

CORY-MERRILL

— NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION —



NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2024

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

“ Well, Spring is technically here, but as we seasoned Coloradans know, snow can be expected off and on for weeks. In the meantime, our next big event is the May 8th General Meeting at the Kirk. I have arranged to have our District Attorney, Beth McCann, and our City Councilmember, Paul Kashman, in attendance to speak on issues pertinent to their offices. Also, we will be sponsoring another Spring neighborhood yard/garage sale May 18th and 19th. Local real estate and neighbor, Scott Rogers, will be coordinating. In addition, Food Truck nights will be back starting in June at the Kirk of Bonnie Brae. Hope to see all of soon. Take care and don't plant those gardens until after Mother's Day.

- CHRIS OLSON

Upcoming Neighborhood Events



NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING!

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 8
6:00 PM**

MAIN SANCTUARY
KIRK OF BONNIE BRAE CHURCH
1201 S. STEELE

Speakers to include District Attorney Beth McCann, City Councilmember Paul Kashman

The Cory-Merrill Neighborhood Association convenes four Neighborhood Meetings per year. Speakers from various municipal agencies and community organizations are invited to speak, CMNA's volunteer Board Members offer updates, and Q&A is encouraged. Please bring friends, family & neighbors and join the discussion!

For a recap of the February 7, 2024 Neighborhood Meeting, please see p. 3.

6th Annual Cory-Merrill Neighborhood Yard Sale Brought to you by Scott Rodgers, Realtor with The Peak Results at Orchard www.thepeak.com
Saturday, May 18th - Sunday, May 19th

Spring cleaning time is here and the annual Cory-Merrill Neighborhood Yard Sale offers a great chance to clear out some stuff, meet neighbors, and generate extra cash! Here's how it works: Each home hosts their own yard sale at the time of their choosing. Yard sales are typically active 8am to 3pm each day, but you control your schedule. Place a sign in your yard directing shoppers to your

garage via the alley. The sale is organized by Scott Rodgers, a local Realtor and Cory-Merrill homeowner, who will market it online and place dozens of signs around the neighborhood to promote sales. Scott (303-242-8831) is available to answer any questions. We hope to see you on the list of participating homes this year. For more details and to register visit www.CoryMerrill.com

REGISTER TODAY

Visit www.CoryMerrill.com

Free Registration - Join dozens of participating individual sales

ANNUAL CORY-MERRILL NEIGHBORHOOD YARD SALE

Brought to you by:

SCOTT RODGERS
www.CoryMerrillRealtor.com Lic. 100070676

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

TUESDAY, JUNE 25 *Opening Night!*
PIEROGIES FACTORY / DBT / SWEET COW

TUESDAY, JULY 9
VICKY'S THAI / OG BURGERS / LILY'S LEMON ICE

TUESDAY, JULY 23

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27



CMNA Food Truck Nights* are held at The Kirk of Bonnie Brae Church parking lot / 5-7:30 p.m.

* Subject to change. Check vendors & updates at www.corymerrillneighborhood.com/food-truck-night

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

We are so thankful that The Kirk of Bonnie Brae partners with the CMNA by allowing use of their space.

The Kirk will be selling beer and wine for \$5 / drink to benefit their ministries. To comply with City rules, **no outside alcohol** can be brought onto the Kirk grounds, and no alcohol purchased at the event can be brought off grounds.

Please be respectful of the playground/toys, supervise children at all times, and clean up all trash.

It's going to be a great summer!

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In-District Office Hours Thursdays from 8am-12pm, Pete's University Park Cafe (University & Evans)

Finally, the first day of spring is in reach. With it, and the days that follow, comes the annual burst of new life in our gardens, the blessed shade and fresh color of our urban tree canopy, and the joy of being able to sit outside with friends with both reasonable temps and light lasting ever longer into the evening.

***NEW* PRIORITY YOUTH PUBLIC COMMENT FIRST MONDAYS:** City Council will be adding a check box on its sign up page to indicate "18 or younger" in age. Those speakers will be prioritized to speak first on the First Monday of each month. In the 30 minute session we can usually hear about 10 residents. **YOUTH 18YRS & UNDER:** *Think about a concern in your community that you feel passionate about or that affects you directly, and that is within the responsibilities and jurisdiction of City Council. What would you like to tell City Council about how this impacts you and what solutions you might have to address the issue? What do you want City Council to know about what it is like to be you growing up in Denver? What ideas do you have that can make our city better for you, your peers, your family?* Sign up opens at 11a.m. on Fridays before each Monday General Public Comment Session. Sign up at fs12.formsite.com/qD2eXI/0qwwzzvwog/index.html. After signing up, you can attend and present comments in person in City Council Chambers, 1437 Bannock, 4th floor, or join the meeting via Zoom.

