Community Values

SUSTAINABLE LIFESTYLE AND ABUNDANCE
Moving toward a more sustainable lifestyle; we share many resources such as childcare, tools, and expertise. We recycle, repair, reuse, and practice patterns of cooperative living together. We live out of a sense of abundance and therefore approach community with the understanding that getting enough is more important than "counting beans" to ensure exact equality.

SHARED RESPONSIBILITY AND CONTRIBUTION
Creativity and engagement emerges in community from the individual passion of members. For community to work well, each of us adds our life skills and experience to the mix. We choose how and to what degree we contribute and events take place daily that beckon us to be an integral part of community.

LIFELONG LEARNING
Living together as a interactive, multi-generational community allows and encourages us to continue learning from each other daily. When any of our values become thread-bare, we look for ways of reweaving our practices.

WELCOMING DIVERSITY'S
We respect and celebrate each life within our community and those whose paths brings them to our doors, honoring people for who they are.

HONORING INDIVIDUAL, FAMILY, AND COMMUNITY LIFE
Balancing the many dimensions of our lives is a major challenge. For the continued well-being and growth of the community as a whole, we understand the importance of gathering, the need for solitude and reflection as individuals, and family time.

SUPPORTING SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT
Coming from various backgrounds, we have a wide range spiritual beliefs and patterns in our lives (including those who don't adhere to any practice). As a community we try to encourage and assist each other in pursuing our individual life paths.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH
We are part of a larger neighborhood and global network, participating as individual, small groups or as community in various ways.

September 2019

GREATER NEIGHBORHOOD OF SONGAIA
NON-RESIDENT ASSOCIATE PROGRAM GUIDELINES

Application and Acceptance procedure:

1. Take a tour and obtain an Associate program application packet.
2. Locate a sponsor. Sponsors help potential associates connect with the community, invite and find a host for them to community events, and help them and complete items 1,2, and 4.
3. Pass a background check for which applicant pays cost payable to The Greater Neighborhood at Songaia please contact membership coordinator for current cost. Please provide full legal name(s), including other names, birthdate, gender to Membership Coordinator. (membership@songaia.com)
4. Attend six events, at least one being a Monday night dinner, including a variety of celebrations, meetings and shared meals within a 9 month period.
5. Write a Letter of Intent* (to be posted on the Café board once application is accepted.) Please submit your letter to Membership Coordinator. (membership@songaia.com)
6. Attend an orientation session after 1-3 and 5 above and a few events have been completed.
7. Submit completed check list, letter of intent, and picture to Orientations Coordinator This packet is forwarded to GN officers for review and acceptance.
8. Attend an Intro. / Q&A session after acceptance of packet.(typically the next Neighborhood meeting after application is accepted.) Letter of intent and picture posted on Café bulletin board prior to this date.
9. The membership final decision is processed by consensus via decision board, which takes 2 weeks after proposal is posted. The proposal is posted after the Q&A/Intro. session.

Membership benefits and responsibilities can be found here.

Current fees for the Greater Neighborhood can be found here. select the 3rd Sheet from the left on the bottom “GN Associate fees”.

Footnotes:

* Please read through the Songaia values included in this packet. Please include the following in your letter:

- Date and what level of associate you are applying for.
- List some specific things you are interested in. Some possible examples are: what hobbies and interests do you have, where you grew up, size of your family where they live etc. (The purpose is to help others have a connection to you and maybe a common point to help in getting to know you.)
- What are your hopes and expectations with respect to being associated with the Greater neighborhood? How do these hopes and expectations intersect with Songaia’s values? How do you see yourself contributing to the life of the community.

**Separate guidelines apply to use of Common House office and equipment, pottery co-op and community vehicles, or workshop. Guest rooms, laundry room, or personal storage spaces, pottery Co-op or workshop. These areas are not part of this agreement.

***The **Garden-to-Table Club** is a separate organization. Please see the Garden to Table Club consensus document for guidelines and participation levels. Please note: Part time participation guidelines currently state that you work in one cook or clean up slot for every 5 meals eaten and help out as needed.

