

## Daybreak Cohousing open house planned

### Construction project in Portland's Overlook neighborhood has a community focus

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**Daybreak Cohousing**, a new Portland project designed to encourage residents to live sustainably in a small community, will host a public tour from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday at 2525 N. Killingsworth St., between North Wilbur and North Delaware streets.

Daybreak Cohousing was designed by Schemata Workshop of Seattle to be a dense, urban community in North Portland's **Overlook neighborhood**. The project is built on a two-thirds acre site and will be completed this fall. A model unit will be on display at Saturday's event.

A 7,000-square-foot common house will be situated in the southeast corner of the property. Daybreak residents will be able to share meals and gather in large groups in the great room of the common house. There will also be a café and an informal space, as well as a large kitchen and living room with a fireplace. A kids room will have acoustic walls and a family room will be available for playing music.

The common house will also have a spiritual space designed for meditation, Bible study and yoga, and two guest rooms with a shared bathroom.

The basement of the common house will have a home bicycle shop and storage for more than 80 bikes.

The development is built to incorporate a large, 50-year-old maple tree. Units were designed for optimal solar orientation and shading, natural cooling and ventilation. It will have an on-site storm water management system.

Each of Daybreak's 30 units will sell for between \$220,000 and \$415,000. About one-third of the units have sold.

The \$9.5 million development is being built by B&G Builders. In January it was named one of the nation's "Top 10 green cohousing developments" by **Natural Home magazine**.

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