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As the summer continues, so do the clubs at the branch. The intermediate French group continues to meet each Tuesday at the library at 2:00 p.m. and all are welcome to join in. The evening book club invites new members to join them as well. The club meets the first Thursday evening of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Should you have any questions, want to order a book, or have any comments about the library, we invite you to contact us. E-mail: crenaud@peclibrary.org or call the branch at 476-4130.

Looking forward to seeing you in the library soon!

## **Library Hours**

Tuesdays from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. Thursdays from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



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The County PNG reports that typical Cohousing communities can be home to intergenerational mixes of singles, couples, elders and families with children. In the County, however, there seems most interest among retirees who are very concerned about downsizing and the advantages of aging in place.

In addition to its social benefits, Cohousing offers a refreshingly democratic arrangement where would-be residents participate in the planning, design and development of the project. Being of one mind on environmental issues, everyone involved endorses environmentally friendly construction options as far as finances will permit.

Once it is up and running residents would have a voice in the ongoing management and maintenance of their community.

With the evolution of the Cohousing concept over the last thirty years, there has been a trend towards smaller individual houses, often ranging from 600-1,200 square feet in size, while at the same time Common Houses have grown significantly in size as residents realize that it is more fun to do things together than on their own.

The Common House really serves as the hub of the community, and its space replaces much of the space that we think we need at home.

In an effort to determine the costs of the project, the County PNG has been actively consulting with architects, municipal officials, and real estate agents. Trying not to reinvent the wheel, they are also taking the advice of already established Cohousing communities seriously. When it comes to finances, the cost of Cohousing is typically close to market value, but an exceptional bonus is that for their money residents also share ownership in the Common House.

A small number of subsidized units do exist in some developments. These help Cohousing planners to include some lower income participants and they also encourage the financial participation of various lending sources. In general, Cohousing clusters have excellent resale value, with waiting lists for some.

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