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COMMITTEES AND TASK FORCES OF SONGAIA AND GREATER NEIGHBORHOOD

BOARD OF DIRECTORS	Scope
SONGAIA ASSOCIATION	
SONGAIA ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS and OFFICERS *President:* Phil *Vice Pres.:* Masanda *Archivist:* Patricia *Treasurer:* David *BookKeeper: Barb*	*Songaia Association (HOA) Board of Director issues and policies, annual meeting planning (contracts, legal, financial issues relating to Songaia Assoc. budget), New members, notification to sell a Songaia Unit.* *Questions go to* ***officers@songaia.com***
GREATER NEIGHBORHOOD	
Greater Neighborhood Board of Directors and officers *President:* Jeremy *Vice Pres.:* Chris *Secretary:* Zarifah *Treasurer: Helen* *Bookkeeper:* Barb	*Greater neighborhood (HOA) umbrella organization issues, GN association budget, Non-resident Associates program, GN neighborhood policies.* *Questions go to* ***gnofficers@songaia.com***
GARDEN TO TABLE CLUB	
Officers: *President: Susie* *Secretary:* Reuben *Treasurer: Brian* *Bookkeeper:* Zarifah & Lark	*Questions/concerns/comments about garden to table club (common meals) policies, fees to be considered by the G2T club officers. G2T billing issues.* *Questions go to* ***officers@gardentotable.club***

NICA, FIC connection

Committees/ Neighborhood workgroup	***General Scope, fields questions about . . .***
BIOGAIANS	*landscaping, garden, approval for permanent fencing*
CCC (creative Community Coordinators)	*Neighborhood steering committee, third Saturday meeting planning, circle (1st SAT.) planning, helps delegate neighborhood wide issues*
COMMUNITY WORKS	common house space care and space use, furnishings in CH, barn, Consumables – now functioning as a task force.
FACILITIES	*permanent structures on Songaia Association property, changes to units proposals, maintainance and repair issues for the Songaia Association*
FFF (Fabulous Food Folks)	*administering food program, feedback about food program, signing up for work slots, defining job slots*
PREPAREDNESS	*Provides planning, information and resources for preparedness in emergencies. Does not meet regularly.*
T & C (Trust and Communication)	*Trust (works to build trust and cohesion in the neighborhood groups) and Improving communications group,provides support in communicating with the community or just with another person.*
CELEBRANTS/BIRTHDAYS	*celebrants (celebrations, rituals, marking seasons), birthday coordinato*
LAN (local Area Network)	*LAN stands for Local Area Network. Issues concerning hardware software for computer network on Songaia Property and Server*
PIG (permaculture interest group)/ piglets	*Interns and people in the piglet work group (permaculture intention group) who work every week in garden.*

OTHER GROUPS:
Women's group, men's group, meditation group, ad hoc planning groups for retreats, earth Day, thanksgiving, etc.

June 2021

GREATER NEIGHBORHOOD NON-RESIDENT ASSOCATION APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Potential Associate name: _____
Address: _____
Phone:_____ **Email:** _____
Sponsor name: _____
Please complete the following table and email to our Membership Coordinator (membership@songaia.com) when completed.

Item	Date completed	Notes
Initial tour or visit		
Associate packet sent to applicant		
Background check fee paid and completed		
Sponsor chosen		
Attend Monday night dinner (within 9 months of application date)		
Event attended (within 9 months of application date)		
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Letter of Intent sent to Membership Coordinator		
Orientation completed (after background check, Letter of Intent and a few events completed)		
Letter of intent and completed checklist and current photo sent (application) to Membership Coordinator		
Application accepted by GN officers . Letter of intent and photo posted on Café bulletin board		
General meeting Introduction/ Q & A		
Membership Decision processed by Decision Board (coordinated by GN officers)		

Background check: Provide Full legal name and any former names or aliases used. Birthdate, gender and check made out to the Greater Neighborhood at Songaia to GN bookkeeper (currently Barb gnbookkeeper@songaia.com)
LETTER OF INTENT: see Non-resident associate guidelines for more details.
Questions: please contact the membership Coordinator (membership@songaia.com**)**