

## Looking to Down-Size? Come Home to Heartwood Commons



This roomy, flexible two bedroom, one bath home plan of 1,006 square feet includes an extra bedroom for guests or a home office.

The unique kitchen layout has quartz countertops, quality cabinets with softclosures, a stylish convection cooktop with stainless vent hood, plus built-in wall oven and microwave combo, and a generous pantry. The oversized island delivers lots of extra prep space and storage. Standing at the kitchen sink you can wave to your neighbors as they pass and enjoy the beautiful landscaping.

The open floor plan features vaulted ceilings in the kitchen, dining, and living room areas, recessed LED ceiling lighting, and nine foot ceilings in the rest of the home. Extra-large windows, glass front and back doors with inset blinds, and two dimmable sun tunnels in the living/dining room bring in lots of natural light.

The generous hall laundry has room for a stackable washer/dryer plus linen storage. Deep closets with double doors and built-in shelving behind the hanging rods offer generous extra storage.

The primary bedroom, located at the back of your home for privacy, overlooks your back yard. Thanks to double-walled construction between homes, high quality construction and insulation, energy efficient appliances and windows, and geothermal for heating and cooling, your home will be quiet and comfortable year-round.

This single story, accessible home is equipped for successful aging in place with a roll-in shower with grab bars, comfort height toilet, wide doorways, lever handles, casement windows and solid surface flooring throughout. With safety in mind, the home is fire sprinkled with fire walls extending into the attic, and the bathroom is a hardened space for storm protection.

Easy front and back door access to 8 foot deep covered porches with ceiling fans extends the living space to bring the outdoors inside. Imagine sitting on your roomy front porch sharing a morning cup of coffee or evening glass of wine with neighbors or quietly reading a book on your private back porch.

The community's common amenities including the common house with two guest rooms, living room, great room for shared meals and activities, art/craft room, and planned workshop, contemplative space, and community gardens are an extension of this well-equipped, stylish home.

But cohousing is about much more than a floor plan . . .

To reserve one of the few remaining B homes contact Suzy at 918-519-5298 or email <u>heartwoodcommonstulsa@gmail.com</u>.

# **Cohousing Lifestyle**



At its core, cohousing is a lifestyle choice that promotes connection and community.

Cohousing culture is additive. In cohousing the individual is valued along with and as part of the larger group. We understand that the group can gain without taking away from the individual. Even as we value our private homes and independence, we realize how being integrally connected to a community enhances our lives and contributes to successful aging.

Because the broader culture is defined by individual needs and privacy, the choice to live in cohousing means we are willing to learn new skills for relating to each other, for listening, and for working together to create solutions that benefit us all. We then carry these skills with us everywhere we go and thus make our bigger community stronger.

We express the culture in everyday activities, and over time they become a way of life that feels so natural we can't imagine living any other way.

Some favorite activities include:

- Eating Together. Sharing meals is joyful for so many reasons. Saving time and resources is only the beginning. More important is the sharing of ideas, stories, laughter and life.
- Events. Celebrations, parties, dances, and classes are some of the many ways people come together in cohousing. These events may be small or large, raucous or quiet, entertaining or informative, recurring or not. Some events somehow manage to be all of those things at once in the particular
- Sidewalk Moments. When cohousers talk about "getting stuck in traffic," they aren't referring to vehicle traffic. They've simply stumbled into a meaningful
  - aren't referring to vehicle traffic. They've simply stumbled into a meaningful conversation on the walking path. These unplanned moments of connection, which cohousing is designed to encourage, turn out to be some of the most
  - meaningful conversations that happen in community.
    Gardens. While not technically a definitional part of cohousing, every community seems to find a way to garden. Individuals have private gardens. Communities share gardens. Either way, the gardens are a good way to connect.



We are moving right along. The common house (CH) and home buildings A, and B are framed in with interior work continuing. September will bring roofing of the common house and building A, framing for buildings C, D, and E, and continued interior work. We'll wrap up Geothermal well drilling on the project and begin installation of the storm water system.



