

Cory Merrill Neighborhood Association

GET INVOLVED

During the month of September, you will see lots of activity going on with our new CMNA Board. We want you to JOIN THE TEAM and get involved through actively being a BLOCK CAPTAIN or CHEERLEADER for your block or several blocks.

Our goal is to get as many ACTIVE members in the neighborhood as possible so we can share information and keep everyone informed.

But we also want you to be our EYES and EARS. If you hear about something going on in the neighborhood (new neighbors, construction, some special friends, safety notices and story ideas for our newsletter and website), we want you to CONNECT with us.

Currently we are trying to collect email addresses and contact information... that's just the start!

To GET INVOLVED, here's what we need:

- Select a BLOCK CAPTAIN for your block
- Collect names, address, email and phone numbers for your immediate neighbors
- Sign up on line at www.corymerrill.org to stay connected
- Consider a donation to help our Neighborhood Association GROW

See page 3 for a special donation offer!

Have you ever wondered about the kiosk structure at Cory Merrill on Florida?

You may not know, but that Kiosk was built for and belongs to our Neighborhood! It is a community structure and available (subject to Denver Public School hours and accessibility) for posting neighborhood information, a place to host activities and was designed to act as a gathering place for each and every one of our 2000+ homeowners.



We are also working with a local company, right in the neighborhood, Timberleaf Construction (located at Louisiana & Clayton), to create a "Gathering Place" for neighbors where you can get together for events, coffee, a game of checkers or just to hang out. See more details on page 3.

02 REAL ESTATE UPDATE FROM KELLER WILLIAMS:
 On Monday August 12th ZipRealty reported that Metro Denver had the biggest percentage increase in new listings of homes for sale of any major metro area last month. Similarly, Metrolist® reported that though listings have increased 12 percent from the previous record breaking month, there remain 16 percent fewer homes on the market than last year at this time. In the six months since March of this year, Cory Merrill has seen 75 houses sold, averaging 12.5 houses sold every month. The average net sold price is \$547,281 and the median price is \$387,500. In both averages, sellers are getting 97.92% of their asking price. The average price per square foot is \$317 with \$230 per finished square foot. For more information, call Karen Staggs or PJ Magin at Keller Williams Denver Central.

Upcoming Board Meetings Held at Kirk

- September 4
- October 2
- November 6
- December 4

Denver City Attraction FREE DAYS
<http://www.denver.org/events>

Here are just a few of these specials:

Denver Zoo
 November 4
 November 15
 November 21

Denver Botanic Gardens
 October 7
 November 2



Social Events On the Horizon

Committee Chair - Lisa Limanni
 We have recently created a social committee for the Cory Merrill neighborhood. We are very excited to meet all of you and bring our neighbors closer together through fun activities. While we are still in the planning stages, we hope to host a neighborhood picnic in late spring/early summer 2014. Some other ideas include block parties, 4th of July Parade, Car Wash, Annual Garage Sale, Volunteer Projects and Movie Nights. If you have ideas or would like to be involved with the social committee please visit our neighborhood website (www.corymerrill.org) or email me directly (lisalimanni@yahoo.com). We greatly appreciate your feedback. Keep watching for updates on our website or through our quarterly newsletters.

Zoning
from George Mayl

As many of you may already know, we have a brand new and highly energized CMNA Board. There is a lot of enthusiasm and desire to reach out to you (ya'all for those of you from the South) for better neighborhood participation and ideas to make Cory Merrill the most desirable area in Denver to live.

Many of our 2200 homes have retirees just like me. I'd like to welcome you to join us...you'll have fun and meet lots of nice people too!

On a broader scale, CMNA is an RNO (registered neighborhood organization) in the City and County of Denver, one of over 100 similar organizations included in the INC (Inter Neighborhood Cooperation). For more information, visit their website at www.denverinc.org

Should you have any questions on zoning in our neighborhood, please visit our Cory Merrill website at www.corymerrill.org and send me your comments.

A NEW GATHERING PLACE FOR CORY MERRILL NEIGHBORS



As Cory and Merrill schools go back into session, our Kiosk may have limited availability... enter one of our neighborhood businesses! Just east of the corner of Louisiana and Clayton you will find a wonderful little garden area, the courtyard for Timberleaf Construction. Owner Kevin Molick has offered his courtyard as a gathering place for our neighborhood. Soon you will see a welcoming sign, boxes for extra newsletters, even a suggestion box. And feel free to sit down and enjoy! We are going to try and line up some "GATHERINGS" to take place at this wonderful area. The first will be a "Trick or Treat" station, staffed with volunteer neighbors and candy, and maybe even wine so you can stop by while your family is gathering goodies throughout the neighborhood.

Plan to stop by on Halloween!

Boo! Boo!
 Stop by the CMNA Gathering Place
HALLOWEEN EVENING
 2717 E Louisiana Ave
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Send your donation today! A GIFT FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Your financial support will keep us going! Be one of the first neighbors to make a contribution of \$40 or more and we'll give you a gift that represents this great Cory Merrill Neighborhood: A green Stainless Steel H2Go Water Bottle. Quantities are limited, so make your donation today!



