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



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# **Envisioning Our Future Homes**

### **The Excitement of Making Design Choices**



Our project continues momentum as we've reached the Design Development stage where members have been busy providing input to our developer and architects.

July and August saw us make choices in flooring, countertops, and cabinetry. We also looked at the layout of the Common House kitchen, thinking through how to create a space that can efficiently accommodate several cooks and food preppers. MPV Explorer Becca, who is also a veteran user of shared kitchen space while living in a student co-op at U.C. Berkeley, recommended that we include an extra-long pull-out faucet hose to facilitate clean up. One of the beautiful things about cohousing is that everyone has a voice; it has been amazing hearing everyone's great ideas for our future community!

"Making these decisions is a lot of fun," remarks Jane Mueller. "It makes our move-in date seem much closer."

Members and Explorers reconvene this month to take a closer look at the location of dishwashers in our individual homes, the placement of patio doors and windows on the first level, and more Common House features. If you are thinking of becoming an Explorer, now is a great time to do so as your input will become part of our future homes! Contact us today.



# Members Get Involved in Summer Community Events



Photo: MPV Member Sandi Pantages hands out flowers during this year's Welcome Teacher Day

### Welcoming Teachers on First Day of School

Fremont resident Dirk Lorenz retired last year as proprietor of Fremont Flowers, but he didn't want to retire from the 25-year tradition at his flower shop, Welcome Teacher Day. On that day, elementary school students can pick up flowers to take to their teachers on the first day of school.

This year, Washington Hospital Healthcare System co-sponsored the event, which Dirk held in the hospital parking lot. Mission Peak member Sandi Pantages was on hand to help Dirk keep the tradition alive.

"It's just fun to interact with the kids and hear their excitement about going back to school," said Sandi.

This year, 1,200 carnations were handed out via drive-thru for teachers across the city. Sandi also volunteers with the Fremont Education Foundation. Thanks for all you do for the Fremont community, Sandi!



Photo: Malini Kumar, Tri-City Ecology Member, helping serve lemonade.

#### **Serving Lemonade to Thirsty Fairgoers**

Each August, when Fremont's Festival of the Arts rolls around, you can be sure that our Caroline Harris will be recruiting volunteers for the Tri-City Ecology Center lemonade booth. Several MPV Members participated in this year's event, but perhaps the busiest volunteers turned out to be our high school student Espie and two of her friends. They sold so much lemonade, the ecology center had to run out and get more supplies!



#### **Come Learn About What We Are Doing** Thursday, Sept. 14, 6-7 pm PT via Zoom

An overview of the cohousing concept, the reason Fremont is such a great place to live, and details of our blossoming project. You'll have the opportunity to meet some of our community members and ask your burning questions. **RSVP today!** Zoom link provided following registration.



#### **Tour Our Future Neighborhood** Sunday, Oct. 1, 10:30 am. Location TBD.

Get acquainted with the site of our future home and the surrounding neighborhood on our Neighborhood Walk. Member Caroline Harris, who already lives nearby, will conduct the tour and share her knowledge of local history, walking and bike trails, parks, services and shopping, and entertainment resources. She will also take us along the path to the future BART station, which is scheduled to open within a half mile.

Afterward, we will gather at Hops and Beans Café for refreshments and conversation. Join us! Location provided following registration.



# Visit Us at the Mission Peak Unitarian Universalist Fall Fair

Saturday, Sept. 23 from 1-3 pm Cole Hall, 2950 Washington Blvd, Fremont, CA, 94539

Come say "Hi!" to us at the Mission Peak Unitarian Universalist Fall Fair on Saturday, Sept. 23rd. Members will be on-site to tell you about our project, the many benefits of cohousing, and to answer any questions you have. See you there!

### **Can't Make a Scheduled Event?** No worries! We can accommodate personal visits.

If you can't make one of our events, are in town for a day, or would just prefer to chat over coffee, let us know! We are happy to arrange a visit on your schedule.



# Finding Happiness at Happy Hour!



MPV members enjoy food, cocktails, and good conversation among fellow members, prospective Explorers, and Special Guest Shelly Parks (center, blue shirt)!

One Friday last month, we rounded up some prospective members for a happy hour at Jack's Brewing Company so that they could meet Shelly Parks, a resident of Skagit Cohousing in Anacortes, WA and <u>cohousing professional</u>. As a bonus, we also got a visit from Neil Planchon of Swan's Market Cohousing in Oakland. It was wonderful for all of us - members and prospects alike - to hear stories about the cohousing experience from residents of two different communities (a very new one and a long-established one).

We all enjoyed the opportunity to chat with both prospective and current cohousers! Members also enjoyed winding up the week by visiting with each other.

## 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!

Become an Explorer



# Questions about Mission Peak Village?

Call Kelli at **510-413-8446** or **email us** for more information.



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