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## Cohousing Now! #38: Happy New Year!

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### from Rebecca...

This is a big year in the US. Presidential politics, continuing economic uncertainty, and questions about what sustainability actually means in our daily lives and our national life.

This year's conference will be considering questions of sustainability from many angles: how a long term community keeps thriving, what strategic partnerships are optimal to support housing affordability in the cohousing movement, how forming communities can make the most of their energy and partners, and what is ahead in cohousing in the 21st century. Please join us!

Tickets go on sale February 1st, and we are actively filling in volunteer spots for scholarships to the conference.

I look forward to seeing you in Oakland this June!

## 2012 National Cohousing Conference

### Creating Sustainable Neighborhoods; Learning from the Cohousing Experience

Marriott Oakland CA City Center: Wednesday June 13 - Sunday June 17  
<http://conference.cohousing.org>

Coho/US is looking for volunteers or work-traders now to fill a couple of exciting positions. Contact our Volunteer Coordinator by e-mail at [volunteer@cohousing.org](mailto:volunteer@cohousing.org), or check out <http://conference.cohousing.org/2012/volunteer>.

**Social Marketing Team** Working with our social marketing team, you get to share excitement about the world of cohousing and learn from marketing professionals. We are seeking people who can write interesting short messages and are interested in exploring the world of social media. We are seeking a Coordinator for the Social Marketing effort as well as people interested in researching avenues of connection in cohousing related topics and posting messages to attract people to the conference site. Experience with social media is a plus, but not required.

## Tours & Events

We are planning to host a spring tour in Portland, OR. Tour date and locations coming soon! Please check our website often for more information.

If you are interested in touring a cohousing community, please [contact Coho/US](#).

## Serialized Cohousing Books: Reinventing Community

- [Sharingwood Stories](#)  
**Rob Sandelin, Sharingwood, Snohomish, Washington**

I was hunkered down underneath my car doing something oily and I could see down the street as one of my neighbors, Michelle, was trying to set out some metal light fixtures to spray paint. Every time she lined them up, her toddler would carry one off or otherwise disrupt the process. I was sort of tied up working on the car, so I couldn't help her, but I didn't need to. Rosemary, another neighbor, walked up to the toddler with a couple of little baskets and took her hand and diverted her into picking berries, while the mom gratefully arranged the lights and painted them without further interruption.

The thing that I did not realize until later reflection is that Michelle never had to ask for help. Her neighbors saw her needs and helped her in the sort of quiet, unspoken way that communities work.

## Coho/US Blogs

- [California recognizes Cohousing as a more Sustainable Living Environment](#)  
By Bob Miller

The theme of the 2012 National Conference is "Creating Sustainable Neighborhoods; Learning from the Cohousing Experience." Governor Jerry Brown of California recently endorsed the concept of cohousing as a more sustainable living environment.

The Governor's Environmental and Economic...

- [Want the truth? Ask a child.](#)  
By Sandy Thomson

Lately I have been thinking about what CoHousing is like from a child's perspective. And as Oliver Wendell Homes said, "Pretty much all the honest truth-telling there is in the world is done by children." For them it must be heaven. No meetings, no money worries, conflicts come and go at...

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- [Five Things You Need to Know Today: January 23 - Patch.com](#)
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