

Hager Homestead Newsletter

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Building the first 55+ cohousing community in New England



The May Construction Update!

It may not look glamorous--yet--but it's ours!

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The Value of the Priority List!

We're not kidding!
You should be on our Priority List!

Why is our Priority List is so important? In the last six months, two members stepped away for different reasons, and, unexpectedly, we had two homes to sell.

One unit is now in the process of being purchased by a household that was on our Priority List. They had Zoomed with us, attended Circle meetings, were part of our Pod discussions--were part of our community.

We know this: over time, people will leave for many reasons.

So, keep in mind: when we have a unit free, we'll turn to those on the Priority List.

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!

Who Are We?

*In a word, our community is: Diverse
And, in another word: Friendly!*



We are single, married, divorced, and widowed, childless and parents of children (who we hope will visit)!

We attend church (or not). One of us is a Unitarian Universalist minister. Others simply commune with nature.

A few members still work, others are retired, or semi-retired. We have former and current entrepreneurs: in genetic research, robotics, computer programming and organic gardening. Our members walk dogs, run a Montessori preschool, and sew cos-play costumes for Comic Con conventions.

We have engineers, doctors, Reiki practitioners, massage therapists, and high tech workers; a history professor, an experimental psychologist and a former

veterinarian. One of us spent 28 years in the Air Force! One is a pilot who volunteers with Angel flight missions and animal rescue.

Our hobbies include quilting, rug hooking, knitting, and sewing. We tinker with wood and bicycles, motorcycles and cars. One member works on unsolved math problems for fun! Another dances her cares away.

Our musicians sing, play the harp and the flute, bass and guitar, cello, and recorder. We have hikers and bikers, swimmers and kayakers; a few of us travel the world.

And of course: animal lovers. We have dogs and cats, dream of chickens and goats, and look forward to nurturing the wildlife and the pollinators in our meadow.

What we guarantee: live with us and join a community of conversation, where we learn from each other and teach what we know. You'll have active people to do things with... unless you want to be left in peace.

Wren in the Wreath

Look to the left of the reindeer bow...

Brenda tells the story below:



"A few weeks ago, I thought it was finally time to take down the wreath next to our front door. When I went to remove it I saw a cluster of twigs I hadn't seen before. I discovered a small hole, gingerly put my fingers in, and felt 2-3 little eggs! I couldn't believe it! I was thrilled to pieces. Over the next couple of weeks I didn't see any activity so I figured it had been abandoned. Then this morning I saw a bird leave that area and decided to take another look. The picture is what you see. In all our years here, this is the first time we've had a nest built in this spot!"

Mayhew's Birthday Party

Carrot Cake in Concord

Our Founders, Victoria and Mayhew, gathered us on Sunday (those who didn't cancel due to coronavirus) at the venerated Colonial Inn, Concord, MA (opened in 1716; storehouse for munitions during the Revolutionary war; home of Henry David Thoreau when he attended Harvard College) to celebrate Mayhew's birthday. Mayhew, as you can see, is ageless -- as are we all:

*"I'm like a backward berry,
Unripened on the vine,
For all my friends are fifty,
And I'm only forty-nine."*

-- Ogden Nash

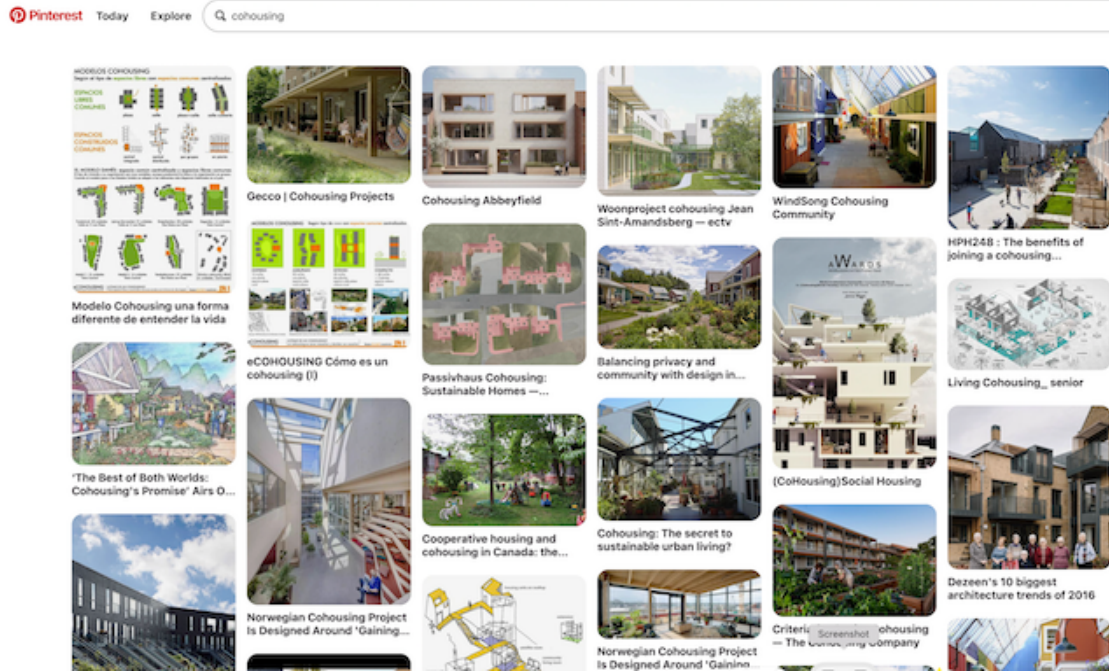


Cohousing All Over the World:

Check out Pinterest

Wow! If you'd like to explore links to, and images of,

cohousing communities internationally -- including some amazing designs and architecture--go to Pinterest and enter "Cohousing Communities". Hint: you get better images (and less advertising) if you DON'T log in to your account. Below is a sample...And for something really different, check out the Going Places Tiny House Community.



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