

COMMON GROUND ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP GUIDELINES

What is CoHousing ?

CoHousing communities are resident-developed cooperative neighborhoods where individual households are clustered around a common house with shared facilities such as a dining room, an area for children, workshops and laundry. Each home is self sufficient with a complete kitchen, but resident cooked dinners are often available in the common house for those who wish to participate.

These developments are also unique in that they are organized, planned and managed by the residents themselves. By redefining the neighborhood concept to better address contemporary lifestyles, CoHousing communities can create cross-generational neighborhoods for singles, families and the elderly.

Associate Membership Qualifications

The purpose of associate membership is to educate prospective owners of Cohousing ownership privileges and responsibilities.

The lottery for a unit listed for sale shall be from a pool of qualified associate members. A list of qualified associate members shall be provided to the Housing Authority by Common Ground. Lottery participants must qualify under current Aspen/Pitkin County Housing Authority guidelines.

Associate members must fulfil the following:

1. A one time membership fee of \$50 (this is the amount our current associate members have paid).
2. Read Cohousing by McCamant & Durrett, which is available at the Pitkin County Library.
3. Attend at least four Cohousing activities before lottery is held.
These activities shall include:
 - General Meetings
 - Committee Meetings
 - Dinner help
 - Special projects

Associate members shall be responsible for keeping informed of upcoming events by checking the bulletin board or calling Common Ground at 920-3388.

All associate members and the Housing Authority shall be informed by Common Ground if a unit becomes available.