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Attention current and future business owners...

BUSINESS SEMINARS TO BE OFFERED IN SEPTEMBER



The Aurora Small Business Development Center is offering two valuable business training seminars this September. These seminars are geared towards existing business owners, as well as entrepreneurs looking to start a business. You owe it to yourself to take advantage of these free and low-cost seminars!

LOOK BEFORE YOU LEASE SEMINAR: Tuesday, September 3, 1-4 p.m. at the Aurora Municipal Center, 15151 E Alameda Parkway in the 2nd Floor Aspen Room (next door to the cafeteria).
COST: FREE. Before you sign a commercial lease, there are several things to consider. At this seminar, we will be discussing how to check permitted uses at a particular location, who is responsible for maintenance and repairs, what type of "exclusivity" clause to ask for, what are your renewal terms, and whether or not your financial projections show that you can afford the lease for the full term. Pre-Register on line at www.AuroraSBDC.com/Current-Seminars or call 303-326-8690

[Look Before You Lease Seminar Flyer](#)

LEGAL RULES OF BUSINESS SEMINAR: Tuesday, September 17, 1-4 p.m. at the Aurora Municipal Center, 15151 E Alameda Parkway, in the 2nd floor Aspen Room (next door to the cafeteria).
COST: \$30 Business owners should avoid taking business risks. Come learn how to choose the right corporate entity for your business (LLC, C-Corp, S-Corp). We will be discussing how to avoid the risks of signing a contract without fully understanding what it means, how to avoid investing in a brand name before doing a trademark search, how to avoid risking your personal liability by undercapitalizing and comingling accounts. Did you know you should never hire employees without agreements to protect your intellectual property? Come listen, learn and get your questions answered. Pre-register for this seminar on line at www.AuroraSBDC.com/Current-Seminars or call 303-326-8680

[Legal Rules of Business Seminar Flyer](#)

Food For A Great Cause!

STEV O'S PIZZA CREATES COLORADO'S BIGGEST PIZZA

A huge effort for a great cause was thwarted a bit by Mother Nature. Steve Wieand, owner of StevO's Pizza at 800 S Havana, his restaurant staffers and family, put lots of time, effort and money into creating a 10' diameter, 150 pound pizza on Saturday, August 3. The idea was to sell the slices of pizza and donate all of the money to The Children's Hospital. Steve and crew even crafted the Children's Hospital logo on the top of the pizza using pepperoni and other toppings. Steve, a welder by trade, created the big pizza pan himself on which to cook the pizza. The huge pizza was truly a work of art!



Unfortunately, Mother Nature intervened by whipping up the wind to fan the charcoal under the pizza causing the crust to burn quickly. The red sauce, cheese and toppings on the pizza were delicious, though.

Thank you StevO's Pizza for your big heart and all of your effort to create Colorado's Biggest Pizza to benefit The Children's Hospital!

Free Community Concert & Ice Cream Social

AUGUST 27 CONCERT: AURORA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA BRASS QUINTET AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL



WHAT? Aurora Symphony Orchestra Brass Quintet in concert and free ice cream sundaes for the first 400 people in attendance.

WHEN? Tuesday, August 27, 2013, 6-8 p.m.

COST? Free.

Where? Around the Rose Garden at The Gardens on Havana (former Buckingham Square Mall site) at Mississippi & Havana.

We have rented the City of Aurora's Show Wagon for this concert. The Show Wagon will be set up along Garden Drive just east of the Rose Garden Plaza. The Rose Garden Plaza is along the back row of big box stores in between Dick's Sporting Goods and Petco.

Bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on and water or soda to drink. We will provide the free ice cream sundaes while they last. Everyone will receive a ticket for a chance to win door prizes at the concert (no purchase necessary).

The Farmers' Market Ends September 2, 2013

HAVANA FARMERS' MARKET EVERY MONDAY



The farmers' market sets up every Monday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. or until sold out in the parking lot at Havana Exchange Shopping Center. That's south of Yale on the east side of Havana in front of the Mr. Panda Restaurant and across the Street from Mile High Honda. You can pick up fresh produce, breads, salsas, fruit, rice, pasta, and vinegars at the market.

The last day for the farmers' market for the 2013 season is Monday, September 2.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FAIR COMING TO THE GARDENS ON HAVANA

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2013

9 A.M. - 5 P.M.

IN THE PARKING LOT IN FRONT OF DICK'S SPORTING GOODS AT THE GARDENS ON HAVANA, MISSISSIPPI & HAVANA.

September is National Emergency Preparedness Month. Preparedness goes beyond fire alarms, smoke detectors and extra food in the pantry. Are you ready to deal with situations like no phone, no food deliveries, no power, no emergency help?

O.M.E.G.A., a multidisciplinary response team, can help you get prepared! This emergency preparedness fair is designed to raise community awareness:

- Be informed
- Make a plan
- Build a kit.
- Make a difference.
- Pledge to prepare.

