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Oakcreek Cohousing

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Finally, just after 2025 New Year, winter did arrive at Oakcreek here in sunny Stillwater, OK. A gentle freezing mist left a variety of ice sculptures around our homes.

Through November our community of co-housers were still outdoors managing our seven and one-half acres of LEAVES! Fortunately, again the OSU students joined us in our extensive leaf management, raised bed moving, and composting chores.



There were stream bridges to be painted before winter, following heavy fall rain.

A number of neighbors enjoyed the outdoor activity—and later enjoyed noticing wildlife tracks in the wet green paint.









Barely cool enough for jackets, neighbors gathered around the fire pit for music, conversation and cider. Having 30+ close neighbors in Oakcreek's cohousing complex enables spur of the moment gatherings when the mood -- and the weather -- allow.

One of Oakcreek's boundaries is Stillwater's Kameoka Trail, which requires regular maintenance. Joining other community members on a regular clean up day allows for interaction with like minded environmentalists. It's amazing -- the amount of litter that accumulates in just a few months.





CPR and AED training is offered annually to those willing to maintain their proficiency. In Senior Cohousing, we're aware that health emergencies could arise at any time, and we want to be available and trained to assist each other.

The goal is to stay healthy and continue enjoying that annual slice of birthday cake. (We won't count the candles, but it's pretty impressive!!)

















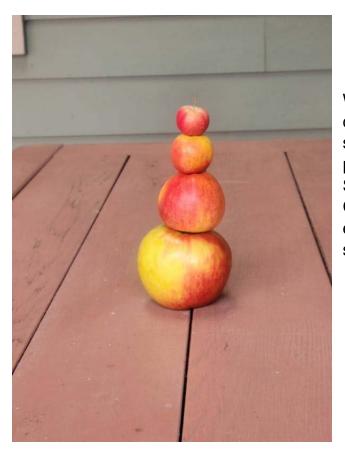












When planning holiday activities, the decision was to keep things spontaneous -- so no big planned parties. There were celebrations of Stacked Apple Day, Chocolate Covered Anything Day, Sangria Day, etc. Our neighborhood chefs really stepped up!







Winter solstice was celebrated with a walk through the community's labyrinth at sunset on December 21. Another time for everyone to gather for cider!





Decorating the common house tree, and hanging Christmas and Hanukkah lights on our porch rails, got us into the mood for holidays. Never mind that the temps were still in the mid 60's.









Neighbors gathered to light the menorah, in a beautiful ceremony.





New Year's Day Lucky Food Potluck









WELCOME HILARY and SUSAN

Now we're kicking off the new year by welcoming two new Oakcreek homeowners, recently arrived from Nevada. Getting acquainted and helping them get oriented to Stillwater and cohousing will provide enjoyment and occupy our time until summer at least!



And here's our inflatable wish for a Happy New Year to all of you. (Seen in an amazing neighborhood yard display.)

We wish you health and happiness throughout 2025!



As always, Oakcreek would love to have you visit. Just contact us to schedule a time. If you have an interest in hearing more about Oakcreek and cohousing in general, please ask to be placed on our Interested List. You will receive more detailed information about life at Oakcreek, and will be among the first to hear about Homes Available. If you're already receiving Interested List mailings, there's no need to re-list yourself.

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