

HOME NOTES

Connecting homeowners and home seekers to create affordable, satisfying housing opportunities, allowing people to continue to call Woodstock their home.



HOUSING OPPORTUNITY PROFILES

Are you looking for affordable housing? Do you have a home to share? Here are some profiles of active home providers and home seekers in our program.

- Looking for a private cottage for one? Homeowners in Woodstock are offering a separate cottage on their property and seek a female home sharer who can provide about 5 hours of help per week with some driving, shopping, housework and assistance in the garden.
- [Do you own an RV or tiny house? Could you help with some construction and garden work? We have a homeowner who has a hook-up for either on their property in Saugerties. Someone in the green building or clean energy field is preferred.](#)
- A female artist is looking to return to Woodstock and seeks a living space ideally with a private entrance. She is happy to provide 5-10 hours per week of service helping with pet care, gardening, interior painting and to share meals and companionship with the homeowner.
- [Thinking about sharing a home with a co-worker or friend? We just got a lovely 3 BR home in Saugerties from a home owner who wants to help someone who needs a nice place to live.](#)

For further information about applying to HomeShare Woodstock call or email us for an application.

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Who is our ideal Home Provider or Home Seeker? You might be!

HomeShare Providers come in all ages, genders, nationalities and personalities. Providers can be single, a couple or family. Our ideal HomeShare Provider should be willing to make a change in their life and would welcome building a relationship of trust and respect with a new person. Home Seekers are also a varied group. Our Ideal Home Seeker is similar - except that they need to find a home they can afford. Some are still working, some retired. Some are artists, others students. All have limited incomes and hope, through home sharing, to be able to save some extra funds for their next step in life. The ideal Home Sharer is flexible and helpful but also independent and self-reliant. Both Homeshare Providers and Home Seekers need to be understanding of issues that may arise and, at the same time, be able to set good personal boundaries and respect others.

What is HomeShare Woodstock and How Does it Work? HomeShare Woodstock grew out of our town's need to find housing that would be affordable to people ... (continued on page 2)



RECENT NEWS

Over the next few months you will see the face of HomeShare Woodstock at tabling events at area farmer's markets, libraries, senior centers and community celebrations as we continue to spread the word about our program. Stop by our table and learn about how homesharing might be an option for you.

UPCOMING:

Sat. June 10, 7:30-9:30pm | Bookfest Story Slam

Maverick Concerts, Maverick Road, Woodstock

Wed. June 14, 3-7pm | Woodstock Farm Fest

Mountainview Parking Lot, Rock City Road, Woodstock



Image: Susan Goldman and Katherine Tegen representing HomeShare Woodstock and the Woodstock Housing Committee, Earth Day celebration 2023.

SAVE THE DATE:

**Tue. May 30, 6:30pm | Woodstock Community Center,
56 Rock City Road, Woodstock**

The Woodstock Housing Committee invites you to be part of a discussion of zoning revisions and how you can support making the housing we need a reality.

CONTACT US

Want to learn more about HomeShare Woodstock? We are available to come speak to your group or organization. Just give us a call!

Know someone who needs housing or would like to share their home - please share this newsletter with them!



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with limited incomes. At the same time, it is an opportunity, different than other housing initiatives, to help people who own their homes to remain in them. People who live with others enjoy increased peace of mind, better health outcomes and report feeling less anxious.

Here's an example of how the process looks:

Rob is retired and in his late 60s. He worked for many years as a landscape gardener and carpenter. He loves to cook too. His social security of \$1,200 a month can only afford him rent and utilities totaling \$400.00.

Julia and Rob were introduced by a trained HomeShare Woodstock volunteer after completing initial Applications, Intake Interviews, and Reference and Background checks. When they met, they discussed their lifestyle preferences, interests and needs. They met again on their own and then decided to enter into a two-week trial match. In that period, they communicated easily and Rob was able to suggest a plan to repair her porch. He even cooked dinner one night!

The trial match was successful and they created a full agreement, outlining cash payments (\$400 rent) and tasks. HomeShare Woodstock's Match Coordinator checks in periodically to make sure it is all going as agreed. Rob has a secure affordable living situation and feels good using his skills to help Julia. Julia is happy to have some help in her home, plus monthly income. Best of all, and a surprise to each, they enjoy each other's company. Each is able to maintain privacy and occasionally they plan a meal together.

And because things change... HomeShare Woodstock's Match Coordinator is available should the Match need to be adapted or terminated.



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