



Cory Merrill Neighborhood Association Newsletter

WINTER 2021

## President's Letter...

Hello Neighbors –

**O**n behalf of the CMNA Board, we hope everyone had a happy and healthy holiday season. The 2021 new year brings with it hope and reflection. We look forward to continuing our Mission in building an inclusive and informed community.

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to our Fall Dues Drive! Over 100 households participated and we collected over \$4,000.

We are so grateful, as each donation helps make a positive impact to serve our community. Donations cover all of our operating expenses, including printing of this newsletter, maintaining our website and hosting events. The Cory-Merrill Neighborhood Association is thriving because of our amazing, supportive neighbors.

Mark your calendars, the CMNA Board has already planned several fun events! We have three Food Truck Nights scheduled, February 26, March 26 and April 23.

The annual Spring Yard Sale is set for May 15-16. And for the very first time, we are planning a Mini-Photo Shoot in May. We have so much to look forward to, we'll keep you updated via our email blasts and social media. Plus, you can always check out our website for details: [CoryMerrillNeighborhood.com](http://CoryMerrillNeighborhood.com).

The general meeting scheduled for February 3rd is cancelled due to Covid 19. As such, please allow this newsletter to serve as our quarterly update. The next general

meeting, scheduled for May 5th, will hopefully take place in-person as planned.

Reminder, CMNA is on Instagram, be sure to follow us @cory\_merrill\_neighbor. You will find us on Facebook @corymerrillneighborhood. And if you haven't yet, please sign-up to receive emails from CMNA.

Happy new beginnings and thank you to everyone who contributed to the Fall Dues Drive.

Have a wonderful winter,  
Rachel Molokin

## Cory-Merrill's Spring Neighborhood Yard Sale is May 15, 16

*By Scott Rodgers  
(organizer, CMNA board member)*

**T**he Cory-Merrill Neighborhood Yard Sale is back! Get ready for spring cleaning season, when we have an opportunity to reduce clutter, make a few bucks, and meet some of our neighbors.

Last year, we canceled our annual neighborhood yard sale due to COVID-19. With more familiarity with health risks this year, versus last, and a bit of vaccine-induced optimism, we are putting the event back on the calendar for mid-May.

You can participate in two ways: as a seller and/or a shopper. We invite all homeowners to host their own yard sales on Saturday and Sunday, May 15th and 16th to benefit from our promotion and increased shoppers in the area. There will be yard signs along the neighborhood perimeter on University, Mississippi, and Colorado Blvd to attract shoppers into the neighborhood sales. To help shoppers navigate the neighborhood sales, dozens of smaller signs will be placed at the end of blocks that have a sale and maps will be available online and in print at Arizona & Steele.

By registering your sale, I am able to share more detailed information with you and incorporate your sale locations into our marketing efforts to attract more shoppers. For a few weeks before the yard sale event, you will see signs around the neighborhood that encourage people to register their yard sales.

Register your yard sale today at [www.corymerrillneighborhood.com](http://www.corymerrillneighborhood.com)

We have had about 75 homes participate in the past and given the pent up supply of stuff and demand for stuff, this could be an especially good year to participate. *Continued on Page 2*

# Neighborhood Yard Sale May 15, 16

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We hold the sale over two days in part to allow for a bout of bad weather that can grace us in May. Due to the preparation effort, the event is rain or shine and sellers use their judgment as to when their yard sales are active. Sales typically are active from 8am to 3pm each day.

There will NOT be a centralized location to drop off items; all sales are at houses, either in the front yard or alley garage. There will NOT be a donation collection truck or rollout trash dumpster available. Individuals are encouraged to schedule

or drop off their own donations with charities. Denver has a large item pick-up trash day that may be helpful. We will continue to monitor the COVID health and safety outlook leading up to the event. Additional event information will be available online and sent via email to participants.

We heard a lot of positive feedback from prior yard sale events and can feel the neighborhood coming together during the event weekend. Feedback and questions are welcome, contact Scott Rodgers at [scott@thepeak.com](mailto:scott@thepeak.com) or call 303-242-8831.

Here's to an upbeat and clutter-free 2021



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# The Tiffin Inn at Writer's Manor

Most Cory-Merrill residents would not be aware that an iconic restaurant was situated just across the street from the neighborhood's boundary.

The Tiffin Inn was considered one of Denver's "fine" restaurants for nearly five decades. It was first located at 16th and Ogden, just east of downtown, at the end of World War II. It moved during the '60s to a new location in the Writer's Manor "Motor" Hotel, located at South Colorado Boulevard and I-25, which locals called the Valley Highway.

At the end of its reign the Tiffin Inn was renamed Churchill's – retaining its prestige in the pantheon of Denver's best places to go. Writer's Manor began with 105 rooms and ended in 1991 with 325 rooms, suites and conference and banquet rooms – along with a terrific coffee house.

