

Newsletter | March 2022

#### Building Community in Tulsa, Oklahoma

Now more than ever, we Heartwood Commoners believe in – and experience every day – the value of community. There are only have four homes left! We are moving toward a summer move-in and are excited to share with you our latest news.



Just as the kitchen is the heart of the home, the porch is its *soul*. Positioned at the doors, it serves to welcome visitors as well as offer a place to rest, converse and share stories.

At Heartwood Commons, porches play a major role in the knitting together of our community. From the beginning of our design planning, porches have been a consistent element. Many of us selected our home after careful consideration of how the sun falls on the porch and the closeness of neighbors for front porch conversations.

The porches we have long dreamed of are literally taking shape. We are excited as we anticipate porch visits with family and friends, sharing a cup of coffee or a glass of wine, shared conversations, and celebrating joys and sharing sorrows. This is where our cohousing soul shines.

A few of our porch loving neighbors...



Now is the time to discover porch sitting – Heartwood Commons style. We invite you to join us for an on-line presentation or site visit soon.

Only4 homes left! Don't let your options run out! Check-out our remaining 2-bedroom homes <u>HERE</u>.



The excitement is building. *Every home is under construction!* Each time we visit the site, a few more of us are able to see our



Welcome to Jan's House - *Click above to watch!* 



Claudia and Larry in front of their home for the first time



John in his home for the first time

Come see for yourself what all the excitement is about. Our next public site tour is Saturday, March 12 at 10 am. Click HERE for more information and to RSVP.

## Learn What All the Excitement is About



Discover Heartwood Commons Tuesday, March 15 at 6:30 pm CT on Zoom or Tuesday, March 29 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. 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.

RSVP FOR MAR 15 & GET MEETING LINK





Heartwood Commons Site Tour Saturday, March 19 at 10:00 am CT Meet at Heartwood Commons, 7141 S Quincy, Tulsa, OK

Come see what all the excitement is about! You'll hear from our construction superintendent, 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 MARCH 19



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 <u>heartwoodcommonstulsa@gmail.com</u>.

## **Welcome New Members**

### Caroline and David



Caroline and David come to Heartwood Commons from Fayetteville, Arkansas. David is professor emeritus at the University of Arkansas where his specialty was 19th Century Russian history, and honors courses in World History and US Civilization. Caroline retired as the Director of Volunteer Services for a local hospice program. Among their shared interests are traveling, hiking, canoeing, being in nature and rooting for the Arkansas Razorbacks. Caroline plays the African Drum and has led a weekly meditation group for many years. They are looking forward to joining their close friends Audrey and Mike in Heartwood Commons, getting involved in community projects, and to living in a supportive community.

## **Welcome New Explorers**

#### Stephanie



Stephanie currently lives in Corvalis, Oregon with her sweet pup Figgy. She retired from the military in 2012 and is currently a mental health counselor in private practice. So far, the closest she's been to Oklahoma was when she was stationed in Texas. Stephanie enjoys traveling, walks with her dog, playing golf, and riding bicycles. She likes the idea of living intentionally in community. Best of all – she recently applied for and has been accepted into Tulsa Remote – an innovative program created to enhance Tulsa's talented and successful workforce community by bringing diverse, bright and driven individuals to the city for community building, collaboration and networking. Tulsa here she comes!



Sarah-Anne and John are originally from Chicago and Cleveland respectively and landed in Tulsa about 11 years ago. They are both physicians. Sarah-Anne is a family and lifestyle physician, has a degree in Public Health, and is currently studying yoga and meditation. John is an internal medicine physician, the former president of OU-Tulsa, and host of Medical Matters on our local NPR station. They have 2 children in college and share their home with Quincy, a doodle who is looking for more playmates. They enjoy vegan cooking, traveling, hiking, reading, and rooting for their hometown teams. Community, vitality, sustainability and shared valued attracted John to cohousing. Sarah-Anne has been dreaming of living in a tiny house for years. She's looking forward to community and right-sizing at HC.

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Lesley



Lesley was born and raised in Midland, Michigan (not Texas). She currently lives in Carrollton, Texas after time spent in Michigan, Wisconsin, Texas, North Carolina, Georgia and Tennessee. With a bachelors in English and Mass Communication and an MBA from Rice University, she's spent her career working in IT focused jobs. She shares her home with her two pups – Marcy and Emelina. She enjoys growing Hoyas (a tropical plant), loves landscaping and assembling "maker" kits, and has studied astrology for years. Once in a while, she writes fiction. She's interested in Heartwood Commons and looks forward to living in community where people look after one another. She looks forward to getting together over common interests and learning from each other.

## 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 online 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 at https://www.heartwoodcommonstulsa.com/how-to-reserve-your-home.

# Last Thoughts

What a treat it was to see our future neighbor, John, in Theatre Tulsa's *The Sound of Music.* Theatre Tulsa has been providing quality professional theater since 1922.



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

We only have a few two-bedroom homes left. Once we are sold out, it will likely be several years before a home becomes available.

Your cohousing dollars go further at Heartwood Commons in Tulsa.

Join people from across the country who are deciding to call Tulsa home. Known for its friendliness, Tulsa is ranked one of the most livable cities in the US. And, we are told our home prices are the lowest of any cohousing community currently under construction in the country.

#### What are you waiting for?

Join us for a presentation or tour to learn how you can be a part of Heartwood Commons.

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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