



Cory Merrill Neighborhood Association Newsletter

SUMMER 2017

News from Our District 3 Community Resource Officers

Register Your Bicycles

We cannot stress enough how important it is to register your bicycles. Here are directions on how to register your bicycle, so that if it is stolen it can find its way back home quickly!

- Visit www.Denvergov.org/Police
- Click on the “Register your bike” link on the right-hand side of the page.

- Prior to registration, you will need specific details about the bicycle, such as bike type, model, wheel size, color, etc.
- You will also need to include the serial number, which can typically be found under the seat, near the handlebars or the pedal crank.

No Solicitation Signs Available

Are you tired of those pesky door-to-door salesmen? We just received several “No solicitation” stickers that can be posted to help ward them off. Stop by District Three (1625 S University Blvd) to pick yours up today, or get one from your community resource officer at your next community meeting.

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Neighborhood Meeting

Wednesday, August 2, 2017
6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Kirk of Bonnie Brae
UCC – 1201 S. Steele Street

Speakers will include:

- George Mayl, INC Update
- Paul Kashmann, District 6 Update
- Jill Locantore- Walk Denver -
Speak about issues relating to pedestrian transport and sidewalks around the city
- Laura Morales - Denver Parks and Rec - Discussion on issues relating the parks, and specifically, updates to Wash Park
- CMNA Board Elections

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Donation Request Update From the Kirk of Bonnie Brae United Church of Christ

By: Pastor Selena Wright

Part of our mission at the Kirk of Bonnie Brae United Church of Christ is to make connections. We celebrate the connections made between neighbors at the food truck nights, the connection between our church and the neighborhood and we also want to provide opportunities to connect to those who are most vulnerable in our city.

Thank you for the donations that have been given to our ministry partners so far this summer. We have provided clothes and diapers to Family Promise, and non-perishable food to Metro Caring. As you begin back to school shopping in the coming weeks, we invite you to pick up a few extra school supplies for the children at La Academia housed at the Denver Inner City Parish (www.dicp.org/education/la-academia).

If you bring your donations to food trucks we will ensure they will reach the children who need them. As Denver grows, we remain grounded by the connections we make one to another. Thanks for joining us in connecting our greater community.

Seeking Information...

Hi, my name is Leonard Jamieson and I know this is going to be a long shot. I am trying to find out if anyone remembers my great uncle Joseph Ritchie who lived at 3340 E Mexico Ave. until his death in 1986.

I have been able to write some of Joseph's life story, from being born and lived in Donegal, Ireland, immigrated to Long Island in 1923 and moved on to Denver between 1927 and 1930. He worked for Daniel and Fisher up till 1942 and then the United Pacific Railway up until his retirement. Joseph had lost touch with the family and I have started to research his life.

If possible would anyone in your group who may have known Joseph could contact macknagh56@hotmail.co.uk to share their information with me. I am trying to find out if Joseph was involved with the community, his friends, church etc.. Or maybe he was a grumpy man who kept to himself? I have been able to piece together some of the puzzle but I am still missing a lot of pieces.

If you are able to help in any way I would like to thank you in advance.

Leonard Jamieson - Northern Ireland

Message from City Councilman Paul Kashmann, District 6

Good day, Cory-Merrillites – I hope you had a wonderful 4th of July celebration with family and friends. In view of the chaos and conflict swirling on a national and world level, it felt so good to take a day to focus on all that is good with our nation, as well as the potential that exists to make life in the U.S. of A. even better yet.

KUDOS! I want to take a moment to offer my congratulations to the Cory-Merrill Neighborhood Association – leadership and members all – for the community building that is evidenced by the remarkable turnouts at the summer Hand To Mouth Food Truck Rallies, held twice monthly at Kirk of Bonnie Brae Church.

Too often, Registered Neighborhood Organizations position themselves purely as political groups focused on a particular issue or agenda. As participation in such groups usually appeals only to those of an activist political bent, membership can be often quite small, and leadership often wonders at the inability to activate their community when issues of broad concern arise. Groups that focus on building community first often find when situations crop up demanding broad-based support, they have a greater constituency from which to draw.

I was pleased to attend a recent Food Truck night along with Mayor Hancock, who was equally impressed by the vibrancy of the Cory-Merrill community. Keep up the good work.

EAST SIDE, WEST SIDE, ALL AROUND THE TOWN . . .

