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Life On Havana Street  
E-News  
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Dear On Havana Street Community Member,



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 Businesses of the Month: Mom & Pop Business Series**



### The Tierney Family's Budget Car & Truck Sales of Colorado

Each month in 2010, we will feature a different hard-working, dedicated mom & pop business "On Havana Street." Our first featured business is Budget Car & Truck Sales of Colorado, located at 835 So Havana Street. At Budget, it is definitely all about the family! Jack Tierney and his wife, Connie, own the business; Jack is the company President. Their son, John Tierney, is Vice-President and General Manager. Daughter, Jacqueline Tierney Lenfestey, is the Marketing and Advertising Manager and is the beautiful young lady featured in Budget's TV commercials. Son-in-law, Mike Mattingely, is the Internet Sales Manager for the dealership.

Jack Tierney has been "On Havana Street" for many years. He worked for Budget Rent A Car System, Inc. for 16 years before buying the company on June 15, 2000. The Tierney Family plans to celebrate their 10th anniversary of Budget Car & Truck Sales "On Havana Street" in conjunction with the Cruzin' Havana Car Show this June. Jack is on the board of the Havana Business Improvement District and is the chairman of the City of Aurora's Business Advisory Board.

Jack and Connie bring out the BBQ grills and cook lunch for their employees on Fridays before each big car sale weekend at the dealership. You will often see Jack & Connie's very cute grandkids running around the dealership on these special cook-out Fridays.

Budget is a locally owned family business backed by the buying power of an international corporation with 300,000 vehicles in its fleet. They sell much more than previous rental cars! Many of the used cars, trucks and SUVs on their lot are factory-purchased vehicles, trade-ins, and lease returns. Jack says they have the cheapest oil change in town and they service what they sell. The Tierney Family invites you to stop in and see what a different car-buying experience can be like. Shop their inventory on line at [www.budgetdenver.com](http://www.budgetdenver.com)

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### FOOD AND RECIPES: ADDIS ABABA ETHIOPIAN RESTAURANT OF COLORADO



Addis Ababa Ethiopian Restaurant is now open at 2222 So Havana Street, B1-B2. The owners are Yohanns and Yordif Elias. They recently moved to Colorado from Las Vegas, where they owned a cab company. Their dream has always been to own their own Ethiopian Restaurant. Addis Ababa Restaurant is named after the Elias' home town in Ethiopia. They serve authentic Ethiopian cuisine including Kitfo, Tibes, and Wot.

As we learned from our Get Cookin' On Havana Street last September, Kitfo is Ethiopian steak tartar seasoned with purified and herbed butter sauce and hot-spiced chili powder. Tibes consists of chunks of chicken, beef or lamb sauteed in a stew with onions, tomato, and green pepper, seasoned with Berbere sauce and other spices. Wot is essentially a stew made from a base of berbere paste so it is hot and dense with spices. Berbere sauce is a combination of several spices including paprika, salt, ginger, onion, garlic, cloves, cinnamon, nutmeg, cardamon, allspice, pepper, coriander and fenugeek blended with water and oil. For those who like less spicy food, there is nice Lamb Alicia on the menu. All dishes are served with home-made Injera.

Menu items range from \$7.99 - \$11.99. Check out their entire menu on their website at [www.addisababarestaurantco.com](http://www.addisababarestaurantco.com) Their phone number is 303-368-8021.

Pictured: Yohanns Elias standing proudly in the beautiful new bar area of Addis Ababa Ethiopian Restaurant of Colorado.

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## Events/Happenings:

**Holiday Shopping Event Recap:** Ric Sandoval of Parker won our final Holiday Shopping Spree Drawing for \$250. He entered the drawing at Hamburger Stand On Havana Street. Ric and his son Matt love der Weinerschnitzel hot dogs so make the trek from Parker to Hamburger Stand several times a week! Congrats, Ric!

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### JANUARY 2010 EVENTS:

1. **Benefit Night for Comitis Crisis Center, January 23, 5-9 p.m. at Noodles & Co, The Gardens on Havana, 10550 E Garden Drive**
2. **Community/Business Food Drive for Comitis Crisis Center All Month**



**Benefit Night:** Did you know Comitis (Ko-my-TIS) is Latin for companion? For over 30 years, Comitis Crisis Center has been a faithful companion to the citizens of Aurora at their times of greatest stress and need. On **Saturday, January 23, from 5-9 p.m. Noodles & Co at The Gardens on Havana is hosting a Benefit Night for Comitis Crisis Center**. That evening, Noodles & Co. will donate 25% of the cost of each dinner purchased to Comitis Crisis Center.