Send your donation today to: Cory Merrill Neighborhood Association PO Box 101713, Denver, CO 80210-1713 Your dues will assist us in continuing to print this newsletter four times a year to distribute to every Cory Merrill home, maintain our website, continue to provide dictionaries to local schools in the dictionary drive and helping to promote neighborhood events. We encourage those who are able to increase their donations to help us continue to keep all neighbors informed. Thank you in advance for your support!



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FALL FAMILY FUN from Marti Freeman

The Four Mile Historic
Parks hosts their
Pumpkin Harvest
Festival on October 5
and 6 this year.

Nearby, this festival
is free (charge for
pumpkins and some
activities) and has
old-time dress-up
and photos,
create your own
scarecrow, old time
music, games, and crafts.

The Botanic Gardens
at Chatfield will
host their
Pumpkin Festival
from Friday,
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Sunday, October 13.
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A message from our NEW CMNA President:

Happy Labor Day from your new president! Thank you for voting for me! In case you missed the elections; I ran unopposed and was unanimously voted into office. It was a thrilling 2-3 minutes. It was a very long and challenging 30 second campaign trail... but I appreciate all those who participated and helped me along the way.

More importantly, you voted in an outstanding board of directors! Your directors are already working very hard to revive your neighborhood association (Yes, your neighborhood association was on life support and rapidly losing the battle. See the President's letter in the last newsletter). We have been very busy the past few months. You now have a Facebook page and a NextDoor page...and people are using them... often! Just not me. I missed the social media wagon, but my wife keeps me up to date. The newsletter you are reading is under new management and the team is working hard to provide new content.

Also, you are about to have a new website, where you will be able to see upcoming events and get neighborhood information. We are working on creating a "real" email list that you can subscribe to (and unsubscribe if you wish). The board is breathing new life into all aspects of the association and they are doing a GREAT JOB!

In closing, I would like to say thank you to all the neighbors who have been in this neighborhood for decades and who made it what it is today. Decades. There are a lot of neighborhoods where you couldn't even say that. One of my neighbors has been here since the 50s. That, boys and girls, is what I like to call a stable neighbor. A number of my other neighbors have been here since the 80s! This means two things: 1) I'm biased, but I think I live on the best block, and 2) I'm going to be the "new" neighbor for a long, long time.

I hope all of you have a great start to the fall season and I will see you around!

Cheers
Sam



FALL YARD CLEANUP by Jessica Grojean Hillman

Fall is right around the corner and we all know what this means: leaves, leaves and more leaves. This year instead of collecting your leaves in thick plastic bags and throwing them into your dumpster, I challenge you to try something better for the environment. These simple tips and tricks are easy and your yard will thank you.

Gather your fallen leaves and rake them under your trees and shrubs. Deciduous leaves are small enough that by spring they will turn into compost. This will also reduce the amount of new mulch you will need in the future, will help the soil retain moisture and will add a wealth of carbon-rich material to your yard.

Do you have a vegetable garden? If so, rake your leaves over the bare soil. These leaves will protect hardy vegetables like carrots and beets for an extended winter harvest.

In the spring you can simply turn the leaves into the soil and prepare your garden for another year of growth.

Lastly, the easiest solution to your fallen leaves involves no raking. Simply mow over your leaves with a mower (keep your wheels at the highest setting). The leaves will break down over the winter and provide your lawn soil with nutrients. Do this once a week until all your leaves have finished falling and you won't have to rake a single leaf.

Schedules for the free Denver Recycle's LeafDrop program haven't been posted yet on the city's website. However, starting in late October, residents are encouraged to drop off leaves and old pumpkins to specific locations around the city. Consider collecting your leaves in brown bags, as these bags can be composted along with your leaves. Remember, one house at a time, we can make a difference.

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We are trying to help all of our neighbors get connected for information and activities. If you have a computer or smart phone, please visit our website (www.corymerrill.org). You'll find a contact page to let us know how to stay in touch with you. There are also some helpful neighborhood links we would like to share:

- Log into www.nextdoor.com to be connected with neighbors for all kinds of information
- Like the Cory Merrill Neighborhood Page on Facebook

If you or a family member is disabled and require a parking sign in front of your residence, there is a process in place at the City Offices. Visit the website:

<http://www.denvergov.org/Portals/670/documents/sign%20application%20202-08.pdf>

or the City Office of Disability Rights for an application and specific instructions. With so many more cars on our streets, this might be a great way to secure access for those who need assistance. The process can take up to 4-6 weeks.



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Every Denver household will have **three** standardized waste carts — recycling, composting and trash — so that residents can manage their waste material services to align with community values for high customer service, sustainability and efficiency. Denver Public Works will have a fully-automated, efficient and comprehensive management system that provides state-of-the-art customer service, reduces waste generation through innovative programs and policies, and encourages diversion of recyclables and organics. Denver Public Works will continue being a good steward of the environment, operating cost-effectively, protecting the safety of its workers and preparing Denver for the future.

Take a look at the MASTER PLAN on line at www.denvergov.org/solidwasteplan or call the City at 311.

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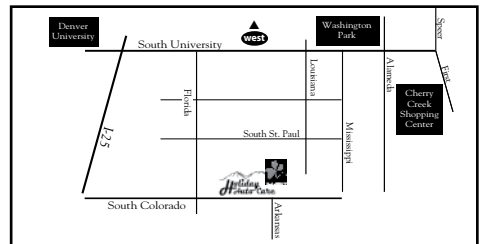
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