

HOME NOTES

Connecting home providers and home seekers to help people remain in their communities, strengthen bonds between neighbors, and create mutually beneficial, affordable housing solutions.



NEW OPPORTUNITIES

HomeShare Woodstock is careful to take time to ensure the best match possible. Through our intake interview and thorough vetting process we match home sharers based on mutual interests, needs and lifestyles. Here are some of our current housing opportunities. When you apply you will be completing an application for the Home Share Woodstock program and not a specific home.

- This older gentleman has a late 19th century home in Bearsville. The available space is a bedroom with a shared bathroom. He doesn't need help but would love some company!
- Generous and sociable, this semi-retired therapist seeks a quiet sharer who can use occasional help with outdoor tasks like moving wood and changing the water filter. Her home is in a wooded area with a pond in Saugerties and the available space includes 2 rooms upstairs with a half-bath (full bath is shared with home owner on first floor).
- HomeShare Woodstock is in the process of adding 3+ new properties. Be on the lookout for them next time as well as others we will have added! It's Spring!

And we have terrific Seekers too!

- Our Seekers include a number of mature adults with solid skills – carpentry, computer assistance and gardening experience. They are caring, helpful artists, musicians, local employees and retired professionals. What they lack is a nice place to live that is affordable. Could you benefit from having someone living in your home or cottage?

For an application contact us at homesharewoodstock@fowinc.org or call 845.679.2485

The Homeshare program offered by Family of Woodstock has proven to be a resounding success for both myself and my new housemate. I am particularly grateful for the program's support in facilitating the creation of a comprehensive contract/agreement and guiding us through the entire process. The assistance provided to both parties in navigating this crucial step was invaluable.

- Home Sharer, Whittenberg, NY

MATCH PROFILES

Home Share Woodstock has been busy making Matches. To date we have six active Matches benefiting fourteen people. Every Match is unique. Some people are sharing the same home and share meals and social time together. Some home sharers live in a separate cottage on the home provider's property and help with yardwork, running errands or pet care. All report that their home sharing experience is even better than anticipated!

Here is some information about our current Matches:



- Number of Current Active Matches: 6**
- Number of People Benefitting from Matches: 14**
- Average Monthly Rent: \$550.**
- Length of longest Match to date: 9 months**
- Average age of Home Provider: 75**
- Average age of Home Seeker: 47**
- Towns where we currently have Matches: Mt. Tremper, Olivebridge, Saugerties, Woodstock and Bearsville**
- Participant Satisfaction: Excellent!** (see the shared testimonials from our current home sharers included in this newsletter)

SUPPORT AFFORDABLE HOUSING



Assembly Bill A7496
Authorizes cities and towns, except a city with a population of one million or more, to establish housing funds; authorize such cities and towns to impose a real estate transfer tax with revenues to be deposited in such funds. (See also Senate Bill S7689)

This bill has been introduced and is currently in committee assembly. Here's how you can help - contact your State Senator to express your support of this bill. It's a great way to create needed funds to help support affordable housing solutions.

To find your State Senator [click here](#)
 To find your Assembly Representative [click here](#)

Being given this opportunity was a dream come true, a space for me to live for a time, free of crushing financial pressure, in order to contemplate and prepare for my next move. I'm so thankful to the generous people who gave of their time to organize this program.
 -HomeSharer, Woodstock

ON THE RADIO



HomeShare Woodstock will be on the radio!

We are thrilled to talk about home sharing on two upcoming radio programs this month. Please tune in to **Radio Kingston at 1490 AM, 107.9FM, radiokingston.org**

April 4 @ 10am / La Voz with Mariel Fiori - Guests: Janice La Motta, HomeShare Woodstock, Program Director and home sharer Andrea Rodriguez.

April 8 @ 8pm / Planet Seniors with Rita Vanacore - Guests: Bartek Starodaj, Director of Housing Initiatives for the City of Kingston, Susan Goldman, Volunteer Coordinator, HomeShare Woodstock and Janice La Motta, HomeShare Woodstock Program Director.

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KINGSTON SURVEY

Family of Woodstock, HomeShare Woodstock and the Kingston Housing Task Force wish to thank all of the Kingston residents who responded to our survey to gauge the interest in bringing a home sharing program to the City of Kingston.

We had 131 responses!
 100 of those respondents believe that a home sharing program could be part of the solution for Kingston's current housing emergency. We will share the survey results with you over the next few weeks. Meantime, tune in to Radio Kingston on April 8th @ 8pm for a conversation about the home sharing program coming to Kingston. (see On The Radio below)

Thank you for your participation!

CONTACT US

- Want to learn more about HomeShare Woodstock? We are available to come speak to your group or organization.
- Are you considering home sharing? We are happy to answer your questions and to provide you with an application.
- Know someone who needs housing or would like to share their home? Please share this newsletter with them!

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Happy Spring !!!