SUPPORT NEW IMMIGRANTS IN DENVER: Denver is home to thousands of migrants, fleeing distressing situations, and we need to do what we can to help get them on their feet and give them opportunity to build a better life. Regardless of your opinions on politics or immigration, there are children sleeping in tents in extreme temperatures all across our city. These local organizations and opportunities need your support:

- The LOVVE Project (supports families at Ellis and now McMeen Elementary Schools) and The Giving Grocery (supports South High School families)
- Newcomer's Fund (all donations go directly to the city's nonprofit partners who are supporting migrants with resource navigation, work authorization, shelter and other services)
- The City of Denver has set up a system to connect potential host families and landlords with vacancies with new immigrants in need of housing. To learn about both programs, visit www.denvergov.org/Community/Assistance-Programs/Newcomer-and-Migrant-Support/Get-Involved

EUGENE FIELD BRANCH LIBRARY: Your friends at the Eugene Field Branch Library would love to see you this spring! We've added an additional Baby Storytime on Mondays at 10:30a.m.! Also, both our Monday and Wednesday Baby Storytimes will now offer play and social time for babies and caregivers immediately following the program. That brings us to four weekly storytimes in addition to our weekly LEGO Club and children's craft programs. For adults, check out our Qi Gong program, explore the Time Traveler's Map of Denver, or join us for a Discover Walk, where this month we'll welcome back springtime. [Bookmark the branch calendar](#), stay connected on Facebook, and we'll see you at the library!

- Paul

Meet CMNA Neighbor Bill Lutomski!

Bill Lutomski is the artist behind many of Denver's - and our neighborhood's - most original stained glass windows. Over his 40-and-counting-year career, Bill has done work at the Phipps Mansion, the St. John Paul II Center, South High School and more. Today, he's restoring a large stained glass window at Burns Memorial Church, next to Aurora Central High School. The window is "on the verge of total fatigue" and not structurally strong enough to be removed from the building, so the decision was made to have a skilled craftsman (Bill!) restore it on site. Once a seminary, Burns is now home to a church and congregation that includes the largest Tonga Christian community in CO. To honor this, Bill is working with church leadership to represent Tongan Christian culture in imagery within the restored glass. Learn more at leadedglassrepairdenver.com



Bill working on the front door of the Frank Lloyd Wright Home in Oak Park, IL (1982)

Fun Fact: Bill and his son created the stained glass sculptures outside the northwest door of Cory Elementary! Nowadays, Bill can be spotted decorating trees in the neighborhood with small glass baubles made from his studio overflow, and delivering the CMNA Newsletter! Thank you Bill!

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Update from District 6 City Councilperson Paul Kashmann

Paul announced this will be his final term for District 6. He has been working for over 45 years in some capacity. He introduced his new senior aide, Masha Lior, who is responsible for the area west of Colorado Blvd. Paul also gave an updates on Mayor Johnston's Homelessness Initiative and the city's migrant and newcomers response.

Amy Ford has been named the new **Executive Director of the Department of Transportation**. She will be focusing on how to control traffic and reduce traffic related deaths. She has been made aware of the traffic issues on Mississippi and Florida.

Mayor's Office - Operations Coordinator Sterling Simms and Deputy Director of Outreach Tran Nguyen-Wills gave updates about the city's House1000 initiative* and Newcomer and Migrant Support efforts. Learn more at denvergov.org/Newcomers.

*now known as [All In Mile High](#)

ADUs in Denver

After the meeting, Councilperson Kashmann's office provided requested additional information about ADUs: ADUs are allowed in Denver, and property owners can build them as long as their property is zoned for them. If a property is not zoned for an ADU, then the owner will have to go through a rezoning process to allow for ADUs. Most properties in Denver are not zoned for them, so it is likely that Cory-Merrill residents wanting to add an ADU would need to go through the permitting process. Here is a [project guide for detached dwelling units](#) that residents might find helpful. Here is some additional information from the Community Planning and Development website:

Zoning establishes standards for things such as the size and location of structures and acceptable uses for your property. Before you begin construction, you need to be sure your project is in compliance with the [Denver Zoning Code](#). Use the DevelopDENVER tool to determine the zoning for your property. In the results, click on your [zone district for descriptions and definitions](#); then, click on your neighborhood context for more information on zoning in your area.



HELP KEEP OUR ALLEYS CLEAN

by Chris Olsen, CMNA President

I realize that as Cory-Merrill residents, we either like or hate our alleys, if we have one. All I ask is that we try to keep our alleys free of trash, brush, and overhanging branches in order for private and city vehicle transit.

Also, a reminder that after your trash collection day, all waste containers are to be moved to your private property, not kept in the public alley right of way. I have heard that some of the trash trucks are wider now and having a difficult time maneuvering down many of the alleyways.

Thank you for your cooperation. It is appreciated.



Found leftover from Halloween: Stainless steel 'candy' bowl tossed by goblins! If this is yours, call Ryner (303) 744-9999.



IT'S FARMERS MARKET SEASON!

Fresh produce from nearby farms, baked goods, arts vendors and lots of fun!
Plus, a new program will reimburse Colorado SNAP recipients for fresh produce purchases.

Cherry Creek - Colorado Fresh Markets

Cherry Creek Shopping Center
(east side)
Saturdays, 9 AM - 2 PM
May 4 - October 12, 2024
ALWAYS FREE PARKING!