There will be special speakers, exhibits, demonstrations, vendors, and contests at this emergency preparedness event. For a complete schedule of events and speakers, go to: <http://www.omegaresponders.org/php/index.php>



District Wide Sidewalk Sale in the works!

AUTUMN EQUINOX SIDEWALK SALE, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21



The merchants along Havana will be hosting a district-wide sidewalk sale on Saturday, September 21 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Any merchant in the Havana District can participate. Merchants can have a table of sale items set up either inside or outside of their shops for this sale. Come shop for summer close outs and see the new Fall inventory.

Four of the retail centers along Havana are planning special festivities in conjunction with the Autumn Equinox Sidewalk Sale:

The English Teacup at Birchtree Center, 1930 S Havana on the SE corner of Jewell and Havana: Enjoy a free tasting party where you can sample delicious, very British food like bangers and Shepherd's pie. There will be free face painting for the kids and a drawing for gift certificates (no purchase necessary). The Teacup will have their beautiful china tea sets on sale on their sidewalk sale table in front of the store.

Klassye Creations in the Havana Exchange Shopping Center, south of Yale on the east side of Havana, is organizing a scavenger hunt at their center. Enter to win the \$100 cash prize (no purchase necessary). More details coming soon.

Colorado's Pro Gym and Heirlooms Antiques Mall are teaming up on special activities at Havana Square Shopping Center on the SW corner of Jewell and Havana. Over 20 antique vendors will have sidewalk sale tables set up inside and outside of the antique mall. Enter the drawing for "Antique Mall Bucks" (no purchase necessary). Colorado's Pro Gym is holding an open house with free yogurt and samples of "Fit Foods 4U," a line of fast, nutritious meals. There will be a dunk tank so you can "dunk the trainers" for \$1 with all of the money going to charity. More details coming soon.

The Gardens on Havana, Mississippi & Havana. Lane Bryant and Noodles & Co are making plans for their center. Merchants will be setting up sidewalk sale tables. You can enter a drawing at Lane Bryant and at Noodles & Co to win merchants' gift cards (no purchase necessary). They are planning a chalk art contest and other fun activities. More details coming soon.

We will post more details as we get them at www.OnHavanaStreet.com

OCTOBER EVENTS

HAVANA RESTAURANT WEEK, ELECTRONIC RECYCLING AND HALLOWEEN EVENTS IN THE WORKS

Save the Dates, as we are busy working out the details of our October Events:

October 12-20 is Havana Restaurant Week

October 18 is the Art 2C On Havana Awards Gala

October 19 is the Fall Electronic Recycling and Document Shredding Event

October 26 is our annual Halloween Trick or Treat Event at The Gardens on Havana with a costume contest and free pictures of you and your family in costume. Petco will be hosting its annual pet/owner costume contest at 2 p.m. that day. More details about all of these events can be found on the Upcoming Events page at www.OnHavanaStreet.com.

TIDBITS--WHAT'S NEW ON HAVANA?

SOUTH IRONTON EXTENSION TO FLORIDA AVE

City of Aurora Public Works is currently in the process of designing the extension of South Ironton Street from the Target Parking Lot at The Gardens on Havana extending over to Florida Ave. This will provide another way in and out of The Gardens on Havana, including a left turn onto Havana off of Florida.

*Art 2C On Havana Public Art Program***11 NEW SCULPTURES CHOSEN FOR ART 2C ON HAVANA**

The Art 2C On Havana selection committee met the end of July to review the 34 sculptures that were submitted for consideration in our 2013/2014 exhibition. Artists from all over the United States, as well as Great Britain and Iran submitted sculptures. The committee selected 11 sculptures and 4 alternates. The current sculptures that are in place on the street will be removed the last week in September with the new sculptures being installed the first week in October. We can hardly wait to show everyone the incredible new sculptures on our 2013/14 exhibition!



Over the last 2 weeks, Gayle Jetchick from the Havana BID and Mary Koernig, coordinator of the City of Aurora Art in Public Places Program, met with all of the business and commercial property owners who will be hosting a sculpture in the 2013/2014 exhibition. The business owners were shown the sculpture selected for their site and had the opportunity to approve the piece or select from one of the alternates. The next step will be to have the engineering work done on the sculpture bases to make sure the bases will safely support the sculptures.

We are planning an October 18 Art 2C on Havana gala at which we will unveil the 11 sculptures in the new exhibition and announce the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners, as judged by the AIPP commissioners. The public will have a chance to tour all of the sculptures sites throughout the year and vote for their favorite in the Peoples' Choice balloting next summer.

