



# Cohousing in Corvallis

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Remember when your best  
friend lived right next door?

**Groundbreaking Ceremony on CoHo Land - Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 4:30pm**  
Corner of Crystal Lake Drive and Alexander

By Judy Hecht



Seven years ago my husband, Bruce, and I spent the summer traveling around the country visiting cohousing projects and other intentional communities. At the end of our communities' tour we returned to Corvallis because we loved our home town better than any other area we visited. We reasoned that it would be easier to create a community in Corvallis than to find a "Corvallis" somewhere else. That was the start of our seven-year journey. Along the way, we have met some wonderful people as we wrestled with what sort of community we wanted to be a part of. CoHo Cohousing is what evolved.

It is with great joy that we announce our groundbreaking ceremony on April 18<sup>th</sup>. It is the culmination of a lot of hard work on the part of many people and the beginning of our new stage of construction. From 4:30-5:30 we will gather on the land to celebrate, turn the official shovels of earth, and give tours of our common house that will be staked out and marked with surveyor's tape. Please join us.

## Raising a Family in Corvallis

In our last newsletter, the topic of raising kids in the village-like setting of cohousing was introduced. CoHo is in Corvallis, so that leads to the topic of raising a family in Corvallis.

In the book titled **Life 2.0, How People Across America are Transforming Their Lives by Finding the Where of Their Happiness**, Corvallis is ranked as one of America's Top 25 family-friendly enclaves, a city for families in search of that "Norman Rockwell home town feeling."

How would **YOU** rank the attractiveness of Corvallis as a place to raise your family? Here are Internet sites to help you decide how well Corvallis would meet your family's needs....

**Check out our schools...**

[http://www.greatschools.net/search/search\\_page?state=OR&q=corvallis%2C+oregon&c=all](http://www.greatschools.net/search/search_page?state=OR&q=corvallis%2C+oregon&c=all)

<http://csd509j.net/> (public school district)

<http://www.corvalliswaldorfschool.org/>

<http://www.corvallismontessori.org/>

**And programs at Oregon State University...**

<http://summer.oregonstate.edu/courses/youth/k-12.htm> (Home Schooling; middle and high school classes via Extended Campus program)

<http://oregonstate.edu/precollege/ail/> (Adventures in Learning for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade graduates)

**And a calendar of local events and festivals...**

[http://www.visitcorvallis.com/events/local\\_events.cfm](http://www.visitcorvallis.com/events/local_events.cfm)

<http://www.visitcorvallis.com/events/festivals.html>

<http://www.davinci-days.org/>

<http://www.corvallisfallfestival.com/>



CoHo kids in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade



**And summer theatre camps at the Majestic Theater...**

<http://www.majestic.org/pages/summercamps.html>

**And the city's Parks and Recreation Activity Guide...**

<http://www.ci.corvallis.or.us/downloads/pr/Summer06.pdf>

(this is a LARGE file)

**And swimming indoors and out...**

<http://www.ci.corvallis.or.us/index.php?option=content&task=view&id=532&Itemid=471> (Osborn Aquatic Center)

[http://www.orww.org/PEAS/Philomath\\_HS/Benton\\_County/Swimming\\_Holes/index.htm](http://www.orww.org/PEAS/Philomath_HS/Benton_County/Swimming_Holes/index.htm) (favorite local swimming holes)

**And a map of city trails....**

<http://www.ci.corvallis.or.us/index.php?option=content&task=view&id=1122&Itemid=1362>





**And the fountain in riverside park at the Saturday Farmer's Market...**  
 (which reopens Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>!)

**And the fun statues around town...**  
 (this critter lives in Central Park)



**And downhill skiing...**

<http://www.hoodoo.com>

<http://www.willamettepass.com>

<http://www.mtbachelor.com>

**And backpacking in the Cascade mountains (only two hours away)...**

**And visiting the coast to watch whales or enjoy sea otters at the Oregon Aquarium...**

<http://www.aquarium.org>



**And if flying a kite on the beach is your idea of family heaven, hop in the car—the Oregon beaches are only an hour away....**



Photos:

Far Left--Nye Beach at Newport, Oregon, July 2005  
 Left--Lincoln City, Oregon



**Is it time to make your dream of living in community come true?**

The clock is striking 12, marking the time that 12 homes are still available in CoHo!

This clock is on the Benton County Courthouse in downtown Corvallis. Built in 1889, it is the oldest active courthouse in the state of Oregon.

## To find out more about CoHo Cohousing

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Juva and Mike at March 2006  
Welcome Weekend

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