South Pearl Street Farmers Market

1400 -1500 blocks, S. Pearl St.
(betw Iowa and Arkansas)
Sundays, 9 AM - 1 PM
May 5 - November 10, 2024

University Hills Farmers Market

University Hills Plaza - 2500 S. CO Blvd.
(betw Evans & Yale)
Saturdays, 9am - 1pm
May 11 - October 26, 2024

SPRING POP-UP MARKET!
Saturday April 13, 10am - 1pm

For more local markets, see

www.denverpost.com/2024/04/01/farmers-market-open-near-me-denver-boulder-longmont-guide-hours-dates-summer-2024

The Colorado SNAP Bonus Program will reimburse SNAP recipients for buying eligible fruits and vegetables at select locations throughout the state, including several farmers markets beginning in May. SNAP participants do not need to apply or sign up for this program, but instead will automatically receive a 100% reimbursement for any qualifying purchases at included retailers (up to \$20 per day, with a maximum reimbursement of \$60 per month).

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CALL FOR SUPPORT: DENVER SOUTH GIVING GROCERY

South High School's Food Pantry Program Faces Funding Flux At A Time When Need Is Soaring

By Jen Frenkel, Volunteer Giving Grocery Manager



www.thegivinggrocery.org



Founded 10 years ago to provide non-perishable food to help sustain families of South High School's new immigrant students - known as Newcomers - over the weekend, the Giving Grocery has expanded to now serve over 200 South students weekly. Student's needs are greater than ever, due to expired COVID-era SNAP benefits, soaring food prices, and an influx of Newcomers who arrive from all over the world, including most recently Venezuela, Afghanistan, Mauritania, and Congo. The program offers local, healthy, and culturally significant foods and encourages students to take home enough fresh produce, milk, eggs, meat, bread, and pantry staples - as well as personal care items like laundry detergent, shampoo, toilet paper, and more - for their whole family, completely free of charge. The Grocery is set up like a grocery store to offer students choice, ensuring that they can select items that align with their cultures and preferences. All perishable food remaining at the end of the day is shared with school staff and other food pantries nearby, as the Giving Grocery is committed to generating nearly zero food waste. The Giving Grocery is made possible by the hard work of its volunteers, who put in over 80 hours weekly, as well as by the generosity of individual donors, community partnerships, and grant funding. All money raised goes directly to purchasing food and personal care, as the Giving Grocery has no paid staff or overhead.



Unfortunately, the largest source of funding for the Giving Grocery is a grant from the City of Denver that expires this school year. Due to budget cuts across municipal programs, the city is not able to renew the grant for 2024-25. This leaves the Giving Grocery in the difficult position of raising an additional \$120,000 in order to continue meeting the needs of food-insecure South High School students.



Those in a position to help the Giving Grocery continue its critical mission can learn more at www.thegivinggrocery.org or by calling 303-717-7566. The Giving Grocery is a 501(c)(3), fiscally sponsored by the Denver South PTSA. All donations are tax-deductible. Donations can be made [online](#) or by sending a check made payable to Denver South PTSA to Denver South Giving Grocery, 1700 E Louisiana Ave, Denver 80210

Meet Our Neighborhood Pets!

We are always excited to meet new pets and feature them in our communications! If your pet would welcome a little celebrity status, please email us with a pic and a bit about your furry, feathered or other friend!

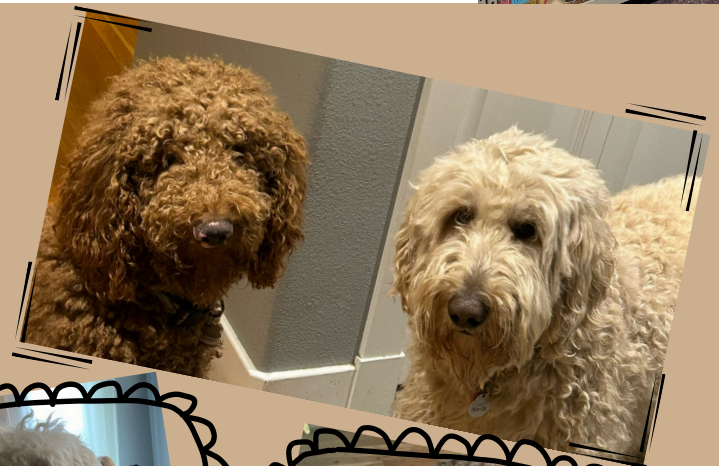
Murray & Sylvester

The Brown family is pleased to introduce Murray (Golden Doodle - Age 3 - aka Thing 1) and Sylvester (Standard Poodle - Age 1: aka Thing 2) to the Cory Merrill community.

While exerting the absolute minimum amount of energy required, Murray serves as team captain of the South Clayton 1400 block safety patrol. Sylvester is interested in studying zoology, focusing his educational efforts on cataloging the neighborhood rabbit and squirrel populations.

Both pups can be frequently encountered roaming the neighborhood sidewalks and will loudly announce their presence. Costco beef jerky treats are readily accepted as hush compensation.

- Adam & Molly Brown



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