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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: ComDoctor 911



Systems Engineer, James Jung, is the owner of ComDoctor 911. ComDoctor 911 specializes in PCs and notebooks, servers, network maintenance, POS systems including bar coding and scanners, and DVR security systems. The store is located in the Birchtree Shopping Center at 1930 S Havana ST, #11. James can help you out with your computer and security needs in both English and Korean.

As a special service for the readers of Life on Havana Street E-News, James has come up with a very special coupon offer for May. If you have been in the market for a security & surveillance system, you can get a top of the line system for \$1,299 at ComDoctor 911. This is a standalone DVR system with 4 high-resolution dome cameras, a 19" LCD monitor with up to a 30 day recording capacity, and remote Internet monitoring. Installation is included in this price for a 1,000 sf office space. James is also offering to provide a free system demo in your office so you can see all of the system's features and exactly how it will work. This offer is good from May 15-June 30, 2009. Call 303-755-0911 to set up an appointment.

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Food and Recipes: Food Critic's Corner

Life on Havana Street E-News subscriber, Mark Tunnell, is on a mission to experience each one of the unique ethnic restaurants On Havana Street. He has been providing me with wonderful reviews and comments. Mark has agreed to allow me to share some of his reviews with the rest of our Life On Havana Street E-News subscribers.

In April, Mark attempted to go to Sin Sa Dong Korean Restaurant in The Village on The Park Shopping Center. He found the doors locked up tight. The fancy new English sign went up on the building a short time ago. With a little bit of snooping, we have learned that the restaurant is temporarily closed due to their chef leaving Aurora to relocate to Colorado Springs. So, Mark ended up at Happy Teriyaki, 2495 S Havana, instead, which turned out to be, "yummy."

In late April, Mark visited Seoul Jang Ter at 2020 S Havana. Mark writes that he was, "very pleased, not to mention intrigued. The restaurant and Havana Sauna next door do not appear to have a wall separating them, and the kitchen seems to be between/behind both places. The owner at first thought I was looking for Seoul BBQ, but when I explained I'd heard about the restaurant, she said she was so thrilled that I had stopped by. It is a very small, homestyle eatery--three-fourths of the menu is devoted to soups of one description or another. I told one of my friends from work (one of whom is half-

Korean) and they went and liked it, too."

Mark and his co-workers also visited Seoul BBQ, a few doors down from Seoul Jang Ter. They tried the \$6.95 lunch special. Mark writes, "It was a good value for the money--lots of (refillable) side dishes, large main courses and so on. The nature of the specials means that the meals are cooked in the kitchen, rather than being grilled by the diners themselves, although they have those types of meals available there, too, for those who do not want to do one of the specials. We were impressed! The restaurant looks very nice from the inside, as well."

Watch for more of Mark's reviews in future editions of this newsletter, and get out and try some of our wonderful restaurants for yourself, too.

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Events/Happenings:



Celebrating National Hamburger Month On Havana Street in May 2009: National Hamburger Month is in full swing, with restaurants really getting into the spirit of this fun, month-long event. The 23 participating restaurants are serving up their very best burgers with special offers, too. Johnny's Diner at 2323 S Havana has their daily special posted on their display board inside the restaurant. Sam's No. 3 at 2580 S Havana is doing a different specialty burger each day and offering \$1 off all hamburgers served in May. You can BOGO (buy one get one) burger the month of May at Le Peep, 2456 S Parker Road, when you present the coupon that can be found in Le Peep's business directory listing at our www.OnHavanaStreet.com website. Hamburger Stand, 938 S Havana, also has a special coupon offer in their business directory listing. Gibby's at 1555 S Havana has a lunchtime burger special from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. every Monday through Friday in May: A \$5 cheeseburger with fries and a soda; 50 cents for additional toppings. On Saturdays in May you can get a Burger and a Beer for \$8.50 at Gibby's; again with additional toppings being 50 cents.

