

A diverse and intergenerational up-and-coming Bay Area community to be located in Fremont, California



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## The White Picket Fence

By CohoUS Executive Director Trish Becker



"This past weekend, I found myself immersed in the rewarding but ironic task of painting the white picket fence outside of my home. The white picket fence is a symbol often used to represent the traditional American dream – privacy, individualism, exclusion.

It's a symbol I have used myself, when writing about the outdated ideal of isolated living, so the task felt especially misaligned. And yet, it reminded me of a crucial principle that cohousing embodies – sometimes, in order to bring about change, we must walk with one foot in the mainstream.

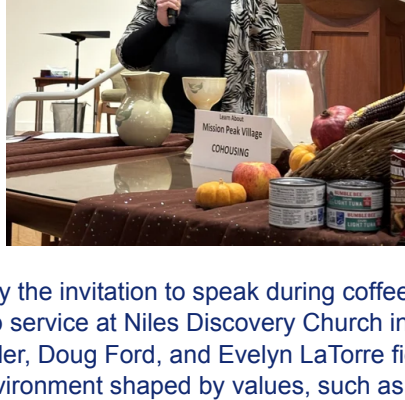
*'Our communities offer a blueprint for creating relationships, shared resources, and a more connected future.'*

Just as I found myself painting a white picket fence, we, as advocates of cohousing, often find ourselves navigating the broader culture of individualism. The beauty of this paradox is that it reflects the very essence of cohousing: the art of balancing the desire for private homes with the essential need for human connection.

Cohousing is a movement that exists just at fringe of mainstream society, demonstrating a viable alternative to the traditional American dream. Our communities offer a blueprint for creating relationships, shared resources, and a more connected future. The white picket fence symbolizes what our society once prioritized, but cohousing communities are living examples of what we can become – a culture of genuine, supportive, and joyful coexistence."

[Read More at CohoUS](#)

## Sharing the Vision for Our Dream Neighborhood at Niles Discovery Church



We were delighted by the invitation to speak during coffee hour in October following the worship service at Niles Discovery Church in Fremont. MPV members Jane Mueller, Doug Ford, and Evelyn LaTorre fielded questions about living in an environment shaped by values, such as sustainability, mutual support, and respect for diversity.

[Learn More About MPV](#)



**Come Learn About What We Are Doing**  
**Thursday, Nov. 9, 6 p.m. PT**  
**via Zoom**

An overview of cohousing, why Fremont is a great place to live, and details of our budding project. Meet some of our members and ask your questions.

Zoom link provided following registration.

[RSVP 11/9](#)

**Tour Our Future Neighborhood**  
**Saturday, Nov. 18, 10:30 am**  
**RSVP For Location**

Get acquainted with the site of our future home and the surrounding neighborhood on our Neighborhood Walk.

Meeting place provided following registration.

[RSVP 11/18](#)

**Coffee & Conversation**  
**Friday, Nov. 24, 2-3 pm**

**Suju's Coffee & Tea: 3602 Thornton Ave., Fremont 94536**

We're building cohousing in Fremont. Come hear about why we think cohousing fits in beautifully with our lively, welcoming hometown.

We get together to chat about cohousing and how it builds a sense of community. Come with questions if you have them! RSVP suggested.

[RSVP 11/24](#)

## Congratulations to a Longtime Community Builder!



After 30 years of serving up favorites to locals and Fremont visitors, Mission Coffee Roasting Co. owner Gael Stewart is retiring this month. Her business came to be nicknamed "Fremont's Livingroom" because it was a gathering place not only for food and drink, but also for music and lively discussion.

Gael is very much in tune with the spirit we hope to capture in our future Common House. She supported our mission last month by allowing us to use her beautiful space for our own Coffee & Conversation gathering. We will miss her and wish her well!

## "American Neighborhoods Are In Trouble," Writes Bloomberg



*"Real community produces an ecosystem in which every member is deeply embedded, not a collection of relationships that can be picked up and moved if the owners desire it."*

An expert on fragile states around the world turns his gaze toward his own home in a new book, and finds that the US is most vulnerable at the ZIP code level.

The article talks about how American society is in trouble, including how it's impacting our neighborhoods. Can cohousing help remedy this? Absolutely.

Don't miss this fascinating read from [Bloomberg.com](#).

[Read The Article](#)

## Curious About Cohousing? Become a Mission Peak Village Explorer!

When you become an Explorer, we throw open the doors for you! You have access to all of our meetings and social events. You will learn more about our mission and values, the status of the community's development and investment structure, how to reserve a home and any other questions you may have. This is your opportunity to fully explore the value of living at Mission Peak Village!

[Contact us](#) for more information and to become an Explorer today!

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## Questions about Mission Peak Village?

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