It was torn down to make way for a new shopping center that

Take Home This Recipe

## Tiffin Style Beef Stroganoff

Cut 1½ lbs. Filet of choice beef into julienne strips 1 inch long and ¼ inch wide. Season with salt, a grating of black pepper and paprika.

Heat butter the size of an egg in skillet and saute beef quickly on a sharp fire until just medium rare. Remove meat from pan.

Now in same pan saute 2 tablespoons finely chopped onion, cook about half done, add ½ pound sliced—fresh mushrooms and cook a few minutes more, adding butter if necessary.

Next sprinkle over the mushrooms 1 scant tablespoon flour. Stir as you add slowly 2 cups soured heavy cream. To this sauce add 1 teaspoon tomato paste, ½ teaspoon worcestershire, 3 finely sliced sweet pickles, ¼ teaspoon salt and ½ teaspoon nutmeg. Return meat to sauce.

Serve hot over toast or on fluffy rice in a Chafing Dish.

The Chef of TIFFIN INN

was anchored by Toys-R-U's – now Best Buy. Above is the recipe for Beef Stroganoff was given out to patrons to see if they could match the culinary skills of the chefs of The Tiffin Inn.

# Pics & Poems Challenge Winners

*Congratulations to winners of the Pics & Poems Challenge!*

### Poem Winner - Margaret

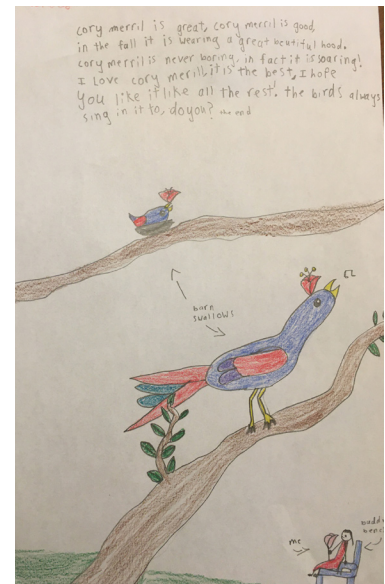
Age range 4-8

Roses are red  
Violets are blue  
Denver is good  
And so are you!

### Poem Contest Winner – Heather

Age range 18+

The Family Walk  
We set off,  
Armed with balls, kites, and light hearts  
Directing our steps to the park,  
Anticipating games, swings, and chickens  
Children running ahead  
Jumping, joyfully to the end of the alley  
While awaiting Mom and Dad  
Chatting with the children in the house  
on the corner  
Crossing the street now  
Spreading our leaves, plowing through piles  
Dogs passing, neighbors hello'ing  
Arriving, at last – rushing into fields  
Strewn with colored leaves



### Pic and Poem Contest Winner – Francesca

Age range 9-12

Cory-Merrill is great, Cory-Merrill is good,  
In the fall it is wearing a great beautiful hood.  
Cory-Merrill is never boring, in fact it is soaring!  
I love Cory-Merrill, it is the best,  
I hope you like it like all the rest!  
The birds always sing in it too, do you?

# Cory Elementary Virtual Auction May 22

Support your neighborhood elementary students by donating to Cory's virtual auction, which is happening on Saturday, May 22, 2021.

As Cory Elementary's biggest fundraiser, the auction brings together the entire Cory community, and there are opportunities for both Cory families and neighbors to get involved.

- If you own a local business, consider donating items to the auction. The

Auction Team is looking for restaurant, beauty, health/fitness, personal services, vacation/travel items, and more!

- If you want a log in for the auction, be sure to save the date. There will be some exciting twists from last year's online event!

Reach out to Danielle Gooden and Naurin Gilger at [coryauktionteam@gmail.com](mailto:coryauktionteam@gmail.com) to donate.



# Upcoming Food Truck Nights

Because of the success of our December food truck event, the CMNA is hosting monthly pop-up, socially-distanced food truck nights in February, March and April. Please mark the following dates on your calendar.

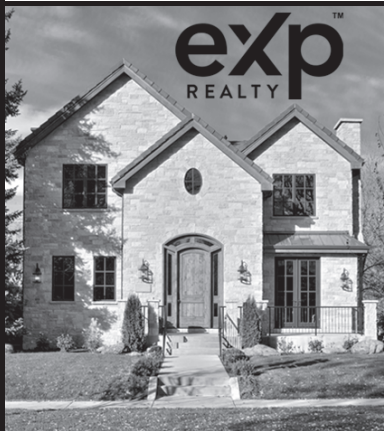
- Friday, February 26
- Friday, March 26
- Friday, April 23  
(date is subject to change)

The food trucks will be parked on the corner of Louisiana and Clayton Streets. To maintain our community's health and safety, food must be ordered online and picked up at a designated time; food must be paid for with credit cards only; everyone must wear a mask and maintain six-feet of distance; and food must be eaten at home.

More details, including the food truck names, will be available on the CMNA website ([www.corymerrillneighbors.com](http://www.corymerrillneighbors.com)), through our Facebook and Instagram pages, and via our e-newsletter. If you aren't subscribed to our e-newsletter, visit our website to sign up, and follow CMNA on Facebook (@corymerrillneighborhood) and Instagram (@cory\_merrill\_neighbors).