Tune into Cruisin' Oldies AM 950 radio from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. during their Cruisin' Cafe weekdays in May for a chance to be the first to call in to win two free burgers from On Havana Street Restaurants. Cruisin' Oldies is our exclusive radio sponsor for the Cruzin' Havana Car Show & Poker Run on June 20, too.

We did the first of our weekly drawings for Burger Bucks and other prizes on May 8 at the Wendy's Restaurant at 1255 S Havana, with the Wendy's staff picking the winners out of

the 260 entries we received. The winner of the \$50 was Abe Valdez. Abe mentioned that he had not won anything in many years, and he was going to go out and by a lottery ticket now, too, sensing his luck had changed! Corrine Priebe won a \$20 gift certificate to Sam's No. 3 and Ernie Hassell won the gift package from the Colorado Beef Council. We will be doing weekly drawings every Friday in May, and all of the entries will go back into the grand prize drawing, which will take place on May 31, for the beautiful 4-burner Char-Broil gas grill. You can enter the weekly drawing at the participating restaurants.

Bring the kids to receive free coloring and activity books, courtesy of the Colorado Beef Council. Go to the upcoming events page at www.OnHavanaStreet.com to view a list of participating restaurants. There are always fun new things to do On Havana Street!



Big Demo Event at BMW of Denver: On Saturday, May 16, from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. the BMW demo truck will be at the 2910 S Havana store with their new product line up. You can test ride the new, sporty, aerodynamic K1300S bike. BMW apparel specialists will be on hand. You will receive special discounts on apparel and parts during the demo event. The Aurora Police Department's Motor Patrol will be on site with their motorcycles, too. Bob Creger, GM, said that BMW of Denver had a very good year last year, and this year is starting out even better for the dealership.

[View BMW of Denver's website](#)

Pictured: The new K1300S



Noodles & Company Opens at The Gardens on Havana: Please join us on the evening of Thursday, May 21, for the pre-grand opening party at the new Noodles & Company on Garden Drive (main street) at The Gardens on Havana from 5-9 p.m.. Come out and meet your neighbors, GM Cory Carter and the entire new Noodles team. If you purchase dinner at this pre-grand opening party, Noodles & Company will donate the entire amount of your purchase to the Aurora Animal Shelter.

The official grand opening for the store is Friday, May 22. This is a beautiful, upscale little restaurant. I was impressed with all of the details they included in the restaurant design. The store hours will be Friday & Saturday from 11 a.m. - 10 p.m. and Sunday-Thursday 11 a.m. - 9 p.m. The phone number is 303-695-6000.

You can visit their website at www.noodles.com to view their menu. They also accept faxed orders at 303-695-5085.



Fairway Days at Lowry: The new CommonGround Golf course straddles the Denver/Aurora border, with half of the course in Denver and the other half in Aurora. Both cities are celebrating the opening of this spectacular new 18-hole championship golf course. Lowry is hosting Fairway Days for two weekends, May 23-24 and May 30-31, and the Havana Business

Improvement District is hosting the first public tournament at the new course, the HBID Open, on June 2, which is a benefit for the Colorado Junior Golf Training Program at CommonGround, providing scholarships for area kids this summer for them to learn the game (see related article below for more info). The beautiful new banquet tent has been set up at the course to get ready for all of the grand opening festivities.

During Fairway Days, you are invited to come see the new course, tour the new clubhouse, and see a hole-by-hole history display of the course, designed by architect Tom Doak. You can visit the new par-3 course and hit a bucket of balls on the new driving range. The Colorado Golf Association and Colorado Women's Golf Association will be hosting an all-age golf laboratory. Then, check out the model home tour at East Park. You can pick up a coupon for a free bucket of balls on the home tour and sign up in each model home for a chance to win several free foursomes of golf at CommonGround. On the weekend of May 30-31, festivities continue with community events for Lowry residents, friends and neighbors, including free burgers, hot dogs and ice cream from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the course. Come to a free chipping clinic with CommonGrounds golf pros at 2 p.m. on both days. A kid's golf clinic will be held on both days from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. with Colorado Golf Association's Traveling Birdie Ball. Come on out and meet your neighbors and see how spectacular this new course is for yourself! The golf course entrance is off of 1st Avenue just to the west of Havana Street. Get in the game!

