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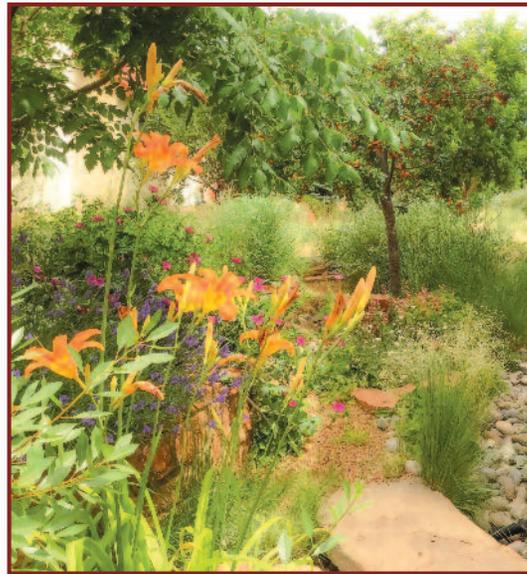
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## *Green Initiatives*

Residents express their vision for a sustainable world in diverse ways, from efforts as basic as recycling, water harvesting, composting, and organic gardening, to more complex technologies such as solar arrays and electric cars. Our former car-sharing group experimented with strategies for carbon reduction by collectively leasing and operating an electric car.

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or to experience firsthand  
who and what we are, contact:*

  
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## *Elder Cohousing*

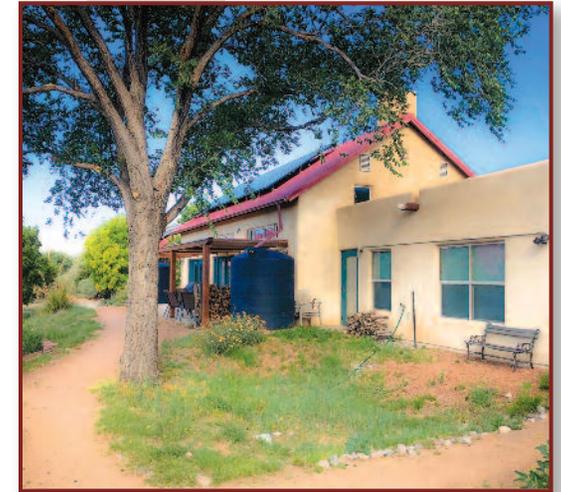
COHOUSING COMMUNITIES are founded on the idea of participatory design and operation. Residents collaborate on all aspects of common use and management, and are consciously committed to living as a community.

INDIVIDUAL HOMES are clustered around an open space and common house. Each home is completely self-sufficient and self-maintained, including its personal outdoor areas, while common areas are managed by members as a community.

WHILE MOST cohousing communities are multi-generational, Sand River is one of the few in the United States specifically for elders. The concept of elder cohousing has its roots in Denmark, where such communities are common.



**SAND RIVER  
COHOUSING**



*Participatory • Active  
Green • Sustainable*

*An award-winning 55+ community,  
grounded in the principles  
of cooperation, self-governance,  
environmental stewardship,  
and a connection to Place.*



# Life at Sand River

WE WORK AND PLAY, striving to actively engage in community—with one another and with the hands-on business of operating a viable cohousing village. In addition to monthly community meetings, which serve as a forum for information sharing and decision-making, various teams—such as Landscape, Meals, Well Being, and Buildings & Grounds—plan and execute their responsibilities in line with their missions, sometimes with assistance from the rest of the community.

THE COMMON HOUSE is the heart of Sand River. It is where we conduct our meetings and town halls, prepare and share meals, take a holistic class, enjoy live concerts, share coffee on the portal on summer mornings, and engage in fireside chats in the winter.

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS who wish to join us in realizing our values and goals for a cooperative and sustainable community and world. We encourage those interested in participating in Sand River to check our For Sale page frequently for current home sale listings by going to: [sandriver.org/for-sale.html](http://sandriver.org/for-sale.html)



## Who We Are

In dedicating ourselves to lifelong personal growth, friendship, respect for the environment, and service to others, we aspire to embody the following values:

**Wisdom.** We respect the diversity of paths to personal growth. Deepening our connections to the natural world and others in the place that we live is a significant part of conscious aging.

**Community.** We live in an egalitarian community and use consensus or supermajority vote to guide our decision making. We have created a peaceful, aesthetically pleasing environment that nurtures a sense of connection and individual contentment.

**Friendship.** We value one another and the expression of mutual caring. We cherish and celebrate our diverse origins, joys, talents, beliefs, and life experiences.

**Environment.** We affirm a sustainable future by conserving resources and striving to live ever more lightly on the Earth.

**Service.** We offer service to the larger community both as individuals and as representatives of Sand River.

## Living Green

SAND RIVER IS A LEED\* community with the following sustainable design features:

- Universal design • Permeable paths and trails
- Accessible public transportation
- Community open space
- Water-saving features • Rainwater harvesting
- Native plants and trees
- Passive solar orientation
- In-floor radiant heat
- Healthy indoor air quality
- Energy-Star qualified
- 30% more energy efficient
- Low e windows • Blown-in cellulose insulation
- Photovoltaic-ready hookups

\*Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design



THE HOUSING TRUST, the nonprofit developer of Sand River, is dedicated to improving lives through affordable-housing options.