Since taking office, I have stated consistently that among the first steps necessary for Denver to begin addressing the increasing gridlock on our roadways is the creation of a cabinet-level Department of Transportation and Mobility. I was pleased to get word yesterday that Mayor Hancock is taking the first step

in that direction by restructuring the Department of Public Works (DPW), the agency that our city charter gives responsibility for transportation policy. <http://www.denverpost.com/2017/07/05/denver-mayor-michael-hancock-creates-cabinet-level-transportation-department/>

DPW is an enormous department that touches all Denver residents on a regular basis. The transportation/mobility functions under the flag of DPW have included a variety of traffic control activities (road construction, crosswalks, traffic lights, signage etc.) and planning for and installation of bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure. Much planning for bike lanes and sidewalks has been done in recent years, but, sadly, little funding has followed.

Denver's population was 415,786 in 1950; 492,365 in 1980; 600,158 in 2010 and is now passing through the 700,000 mark. Current statistics show another 1,000-1,500 residents moving to the Mile High City each and every month. Our existing street system is overburdened trying to move the vehicles demanding time on our roadways.

Currently all mass transit decisions are made by RTD (Regional Transportation District) whose mission, by definition, is moving people across our region. That agency is neither focused or funded to provide the level of local service needed in today's Denver. Some combination of circulator shuttles (imagine Boulder's Hop, Skip and Jump), van-pool services (Chariot), car-sharing, non-motorized mobility options (bikes, pedestrian), Transportation Network Companies (Uber/Lyft) and the soon to arrive world of autonomous (driverless) vehicles will need to play a role in supplementing RTD to once again make

traveling around town affordable, easy, efficient and enjoyable. The City Charter that gave transportation responsibility to DPW in the early 1900s in no

way envisioned the complexities of moving people and products around our town in 2017.



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Cory Merrill Real Estate Update

CORY-MERRILL REAL ESTATE UPDATE
Booming Real Estate Trends
 By Holly Carpenter, Broker Associate & Brit Harvard, LIV Sotheby's International Realty

I will share several evolving shifts, changes, and progressive real estate observations with you.

It's no longer a news flash that Denver and most of the nation are experiencing a growing economy, improved employment, and a healthy real estate market. Most everybody enjoys being aware of current events and potential trends. It is intriguing to see whether the



trends are short-term (more trendy) meaning 2-5 years, or generational, lasting a couple of decades in popularity.

Investment Homes – according to a recent National Association of Realtors (NAR) survey, 42% of investors purchased property to generate income, while almost half of vacation homebuyers bought for a family retreat or vacation use, and nearly 20% bought for future retirement plans. In both examples, projected long-term price appreciation was also an important consideration. Changing Tastes and Trends – according to reports from the 2017 International Builder's Show this year, along with recent surveys and research by Realtor.com, the following overviews are trending:

– “Comfortable or Soft” contemporary home designs, furniture, and accessories are becoming increasingly popular throughout the USA. Meaning...asymmetrical and larger windows are more desired along with more color and material combinations, creating higher contrasts. – Auto-smart home devices are changing our lives forever. Voice commands to control Amazon's Alexa (and other devices) sensors at different times of the day for lights, temperatures, window coverings, coffee, cleaning, etc. can be installed with bells-and-whistles today. Even to the point where using your mobile phone as a control will not be necessary.

– Smaller home demand is increasing for Millennials wanting to enter the real estate market and Baby Boomers looking to down-size. These newer and “better” homes are in short supply.

– Open floor plans in general may be the most desired feature that Buyers of any style are looking to enjoy such as less hallways, higher ceilings and full wall windows and doors. Bungalows and traditional styles are also popular in many areas.

– Colorado ranks #2 in the country for retirement, according to Bankrate.com based on the following criteria: healthcare quality, cost of living, low crime rates, cultural vitality, weather, taxes, and senior citizen overall wellbeing.

– Baby Boomer focus(es) are changing and trying to adapt to smaller homes, simplify, and live healthier lifestyles; basically, everybody has “gone on a diet.” Square

footage requirements are generally reducing 20-50%! They are looking to do more outside the home (but not yardwork). The Boomers are believers in real estate with 80% owning their home and close to 25% owning at least one additional property such as a rental, vacation home, or land.

If you're considering a move and would like further insight and analysis, please feel free to contact me. If you have a home to sell, I provide a complimentary home valuation. Have a great summer! 303-589-7449, holly.carpenter@sothebysrealty.com. ~ Holly Carpenter, Broker Associate, LIV Sotheby's Realty feel free to contact me. 303-589-7449, holly.carpenter@sothebysrealty.com.

