

News On Havana Street

The Buzz on The Street:

HOT STUFF!

Congratulations to 60 restaurants and merchants on Havana Street for being named Best of the Best in the 2009 Aurora Sentinel Hot Stuff competition. The citizens of Aurora and local critics voted for their favorites during the month of July. The complete list of winners is posted under the "About Us" tab on www.OnHavanaStreet.com



Grand Openings, etc:

- GNC opened Aug 1, the Grand Opening is Aug 29
- Factory Car Outlet Opened August 1
- Future Openings:
- Amira Middle Eastern & European Bakery
- Pro Wash
- An Ice Cream Parlor
- PetCo in October at GOH
- Sprouts at GOH in October
- Chick-Fil-A has equipment on site ready to begin construction
- Freddy's Frozen Custard goes to Planning Commission Aug 12
- Sign up for the monthly Life On Havana Street E-News at OnHavanaStreet.com

Many Improvements On Havana Street

Your pride of ownership is showing! Resurfaced parking lots, new paint, new façade treatments, new landscaping are just some of the sprucing up that is taking place On Havana Street this summer.

We would like to recognize and thank some of our business and commercial property owners for their efforts. Carpet Exchange has resurfaced their parking lot, painted and did façade improvements on their building. Kids Auto has refurbished the former Smart Move dealership with a redo of the landscaping, resurfacing of

the parking lot and brand new windows. Pho' 79 has classy looking new awnings and a newly resurfaced lot. Iliff Pointe has redone their sign runners and resurfaced their parking lot. Colorado Chrysler Jeep just resurfaced their parking lot. The new dealership, Factory Car Outlet, which is on the Denver side of Havana but still on Havana, has resurfaced the lot, cleaned out all of the weeds from their streetscape, put up new signage and painted the building.

Thank you everyone for making Havana Beautiful!



Pho' 79 new awning



Newly resurfaced lot at Colorado Chrysler Jeep

Havana North Poised for Economic Redevelopment

On July 27, the Aurora Urban Renewal Authority gave us the green light to proceed with economic redevelopment of the north end of the Havana District. Ward III City Councilmember Larry Beer will be chairing the steering committee which will meet in September to outline the process. A blight study will be commissioned and environmental studies done to document any asbestos, ground water and soil issues that may exist. A stakeholders' steering committee will be formed, as we will all need to work together on an economic redevelopment plan for the area.



Fan Fare, the original shopping center in Aurora, opened in 1962 but has been vacant and deteriorating since 1984.

Local Economic Stimulus Program Available to Businesses

Arapahoe County Treasurer, Doug Milliken, has initiated a program to encourage locally owned banks to invest in our local businesses by the Treasurer purchasing Certificates of Deposit. "I am expecting job creation and business expansion to occur as a result of this program, which benefits citizens and businesses. There is full security to the County as well as better financial returns," said Milliken. The

County will be investing \$5 million in CDs to start the program. This purchase will provide the local banks millions of dollars of additional funds to invest in small and medium sized businesses in Arapahoe County. The program will enable established local businesses to receive loans that otherwise may not be available to them.

The taxpayer money used by the County for the pur-

chase of the CDs will be protected by the Public Deposit Protection Act and is fully collateralized to 102% of purchase, as required by PDPA. The CD is secured by U.S. Treasury bonds placed in the ownership of the County.

Credit worthy businesses will be able to use these loans to expand their operations, leading to an improved local job market and increased

sales tax base. The same criteria normally used by banks to provide loans will be used in this program. The banks involved in this program will be required to report on how taxpayer money is being used to support local business.

If your business is interested in this new local economic stimulus program, please contact the Arapahoe County Treasurer's office by calling 303-795-4550 or email treasurer@co.arapahoe.co.us.

Havana Street Overlay District

On May 8, 2008, the BID outlined its goals for the district: District identity, a beautiful consistent streetscape, a clear view of a business' sign, and making the process of deferred maintenance improvements to your property clear-cut and more business friendly. On August 17, 2009, the Havana Street Overlay District ordinance will go before Aurora City Council for a final reading. A beautiful xeriscape streetscape and our On Havana Street gateway and

district identity markers are included in the ordinance.

Once the ordinance is passed, we will work with the city, our commercial property owners and our sign company to finally get the gateway and district identity markers in place. We are also working on a newspaper ordinance which allow us to replace the multi-colored plastic boxes currently on the street with attractive central distribution racks that match our streetscape furniture design.

Dealer Visit Program Aug 3 Great!



Havana BID auto dealers, local officials and concerned citizens met with Congressman Perlmutter to discuss auto industry issues, tax issues and health care reform issues impacting small business.

More Events in 2009

August 29, 2009 , 7-9 p.m.: Dedication of the Lisa Strawn Memorial Rose Garden at The Gardens on Havana, Free Community Ice Cream Social and a benefit for the Aurora Symphony Orchestra. The Denver Rose Society will be on hand to give tours of the lovely new garden; Baskin Robbins is providing the ice cream and Noodles & Co is donating 25% of the sales of dinners in their restaurants at The Gardens from 5-9 p.m. to the Symphony. Please join us!

Code Corner

The Aurora City Council will be voting in the next month or so to take over the maintenance of all secondary state highways in the City, including Havana Street (SH 30). Street sweeping, snow plowing and pot hole repair will be done by Aurora Public Works crews rather than CDOT, once this maintenance agreement is in place. So, rather than being last in line for snow plowing, as CDOT usually plows the major highways first, Havana will be plowed by Aurora. In the past, 6th Avenue has always been plowed much sooner than Havana, since Aurora has always done the plowing of 6th from Havana to Buckley AFB as a part of a previous maintenance agreement with CDOT. Street banners may be in our future after all! Thanks Aurora!!

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

Thursday, Aug 20, 8:30 a.m. BID Board Meeting at Dumitri's Restaurant, 1911 S Havana St
September 17, 6 p.m. Taste of Aurora at The Stampede
Saturday, September 26, Get Cookin' On Havana Street International Market Event in 14 markets
October 17-25 is International Restaurant Week On Havana Street

Watch the website for our 2009 meeting and events schedule: www.OnHavanaStreet.com