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Dear Gayle,	

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This Month's Featured Business: Autawash



Pictured: Bobbie & Mike waiting for their vehicle to be washed at Autawash

Barry Hillegas is the owner and operator of Autawash at 2291 So Havana Street. He has been in the business for 20 years. Barry was a member of the steering committee that guided formation of the Havana Business Improvement District and continues to serve on various BID committees.

Autawash is committed to serving both the local community and the environment. In 2007, Autawash gave a total of \$66,200 in donated services and cash. Some of the recipients included the Make-A-Wish Foundation, Cherry Creek Schools, The Aurora Education Foundation

and the Cancer League of Colorado, to name just a few.

Autawash is environmentally friendly, as it uses "reclaim technology" to re-use 30% or more of the wash water. Nearly all of the wastewater from washing the cars is collected and sent to the sewage treatment plant so it does not end up in local streams and rivers. Barry Hillegas has been a leader in developing the Best Management Practices for car washes that have been adopted by Aurora, Denver, Fort Collins, Colorado Springs and Arvada.

Did you know that washing your vehicle with the garden hose at home can use as much as 100 gallons of water in just 10 minutes? A professional car wash like Autawash can wash your car using an average of 15-45 gallons of water per wash.

With the winter driving season upon us and the use of magnesium chloride on the roads in Colorado, it is important to get your car washed more frequently. Autawash has provided the interesting information used in our Automotive Innovations article in this newsletter ([go to article](#)).

Autawash's winter hours are Monday-Saturday 8 a.m. - 5: 30 p.m. and Sunday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. You will always receive prompt, courteous service at Autawash. Autawash is offering our special E-Newsletter coupons this month. The coupons are at the bottom of this email.

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Celebrate The New Year On Havana Street!

Even if the money is a little tighter this year, you can still find fun new things to do and maintain your lifestyle On Havana Street.

New Year's Eve Festivities:

Whispers Restaurant & Piano Bar, 1930 So Havana: Terri and Dustin invite you join them on New Year's Eve to celebrate with some "Legends of the Past." Performing live on stage will be Dustin "Elvis" Presley, Jack "Johnny" Cash, Danny "Frank" Sinatra, and Karen "Patsy" Cline. The fun starts at 8 p.m. The \$30/person ticket price includes dinner, midnight champagne toast, party favors and a reserved seat for the entire evening. Make your reservations by calling 303-755-2211. Only a few seats remain, so call soon.



McDonough's Irish Pub, 10395 E Iliff: Celebrate New Years Eve with a DJ, music and drink specials throughout the evening. The fun starts at 9 p.m. 303-369-9819

The Summit Steak House, 2700 So Havana: Owners Randy Newby and Michael Ford invite you to their big New Year's Eve Party. Advanced tickets are \$10, tickets at the door are \$20. Entertainment will be provided by Phat Daddy. Party Favors, midnight champagne toast, late night appetizer bar are included. Open for Dinner at 4 p.m. 303-751-2112 www.aurorasummit.com

The Stampede Mesquite Grill & Dance Emporium, 2430 S Havana: Owners Marno McDermott and John Fenstermacher invite you to join them for a very special New Years' Eve Celebration. It's ladies night; ladies drink for free from 7-11 p.m. For the guys, it's \$4 Absolute drink night. At midnight, there will be a big balloon drop with cash and prizes. Free champagne toast at midnight. Cover Charge: \$20/person. 303-696-7686 www.stampedclub.net

Vegas Night at Gibby's Sports Bar, 1555 S Havana: Join TC and the gang at Gibbys for a true Las Vegas style New Year's Eve party. Special contests and prizes all day, with a champaign toast at midnight. Doors open at 11 a.m. Costume contest at 7 p.m. No cover charge. 303-755-5944 www.buffbrothers.net

Viaggio Italian Trattoria, 10253 E Iliff Ave: Enjoy a special New Year's Eve Dinner at Viaggio from 5-10 p.m. Special menus will be available for the evening. Reservations are recommended: 303-750-1580 www.viaggiogrill.com

New Year's Day Brunch:

Dumitri's Restaurant, 1911 So Havana: Join Dumitri Palea and his marvelous wait staff for a special New Years Day Brunch. Doors open at 5:30 a.m. 303-752-0553 www.dumitris.com

Le Peep of Aurora, 2456 S Parker Road: Join Le Peep owners, Joe and Agnes, for a special New Years' Day breakfast/brunch starting at 6:30 a.m. 303-369-5404 www.lepeep.com

Sam's No.3, 2580 S Havana (Parker Road & Havana): Owners, Sam & Patrick Armitage, invite you to join them at Sam's for a delicious New Year's Day breakfast/brunch. They are open from 7 a.m. - 8 p.m. have lots of new TVs on which to watch the football games while you eat. Enjoy 16-ounce Bloody Mary's for \$3.99 and 16-ounce Mimosa's for \$4.99 303-751-0347 www.samsno3.com

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Crock Pot Black Eyed Peas for Good Fortune in 2009:

Make your life easier and make sure your 2009 starts out with good fortune with this easy recipe for the traditional New Year's good luck dish: Hoppin' Johnny. The black eyed peas in this dish symbolize coins and the collard greens dollars--both signifying prosperity in this traditional dish. You will also have the good fortune of enjoying a very tasty, nutritional meal to start out the new year. Enjoy the aroma of this dish simmering in your crock pot while you are watching the Rose Parade and college football games. I must admit I am a cookbook junkie, and this recipe is a combination of recipes from some of my favorite local church and farmers' market cookbooks. Don't forget the corn bread!

