



Cory Merrill Neighborhood Association Newsletter

SUMMER 2021

President's Letter...

Hello Neighbors –

Great news - the next general meeting will be live and in-person! It's been over a year since we've held a general meeting, so please attend if you can. As before, we will meet at The Kirk of Bonnie Brae Church, scheduled for Wednesday, August 4th at 6pm.

Please join me in recognizing both John Reynolds and Frank Baier for their service on the CMNA Board. John has eight years of service on the CMNA Board and has contributed greatly to our community, and we are so grateful. Likewise, a big thank you to Frank Baier, as Frank recently retired from the Board after many years of dedicated volunteerism. Thank you, John and Frank, for your time, energy and passion, our community is better because of residents like you. Serving on the CMNA Board is a great way to get involved

and meet awesome neighbors at the same time. If you are interested, please let us know.

We hope you are enjoying the food trucks this summer, it's always a delicious and easy summer dinner option. We plan to continue monthly food trucks during the school year, and we want to know the best night that fits your schedule. So, we are taking a poll. During the school year, what is your preferred food truck night -- Tuesday or Friday? You can answer the poll on our social media and via email. Our email is cmna@corymerrill.org

Friendly reminder that we are on Instagram! Be sure to follow us [@cory_merrill_neighbor](https://www.instagram.com/cory_merrill_neighbor). And if you haven't yet, please sign-up to receive emails from CMNA, which you can do from our website.

Happy summer and we hope to see you at the August 4th meeting!

Sincerely,
Rachel Molokin

Outdoor Events Happening This Summer

From Paul Kashmann:

There are numerous free outdoor options for putting some tunes back in your life. The Denver Municipal Band continues its free summer series in Denver parks- <https://denvermunicipalband.org/calendar/> ; Levitt Pavilion, across the border in District 7 (enter via Platte River Dr. and Jewell Ave.) has a great combination of free and ticketed concerts - <https://www.levittdenver.org> ; Swallow Hill Music Association offers low-cost Thursday evening shows in the Shady Grove at Four Mile Historic

Park – <https://swallowhillmusic.org> ; and Councilwoman Black, in District 4 to our south, will host her annual South by Southeast Festival on Sat., Aug. 21, 11am-7pm, in Bible Park , with music, food and more - <https://www.denvergov.org/Government/Departments/Denver-City-Council/Council-Members/Kendra-Black-Council-District-4/South-by-Southeast-Community-Festival> .

The City Council Public Safety Working Group, which I have been asked to serve as Chair, met for the first time on June 28, to begin our work of looking

for opportunities to improve our efforts at keeping our residents safe. The initial order of business is considering a report generated by the community task force on Reimagining Policing and Public Safety. The task force report offered 112 recommendations. The first two or three working group meetings will welcome task force members to answer questions and clarify the intent of the recommendations, so Council has a clear understanding of what is being asked.

Save the Date: Summer Food Truck Nights

This summer the food trucks have returned to The Kirk of Bonnie Brae Church parking lot from 5 - 7:30 p.m. Mark your calendar for the below dates:

- Tuesday, July 13
- Tuesday, July 27
- Tuesday, August 10
- Tuesday, August 24

More details about social distance guidelines, food truck menus, and ordering instructions will be available on the CMNA website (www.corymerrillneighborhood.com).



LIVE AND IN-PERSON

CMNA Neighborhood Meeting

The Kirk of Bonnie Brae Church
Wednesday, August 4
6:00-7:30pm



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What's your Favorite Food Truck Night?

Any night is a good night for a food truck dinner, but we want to know your favorite!

We plan to continue monthly food trucks during the school year (except for Jan, Feb, March) and we want to know the best night that fits your schedule.

What is your preferred food truck night during the school year -- Tuesday or Friday? You can answer the poll on our social media or via email. Please let us know your preference! Our email is cmna@corymerrill.org

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Meet Some of the Cory-Merrill Pets

Cory-Merrill is home to many beloved pets! Get to know some of the neighborhood's animal residents in this monthly feature. If you want to see your pet in an upcoming newslet-

ter, email a photo and some "fun facts" about your pet to cmna@corymerrill.org. We look forward to including pets of all types!



Brooklyn

Brooklyn is a 6-year-old Great Pyreneese who moved into Cory-Merrill with her parents 1 1/2 years ago. She loves walking around the neighborhood and then rolling around in the grass when she gets tired. She enjoys barking at squirrels and rabbits, but she's certainly not fast enough to ever catch one. Feel free to add her mom, Peyton Leonard, as a friend on Facebook! She loves meeting all the wonderful neighbors!"



Murphy

Murphy is 10 years old. He was found stuck in a tree as a kitten and we adopted him from the Denver Dumb Friends League. Murphy spends most of his day exploring his back yard, he watches the squirrels and birds and is often seen catching flies and bugs. He is very friendly and curious. He is very cuddly and is all fur, he weighs 7 pounds.



Lulu

Our sweet Lulu became part of our loving family when she was just 13 weeks old. A true goldendoodle, she has the sweetest demeanor, most curious mind, and the most gentle disposition we could have asked for. Now 7, she's a vibrant part of our family and just loves life. Please stop by and say hi to her, and us, anytime!

The Boian Family



Midge

11 year-old English Bulldog, Midge Muffin Meier Howard ("Midge" or "Midgey"), may occasionally be seen in the neighborhood on her one walk a week around the block. This is all she wants, unless of course a wagon will be escorting her home.

