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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: Schaffer's Ultimate Bride Opens On Havana Street



On June 30, **Schaffer's Ultimate Bride** moved into the Village on The Park Shopping Center at the NW corner of Parker Road & S. Havana St. Schaffer's has been serving Metro Denver for 60 years, the last 35 years at E Evans and I-25. We are delighted that they have decided to join us On Havana Street!

Schaffer's carries over 800 dress samples from designers like Casablanca, Mori Lee, Venus, and Watters Brides. They stock a large selection of bride's maids dresses, mother of the bride dresses, and flower girl dresses. They have veils and headpieces, shoes, accessories, lingerie and undergarments, as well as prom and party dresses.

Schaffer's manager, Angie Vasquez, said they have been very, very busy since opening On Havana Street. Merchandise is still arriving and there are racks and racks of gorgeous gowns. Schaffer's is a little hard to find right now since their new signage has not yet arrived, but they are located in Unit F-15, next to Freddie G's Barber Shop just north of Space Age Credit Union. They are open Monday-Friday 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. The phone number is 303-739-0440 and website www.DenverBride.com

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FOOD AND RECIPES: Two New Restaurants Now Open!



East African/Middle Eastern Restaurant Opens : Siraji Ibrahim grew up along the eastern edge of Ethiopia at the Kenya border. Since coming to the U.S., he has craved the dishes from his homeland, so decided to open his own restaurant. His new restaurant is located at 2222 So Havana, Unit B-2, in the same complex as Sushi Katsu and Addis Ababa Ethiopian Restaurant. Siraji decided to offer a wide range of East African and

Middle Eastern Food, highlighting his favorite dishes from Somalia, Uganda, Kenya, and Ethiopia. The menu was not ready yet when I stopped in, but Siraji said it would be similar to The Jerusalem Restaurant on E. Evans in Denver. Stop in and try their baba ghanouj, kitfa, falafel, or sheesh kabobs. The restaurant serves breakfast, lunch, and dinner and is open from 6 a.m. until midnight daily. The phone number is 303-337-4476.



Trendy Phở Havana Vietnamese Bistro Opens:
Wayne Nguyen has opened his trendy, new Vietnamese Bistro in the former Chef's Noodle House restaurant at 10,400 E Sixth Avenue. The Bistro's interior has been nicely remodeled, retaining the unique egg basket lighting. The menu features a variety of Phở noodle soups, summer rolls, egg rolls, rice plates and vermicelli bowls. Phở Havana is open daily from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. The phone number is 303-366-9971.

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Events/Happenings:



ONLY A FEW SPOTS REMAIN, SO REGISTER TODAY! IT'S ALL ABOUT THE KIDS!

THE 2ND ANNUAL HBID OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT: A BENEFIT FOR COLORADO JUNIOR GOLF PROGRAMS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14, 2010, AT THE COMMONGROUND GOLF COURSE AT 1ST & HAVANA

4-PLAYER MODIFIED SCRAMBLE; SHOTGUN START AT 8 A.M.

The cost is just \$100/player. The price includes entry into all events, breakfast, range balls, 18 holes of golf, riding cart, lunch and prizes. Registration begins at 7 a.m. with warm up and a Continental Breakfast. Announcements and departure is at 7:45 a.m. with a shotgun start at 8:00 a.m. There will be longest drive contests for men and women, closest to the pin challenge, and a chance to win cash prizes. Wait until you see the golf goodie bags the committee is putting together for each player!

[Print the golf registration form](#)

For more information, please contact Mark Vissering at State Farm Insurance, 1852 S Havana ST, phone 303-745-0034 or Dumitri Palea at Dumitri's Restaurant, 1911 So Havana, phone 303-752-0553.

FREE JAZZ CONCERT: July 27, 6:30-8 p.m.



Join us in the rose garden at The Gardens on Havana on July 27 for a FREE Jazz Concert. Gene Smookler and The Smooks Group from the What's Cookin' Jazz Band will be performing live!

What is the Gardens on Havana, you ask? It is the new shopping center on the site of the former Buckingham Square Mall on the SE corner of Mississippi & So Havana Street. The rose garden/plaza is located at the east end of Garden Drive (main street) in between Dick's Sporting Goods and Petco.

There are two more free concerts this summer. Go to the Upcoming Events page at www.OnHavanaStreet.com for a concert flyer and **map showing the location of the rose garden**. Bring your picnic or take-out dinner and join us, as we will have tables set up around the garden for dining. Here

are the dates for the upcoming concerts.

Tuesday, July 27, 6:30-8 p.m.: Gene Smookler and the Smooks Group of the What's Cookin' Jazz Band.

Tuesday, August 24, 6:30-8 p.m.: Aurora Symphony Orchestra Brass Quintet with our 2nd Annual Community Ice Cream Social (Free ice cream sundaes for the first 200 people in attendance at the concert)

(Pictured: Oldskool rockin' in the rose garden in June)

SWEET CORN & PEACHES HAVE ARRIVED!



