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Life On Havana Street
E-News
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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:
Dora's Mexican Restaurant**

Havana BID restaurant owner, Dora Hermann, has owned Dora's Mexican Restaurant in the Village On The Park Shopping Center, 2406 S Parker Road, for 20 years. Dora's is bringing the On Havana Street neighborhood businesses and residents together for a special come together party called, "Let's do it! on March 19 and 20 starting at 5 p.m. and lasting until the "Mikes" get tired.

Guest bartenders include On Havana Street car dealers Mike Naughton and Mike Tynan, who will be behind the bar mixing up the drinks with Dora, herself. Come watch the March Madness

basketball games on the big screen TVs, meet your friends and neighbors, eat, drink and take a chance to win many great prizes each night. You must be present to win the grand prize, with the drawing taking place at 7 p.m. on Friday, March 20. The grand prize includes two tickets to the Denver Nuggets/Nick's game in a private suite on March 31, dinner for two at CityGrille, and a nightcap at Jet. Mike Naughton Ford is donating their limo to drive the grand prize winner around town in style for their special evening! This is a great time to put aside the dismal economic news and just get together for some fun-- "Let's do it!"

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Food and Recipes : Korean Food-The New Haute Cuisine

According to the Saturday/Sunday, March 7-8 edition of The Wall Street Journal, "The New Hot Cuisine is Korean." Actually, that is meant to be haute, not hot, as the article goes on to explain. Traditional Korean cooking is

cropping up all over the country in upscale restaurants to fast food eateries. Chefs are incorporating Korean elements in Western dishes, too. According to the article, last Fall a South Korean government minister announced an effort to make Korean one of the world's most famous cuisines. We have gone through Japanese, Chinese, and Vietnamese cuisine crazes, and Korean cuisine is next.

We are very fortunate On Havana Street to have several award-winning Korean restaurants. On a recent visit to the House of Korean BBQ (Sae Jong Kwan) at 2680 S Havana, just north of Yale, chefs were chopping up one of the common ingredients in Korean cuisine-garlic-to make Bulgogi. Bulgogi is one of the most popular traditional Korean beef dishes that is often served to non-Koreans as a first taste to Korean cuisine. At House of Korean BBQ, the Bulgogi is cooked on a tabletop grill. This dish is a combination of thinly sliced steak, soy sauce, sesame oil, sugar, typically sliced green pepper and carrots, and of course, garlic. Visit the restaurant listings in our business directory for all of the information for our over 70 On Havana Street restaurants.

[View Restaurant Listings in Business Directory](#)

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EVENTS: Earth Day Recycling Event April 25

Celebrate Earth Day by gathering up all of your old, used electronic equipment and bring it to Suss Buick Pontiac GMC, 1301 So Havana, from 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. on Saturday, April 25, for safe, secure recycling. Techno+Rescue from Commerce City will be on hand to accept your items for **recycling at a cost of \$1 per item.**

HBID Open Golf Tournament to Benefit the Colorado Junior Golf Association at CommonGround: Established in 1985, the CJGA is an organization that leads, promotes and supports junior golf activities in Colorado for boys and girls, ages 18 and under. CJGA's exists for the purpose of fostering and promoting the game of golf and its inherent values of integrity, sportsmanship and self-discipline to young people who would not otherwise have the opportunity to experience the game. The Havana BID has set up a program with the CJGA and Lenny's Golf Shop on Parker Road, offering Lenny's customers who purchase new golf equipment the opportunity to donate their used equipment to the

CJGA and get a tax deduction for the value of the donated equipment. We have already collected 6 sets of clubs, several loose individual clubs, shoes and balls for the junior golf program at CommonGround as a result of this program. The proceeds from the HBID Open will go towards scholarships for the boys and girls to learn the game of golf this summer. This is a great community effort to give area youth something fun and wholesome to do this summer, so get your foursome together and join us on June 2 for the HBID Open at CommonGround. The tournament registration is \$100/player of which \$25 will go to the CJGA scholarship program. For the \$100, you will enjoy a complete program of special events, 18 holes of championship golf (including cart), Continental breakfast, lunch, door prizes for each player and an exciting awards banquet immediately following the tournament. Take a chance to win prizes for the longest drive contest (men and women), closest to the pin challenge, as well as a chance to win cash prizes and a new car in the hole-in-one shoot-outs. The HBID Golf Tournament flyer and registration form can be found on line at our On Havana Street website, or stop by Lenny's Golf, Colorado Ski & Golf, Tiger Golf School or Dumitri's Restaurant to pick up your flyer and registration form.

