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GREEN GROVE OUTLOOK

KEEPING YOU CONNECTED TO THE GREEN GROVE COHOUSING COMMUNITY

Yoga in Community

Green Grove Cohousing has the good fortune of having two yoga teachers in our greater community circle who are sharing gentle yoga instruction in the Common House dining room.



Four to six of us currently gather weekly to increase flexibility and strength through regular yoga practice.

A parent/child play group, adult and family open art studio events, house concerts, potlucks, and permaculture garden parties are among the varied activities Associate Members will also have access to when Green Grove is fully established. For more on Associate Membership, check our website for details at greengrovecoho.org.

Home Construction At Long Last!



Now that the first homes are under construction, we'll introduce our general contractor, Shan Stassens of Winsome Construction. Because we are about community first, not real estate, we request that you initiate the membership process with Green Grove before contacting Winsome directly, though we encourage you to explore their website. Winsome is a residential custom home builder with extensive experience in high performance green building and construction. An Energy Star and Earth Advantage certified builder, they have completed projects using Ferrocement, steel framing, Cobb, ICF construction, and advanced wood framing techniques.

Winsome focuses on the efficient use of natural resources in projects with the use of FSC Certified, Reclaimed and Recycled materials, job site waste recycling, and built-in home recycling systems. Structures are tight and efficient, utilizing high quality materials and superior construction methods "to ensure that they will serve their inhabitants well for generations."

Winsome also focuses on ensuring healthy indoor air quality by using low VOC and non toxic materials, such as wood, stone, ceramic and wool. Incorporating radon, mold and mildew mitigation practices ensures that the building is not creating poor indoor air

The company emphasizes energy conservation & efficiency both in the construction and the continued functioning of the structure over its lifetime. Standard techniques and technologies include spray foam additional insulation, super insulated floors & ceilings, low E glazed windows, energy star appliances & fixtures, compact fluorescent and LED lights, radiant floor heating, heat pumps, zone heating, solar water panels & ¹ more.



Construction Update

Construction of the 10-bay carport/storage unit is now nearly finished, pending installation of the eco roof and Hardie board siding. Hydroseeding and straw over the exposed portions of the 5 acres have secured the soil from weather erosion. Homes are now under construction.

Retaining walls are in, and pathways for what will become the community commons are graveled, awaiting paving crews. The walls and floor for the 18,000 gallon cistern for irrigation have been cast in concrete. The pond for storm water retention is lined and awaiting landscaping. The street name has been approved. Step by step...



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Harvest Open House & Beyond

Forest Grove and Green Grove welcomed the harvest and the changing of the seasons with blue skies and warmer days this year. The “weather gods” were with us as we enjoyed a host of fun outdoor activities from the Farmer’s Market to Halloween.



A few highlights included: Green Grove neighbor, Lyle Spiesschaert, hosted a “Celebrate Great Grains” event in collaboration with Nana Cardoon and

other local food producers and sustainability advocates. John and the bluegrass jam band performed there as well as at Green Grove the following day for our Harvest Open House. Children’s crafts, cider-pressing, tours, and live music made for a fun time for a lively crowd of folks interested in learning more about cohousing and checking in on our progress.



The Friends of Historic Forest Grove hosted a sell-out “Grave Matters 2017” Nine fascinating graveyard residents told their stories dressed in historic attire. Linda played the part of Manche Langley, legendary attorney and pioneer for women’s rights, who became the 13th woman admitted to the Oregon Bar in 1909, when women weren’t yet allowed to vote or serve on juries.

