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Dear Gayle,

Welcome to Life on Havana Street E-news. Each month you will find articles and information to make your life more interesting and keep you informed about what is happening On Havana Street.

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Featured Business of the Month: New Orient Vietnamese Seafood Restaurant



Pictured Top Row: Appetizer plate with Crispy Spring Rolls & Shrimp Fritters; Gayle sampling the heavenly food for this article; Honey Sesame Halibut. Pictured Bottom Row: Soft Shell Crab Bowl; Two Mushroom Beef Tenderloin

The New Orient Vietnamese Seafood Restaurant is a true gem in the On Havana Street community. Founded in 1981 by owner, Sue Smith, New Orient has developed quite a following of loyal, regular customers. The restaurant is located in the Iliff Pointe Shopping Center at 10203 E Iliff Avenue. Co-owner and head chef, Tien Ha, joined Sue at New Orient over 20 years ago.

New Orient has won many culinary excellence awards, including awards from Westword, the Gabby Gourmet, Zagat, the Denver Post Top of the Rockies award, and the Cherry Creek Arts Festival Culinary Award.

The food is fresh and fabulous! The portions are large and delicious. The appetizer plate features crispy spring rolls of chicken, shrimp, mushrooms and jicama, as well as shrimp fritters served with fresh veggies and a marvelous dipping sauce. The Honey Sesame Halibut was excellent, served with dried cranberries, walnuts on crispy rice noodles. In the soft shell crab bowl, the crab is fried tempura style, the shrimp is grilled, served in a bowl with rice noodles, fresh veggies, peanuts and cilantro--yummy! The two mushroom beef tenderloin is sauteed with portobello and black mushrooms, served with asparagus in red wine sauce and topped with crispy

potatoes.

I also tried the seafood hot and sour soup which was unique but truly delicious. To finish off the meal, I was served a restaurant favorite--a refreshing frozen slushy of fresh lemonade. The restaurant offers a daily seafood special, too. Be sure to put New Orient at the top of your list of places to try for unique experiences in dining On Havana Street!

[View entire New Orient Menu](#)

[View New Orient Special Coupon Offer](#)

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Food and Recipes: Celebrating America's #1 Sandwich--The Hamburger

May is National Hamburger Month and 24 restaurants On Havana Street invite you to join them in celebration of America's #1 Sandwich--The Hamburger. The dictionaries all seem to agree that the term "hamburger" comes from Hamburg, Germany, where the form of pounded beef called "Hamburg Steak" was commonly served in the mid-19th century. The recipe was brought to North America by people immigrating from Germany, passing through the Port of Hamburg. **Today, Americans buy an estimated 5 billion hamburgers a year!** That's a lot of beef, and that is why the Colorado Beef Council has joined in our National Hamburger Month celebration.

Each participating restaurant will be fixing up extra special burgers with special offers for the month. Gibby's, Sam's No. 3 and The Stampede have even come up with entirely new menus of hamburger creations for the event. **A list of the participating restaurants can be found on the Upcoming Events page of our website** (see link below). Some of the restaurants will be revealing their special offers in their listing in the business directory at www.OnHavanaStreet.com. Other restaurants have decided to keep their National Hamburger Month offers **top secret**--so you will have to visit the restaurant to find out about the special burgers and offers.

When you eat at the participating restaurants during the month of May, be sure to enter the **weekly drawing** for \$50 in "Burger Bucks" and other great prizes. All entries will be eligible for the grand prize drawing--**A beautiful 4-burner Char-Broil gas grill & BBQ set!** A big thanks to Lowe's on South Havana Street for helping us out with the grill selection and BBQ set. We will be doing the grand prize drawing at the Neighborhood Watch/Business Watch Pancake Breakfast on Saturday morning, May 30, at the Saturn of Aurora Dealership. During May at the participating restaurants, kids will receive **free educational coloring and activity books** while supplies last, courtesy of The Colorado Beef Council.