[Link to HBID golf tournament information on website](#)

Cruzin' Havana Car Show Festival Entertainment Coming Together



Our car show committee has been working diligently over the past couple of months on arrangements for the Cruzin' Havana Car Show & Poker Run, which will cruise On Havana Street Saturday night, June 20. Stevinson Toyota East & Scion is back as our "presented by" sponsor for the event. Thank you Kent Stevinson and Doug Morrissey for stepping up for a second year! Cruisin' Oldies AM 950, one of the Lincoln Financial Media stations and the newest but **fantastic** 50's & 60's rock & roll station in Colorado, is our exclusive radio sponsor. The Cruisin' Oldies radio personalities will be doing a live remote at the Gibby's Festival Site, 5-9 p.m. DJ Cruisin' Dave from Cruisin' Productions will be spinning the tunes at the 1450 So Havana/Wells Fargo Building Central Festival Site from 5-9 p.m. Rusty The Ragtop Rocker will be playing the great rock & roll at the Concorde Healthcare North Festival Site at 1st & Havana. "The Boogie Man" has joined the

line-up and will be at the Stampede/South Festival Site for a 4-hour show, 5-9 p.m. We are still working on entertainment for the Stevinson Toyota East & Scion Festival Site. Colorado's Pro Gym will be hosting a sanctioned Strong Man Event at the Stampede Site from 3-5 p.m.-- yes, these guys are strong enough to lift a car! Of course, the classic cars will be cruising On Havana Street in the poker run to pick up a poker card from each of the five festival sites. Our On Havana Street restaurants are joining in the fun by serving special "Cruzin' Cuisine" at their establishments. Make plans to bring the family! Check out the Upcoming Events page of our website for an event flyer and booth space information.

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

We Need Your Help At Two Upcoming Events

We are looking for volunteers for the HBID Open Golf Tournament on Tuesday morning, June 2, and the Cruzin' Havana Car Show & Poker Run on Saturday night, June 20. Golf tournament volunteers are needed for the registration table, as well as to serve as witnesses by sitting at the Par 3 hole-in-one contest holes. Volunteers will receive a free breakfast and lunch, as well as a goodie bag.

We need help at the Cruzin' Havana Car Show at the Havana BID Poker Run Booth at the festival sites. Volunteers will allow classic car owners to draw a poker card and record what card is drawn on the poker run registration sheets. You do not need to know how to play poker to volunteer, as we are hiring professional poker players to be the judges for the poker run grand prize. Car Show volunteers will receive a free Cruzin' Havana T-Shirt, will get to attend the VIP dinner the Friday night before the show for free, and get to enjoy the great rock & roll music and "Old School" ambience at the event. Please call or email Gayle Jetchick if you can help us out with either event: Phone 303-360-7505 or gayle@onhavanastreet.com

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Tidbits: Freddy's Frozen Custard Coming to The Gardens on Havana

If all goes as planned, Freddy's Frozen Custard will open up on Pad 9 at The Gardens on Havana some time in October of 2009. Of course, in this current economy, plans could always end up changing. Pad 9 is located at the new Ironton Street entrance to The Gardens, to the SE of the existing Conoco Gas Station. Freddy's will occupy 7,918 square feet of space. Freddy's corporate office is in Wichita, Kansas. They have franchise locations in Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico and Arizona. In 2009, they will also be opening a Freddy's in Littleton, Colorado. Besides

the freshly churned frozen custard, their menu features Chicago-style hotdogs, the Original Freddy's Steakburger, thinly sliced fries, fish sandwiches, fish & chips, patty melts, grilled chicken breast sandwiches, bowls of chili and chili cheese fries. Visit the Freddy's website for more information: www.freddysfrozenscustard.com

Kohl's and Qdoba Open at The Gardens on Havana:



Pictured: The large crowd at the Kohl's ribbon cutting ceremony; Aurora Council Member at Large Bob FitzGerald, Havana BID Executive Director Gayle Jetchick, and Aurora City Council Member from Ward V Sue Sandstrom at the Kohl's grand opening (Pictures by Brian Molitoris)

Wednesday March 4th was an exciting day On Havana Street as both Kohl's Department Store and Qdoba Mexican Grill held their grand opening ribbon cutting celebrations. It was wonderful to see long lines and full parking lots!

What's in a Name? BBVA Compass Bank

Recently, new signage went up at Compass Bank at 1595 S Havana Street. The letters "BBVA" were added in front of the words "Compass Bank." In 2007, Compass Bank became a member of the BBVA Group, one of the premiere financial services organizations in the world, based in Bilbao, Spain. BBVA stands for Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria. According to the BBVA website, it is the second largest bank in Spain and the seventh largest financial institution in the Western World. BBVA Group entered the U.S. Market in 2005 and in 2007 they acquired Birmingham, AL, based Compass Bancshares, Inc. According to El Mundo, an online Spanish newspaper, BBVA plans are to consolidate banks to create the biggest bank in the Sun Belt of the U.S. Now you know what's in a name.

