

CURBSIDE PICKUP - DETAILS:
 White Pontiac Vibe that looks like a rolling disaster on all levels: outside the paint is peeling and it needs a bath. Inside the driver is wearing sweatpants and, if we're honest, he (and his dog) could also use a bath. We're working from home, people!

CURBSIDE May 23, 9:15 AM - White hatchback is our ride.

2019 fantasy: Let's fly to Europe and OMG we might get an upgrade!

2020 fantasy: Let's drive the Pontiac to Carrboro for a biscuit and OMG Harris Teeter has TP!

CURBSIDE 10:30 AM - I'm the melancholy lady in the shitty, stickered Corolla, dreaming of the day when I can wander through Carrboro and sit on the Neal's Deli porch with my neighbors again.

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 Blue, Chevy Equinox - Sheila, stopping by ABC on my way, text if you need anything?

CURBSIDE PICKUP - DETAILS:
 Grey Subaru. Will be singing "Sheila Take a Bow."

CURBSIDE PICKUP - DETAILS:
 White ford with a disheveled teenager

CURBSIDE May 23, 9:15 AM - Neal's Deli Haiku:

Saturday arrives
 Bearing biscuits from Sheila
 Eating is blissful

CURBSIDE PICKUP - DETAILS:
 The slightly confused, hungover one who had to put in two orders because they forgot to tip on the first order. Hoping that the sausage, cheddar and apple biscuit sets everything right today. Thanks for all that you are doing!

CURBSIDE 1:00 PM - Look for the gaze of an eager lover, seeking her Completo - a love found in pandemic, cannot be denied.

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 Thanks for helping us keep our staff fed. Your delicious food has been bringing a lot of joy! We love you, Neal's Deli! Love, Open Eye Cafe

Curbside Humor

NEAL'S DELI IN CARRBORO, NORTH CAROLINA, HAS BEEN A BREAKFAST and lunch mainstay for more than a decade. Locals from Carrboro and the UNC-Chapel Hill community pack the tiny shotgun space for pastrami biscuits in the morning and completo hot dogs come noon. When this issue of Gravy went to print, Neal's was open for curbside pickup only. But its business—and its spirit—was going strong. As a season of lockdown wore on, and homebound folks (read: all of us) got a little punchy, Neal's customers annotated their curbside orders with jokes, amateur poetry, and notes of encouragement. Owners Sheila and Matt Neal shared some of their favorite tickets with Gravy. Be well, friends. And keep your sense of humor.



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