Pictured above, Russell & Darrell of Hutchison Farms. The first sweet corn and peaches of the season have arrived!

AURORA FARMERS' MARKET: EVERY TUESDAY, 11 A.M. - 3 P.M.

NEW LOCATION: 1470 S HAVANA ST

In the parking lot at the old City of Aurora building, NE corner of Havana and Florida.

27 VENDORS!

Go to www.OnHavanaStreet.com to see a list of the vendors

CRUZIN' HAVANA--6,000 CLASSIC CARS!



The Gibby's Festival Site was packed with classic cars and people the entire evening; Paul Braun was the winner of the Poker Run and took home a 50" big-screen HDTV!



Gretchen Mercke was the winner of the Door for D.A.R.E.; and the crew from Havana Auto Parts working the booth at the Gibby's festival site.

Perfect weather, great music, 6,000 beautiful classic cars and good company added up to an incredibly successful event! A big Thank You goes out to our sponsors and to each one of our 240 volunteers who worked long hours at this event! We could not have done it without you! Here are a few pictures. There are a lot more pictures and links to picture websites off of our www.OnHavanaStreet.com website's home page. Check it out! We hope to see you on Saturday, June 18, 2011 for the 4th Annual Cruzin' Havana Car Show & Poker Run!

September Events: More information will be coming out soon about **Taste of Aurora at The Stampede on September 16.** Of course, we are looking for restaurants to participate in "The Taste." Call Naomi at The Aurora Chamber at 303-341-1500 for more information on how to participate and how to purchase tickets for this event.

On **Saturday, September 25, noon - 4 p.m.**, we have a new International Market Event: **Tapas & Tea On Havana Street.** This is your chance to sample appetizers, snacks and teas from all around the world at our International Markets. Learn new appetizer and snack recipes just in time for the Holidays! This is a free event.

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July Tidbits: What's New On Havana Street? A Whole Lot!

Construction Begins at Rangeview Estates:



Construction has begun on the first residence at Rangeview Estates, one block west of the intersection of Havana Street and Kentucky Ave. This is a new residential development featuring 14 semi custom houses. Lot sizes range from 8,610 to 13,334 sf. You have a choice of five distinctive homes with open interior floor plans, two ranch styles and three two story models. Each home features a 2-3 car garage, covered rear patio and an outdoor living courtyard.

The houses are Built Green and in the Cherry Creek School District.

Rangeview Estates has a sales trailer on site. You can get all the details by visiting their website at: <http://www.rangeviewestates.net/features.htm>

The Summit Steakhouse's Classy New Look:



Stunning! The remodel is about 75% finished. New paint, classy burnt orange carpet, and Ansel Adams painting on the walls add up to a snazzy new look!

Owner, Randy Newby, and manager and BID Board member, Kim Dammer, are still trying to decide what paint will go on the exterior of the restaurant. They are working with the Havana BID and Ad Light & Sign on a new monument sign for the restaurant, featuring a stone veneer wrap and the On Havana Street logo panel on the sign base.

The Summit is working on a new menu, too, which will be rolled out just in time for International Restaurant Week On Havana Street, October 16-24. Randy & Kim have been taste testing some dishes that the chefs have been working on for this new menu. Of course, they will still offer the tender, flavorful prime beef that is the highlight of their current menu. If you have not been to The Summit Steakhouse and The Cabin Bar lately, you need to check out their new look!

New On Havana Street: Rock Roofing



Rock Roofing has opened shop at the Havana Offices and Mini Storage at 20 So Havana. They specialize in roofing, gutters, siding and windows. They are licensed and insured and offer free inspections. Rock Roofing has a front desk and office space, but also a large showroom where customers can actually see how the roofing and siding products look on a house. Yes, they have a mock-up of an actual house with real roofing and siding products in place.

Carl Upchurch is VP of operations. Their showroom hours are Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., or by appointment. Their phone number is 303-341-1600. Rock Roofing is located on the interior section of Havana Offices and Mini Storage. Just look for the Rock Roofing big yellow Hummer parked in front of the office.

New On Havana Street: Grace Health Clinic

Grace Health Clinic has opened at 10 S Havana Street, #103. Their doctors are from Africa and provide excellent and compassionate medical care. They specialize in women's exams/PAP smears, blood pressure screening, newborn & children's health, asthma & allergy testing, vaccines, yearly physicals, lab tests, medication refills, etc. They take Medicaid, Medicare and all insurances, but do have affordable prices for those without insurance coverage. Their phone number is 303-343-4600.

New On Havana Street: CN Massage



CN Massage has opened at 2222 S Havana ST, Unit G. They offer full body massages, deep tissue massage and massage therapy. They are open six days a week, Monday-Saturday from 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. Nicole is the owner and can be reached at 303-745-3113.

What's New at The Gardens on Havana?



The excavators quickly tore down the the old Wachovia Bank Building to make way for a beautiful, new 7100 sf Wells Fargo Bank Building.

Cricket Communications is now open at 10650 E Garden Drive, #103, along main street. They are open Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Their phone number is 303-337-0081

Key Bank plans an August 12, 2010 Grand Opening.