Be sure to follow our progress at *Heartwood Commons on Facebook* 

### **August Site Visit**

On a warm Saturday morning in August we gathered with great excitement for our first site visit since construction began. Several members got to see their future home. And, we all gathered on the back porch of the common house to look out over the community.



We're excited to get started with our August site visit.



Standing on the back porch of the common house looking out over the community.



Left: Bill and Kay in front of their future home. Center: John points to one of the features in the common house. Right: PJ and Pat peek inside the living room of one of the homes.



Heartwood Commons: A Community Approach to Successful Aging *Tuesday, September 14 at 6:30 pm CT on Zoom* 

We invite you to explore Heartwood Commons and learn how the comfortable, social, and engaged community lifestyle contributes to successful aging. You'll meet community members, see our plans and pricing, learn about our timeline, and get answers to your questions. Our community is growing and we only have a few homes left. **Now is a great time to learn more.** 

RSVP FOR SEPT 14 & GET MEETING LINK



**Heartwood Commons Site Tour** 

#### Saturday, September 18 at 9:30 am CT Meet at Heartwood Commons, 7141 S Quincy, Tulsa, OK

Come see Heartwood Commons up close and personal. You'll hear from our construction superintendent and one of our architects, see our construction 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 SEPT 18



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>.

# **Meet Our Newest Explorers**

Bettie and Mike



Bettie was born and raised in Halstead, Kansas where she grew up riding horses on the family farm. She has called Tulsa home for more than 40 years. Starting out as a diploma nurse, Bettie went on to obtain her BS in Nursing and a Master's in Health Administration. Like most nurses, she worked in many settings. Retired after 30 years from St. John Hospital, Bettie is enjoying working part-time and volunteering with Street Cats.

Mike was born and raised in Chicago. He's an OSU alum with a degree in Hotel & Restaurant Management. Retired now, Mike spent 25 years opening and managing hotels and restaurants. He even opened an Arby's in the Virgin Islands, where it included a bar. A man of many talents, his second career was in retail sales for Foley's and Macy's. A fun loving kind of guy, you'll often find Mike wearing a Hawaiian shirt.

While Bettie and Mike have no children, they share their home with Ollie and Tigger, their feline fur babies. They enjoy a variety of activities. Both are sports fans who root for the Kansas City Chiefs, OKC Thunder, the Chicago Cubs, and, of course, Mike's alma mater, OSU – go Pokes! They love travelling with the Caribbean, Mexico, and Italy among the favorite places they've been, and have a long list of places they want to go.

Both are interested in the community aspect of Heartwood Commons. They like the idea of being able to age in place with a group of engaged, like-minded, active people.

They have both jumped in with both feet to find out if Heartwood Commons is the community for them.





See our August newsletter <u>HERE</u> to learn about Carol and Steve.



Wondering what it's like to be a furry member of Heartwood Commons? Hi, my name is Cricket. I'm a Tibetan Terrier and I was born about 2½ years ago. When I was six months old, I adopted two people (Mike and Audrey) to have as pets. They are able to find food much easier that I can which makes life pretty easy for

In January of 2020, I took my people over to Tulsa to look at a new place to live. When I discovered that the entire project would be built especially for dogs, I became very excited. There will also be a place for my people to live.

Imagine how wonderful it will be to have nearly 100 hands (50 people) to pet me! There will be other dogs and cats and a pet yard just for us.

I made sure there was a beautiful trail very close by along the Arkansas River and other trails in the Turkey Mountain Urban Wilderness Area. My people like it when I take them for walks.

There are big trees on the property. I was able to convince people to leave many of those trees because I love them (well, OK, it's the squirrels in the trees that catch my attention).

Best of all is that there will be many get-to-gathers with dogs and people. *I can't wait to move in!* 

All of this excited me so much today that I had to sit down at my computer to write it all down!

P.S. Here's a picture of me when I was

a puppy with my people.

me and they are fairly well behaved.

Woof, Cricket



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

Heartwood Commons has begun construction at our beautiful site in Tulsa, Oklahoma! Our anticipated move-in date is early 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 love this photo and the "long view" it represents. We have a few homes still 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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**PRE-LOVED ITEMS AWAIT YOU** 





September 24-25 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. 2008 W 119th Street Jenks OK