CORY MERRILL REAL ESTATE ~ 2nd Quarter 2017 (April-June)

Single Family Home Sales	Q2 2016	Q2 2017	% Change
Avg Price Per Sq Ft (Above Ground)	\$428	\$443	3.5%
Highest Price	\$1,574,900	\$1,606,500	2%
Lowest Price	\$365,000	\$415,000	
% Sold to List Price	96%	98%	2%

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Are Japanese Beetles Damaging Your Plants?

Information from the CSU Extension Office

For close to a century, the Japanese beetle (*Popillia japonica*) has been one of the most seriously damaging insect pests of both turfgrass and landscape plants over a broad area of the eastern U.S. Recently, there have become a few permanent, reproducing populations of this insect in some communities along the Front Range of Colorado.

Quick Facts About the Japanese Beetle:

- Japanese beetle adults chew flower blossoms and leaves of

many commonly grown plants.

- Japanese beetle larvae are a type of white grub that feeds on the roots of grasses.
- Adults are best controlled by handpicking or by use of certain insecticide sprays.
- Japanese beetle traps can capture many adults have never been shown to reduce damage to nearby plants.
- Japanese beetle larvae can be controlled with certain insecticides or by insect parasitic nematodes.

Should You Trap the Japanese Beetles?

Traps are available that can capture Japanese beetle adults. A lure of floral-based compounds is used that is highly attractive to adults. Large numbers of adult beetles can be captured in these traps and they are useful for detecting the presence of Japanese beetle for survey purposes. The traps also have some value in control where Japanese beetles are restricted to a very limited location; mass beetle trapping was a component of the Japanese beetle eradication in Palisade, CO.

Unfortunately, Japanese beetle traps are ineffective for control where Japanese beetle is well established over a large area, common now in many Front Range locations. Repeated trials have demonstrated that use of such traps does not reduce the number of beetles damaging nearby vegetation. Furthermore, the use of Japanese beetle traps often increases damage by Japanese beetles by drawing into the vicinity larger numbers of beetles than are captured in the traps. Because of this Japanese beetle traps are not recommended for Japanese beetle control. For more information go to <http://extension.colostate.edu/topic-areas/insects/japanese-beetle-5-601/>.

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Saturday, October 14th 8am

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How To Slow Down Speeders...

Anyone who lives in the Cory-Merrill neighborhood has experienced drivers who exceed the speed limit within our neighborhood, especially on Florida and Steele streets.

Our neighborhood elementary school, Cory, sits on that corner and at the other end of the block is our neighborhood middle school, Merrill, therefore, this intersection is busy with cars and children.

Although the walk sign added to the street lights has had an impact, speeding is still an issue.

Glendale has installed a few of these solar street signs. Since they do not have to be tied into an electrical source, they are a good option for signage on Steele and Florida since one obstacle we have run into is how

to install signage that operates by electricity.

Our Councilman, Paul Kashmann is very interested in helping the CMNA slow down traffic and make it safer for its residents, young and old.

If you have an opinion or suggestion for Paul on how to slow down the drivers and make it safer for the walkers, please speak out directly to him at paul.kashmann@denvergov.org or you can call him at (720) 337-6666.

If you agree that you would like to see one of these solar signs in our neighborhood, please let Paul and his office know.

The CMNA is very interested in working with the City and DPS to see if we can help make our neighborhood safer.



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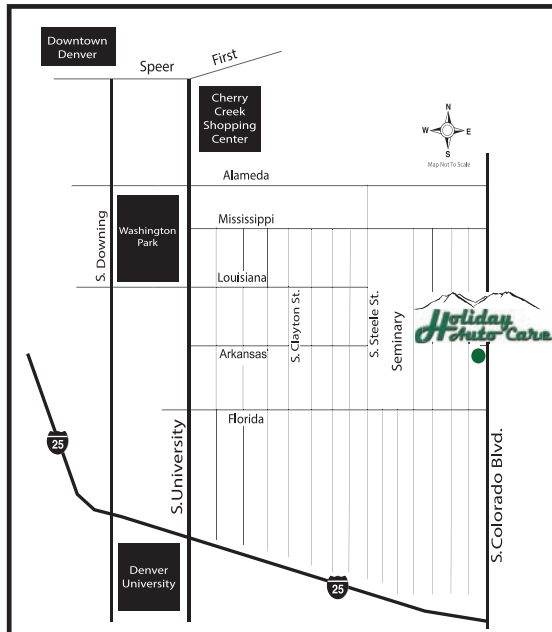
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