Alternative Housing

TESTING NEW MODELS IN GREATER BOSTON

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Micro-housing

1047 COMMONWEALTH AVE 180 MICRO-UNITS, AMENITY SPACE, GRAPHICS
Co-Housing

BAY STATE COMMONS URBAN COHOUSING 30 HOUSEHOLD BUILDING WITH 30 FULL UNITS + COMMON LIVING
U.K. Appoints a Minister for Loneliness

Tracey Crouch, left, Britain's under-secretary for sport and civil society, is to coordinate the government's response to loneliness. — Stéphane Payot/EyeEm Images for Sport England

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Cohousing communities help prevent social isolation

Groups in Denmark and the U.S. are choosing to live in intentionally

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In Retiree Housing, Talking About Multigenerations

By PHYLLIS KORKKI    MARCH 12, 2013

Cohousing can benefit both older adults, young families

Intergenerational cohousing in which residents share meals and chores not only can benefit older adults but also aid young families who may need help from their neighbors when juggling work and family, said Lisa Berkman, Thomas D. Cabot Professor of Policy, Epidemiology, and Global Health and Population and director of the Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies. Berkman was interviewed on PBS NewsHour Weekend on February 12, 2017.

Singles, couples, retirees, and families with children living in a shared community can help counter negative effects of social isolation, Berkman said. “People who are very isolated, who are disconnected, have a mortality rate that’s about three times as high. That is, they’re about three times as likely to die over maybe a decade, as people who have many, many more ties,” she said.

The PBS NewsHour Weekend program features life at Saettedammen, a 46-year-old cohousing community in Denmark. The Cohousing Association of America estimates there are about 150 such communities in the U.S., according to the program.

Watch the PBS NewsHour Weekend story: Cohousing communities help prevent social isolation

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Cohousing communities are intentional, collaborative neighborhoods created with a little ingenuity. They bring together the value of private homes with the benefits of more sustainable living. Residents actively participate in the design and operation of their neighborhoods, and share common facilities and good connections with neighbors. All in all, they stand as innovative and sustainable answers to today’s environmental and social problems. Welcome home.
note different roofline readings

ORIGINAL VILLAGE

VILLAGE 2.0

VILLAGE 3.0

DUTCH VILLAGE