SOME NICE RECOGNITION: Art 2C On Havana is featured in the August edition of the Business Xpansion Journal in an article about The Arts Mean Business: <http://bxjmag.com/the-arts-mean-business/>

*Business Watch***Business Watch Merchants' Meeting Set for August 20**

Attention business and commercial property owner stakeholders of the Havana Business Improvement District. Please have someone from your business attend this meeting:

Business Watch Merchants' Meeting

Tuesday, August 20, 2013 from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Curtis Park Creamery (former Arby's building) on the SW corner of Jewell and Havana

Come enjoy mini chili rellenos and chili sauce specially made by Curtis Park Creamery (a Mexican restaurant, not an ice cream shop). We will be giving away one Lorex 1080 HD security system to one lucky Havana BID business owner. (No purchase necessary to enter the drawing for the security system.) Topics of discussion will include how to adjust your security system for optimal performance, how to recognize and report suspicious activity, how to use the new Crime Reports webpage on the City's website, and we will be updating our business watch email distribution list.

*What's Up with that ugly "Bubble Building?"***FANFARE REMEDIATION UPDATE**

Removal of the asbestos from the interior of the building has been completed. The contractor, LVI Environmental, is working with the CDPHE and EPA on various techniques to use to safely remove the top layer of the roof of the building, which also contains extensive asbestos. We heard from city officials this week that some kind of a soy-based product is being tested, and if this works it will allow sections of the roof coated with this soy-based product to be removed safely. Testing of this soy product should be completed by the end of August. Yet to be determined is how much asbestos is contained in the exterior walls and the cement bubble roof itself. We have been told it will still be late fall/early winter before the building comes down. Stay tuned...

*465 NORTH HAVANA BEFORE AND AFTER PICTURES***BEFORE: OLD SPOTLITE VIDEO AT 465 HAVANA**

The old Spotlite Adult Video Store in the Havana North Urban Renewal Area had been vacant and deteriorating for a couple of years. The building was demolished to make way for redevelopment...see the "After" Picture below.

*465 N Havana Street*

AFTER: 465 N HAVANA-- NEW FAMILY DOLLAR TO OPEN OCT 3

The new brick and ledgestone Family Dollar Store at 465 N Havana is planning a grand opening on October 3, 2013. Rain has delayed the completion of the new sidewalks, curb and gutter, and the parking lot entrance. The contractor has the cement crew scheduled to pour the new sidewalks and curbs early next week, as the weather is supposed to clear with no rain for few days. The new landscaping will be next. The contractor, who has built many Family Dollar stores and is currently working on 6-7 stores in Colorado and Wyoming, said that our new Family Dollar is by far the nicest one he has ever built. Thank you Virgil Shouse from Xcell Funds for working with us on the upgrades to the building! This is the first new construction that has happened in the Havana North area for many, many years. We are planning a grand opening ribbon cutting ceremony in October.



New at The Gardens on Havana

The New Starbucks

The signage was installed on the new Starbucks at the Gardens on Havana on August 7. A late August/early September opening is planned. Yes, this new Starbucks has a drive-thru!



Ground breaking news!

APARTMENTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT THE GARDENS ON HAVANA

You will be seeing lots of construction activity just east of The Gardens on Havana along South Joliet as work continues on the new apartment complex. An April 2014 opening is planned for the clubhouse. There will be 9 apartment buildings with the first building expected to open two weeks after the clubhouse opening and the other building to follow at 2-week intervals. This is the much anticipated residential piece of The Gardens on Havana.



Property News...

Johnny's Diner Available



After a recent City of Aurora Fire Inspection, it was determined that the fire suppression hood over the grill needed to be replaced at Johnny's Diner, about a \$3000 repair. The restaurant operator, facing this minor repair to the hood, made the decision to get out of the diner business. The property owner has listed the property for lease with David Hicks Lampert agent Joe David (303-694-6082).

Johnny's Diner is located on the SW corner of Havana and Iliff with more than 78,000 vehicles a day at that intersection. The building is 2,270 sf and the lot size is 20,250 sf. This would be a great location for general retail or another restaurant.

2014 Models Arriving In Havana Motor Mile Dealerships

LUXURY CRUISER--THE 2014 KIA CADENZA

Kia Motors has not had a large luxury sedan in their model line up since 2009. For the 2014 model year, they have introduced the Kia Cadenza, which is now available in a few markets across the U.S. This luxury cruiser offers a strong, smooth spirited 3.3L V6 engine which gets up to 19 city and 28 hwy. It comes with a wealth of standard features including front wheel drive. It is longer and wider than the popular Kia Optima and shares a platform with the Hyundai Azera. The Kia Cadenza goes up against other full sized sedans like the Chrysler 300, Toyota Avalon, Buick LaCrosse and VW Passat.



Pictured is the 2014 Cadenza in the showroom at Shortline Kia at 1st & Havana.

Read the 2014 Kia Cadenza Review in Edmunds': <http://www.edmunds.com/kia/cadenza/2014/>

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

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