We invite you to go to the Upcoming Events page on the www.OnHavanaStreet.com website to post a blog about your burger experiences On Havana Street and share with us your favorite burger cook-out recipe. **Beef--It's What's for Lunch and Dinner On Havana Street!**

[Go to the Upcoming Events page of website to view participating restaurants list](#)

[View/Print National Hamburger Month Event Flyer and share half with a friend](#)

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Events/Happenings:

Shubert Shows' Carnival Comes to Fan Fair April 17-26:



A sure sign that spring has arrived--the carnival comes to town! Mel & Jackie Shubert from Longmont, Colorado, are bringing their popular carnival to the Fan Fair Site at 3rd & Havana for two weeks, April 17-26. The carnival will be open Fridays 5 p.m. to closing; Saturday and Sunday 3 p.m. to closing. The kids will enjoy the carousel, giant slide, Dragon Wagon, Berry-Go-Round, Hampton Car Rides, swings and other amusement park games. Tickets are \$1.00 each and all rides take more than one ticket. Wrist bands good for unlimited rides all day are \$25 each, but save \$2 off the price of a wrist band price by clicking on the link below to print the coupon. The Shuberts have been sharing their carnivals with the public for over 15 years.

[View/Print Shubert Shows \\$2 off coupon](#)



Denver Dumb Friends League Low-Cost Spay/Neuter Clinic On Havana Street

On April 20, 2009, the Meow Mobile & Lulu Mobile will be in the parking lot at Precision Auto Body, 92 S Havana, for a low-cost spay/neuter clinic. Janet & Scott

Gilchrist, owners of Precision Auto Body and real animal lovers, are hosting the clinic. The clinic opens at 8 a.m. and operates on a first come, first served basis; however, rain check vouchers will be given to those pet owners who cannot be accommodated on the 20th. The cost to spay/neuter a cat is \$25 and a dog is \$50--a great price when you realize that the fine for not getting your pets spayed/neutered is much higher, according to Janet. For more information about the clinic and how to prepare your pet for the surgery, please click on the link below:

[View Denver Dumb Friends League Spay/Neuter Clinic Information on website](#)



Celebrate Earth Day By Recycling!

Do your part for Earth Day 2009 by recycling your old electronic equipment for \$1/item. On Saturday, April 25, from 8 a.m. - noon at Suss Buick Pontiac GMC, 1301 S. Havana, you can bring all of your unwanted computers, TVs, radios, and anything else electronic to safely recycle. **Yes, the cost is only \$1/item!**

With the digital TV switch-over happening on April 16, you are probably wondering what to do with your old TV. Techno+Rescue from Commerce City will be on hand to accept and safely recycle your old TVs, any size, for \$1/each.

While you are On Havana Street, you can see the latest hybrid vehicles on display at over 20 car dealerships. Stop in to see the beautiful new "green" Kohl's at The Gardens on Havana.

At Suss during this recycling event, you will see the plans for the brand new xeriscape streetscape for the Havana Corridor, and get the first peak at which water-wise roses are to be planted this summer in the Lisa Strawn Memorial Rose Garden in the Plaza at The Gardens on Havana. (Pictured is the Winnipeg Parks shrub rose, one of the roses to be planted this summer at The Gardens on Havana.) For more information on safe recycling, visit the Upcoming Events page at www.OnHavanaStreet.com. Celebrate Earth Day On Havana Street!



Celebrate National Hamburger Month On Havana Street the entire month of May--see the Food and Recipes article in this newsletter for more information about this fun event.



Inaugural Neighborhood Watch/Business Watch Free Pancake Breakfast, Saturday May 30:

You are invited! Aurora's Finest--the police officers from Aurora District One--will be cooking up the flapjacks at the Saturn of Aurora Dealership, 2150 S Havana, starting at 8 a.m. on Saturday morning, May 30. This is another great come together event for the business

owners, neighbors, and police officers of the On Havana Street community. **Just come hungry and bring a folding chair or lawn chair!** At the pancake breakfast, will be doing the grand prize drawing for our National Hamburger Month event--the beautiful 4-burner Char-Broil Gas Grill and BBQ set. Thank you Nick Velasquez, GM at Saturn of Aurora, for hosting the breakfast.



HBID Open Golf Tournament to Benefit the Colorado Junior Golf Association at CommonGround: There is still time to get your foursome together and join us at the Inaugural HBID Open Golf Tournament at the beautiful, new CommonGround Golf Course on June 2. Just click on the links below for the tournament flyer and registration form.

[View/print Golf Tournament Flyer](#)

[View/print Golf Tournament Registration Form](#)

Cruzin' Havana Car Show & Poker Run: June 20, 2009, 3-9 p.m.



