the new wood, as the late day sun beamed down on us. Our new homes!!!





[Picnic at Tom & Brenda's](#)

Yum!

As long as the weather is warm and it's not raining, we're going to picnic. Here we are at Tom & Brenda's. The Money Shot, as always, is the Food Table--and as you can see in the lower right corner, Jen supplied a big bucket of Kentucky Fried Chicken! YES!! We like healthy food...up to a point. By the way -- this is only one of TWO food tables



National Cohousing Conference
Hager Homestead goes to Madison Wisconsin



This past August, Victoria and Mayhew, our community's founders (above), with our member, Sarah, flew to Madison, Wisconsin for the yearly cohousing conference, sponsored by the Cohousing Association of the US. This was the first in-person conference since the pandemic began! Victoria was part of a panel on senior cohousing. (*Are we really "seniors"? I suppose so...*)

Inspiration for Aging Everyone:

We Look Forward to...

Living in Hager Homestead with our dogs!



Our member, Frieda, shares this:

What I love most about our dogs is how much they love life. That's why I love that our two dogs, Izzy & Rainey, (*Rainey is above*) will live with us in Hager Homestead. They get up every morning (from under our covers) and are excited to start the day. They don't know what will happen but they're always sure it's going to be great! If I could only learn from them--what could life be!

Here is a wonderful poem by Mary Oliver, called "Halleluiah"

*Everyone should be born into this world happy
And loving everything.
But in truth it rarely works that way.
For myself, I have spent my life clamoring toward it.
Halleluiah, anyway I'm not where I started!*

*And have you too been trudging like that, sometimes
Almost forgetting how wondrous the world is
And how miraculously kind some people can be?
And have you too decided that probably nothing important
Is ever easy?
Not, say, for the first sixty years.*

*Halleluiah, I'm sixty now, and even a little more,
And some days I feel I have wings.*



Sunrise in Saco, Maine

We said farewell to summer at the Ferry Beach Retreat & Conference Center in early October, when we held our own "retreat". Ah, those chilly nights and spectacular mornings!! We give thanks to our member, Barbara M, for getting out of bed and down to the shore to take this

picture at dawn. And thanks to the Center's staff, which made us so welcome!!

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