Free Website Workshop: Not on the web yet? Not getting traffic to your site? You can't afford to wait! The Havana BID and the City of Aurora Business Development Center have teamed up to offer a free website workshop. You will learn how to create a professional website, prepare your website for the web, make your website "search friendly," and much more. The workshop will be held May 27 from 8-9:30 a.m. at the MLK Library at 9898 E Colfax. At this workshop, you will have a chance to win a free website design (\$450 value). We can only accommodate 25-30 people, so call 303-326-8690 to reserve your spot today.

Inaugural Neighborhood Watch/Business Watch Free Pancake Breakfast, Saturday May 30: Unfortunately, this event has been cancelled because a couple of the sponsors had to drop out. We will try again later in the year or next year.



HBID Open Golf Tournament to Benefit the Colorado Junior Golf Association at CommonGround:

Get your foursome together and join us at the Inaugural HBID Open Golf Tournament at the beautiful, new CommonGround Golf Course on Tuesday, June 2. Just click on the links below for the tournament flyer and registration form. Proceeds from the tournament go towards scholarships for area kids to learn the game of golf this

summer. We already have 24 foursomes playing and have 15 hole sponsors so far. The competition is really heating up with many low-handicap "ringers" joining the foursomes so they can be one of the first to play this spectacular new 18-hole championship course designed by Tom Doak. Some CGA members are already playing the new course. The grand opening ribbon cutting is scheduled for 11 a.m. on

Wednesday, May 20. The course officially opens for public play on May 23.

[View/print Golf Tournament Flyer](#)

[View/print Golf Tournament Registration Form](#)

Pictured above: Colorado Junior Golf Association members playing CommonGround on May 12 when the outdoor temperature was 82 degrees!

Dora's Come Together Party--Let's Do it Again!

WHAT!!!!??? **DENVER BRONCOS CHEERLEADERS** at Dora's Mexican Restaurant? Yes, it's true! Dora says, "Let's Do It Again!" Please come join us for this very special event where you will be able to meet our very own **Denver Broncos Cheerleaders!** There will also be an autograph signing party!

Not only will we have our **Denver Broncos Cheerleaders** but we will also be hosting other small businesses of the community to allow them to introduce themselves! Come meet some of the neighbors as we are sure they would love to meet you! Please come & join us on June 6th from 7-9 and "Show your support!" Dora's is located at 2406 S Parker Road in the Village on The Park Shopping Center; phone 303-368-1527.

Cruzin' Havana Car Show & Poker Run: June 20, 2009, 3-9 p.m.



Only about four weeks to go! The Cruzin' Havana Car Show and Poker Run is back to kick off summer for a second year on Saturday, June 20, 2009. Cruzin' Havana is presented by Stevinson Toyota East and Scion, sponsored by Havana Auto Parts and NAPA, The Stampede Mesquite Grill and Dance Emporium, your local State Farm Insurance Agents, The Aurora Sentinel, and hosted by the Havana Business Improvement District. The exclusive radio sponsor for the event is Cruisin' Oldies AM 950.

Parking begins at 3 p.m. at the **five festival sites**: The Stampede at Parker & Havana, Gibby's at 1555 S Havana, Wells Fargo Bank Building at 1450 S Havana, Stevinson Toyota East & Scion at 444 S Havana and the Concorde Healthcare parking lot just north of 1st Ave and Havana. **The poker run starts at 5 p.m.** from each of the festival sites. Havana Auto Parts is donating the poker run grand prize again this year-- **A BIG SCREEN TV!** The TV will be awarded to the cruiser with the best poker hand at 9 p.m. at the Buckingham Village/Gibby's Festival Site. The first 1,000 cruisers will receive a free event hat pin. Gas cards and prizes are back for a second year. A local modeling agency will have its lovely ladies at the festival sites dressed in their poodle skirts and saddle shoes to add to the festivities. There will be classic rock & roll and great music at each of the festival sites. What could be more fun than hot cars, beautiful girls, good food and great rock & roll! Make plans to bring the entire family to this **FUN, FREE EVENT!**

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

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May Tidbits: Dick's Sporting Goods Grand Opening Was Great!