Please also bring a nonperishable food item with you when you come to help restock the pantry at Comitis.

**Food Drive:** The neighbors and businesses "On Havana Street" are teaming up in a major **food drive for Comitis Crisis Center during the month of January**, too. At the present time, Comitis is full. They are serving 50 people three meals a day. They have seen a huge uptick in the demand for services, with many "near homeless/working poor" coming to Comitis for help. These people usually have a place to stay but have spent all of their money on rent and utilities, with little left for food. The pantry at Comitis is running low after the Holiday season. **Comitis is in need of** any canned fish or meat, peanut butter, jelly, canned fruit, meals in a box, Grocery Store Gift cards that can be used to purchase fresh meats, fruits, milk and vegetables, sugar, condiments, infant formula, size 4 diapers and juices.

We encourage you to consider setting up a collection site in your neighborhood or at your business and the bring the items you have collected to Noodles & Co for Benefit Night on the January 23. To learn more about Comitis Crisis Center, please visit their website [www.comitis.org](http://www.comitis.org). We hope to see you on the 23rd as we work together to build a stronger Aurora community.

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### FEBRUARY 2010 EVENT: Travel The World Through Chocolate, Saturday, February 13, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.



Our popular free chocolate tasting event returns for a second year On Havana Street! Sample decadent chocolate from around the world. You will experience a formal chocolate tasting by starting with creamy milk chocolates, working your way up to the healthy, anti-oxidant rich dark chocolates. For our diabetic friends, sugar-free chocolate will be available for tasting at World Food Bazaar.

You can sign up at the tasting sites to win a romantic dinner for two at the Summit Steakhouse (a \$100 value). No purchase is necessary to enter this drawing. The chocolate tasting sites include:

- World Food Bazaar, 242 Havana (sugar free chocolate available here, too)
- English Teacup, 1930 S Havana
- Solomon's Grocery & European Deli, 1939 S Havana
- GNC Live Well Store at The Gardens on Havana, 10650 E Garden Drive

Bring your special Valentine and join us!

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**MARCH 2010 EVENT: Cabin Fever Party On Havana Street, Friday, March 12, 4-8 p.m.**



You say you are tired of the cold, snowy weather already--just wait until March! Come and shake off the long, cold winter blues at our inaugural **Cabin Fever Party at Dumitri's Restaurant on Friday, March 12, 4-8 p.m.** This is our first neighbor-business get-together event of the year On Havana Street. Stop by after work for **free appetizers** and some good old-fashioned cabin fever fun! We will have checkers and backgammon, card games like Euchre and Go Fish, Pictionary and other board games set up at

the tables. Challenge your friends and co-workers! What--you have never played Euchre--come learn how! We plan to set up a Wii game in the sports bar for the inaugural On Havana Street Wii Bowling Tournament. Get your team together and start practicing now! A nice door prize awaits the person wearing the craziest winter/hunting hat.

You probably all know that I grew up in Michigan and my dad's side of the family is from the Upper Peninsula (yes, we are UPers!), hence the cabin fever theme! Even if you are not a UPer, you are still invited to join your friends, neighbors and co-workers for a little R&R at this unique cabin fever party On Havana Street.

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**Cruzin' Havana Car Show Committee to meet January 22:**



The Cruzin' Havana Car Show & Poker Run returns for a third year on Saturday, June 19, 2010. Our first car show committee meeting of the year is **Friday, January 22 at 3:30 p.m. at Dumitri's Restaurant.** Please join us if you are interested in working on this awesome event in 2010!

This year we have teamed up with local 4x4 clubs and the U.S. Marines to be the site for the big summer Toys For Toys drive. Plans are also in the works for Cruzin' Havana to be an official safety check site for the NSRA, which will bring

in hot rods from around the region. Sponsorship packages and food booths are available. Please let Gayle know if you would like to be a sponsor or if you would like to help on the committee that is putting the show together for 2010.

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**January Tidbits: What's New On Havana Street**



**3rd Havana North Renewal Public Workshop Set for January 26, 6 p.m., in the Community Room at the Central Library:** The area where 1st Ave and Havana Street intersect is being discussed as a focus of a plan to carry the Havana District Design Concept Plan closer to implementation. The former Fanfare site (331 N Havana--Pictured) is one part of this discussion and is mentioned extensively in the existing plan as a part of the larger village center area, which extends along Havana St. from 6th Ave. to just north of Bayaud Ave. This is an opportunity to mix land uses in a way that could stimulate economic vitality and guide future redevelopment in the area. Good quality redevelopment stimulates further investment.