SAVE THIS DATE--Saturday, June 20, 2009. The Cruzin' Havana Car Show and Poker Run hits the street with over 3,000 classic cars and 10,000 spectators! Parking begins at 3 p.m. at the five festival sites. The poker run starts at 5 p.m. from each of the festival sites. Havana Auto Parts is donating the poker run grand prize again this year--**A BIG SCREEN TV** ! The TV will be awarded to the cruiser with the best poker hand at 9 p.m. at the Buckingham Village/Gibby's Festival Site. The first 1,000 cruisers will receive a free event hat pin. Gas cards and prizes are back for a second year. A local modeling agency will have its lovely ladies at the festival sites dressed in their poodle skirts and saddle shoes to add to the festivities. There will be classic rock & roll and great music at each of the festival sites. What could be more fun than hot cars, beautiful girls, good food and great rock & roll! Make plans to bring the entire family to this **FREE EVENT**.

[Link to Upcoming Events Page on Website](#)

[View/Print Cruzin' Havana Flyer](#)

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April Tidbits: Dick's Sporting Goods to Open April 24



The classy, new Dick's Sporting Goods will open its doors at The Gardens on Havana on Friday, April 24, at 9:00 a.m. Store manager, Brant, said the April 24 opening is the "soft" grand opening, with a formal grand opening being planned for Saturday, May 2. The store hours will be Monday-Thursday 9:30 a.m. - 9 p.m., Friday & Saturday 9 a.m. - 9:30 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.



Dora's Let's Do It! Come Together Party a Real Success:

We just wanted to thank the celebrity bar tenders, Mike and Mike, and hosts for the evenings, Dora and Dara, of the Dora's Mexican Restaurant Come Together Party, March 19 and 20 one more time. **We all had a great time!** Pictured, left to right, Dara (Dora's twin sister), Mike Tynan, Dora Hermann, and Mike Naughton

Burger King Is Coming: The first set of site plans has been submitted to the City of Aurora for a new, upscale Burger King restaurant to be built on the SE corner of Parker Road and Havana. The stone to be used in the new restaurant will be similar to the stone we plan to use in the On Havana Street District Marker to be erected on the site later this year. The xeriscape streetscape will contained some of the lovely plants that are on our recommended xeriscape plant and tree list for the Havana District.



Progressive Auto Works Has a New Home:

Progressive Auto Works, an auto customization shop that was previously located at 282 No Havana Street, has purchased the old Jazz-It-Up building at 2200 So Havana. They specialize in window tinting, stereo and security systems, and auto accessories. Progressive Auto Works opened for business at their new location on April 13. Stop in to see their beautifully remodeled, **big** showroom.

More Comings and Goings: HCI Mortgage has opened in Suite 500 of the 1450 S Havana building, Ifka Cafe has opened in Unit M at 1535 S Havana Street, replacing Lea's Kosher Cafe at that site, and Classic Barber Shop has opened in Suite 123 at 10 S Havana. The Wolf Camera Store at 1802 S Havana is closing its doors. Wolf is based

in Beltsville, MD, and sought Chapter 11 protection in February. As a part of the Chapter 11, Wolf is closing 5 stores in Colorado and 300 stores nationwide.



Lenny's Sub Shop Coming: It's official--Lenny's has signed a lease to open a sub shop in the Village on the Park Shopping Center, located between Iliff and Parker Road along Havana. Lenny's opened its first sub shop in a suburb of Memphis in 1998. Lenny's has three other Colorado locations, one at 726 Lincoln, one at 98 Wadsworth in Lakewood and the third at 3299 S Broadway in Englewood.

According to their website, "*Lenny's is the only place to find **Authentic Philly Cheesesteaks & The Deli Fresh Experience™**. We slice our meats and cheeses fresh to order and pile them high on fresh baked bread. With a half pound of meat and cheese on the regular size sub, and a full pound on the large size sub, Lenny's provides an unmatched value for our guests' hard earned dollars. Our Philly Cheesesteak contains 100% sirloin steak cooked fresh to order and is served hot off the grill.*"

The menu also includes an Italian meatball sandwich, grilled chicken Philly, a foot long hotdog, 9 cold subs and other sandwiches. The brokerage firm, Legends Retail, worked with Lisa Vela and Mark Feder of Collier BK to make this a reality. Check out Lenny's website: www.lennys.com

Queen of Angels Catholic Store Coming: Village on the Park Shopping Center will soon have another new tenant, as Ron Hepp is opening up the Queen of Angels Catholic Store at 2353 So Havana, Suite D18. Ron's son, Mitch, will be running the store. Queen of Angels is going into the site recently vacated by World Books, when the owner of World Books decided to retire and run a scaled down version of the business out of his home.