Slow cooker Hoppin' Johnny

- 1 cup of dried black-eyed peas, rinsed and sorted
- 1 cube of vegetable bouillon
- 1 onion, chopped fine
- 1 garlic clove, crushed
- 1-1/2 cups chopped, leftover Christmas Ham or a purchased ham slice
- 2 bunches of fresh collard greens, washed thoroughly and chopped
- 1 tablespoon of red pepper flakes
- 1 tablespoon of dried Italian oregano
- 1 tsp cumin
- 1 14-ounce can of chopped tomatoes (drain the liquid off)
- 5 cups of water or enough to cover all of the ingredients in the pot
- 1 cup Minute Rice, cooked separately according to directions
- Salt and cracked pepper to taste

Put the black-eyed peas in the pot and cover with water. Bring to boil and boil for 2 minutes, then reduce heat and simmer for one hour. Drain. Return black-eyed peas to the pot and add all of the other ingredients except for the rice. Cook on high for five hours, adding extra water if needed and stirring occasionally. Just before serving, cook the Minute Rice and add to the pot. Heat through and serve with the corn bread. Enjoy your good fortune in the new year!

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What's New On Havana Street?

Community Food Drive:



The entire community is invited and challenged to collect bags of non-perishable food items for the Aurora Interchurch Task Force, 1553 Clinton Street. Aurora Interchurch Task Force is open Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Interchurch has been hit with a "double whammy" of increased community need and decreased food donations this year. On January 9 at 11 a.m., group photos will be taken of those community members dropping off the bags of non-perishable food item they have collected. The media will be invited to

attend this January 9th event. The food drive is a community service project organized by the Village East Neighborhood Association's "Change is Coming" group. January is the perfect time to restock the food bank after the holidays. Before January 9, make plans to hold mini-drives in your neighborhoods, households, workplace and/or your volunteer organizations. This event is being done in honor of MLK Day and the National Day of Service, which will be observed 10 days later on January 19.

Three of our Havana BID Board Members have volunteered their businesses to be food collection sites. There will be boxes labeled, "Community Food Drive," in these businesses through the morning of January 9, when we will load up my big van and deliver the food to Interchurch.

Your help is needed in these tough economic times. Please be generous and drop off non-perishable food items by January 9 to:

Suss Buick Pontiac GMC at 1301 So Havana (across the street from the new Gardens on Havana)

Dumitri's Restaurant at 1911 So Havana (Havana & Jewell behind Arby's)

Budget Car Sales at 830 So Havana



The Sign of Change On Havana Street: It has been one year since I took this picture of the old Buckingham Square Mall sign with its bent frame and fading paint. This year, in exactly the same place as the old sign, stands a beautiful, modern Gardens on Havana sign, ushering in the promise of a new prosperity for the Havana Corridor. The Gardens On Havana is the new mixed-use center under construction at the site of the former Buckingham Square Mall at Mississippi & Havana. We will have several grand-opening celebrations in 2009 as the stores open for business, the first being the Kohl's Department Store grand opening on March 5.



Pictured: (left to right) Laila Esmail, Steve Smith and Nura Esmail

The New Team at the Buckingham Office Center: The Buckingham Office Center, sometimes referred to as the Wells Fargo Building located at 1450 So Havana, has a new property management team. Nura and Laila Esmail, the sisters of property owner Karim Esmail, are on site daily. Steve Smith joined the property management team three months ago, adding his extensive experience as a residential and commercial real estate broker.

Recent building improvements have included hiring a new elevator

company and upgrading the elevators in the building. The 8th floor (with the great views!) is being remodeled into 10 executive office suites with a common reception area. There is a small fitness center on site for the tenants. The security system in the building was upgraded in December.

Buckingham Office Center has approximately 55,000 square feet of office space for lease, broken down into three tiers: Less than 1,000 sf, 1000-2000 sf, and 3000 + sf. The lease terms are flexible, in order to accommodate a business owner's needs. The units rent from between \$12-\$14 per square foot.

In 2009, the new property management team is looking at upgrading the parking lot lighting and resurfacing/restriping the parking lot. The offices with windows facing north have a fantastic view of the new Gardens On Havana mixed use center being built next door. The mountain views to the west are also amazing. The Buckingham Office Center's parking lot will be a festival site once again for the Cruzin' Havana Car Show on June 20, 2009. You can reach Nura, Laila and Steve by calling 303-695-1600 or stop by their offices in Suite 628.