Our third and final public workshop is scheduled for **6 p.m. on Tuesday, January 26, 2009, in the Community Room at the Central Library at 14949 E Alameda Parkway**, just west of the Aurora Municipal Center. The community room is immediately to the left as you enter the front doors of the library. City staff will summarize the suggestions from the first two workshops and give updates on the process. For more information, please call 303-739-7130. There is no admission charge or fee for this workshop--so please come!



**Freddy's Frozen Custard and Steakburgers Opens in Early February:** The walls at Freddy's Frozen Custard and Steakburgers at The Gardens on Havana are going up rapidly. The pad is SE of the Conoco Gas Station and sits just east and slightly north of the new Chick-Fil-A. I emailed owner, Bill Pyle, and found out that Freddy's plans to open the first part of February. Watch our OnHavanaStreet.com website, as I will post the exact date of the grand opening on that site once we know when it is going to be.

FYI--Wells Fargo's plans to build a new bank on the site of the Wachovia Bank at The Gardens on Havana. The site plan goes before Aurora Planning Commission on January 27.

#### It's In Our Hands--2010 Census Trivia

Every 10 years, everyone residing in the United States must be counted--all ages, races and ethnic groups, both citizens and non-citizens. Here is some Census trivia:

- What is purpose of the Census? To count every person in the U.S. The census numbers are used to allocate more than \$400 billion in Federal dollars to states and communities.
- What is the estimated loss of federal funding to the city for each adult that lives in Aurora and won't be counted in the 2010 Census? \$875/person/year or \$8,750 over ten years!
- Does the Census count undocumented residents? Yes. All residents are asked to complete the information because they use the services that are possibly funded by federal money including roads, schools, job training centers, social services, block grants, urban revitalization and other programs essential to many communities.
- How many years will the 2010 Census questionnaires be confidential to the public (i.e. for genealogical purposes, etc.)? 72 years
- If you do not return your Census questionnaire by April 1, how many times will a Census worker knock on your door to attempt to obtain the information? 6 times
- How much of our taxpayer money is spent on every 1% of unreturned Census questionnaires? \$92 million! This \$92 million is the cost of Census workers having to visit each home up to 6 times to attempt to get the Census questionnaire information. **So, please complete and return your Census questionnaire when you receive it to save our taxpayer dollars!**
- What is a QAC Center? QAC centers (question-answer centers) are places set up in your local community where you can go if you have any questions or need help filling out your Census questionnaire. Census questionnaires are available in many languages, too, at the QAC Centers. If you need a questionnaire in a different language, please bring in the bar-coded questionnaire you received in the mail to the QAC center to exchange it for the questionnaire in the language you need. The City of Aurora will have 24 QAC centers with the locations of those centers listed on the city's website, [www.auroragov.org](http://www.auroragov.org)



Watch for a postcard to come in the mail in mid-February reminding you that the 2010 Census forms will be mailed out March 1. **This is a 10-question 2010 questionnaire that takes about 10 minutes to complete. Fair Warning--** At a recent 2010 Census Kick-Off committee meeting, I learned that households should complete the questionnaire and drop it in the mail **March 24**, using the postage pre-paid envelope provided, to be sure to avoid having a census worker knocking on your door in April.

**The Aurora/Centennial office of the U.S. Census Bureau is still hiring for the 2010 census.** Workers will start out part-time, but then will be working full-time after April 1. Many types of jobs are available. The pay is around \$15/hour. The Aurora/Centennial office is located at 7316 So Revere St in Centennial. If you are interested in a job with the 2010 U.S. Census in Aurora and Centennial, please call **303-385-4200**. As part of the hiring process, you will be required to take a 30 minute test. You can visit the website [www.2010censusjobs.gov](http://www.2010censusjobs.gov) for more information or

call toll free at 1-866-861-2010.

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**Ice Sculpture On Havana Street:**



The fountain in the pond at Waterpark II, Parker Road and Havana, has created its own natural ice sculpture--really beautiful!

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**Automotive Innovations: The Silver Lining of 2009.**



Our Grand Finale Year-End Car Sale On Havana Street was huge! The consensus on the street was that the dealerships sold a whole lot of vehicles, even though the official sales numbers won't be reported until some time in February. We were very fortunate to have had Channel 4 and Channel 9 pick up the story for their newscasts over the long Christmas Weekend. The 8-page pull-out section in the Aurora Sentinel was spectacular! Our car sale banners were up for

approximately a week on the street and worked wonders. There were a lot of smiles on the faces of dealership employees for a change! It was a great end to a very difficult year.

We plan to do another 29-dealership combined sales event in conjunction with our Cruzin' Havana Car Show and Poker Run in June. Of course, all of the dealerships want to make our Grand Finale Year-End Car Sale an annual event, too.

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