Midge's favorite things include: camping out underneath her 16-month old sister's highchair waiting for a treat to drop, sunbathing in the backyard and belly rubs. Midge is the absolute best dog and family to her two sisters, Rooney and Elin, and her parents, Cooper and Elizabeth Howard..

Luna

Luna is 11 years old. She was rescued from the gutter as a kitten and we adopted her from the Denver Dumb Friends League. People rarely see Luna because she hides under the bed most of the day. In the morning and night, she ventures out into the yard to see what Murphy is up to. She has long, super soft fur, beautiful green eyes, and weighs 13 pounds. Both Murphy and Luna are beloved pets of Reynold's family.



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Ridwell

Potato Salad with Fresh Dill

Here's a simple yet delicious recipe for those long summer days, when it's much too hot to cook.

3 pounds red new potatoes, cooked, cooled, and halved or quartered

2 to 3 stalks celery, chopped

6 tablespoon unsweetened applesauce

1/4 cup Dijon mustard

1/2 cup minced shallots, scallions or red onions

2 or 3 tablespoon chopped fresh dill (more or less, to taste)

Freshly ground black pepper

Place the cooked potatoes in a large bowl. In a small bowl, combine the celery, applesauce, Dijon mustard and shallots. Stir until well mixed. Pour the mixture over the potatoes and stir. Add

the dill and pepper to taste, toss and serve.

Pro Tip: Add 1/2 cup freshly chopped basil and 2 tablespoon lemon juice

South High School Giving Grocery Program

The South High Giving Grocery (formerly SHS Food Pantry) will continue to be open for students and families during the 2021-22 school year.

Students will shop at the Giving Grocery every Thursday after school. Fresh produce, dairy, protein, grocery staples, culturally appropriate groceries, and personal care items will always be available.

Generous donations from the Denver community during the 2020-2021 school year made it possible for the Giving Grocery to support over 100 South families weekly with groceries, rent, utilities, and other types of necessities.

For information on how to support the South High Giving Grocery please contact Wende Abraham at 303-881-7170 / abrahm5@msn.com.



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DENVER DAYS

Mayor Michael B. Hancock invites you to share in the best of summer, connect with your neighbors and improve your neighborhood.

Community Service Projects

Organize a graffiti removal, alley cleanup, park project, etc.

Block Parties

Meet or reconnect with your neighbors. The City will provide FREE barricades for your block party.

Picnics, Social Events & More

Make your early August event even better as a part of the Denver Days Celebration. The City will provide FREE park permits for your event.

For additional information and to register your activity visit: denvergov.org/denverdays or email: denverdays@denvergov.org

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Big Thank You to Weavers and The Kirk

A big thank you to Weavers and The Kirk of Bonnie Brea Church for providing the perfect place for the food trucks to park, allowing our neighborhood to gather for a meal. We are grateful for their generos-



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Cory-Merrill Real Estate Market Slows down slightly



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A bit of a summer slowdown

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I hope your summer is off to an amazing start! On the real estate front, things have simmered down a bit. Historically, the competition cools off during the summer as homebuyers are busy with travel plans, etc. and many are fatigued from spring bidding wars. This summer appears to be trending that way despite the unprecedented lack of inventory.

A recent article in the Denver Post reported that Denver's housing market has undergone a shift in recent weeks. For example: A popular listing might have attracted more than a hundred showings and 15 to 20 serious offers earlier this year, now even a "great property at an affordable price point" might see 30 to 40 showings and three to four offers.

The slowdown isn't just happening in Denver. Showing-Time, which manages the scheduling of showings for more than 1.5 million active listings, noticed a significant drop in

showing activity in May compared to April in 28 of the 30 cities it tracks, including Denver. Weekly showings in Colorado, which has been increasing at a 50% plus clip in April compared to the first week of January, almost went flat in late May. They rebounded in June, but the rate of increase is only running around 20%, a fraction of the typical increase June has in showings over January, according to Showing-Time.

The upside? For buyers- Besides having an easier time getting a slot for a showing, buyers should also start noticing a wider selection of homes to choose from and the ability to look at a property more than once before deciding whether to put in an offer. And they will have less competition when it comes to making an offer. For sellers- The buyers that are still out this summer are typically the most serious about making a move.

If you're considering a move and would like further insight, please feel free to connect with me. If you have a home to sell, I provide a complimentary home valuation. I look forward to hearing from you! ~ Holly Carpenter, Broker Associate, LIV Sotheby's Realty 303-589-7449, holly.carpenter@sothebysrealty.com. View my client testimonials at www.CoryMerrillExpert.com

CORY MERRILL REAL ESTATE

2021 2nd Quarter (Apr-Jun)

Single Family Home Sales	2020	2021	YOY Percent Change
Avg Price Per Sq Ft (Above Ground)	\$490	\$611	+25%
Highest Price	\$1.625M	\$2.250M	+38.4%
Lowest Price	\$415K	\$620K	+49.3%
% Sold to List Price	99%	104%	+5%

This representation is based in whole or in part on data of single-family detached closed homes supplied by REColorado (MLS). REColorado does not guarantee nor is responsible for its accuracy. The data maintained by REColorado may not reflect all real estate transactions in the market.

Cory Raises More Than \$200,000 at Annual Auction

Cory Elementary's 2021 auction, which was held virtually in May, was the most successful fundraiser in the school's history, raising more than \$200,000 to support the school's learning environment. Thank you to the Cory-Merrill community for its generous support of Cory Elementary through auction donations, purchases and paddle raises. Without the neighborhood's support, this year's auction would not have exceeded its fundraising goals!



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