



# SpiritServ Community Newsletter

## Senior Cohousing

Roanoke VA

AUG/SEPT 2017

**MISSION:** *We are Christian senior persons of peace, rooted in love. To grow in this vision, we live an ecumenical co-housing existence. Co-housing enhances each individual's ability to discern changing roles of service according to the need of the present moment within the established community.*

*Our neighborhood concept includes both private home ownership and rental properties. This neighborhood dimension respects personal privacy, shows sensitivity to environmental concerns and considers special needs accommodations. In sum, we seek to live simplified independent lives of reflection where we are available for each other.*

### Signed Offer to purchase land Today Monday Aug 7      **Yes**

Today we formalized our offer on the new site at 4000 Cove road a much better location!

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!! (Signed on since July 2017)



Adrian Aaron

Maureen Aaron's brother from Martinsville is 59 years old, born and raised in Singapore. He is single and is the youngest of 6 children. He devoted the bulk of his life taking care of his parents until their death. He has lived in Martinsville for the last 5 years.

Waiting for  
Picture

Larry & Cynthia  
Pelkowski

Larry & Cynthia, formerly of Atlanta, got to know about SpiritServ co-housing from Maureen Aaron after attending Mass in St Andrew's Catholic church. They signed up to be part of the SpiritServ group after reading the mission statement and talking to Paul. In the transition of house closing in Atlanta, they are temporarily living in Illinois closer to their daughter and family, but try to attend meetings in Roanoke whenever they can and communicate by email, and/or phone. (Will have more info in future)



Sharon Boone

Sharon Boone is excited to be part of the SpiritServe Community. She is single and works as a direct support professional in a group home with five gentlemen with developmental disabilities. She has 2 children and 3 grandchildren and they are very excited about her "downsizing" now so they won't have to do it in a few years! Sharon is active in her church, plays guitar (a little) and loves to sing. She is a member of the Emmaus community and loves being involved with them but is also very happy to be meeting new friends and co-housing partners for the next big adventure of her lifetime. She says she is looking forward to the future and all the possibilities it may hold.



Gayle Stoner

For 20 years, Gayle has been a facilitator for leadership education, mediation, teambuilding and a guide in experiential adventure travel. Most recently, Gayle has supported adults with special needs to realize an enriched and healthy lifestyle.

Gayle found SpiritServ through a member and joined us immediately. She says that she was attracted to a group who are motivated to live meaningful lives while aging in service to the community. "Making a difference for others keeps me joyfully alive."



Gail Burruss

Gail Burruss retired from Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare as the Director of Adult Clinical Services. She is a Licensed Professional Counselor. Gail serves as a community volunteer in a variety of ways, including as a Commissioner for the Roanoke Redevelopment and Housing Authority, teaching the course on substance disorders for Crisis Intervention Team training for first responders, serving on the treatment team for the therapeutic docket of the General District Court, and as a Board member of the Cultural Arts for Excellence, an after-school program for at-risk middle-school youth. She is a member of Unity of Roanoke Valley.

Gail has been familiar with co-housing for at least a decade, and hoped that an opportunity would become available in the Roanoke Valley. She is enthused about the values of SpiritServ, the possibilities for aging in place, and the emphasis on community while respecting privacy. She looks forward to participating in the development of this co-housing community.



SUMMER TIME!! Nothing beats fun times with family at the beach. In addition to walking the beach, swimming, and beach chair sitting while talking to my family, I love flying a kite. It is exhilarating to see that kite soar up in the sky.

The members of Spiritserv community have been busy all summer and have achieved the following:

1. Participated in manning the Spiritserv exhibit booth in the Salem Fair in July for outreach to the community and attract more members.
2. Formed committees like the finance/legal committee, bylaws, common house, activities, membership/advertising/website committee, and the newsletter. The finance committee had their first meeting, and the bylaws committee have scheduled theirs.
3. Members looked at a new land site off of Cove Rd not too far from the former site. Paul is submitting a purchase contract.

**Plus**

Read a book, sip iced tea and lemonade, walk the greenways, watch movies, grill hot dogs and burgers- just a few of the daily activities some of us retired members are enjoying this summer.

***HAPPY BIRTHDAY to ALLAN RHODES and SHARON BOONE whose birthdays are in September !!***

**Project Schedule:**

2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Purchase land &amp; collect on pledges and more purchaser pledge households</li> <li>● Authorize Balzer to do final Site Plan including workshop</li> <li>● Design Common House including workshop</li> </ul>
<b>2018</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Owners select home, pick options and order house</li> <li>● Start on site work (roads &amp; utilities)</li> <li>● <b>Finish Site work so homes can be delivered</b></li> <li>● <b>Deliver homes (1st home delivered fall 2018)</b></li> <li>● <b>Build Common House &amp; complete last home</b></li> <li>● <b>Finalize landscaping</b></li> </ul>

# August September 2017

# SpiritServ **Public** Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6-Aug	7-Aug Introduction Meeting 1pm	8-Aug	9-Aug	10-Aug	11-Aug Site Tour 9am	12-Aug
13-Aug	14-Aug Introduction Meeting 6:30 pm	15-Aug	16-Aug	17-Aug 2PM Trip to ElderSpirit I-81 exit 140	18-Aug Site Tour 9am	19-Aug
20-Aug	21-Aug Introduction Meeting 1 pm	22-Aug 2PM Trip to ElderSpirit I-81 exit 140	23-Aug Site Tour 9am	24-Aug	25-Aug	26-Aug Pot Luck 4PM and Monthly
27-Aug	28-Aug Introduction Meeting 6:30pm	29-Aug	30-Aug	31-Aug	1-Sep	2-Sep
3-Sep	4-Sep LABOR DAY	5-Sep	6-Sep	7-Sep	8-Sep	9-Sep
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*Notes: RSVP for any trips 3 days early to Paul cell: 520-4937, Office: 540-989-9512*

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PS SpiritServ website is has some 2 to 9 min videos, CHECK THEM OUT!

PSS: If you couldn't make one of the meetings, but wanted to, call or e-mail Paul.

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