Zhanna's Spa continues to do tenant finish on their upscale spa going into the 2,500 sf store front directly to the south of the Lisa Strawn Memorial Rose Garden at the SE corner of Garden Drive and The Promenade. They expect to open July 29, 2010.

A Halloween Specialty Store will occupy the end unit just north of the Lisa Strawn Memorial Rose Garden.

The new Modern Hair sign is up on their building, and they are doing tenant finish work on their 1,714 sf store front along Garden Drive, with an expected grand opening date of June 29, 2010.

Target Greatlands is in the process of adding more fresh produce and enlarging the grocery section of their store, which should be completed by the end of July.

Jimmy John's Sandwich Shop will move in across the street from Qdoba Mexican Grill on main street, The Garden Paint and Hardware will go in next to Petco. Also coming soon are Game Stop and The Perea Insurance Group.

The first set of plans for the new Buffalo Wild Wings Restaurant, to be built at the corner of Garden Drive and Havana directly across from the Suss Buick GMC dealership, has been sent out to adjacent neighborhood groups and business owners for comments.

City of Aurora Energy Rebates: The City of Aurora is offering a number of rebates for Aurora property owners who make energy efficiency improvements or install solar electric and solar thermal systems. Homeowners and Business Owners can take advantage of this program through April of 2011 or until the funds are exhausted. These funds are made possible through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. What is available?

- Residential energy efficiency and conservation rebate: Up to \$1,000 per home on efficiencies including insulation, weather stripping, high efficiency furnaces and air conditioners. This city rebate is in addition to the existing Xcel Energy rebates.
- Main street commercial energy efficiency and conservation rebate: Up to \$1,500 for Aurora business owners who make energy efficiency and conservation upgrades to their buildings. This is layered on top of the existing Xcel Energy rebates.
- Solar Permit Fee & Energy Audit Rebate: This program rebates the cost of energy audits and solar permit fees for solar installation. The audit must include a "blower door test" and must be conducted by Xcel Energy; audit costs will be rebated. Initial permit fees plus one subsequent plan review fee (if needed) will be rebated.
- Solar Hot Water Heat Rebate: Residential property owners can qualify for up to \$3,000 and commercial property owners up to \$15,000, depending on the size and cost of the system. This program is in partnership with the Governor's Energy Office. To apply, visit www.RechargeColorado.com
- Debt Financing Fund: Coming soon--The Governor's Energy Office will provide small, low-interest loans for residents and business owners who wish to install solar systems on their building.

For more information, visit www.auroragov.org/rebate or call the Energy Hotline at 303-739-7675.

Attention Entrepreneurs! New Available Properties List: This difficult economy is bringing out many entrepreneurs interested in starting their own businesses. If you are an entrepreneur and are wondering what commercial property is available for lease or for sale On Havana Street, you need to check out our Available Properties List. View the [Available Properties List](#)

This list contains basic information about the properties including square footage and in some cases rental and purchase pricing. It also contains contact information for the leasing agents so you can get all of your questions answered. **We would love to have you and your new business join us On Havana Street!**

This Available Properties List is a work in progress, so if you have commercial property On Havana Street that we have left out or if any of the information needs to be changed, please contact Gayle at 303-360-7505.

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Automotive Innovations: Infiniti of Denver installs energy efficient lighting



Infiniti of Denver has upgraded to energy efficient lighting throughout their facility at 2990 South Havana Street. The lighting retrofit project has improved the quality of light and lowered maintenance costs in addition to saving energy.

Infiniti of Denver teamed with the lighting professionals at Heritage Electric who performed an audit to identify energy efficient lighting opportunities and engineered a custom solution to meet their needs. Heritage Electric also prepared and submitted rebate applications to XCEL Energy for each phase of the lighting project. The XCEL Energy rebates to Infiniti of Denver for lighting are over \$20,000.

The calculated energy savings for Infiniti of Denver is 184,000 kWh annually, resulting in greenhouse gas reductions of 166 tons per year.

The offices, common areas and service bays areas were converted from T12 to T8 lamps with NEMA high efficiency ballasts, resulting in watt savings averaging 50%.

The showroom and lot lights were converted to induction lamps, which lowered the wattage per fixture from 1075 watts to 300 watts, a 70% energy savings. Using induction lamps to illuminate Car Dealerships has wonderful benefits besides energy savings. The high Color Rendering Index of the Induction lamp enhances the colors of the products on display. Then you need to consider the long life (100,00hr) that dramatically reduces maintenance, this is of great value for applications where buckets trucks are often needed for re-lamping. The life span of one Induction lamp will replace five HID lamp changes.

On Havana Street is working with the City of Aurora, XCEL Energy, and local contractors, like Heritage Electric, to help our businesses be more energy efficient and save money in the long run.

Information and pictures provided by Roger Worrick, Energy Efficiency Consultant with Heritage Electric, 303-368-1100

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Continuing to provide unique experiences in dining, shopping and living On Havana Street.

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