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# Preserving Our Democracy

*Paul Kashmann*

*Denver City Council,  
District 6*

**T**hat phrase has been on the lips and on the minds of many Americans in recent weeks, since a violent mob stormed the U.S. Capitol, leading to destruction,

injury and death. Depending on where you reside on the political spectrum, views will differ on what is threatening the preservation of our American way of life and who is responsible for that threat. We are hearing more loudly than ever from communities – again on all sides of the “aisle” - that have long

felt unheard, and deprived of the constitutional guarantees of “life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.”

As a writer, I can develop a script where our country becomes so vehemently divided that we descend into a place of civil war. That said, I can also create a script that reveals this to be a watershed

moment where the threat of that level of division with our neighbors prompts us toward a more open and inclusive dialogue that allows all sides to be heard, and their concerns to be considered and rational compromise to be achieved. While I admit some pessimism that the latter scenario might unfold, I cling to the hope that it is possible, and am committed to working toward that end.

Locally, Denver’s governing structure needs to increase efforts to mine the full breadth of opinions and ideas coming from our diverse citizenry. The Registered Neighborhood Organizations (RNOs) that serve our neighborhoods need training and resources to enable them to better fulfill the need for them to inform residents of what is going on in city government that affects them, and to then let city government know what the neighbors think about that.

There are many people who, for whatever reason, do not presently participate in the RNO structure. We need to not only help the RNOs better serve that population, but we must open up other avenues of information exchange and participation to the community of people who simply are not joiners but still want to have a voice.

Denver can and must do better at mining the ideas and concerns of its citizenry.

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# Meet the Pets of Cory-Merrill



*Coco* is a four-month-old French Bulldog who loves taking fast walks around the neighborhood, as long as the temperature is above 50 degrees. She can usually be found chasing after her two older sisters, Olivia and Eliza, chewing on anything she can find, and zooming around her front yard while barking hello to the people and pups who pass by. She is so excited to meet more of her neighbors!



*Olive* was adopted from Freedom Service Dogs, after failing out of service dog school for her poor leash skills. Luckily, Olive now excels in her role as the Quartarone family's 75-pound lap dog. The spot on her face is shaped like a heart, and her tongue can be found hanging out of her mouth while she's sleeping. She can often be found in the mountains, where she loves jumping in the snow and chasing balls.



*Moose*, who will be seven years old in May, was rescued as a kitten from the Denver Dumb Friends League. He lives with the Foust family on South Saint Paul Street, and he can often be seen walking around the block with his mom, Holly, and his canine siblings. Moose routinely visits the neighbor cats for morning "kitty coffee talk" through the window—his feline friends at the Dahlen, Reynolds and Zinis homes are always ready and waiting for him!



*Sully*, age nine, was adopted three years ago from the National Mill Dog Rescue by the Molokin family. Although the first six years of Sully's life was tragically spent in a cage, he completely embraced his forever family and is now a happy little fellow. Sully loves to roam around the backyard, and will point his face in the wind while his fluffy ears bounce in the breeze. And of course, napping is one of his favorite activities.





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## CMNA Offering Spring Photo Mini-Sessions

The CMNA is excited to offer spring photo mini-sessions with talented neighborhood photographer, James Dahlen! Whether you'd like a family photo, head shot, or photo of your pet, James has experience capturing a variety of subjects, and his portfolio can be viewed here: [www.jdahlen.com](http://www.jdahlen.com).

These mini-sessions, which we are planning to offer during a weekend in May, will be approximately 15-20 minutes in length and will likely happen at Wash Park. The session will cost \$89 and will include a variety of print-ready digital files. More details on exact dates and how to sign up will be posted on the CMNA website and our Facebook and Instagram pages, and we will send information out to our e-newsletter list.

If you are interested in scheduling a mini-session with James, please email us at [cmna@corymerrill.org](mailto:cmna@corymerrill.org), and we will add you to a list of neighbors who want to participate.



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# Thank You for Supporting CMNA!

**T**hank you to the families who made a donation to our Fall Dues Drive. So far, we have had 113 households donate a total of \$4,100. We delivered 55 masks to neighbors who donated \$40 or more.

Your donations help us provide events for our neighborhood, produce a quarterly newsletter, and pay for our operating expenses.

If you would like to purchase a mask, we are selling them for \$5.00 each. Please send an email to [cmna@corymerrill.org](mailto:cmna@corymerrill.org) to purchase through PayPal. You can also send us your payment at CMNA P.O. Box 101713, Denver, CO 80210, please include your address for delivery. We appreciate your support!

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## **\*\* Cory-Merrill Yard Sale \*\***

**Saturday, May 15th &  
Sunday, May 16th, 2021**

**Got Stuff? Good!** Join your neighbors and participate in *Cory-Merrill's Spring Neighborhood Yard Sale!*

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