Gone in 3 Hours!--The Old Clubhouse at Mira Vista

Pretty Impressive! It only took about three hours for the demolition crew to take down the old clubhouse that served the Mira Vista Golf Course so well for many years. Mira Vista opened in 1972 on the former Lowry Air Force Base. When the base closed in the mid-1990's, the Colorado Golf Association and Colorado Women's Golf Association took over operation of the course. CGA and CWGA purchased the course in December 2005. The old clubhouse was demolished to make room for a beautiful, larger clubhouse to be built for the new, stunning Tom Doak-designed CommonGround Golf Course. The course opens for public play on May 23. The general public can book tee times six days in advance at 303-340-1520 or on line at www.commongroundgc.com. You can also get your foursome together and join us at the HBID Open on June 2. The tournament flyer and registration form are available on the Upcoming Events page at

www.OnHavanaStreet.com.

The Gardens on Havana Updates:



Pictured: On the left, the Sprouts site on Monday; on the right, the walls at Sprouts are already up. Sprouts will open in October 2009 at The Gardens on Havana

Freddy's has signed the lease for Pad 9 at The Gardens on Havana and will break ground in the near future. Franchise owner, Bill Pyle, was kind enough to share with us the history of Freddy's Custard and let us know that we are in for a real treat! Bill's son, Brian Pyle, who just moved to Colorado from Florida, will be managing the new store.

[View Freddy's Frozen Custard History PDF on website](#)

Sprouts has broken ground just to the north of Dick's Sporting Goods. Dick's Sporting Goods is opening April 24. Chick-Fil-A will be submitting site plans soon. In the meantime, Miller Weingarten Realty is looking at another pet supplier to go into the spot just north of Kohl's. They are also working with a national soup/sandwich shop, a BBQ restaurant, two other clothing stores and two banks. They plan to attend the ICSC convention in Las Vegas the end of April to recruit more sit-down restaurants and other retailers to The Gardens.



The English Tea Cup is Expanding:

This is great news for everyone who discovered The English Tea Cup during our Valentine's Day Chocolate Tasting Event--they are expanding into the vacant unit next door! Owner, Gerry Cosentino told Life on Havana E-News that she plans to close the store at 5 p.m. Saturday, April 18 to finish the expansion, remove walls, lay new flooring and do a total remodel. The new store will open for business on Friday, April 24 at 10 a.m. On Sunday, April 26, the English Tea Cup will be hosting an open house from 1-4 p.m. Everyone is

invited for tea and Gerry's special, home-baked scones!

Dealin' Doug's Big Deal:

Havana BID property owner, Doug Moreland, has recently bought back two Havana Street car dealerships, Cherry Creek Dodge and Colorado Chrysler Jeep, along with two dealerships in Fort Collins and Centennial Chrysler Jeep from Oregon-based Lithia. In 1999, Doug had sold the dealerships to Lithia, but retained ownership of the real property on which the Havana Street dealerships sit. Lithia had made Doug a very attractive offer in 1999, which was a great deal for Moreland and his partners. Now, the tide has turned and Lithia again approached Doug to see if he wanted to buy back the

dealerships. Once again, it was a very attractive offer for Doug. The recent purchase of the five dealerships makes Dealin' Doug the third largest auto dealer in Colorado.

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Automotive Innovations: Backup Camera Systems

Summer is just around the corner. It's time to take the boat or camper trailer out of storage and hitch it up to your SUV or truck for some fun. Towing a boat or camper takes some skill, especially if you have to back it up. There are the old, inexpensive back-up warning devices that go beep-beep-beep when you put the vehicle in reverse. These work well to warn people to get out of the way as you slowly back up. However, if you are in tight quarters with inanimate objects (or small children) behind you obscured from your view, a better, safer solution is a wireless back-up camera system.

On a recent visit to Advance Auto Parts at 958 S Havana, I came across the Peak Backup Camera System. This system includes a 2-3/8" Color LCD screen that mounts with a suction cup to your windshield. There is a water-resistant color camera that attaches to the back of the license plate to give you rear vision. The 2.4 GHz wireless backup camera installs in minutes. This is the perfect system to add to your SUV or the back of your boat or trailer. The Peak system was on sale for \$69.98 at Advance Auto Parts through April 22, which is a \$30 savings over the regular price, a small price to pay for some peace of mind.

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