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Cohousing Now! #50: Happy New Year

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from Rebecca...
Happy New Year

As 2013 begins, here are some announcements.

Please join me in wishing Ravens' Roost Cohousing in Anchorage a big congratulations for meeting a huge benchmark.

Ravens' Roost Cohousing cleared its last Planning Approval Hurdle. On Jan 7th, Anchorage's Planning & Zoning Commission approved our application for a Planned Unit Development of 36 homes off Abbott Road.

RR Coho began in March 2012, and 10 months later, we've organized, purchased land, designed the site and units and worked with the Municipality to obtain the necessary planning approvals to move forward.

As one of the Commissioners said on Monday "Going first is hard, if this project is successful, it will make it much easier for future cohousing projects in Anchorage".

Michel



There is sad news to share from the Quebec community.

Cohabitat Québec mourns Michel Desgagnés, its founder and president.

On January 12th, Michel Desgagnés died unexpectedly from a virulent meningitis. He was 45 years old. As founder and president of the first cohousing community in the province of Québec, he was a great source of inspiration and of energy for our group. Michel was exceptional in his vision, determination, and values. Thanks to his unrelenting action over the last nine years, Cohabitat Québec's construction is well under way and its members will move in in June 2013.

Michel discovered the cohousing concept after a tour of more than 40 communities in Europe and the USA in the early 2000s. You may remember him from then. Since that time, he established many ties in the cohousing and ecovillage network around Québec, Canada, Europe, and the USA.

His partner Eveline and all the neighbors are determined to complete Michel's work and vision. His spirit will long live in our hearts and in our common house.

Guillaume Pinson
for Cohabitat Québec
www.cohabitat.ca

Finally, as Coho/US moves into connecting with communities regionally, please let me know who in your community might be interested in being a regional rep to the national organization. The intent is to support local communities having greater ties with each other, to share resources locally, and to inform the national organization of best ways we can support your community life! Look for formal details on the website by next week.

Warmly,

Rebecca

Reinventing Community

- [If Not Us, Who?](#)

PattyMara Gourley, Tierra Nueva, Oceano, California

When we citizens feel like we're up against a brick wall in the form of bureaucracy or corporate domination, we sometimes lose our sense of empowerment. Not so at Tierra Nueva, whose members drilled an exit hole in the brick wall and marched full speed ahead.

—D. L. W.

Tierra Nueva Cohousing holds the distinction of being one of the first cohousing groups in the nation. Our founding members formed our group in San Luis Obispo County, California, in 1988. As pioneers in the new cohousing movement, we were faced with high-risk financial challenges, land-title complications, and the task of convincing our county planners and fearful neighbors that cohousing was the wave of the future. But we didn't know in those early years that our biggest challenge still lay ahead of us.

Coho/US blogs

- [Visit to UK Cohousing](#) By Dick Kohlhaas

On January 8, Barbara and I visited Community Project, a cohousing community near Laughton, East Sussex, about 50 miles south of London. We had been on a theatre tour in London, and had contacted the community through the national website,...

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