The On Havana Street Community welcomed Dick's Sporting Goods to The Gardens on Havana on Saturday, May 2. Even though the weather was a bit chilly, the kids still had great fun with the sports-themed inflatables. Ian Leperriere from the Colorado Avalanche was on hand to sign autographs, professional team mascots were chasing each other around the new store, and balloon artists and face painters added to the celebration. I must admit, my avid golfer husband was the first one in the store when the doors opened, as his birthday is coming up and he wanted a new Taylor Made big head driver. After spending over an hour playing in the really high-tech golf club test room in front of the swing analysis computer, he picked out the perfect club and purchased it at the great grand opening discount price. He is now ready to play in the HBID Open Golf Tournament at the new CommonGround Golf Course on June 2. The store hours are Monday-Thursday 9:30 a.m. - 9 p.m., Friday & Saturday 9 a.m. - 9:30 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.



Queen of Angels Now Open: The Queen of Angels Catholic Gift & Book Shoppe is now open in the Village on the Park Shopping Center, 2353 S Havana, Unit D-18. Their hours are Monday-Friday 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; closed on Sundays. Their phone number is 303-751-9176. Stop in to welcome Mitch Hepp and staff to the On Havana Street Community!



The English Tea Cup's Beautiful New Look: Very British, I would say! The English Tea Cup has completed its remodel and is open for business. They have more than doubled their dining area. The spacious new store is warm and welcoming. The lace tablecloths are beautiful. Owner, Annette Cosentino, is very, very pleased with how the store turned out. Last week, a group of 13 students and their teacher visited the Tea Cup

for some tea and scones. What a fun idea for a field trip! The tea and scones are wonderful, as always. The English Tea Cup also features fine pies, sausages, and sweets. The crystal and china in the shop are exquisite. Take a break from your busy schedule and stop in to have a spot of tea.

[View the Aurora Sentinel Article on the English Tea Cup](#)

Arapahoe/Douglas Youth in the Works! Summer Youth Work Program: Several of the business owners in the Havana Business Improvement District have signed up to participate in this neat program for 2009. Arapahoe/Douglas Works' program is looking for 400 work sites for youth between the ages of 14 and 24 this summer. The businesses provide the work site, work experience and supervision for the youth. The program pays for all hours worked, covers payroll taxes and workers comp for the youth in the program. If you are a business owner looking for summer help and would like to participate, please click on the link below for more information about the program.

[Link to Arapahoe/Douglas Youth in the Works! Summer Youth Work Program info](#)

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Automotive Innovations: The 2010 Camaro



Last week, I was delivering Cruzin' Havana Car Show Posters to businesses along Havana Street. I pulled into the Bozarth Chevrolet parking lot, and there it was--the most beautiful **new** red car I have ever seen. It had just arrived at the dealership a few minutes before I got there, and there was already a crowd around it. What is that car? It was the brand new 2010 Chevrolet Camaro! This is the V-6 version of this popular muscle car of the 1960's, but it still produces an impressive 304 horsepower from its direct injection engine. There is also a V-8 version which makes 426 horsepower! The new Camaro is built in Oshawa, Ontario, Canada. According to the June 2009 edition of Car & Driver Magazine, more than 14,000 folks have already laid down earnest money to secure a 2010 Camaro. I ventured a glance at the sticker on the window to see the price and was pleasantly surprised to see it was in the \$28,000 range. I just happened to have my camera with me so snapped a couple of pictures of this new beauty.

[View the Car and Driver Magazine Article](#)

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