New African Market Opens On Havana Street



Tata (pictured above) is the lovely, young, energetic owner of Ibiz African Market. This unique new market opened up on Sunday, March 1, in the Birchtree Center at 1930 S Havana (SE Corner of Jewell & Havana). Tata is an Aurora resident who always wanted her own market. Ibiz features east and west African food items and has a wonderful collection of imported spices. Ibiz African Market is a great addition to the International Markets On Havana Street. Ibiz is open Monday-Saturday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and on Sundays from 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. The phone number is 720-327-5805. Tata invites you to stop in to get all of the special ingredients and spices you have been looking for. She may even share some recipes!

CommonGround Golf Course Narrowly Escapes Lowry Wetlands Fire



On Sunday afternoon, March 8, a huge fire roared through the Lowry Wetlands, just to the west of the new CommonGround Golf Course. About 30 acres were scorched, but firefighters managed to stop the blaze at the west edge rough of the golf course. There was only slight damage to the rough, but the golf course was spared. Local TV news stations reported that three teenagers were spotted in the wetlands about the time the fire started. The new CommonGround Golf Course opens Memorial Day Weekend and our HBID Open takes place June 2.

And the winner is...

The lucky winner of our Life on Havana Street E-News sign-up drawing was Sejun Kim, who signed up for our e-news at a cleaners On Havana Street. Ms. Kim received a \$25 gift certificate to the Olive Garden Restaurant at 2390 S Havana Street. We have e-newsletter sign up boxes at 50 businesses On Havana Street, so watch for one and sign up to win a \$25 gift certificate to an On Havana Street Restaurant in our monthly drawings.

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Automotive Innovations: The Perfect Set of Wheels

Wheel Time Rentals is the ultimate niche business. Owner, Wayne Sansburn, opened the Wheel Time store at 911 S Havana St in 2003. Being the only place in the Denver Metro area where one can go to "rent-to-own" some really sweet wheels has its advantages-February was a very, very good month for business! You can get custom wheels, tires and top-of-the-line car audio systems at Wheel Time. These days when budgets are tight and a lot of people cannot afford a \$30,000 new car, tricking out your current ride becomes a good alternative. How does the rent-to-own program work? There is a down payment required, and then weekly or bi-weekly payments are worked out, according to when you get your paychecks. The average 20" set of custom wheels will set you back about \$2,400. A couple of the more popular brands of wheels sold at Wheel Time include Strada and Gitano. One of the Gitano models in the showroom resembles the Mercedes symbol. I know from experience that nicer wheels will sell your used car faster, as I tried it out a few years ago with my husband's 1996 Buick Rivera. We had the Riv up for sale for 3-4 months with no offers. I then decided to invest in some really nice custom wheels for the Riv and it sold in one week's time at the price we were asking! Wheel Time delivers quality, value and great service. Their website is www.wheeltimesports.com and phone is 303-340-4809.

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

Sincerely,

Gayle Jetchick, Executive Director, Havana Business Improvement

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Let's do it
COME TOGETHER PARTY

March 19 & 20 | Starts @ 5pm

- Guest Bartenders
- College Basketball
- Great Prizes

Where | Dora's Mexican Restaurant & Lounge
2406 South Parker Rd (corner of Parker/Bluff)
303-368-1527 www.dorasmexican.com

When | Thursday, March 19 and Friday, March 20

Time | 5pm till the "Mike's" get tired.

Let's bring the Havana Street neighborhood businesses and residents together.

GRAND PRIZE
A limo provided by Mike Naughton Ford
Dinner for two at CityGrille, Denver's BEST Burger
2 tickets to the Nuggets/Knicks game on March 31st provided by Entenore Denver
Gift certificate to Jet for a night-cap after the game
Prize to be announced on Friday at 7pm (must be present to win)

Prize drawing benefits:
The Neighborhood Forward

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Join us at Dora's Let's Do It! Come Together Party and enjoy a House Margarita on Dora's:

2 for 1
House Margaritas
Good March 19 & 20
5 p.m. until closing
One coupon per person
Expires March 20, 2009

Dora's Mexican Restaurant
2406 S Parker Road
(Parker & Havana)
303-368-1527
www.dorasmexican.com

Print and clip this coupon and bring it to Dora's when you come

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