On Havana Street Business Directory: Our on-line business directory is now available on our www.OnHavanaStreet.com website . The directory features listings of over 400 of our merchants with addresses, phone numbers, websites, hours of operation, pictures of each business and a Google map showing the location of the business. You will be able to find the products and services that you need quickly and easily, as well as find special offers from the merchants.

And the Winner is: The winner of our November E-Newsletter sign-up drawing was Jackie Emmons. Jackie won a \$25 gift certificate to the Aurora Summit Steakhouse. Congrats, Jackie! Be sure to look for the small Plexiglas boxes on the counters of some Havana District merchants and sign up to receive this Life On Havana Street E-Newsletter and be entered into our monthly drawing for gift certificates from Merchants On Havana Street.

Recycle your Christmas Tree: The City of Aurora is offering free Christmas Tree recycling from December 26 through January 12 at four locations: Del Mark Park at 6th & Peoria (west lot), Olympic Park at 15501 E Yale Ave east of Chambers, Murphy Creek Golf Course at 1700 S Old Tom Morris Road which is east of Gun Club Road on E Jewell Ave, and Saddle Rock Golf course at 21705 E Arapahoe Road. The city asks that you remove all nails, decorations and stands from trees. **FREE MULCH** is also available from January 2-12 at the above tree recycling locations. Bring your own truck, bags, containers and shovels for the mulch. Call 303-739-7177 for more information. Recycle It!

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Liquid De-Icer-Friend or Foe?

I grew up in the Detroit area and my first car was a 1965 Ford Fairlane, Dynasty Green, with rusty pockmarks on the body from the corrosive effects of all the salt dumped on the roadways in the winter. My dad, who worked as a CPA for Ford Motor Company,



purchased the car for me from a co-worker for \$150. As a senior in high school with a part-time job making about \$1/hour, I quickly learned what "Bondo" was and got pretty good at using it to patch up my beloved Fairlane. That was a great car! (The picture is the Ford factory file photo of the 1965 Fairlane) When we came to Colorado in 1973, the mixture dumped on the roadways during snow storms was still "old school" and contained much more sand than salt, with the resultant brown cloud and the occasional pitted car windshield. The use of salt products on roadways reduces the freezing temperature by about 10 degrees, so the roads will not ice up as quickly as the temperatures fall.

Colorado has been using liquid de-icers for about 18 years now, but still needs to use the sand/salt mixture at times. Magnesium chloride is the

most widely used compound. Mag chloride became popular in an effort to meet air quality standards and reduce the "brown cloud" in the Front Range. CDOT has found that use of the de-icers has improved safety on Colorado highways and does allow us to get around town more easily. According to the CDOT Liquid De-Icer Fact Sheet, CDOT uses mag chloride on roads when the pavement temperature is above 16 degrees. Mag chloride plus a corn byproduct combination is used if the pavement temperature is 16 degrees or lower, and a product called APEX is used if the pavement is above -4 degrees.

It is mag chloride that forms that grayish-white film on our windshields, sticky coating on our vehicles, and that unique smell in our garages. The automotive finishes today are much improved over those used in the 1960's, and here in Colorado the dry climate also lowers the chance that rusty pockmarks will form on your vehicle. However, the build up of magnesium chloride will cause corrosion if not washed off promptly. An article in the *High Country News* (see link below) references corrosion of electrical wires, nuts, brake shoes and even ball joints." There are also environmental concerns being raised. Some mountain communities have banned the use of mag chloride. Mag chloride splashed on roadside vegetation, along with the effects of pollution, drought, lack of nutrients, and mechanical damage can result in the brownish tinge on the edges of junipers along our city streets. For most people, their vehicle is their second biggest investment. Protect your investment by getting your car washed more frequently during the winter months. Liquid de-icer, friend or foe, the debate goes on.

Here are a couple of interesting articles on the subject:

Liquid De-Icer Fact Sheet from CDOT:
www.rmiia.org/downloads/Fact_Sheet_FINAL.pdf

The De-icer that tames Western roads - High Country News:
www.hcn.org/issues/270/14621

Car Washes On Havana Street:

- Autawash, 2291 S Havana (full-service)
- Havana & 6th Power Wash, 587 Havana (self-serve)
- Mountain Car Wash, 10685 E Mississippi (self-serve)
- Red Carpet Hand Car Wash, Mississippi & Havana (full service)
- 4 Seasons Car Wash, Dartmouth & Havana (full service)
- Shiny Happy Car Wash, 270 S Havana (self-serve)
- Conoco Gas Station Car Washes, 290 S Havana and 1100 S Havana

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A 2009 Calendar for a cause that won't wreck your budget:

Pick up your 2009 Muscle Car Calendar from Checker Auto Parts at 1740 So Havana. The calendars are only \$1.99 each, with the net proceeds benefitting the Boys and Girls Clubs of America. You will find over \$100 in special Checker Auto Parts Coupons in the calendar, too.



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