



Life On Havana Street eNews
December 2013



Dear Gayle,

In This Month's Issue

Businesses Making a Difference...

Businesses Donate to Aurora Police Reward Program

Food for Comitis Crisis Center...

Calling All Grocery Cart Racers & Pit Crews!

Events/Happenings...

Ugly Holiday Sweater Party Dec 11, 6 p.m. (RSVP by Dec 9)

Enter to Win Holiday Cash thru Dec 10

500 Gift Cards Ready for Secret Santa Saturday Dec 7

Tidbits...What's New On Havana Street...

New Life for Old School Burger Site?

Holiday Open Studio Sale Dec 7 & 8 in Havana North

Colorado's Pro Gym Corporate/Employee Wellness Program

Massage Envy Holiday Offer

"Add Chikin 2 Yer Morning Rooteen"

2013 Annual Report

Fanfare--Still Waiting

Watch us on YouTube

Join us on Facebook

Automotive...

Automotive Avenues Now Hiring

Business Commitment to Law Enforcement

Businesses Donate to Aurora Police Reward Program

The Aurora Police Reward Program was created in 2007 through a joint effort of the Aurora Rotary Club and Aurora Chamber. This program is a conduit through which the business community can make a financial commitment to law enforcement and provide a "monetary incentive" to encourage witnesses of crimes to step up and share information with police. As we all know, money talks.



Autawash owners, Barry & Susan Hillegas, recently made a \$1,000 contribution to the Aurora Police Reward Program and encourage other business owners to also support this program.

How does this program work? The Aurora Chamber Foundation, a 501(c)3, is the fiscal sponsor and runs this program. The Foundation leaves decisions to offer awards and the amount of the awards to Aurora Police Chief Dan Oates. This program allows Chief Oates to respond quickly to situations that, in his judgement, can substantially be helped by the announcement of a reward. An example would be the recent kidnapping of a young girl from her bedroom at 14th & Hanover in NW Aurora in which Chief Oates announced a \$10,000 reward for tips leading to an arrest. This Reward Program is an additional tool made available to the police chief to use quickly when a crime is first

being announced. Again, money talks!

The police chief reports quarterly to the Aurora Chamber Foundation board summarizing the progress that has been made, including captures and convictions of persons on which the rewards were offered. The names of those receiving the rewards are not made public, unless the person specifically authorizes release, to protect the award recipients' identities.

Anyone wishing to make a contribution to the non-profit Aurora Chamber Foundation and direct the funds to the Aurora Police Reward Program should call 303-344-1500.

Calling All Grocery Cart Racers and Pit Crews!

JANUARY 28, 2014: GROCERY CART RACES TO BENEFIT COMITIS CRISIS CENTER

What? 4th Annual Grocery Cart Races to Benefit Comitis Crisis Center

When? Tuesday, January 28, 2014 at 7 p.m.

Where? Safeway, 1677 S Havana Street



Registration/Information Packet: The registration/info packet will be linked to the home page at www.OnHavanaStreet.com by Dec 15, 2013. Copies of the registration/info packet will also be available at Comitis Crisis Center and Safeway on So Havana by December 15, 2013.

Crazy fun for a great cause! Remember the old TV show Supermarket Sweep? This is our own version of Supermarket Sweep and is a huge fund-raising event for Aurora's very own Comitis Crisis Center. Comitis is a 24/7 emergency shelter located on the Fitzsimons Campus providing crisis accommodations for runaways and families in transition. Comitis also runs a special program for homeless women vets and families. www.comitis.org

We are looking for grocery cart racing teams of 4-people each and their pit crews for our 2014 event. The teams and pit crews raise funds for Comitis Crisis Center. The teams come up with a name, theme and costumes and have an allotted amount of time to use the funds they have raised to shop at Safeway for items off of the Comitis Food Pantry Wish List at the event. See the registration/info packet for all of the details.

INCREDIBLE! The money raised and food gathered by the teams at our January 2013 Grocery Cart Races allowed the Comitis Crisis Center to feed all of their clients through mid-September of 2013! Truly Incredible! Our goal for 2014 is to work together to top the 2013 donations. Please join us in this effort!

Pictured (left to right): The top fund raising team from the 2013 grocery cart races, The Rhinestone Rodeo Queens, included Aurora City Council Members Renie Peterson and Molly Markert, shown here with Comitis Crisis Center's CEO Bob Dorshimer at the awards ceremony.

Holiday Activities!

DECEMBER 11: UGLY HOLIDAY SWEATER PARTY

RSVP to Gayle at 303-360-7505 or Gayle@OnHavanaStreet.com by the evening of Dec 9 if you can attend!

When & Where: Wednesday, Dec 11, 6-7:30 p.m. at The Summit Steakhouse, 2700 S Havana (SE corner of Havana & Yale)



Cost: Free.

Wear your ugliest Holiday Sweater and join us for hors d'oeuvres & Holiday punch at The Summit Steakhouse for our Ugly Holiday Sweater Party. \$100 will go to the wearer of the ugliest Holiday Sweater, picked by those at the party! Runner up prizes will be awarded, too! (Pictured are the finalists from the 2012 event.) This is a Havana District business/neighbor come-together party. The Summit Steakhouse is beautifully decorated for the Holidays and the hors d'oeuvres and punch are always delicious. We will be drawing the names of the 10 lucky winners of \$100 each in our Holiday Cash Drawing at this party. **The cost is free but we ask that you RSVP to Gayle at 303-360-7505 or Gayle@OnHavanaStreet.com by Dec 9.** Cash bar.

The Holidays Are Upon Us!

Enter to Win Holiday Cash

Ten (10) lucky people will win \$100 each in our Holiday Cash drawing. No purchase is necessary to enter. You can enter at the locations listed below from Nov 29 through December 10, 2013. One entry per person per location. We will be doing the drawing at the Ugly Holiday Sweater Party on December 11 and will be notifying the winners by phone. By doing the drawing on December 11, you will have plenty of time to go shopping to spend your winnings!

Holiday Cash Entry Box Locations:

- The Summit Steakhouse, 2700 S Havana
- Havana Street Station, 1911 S Havana
- Key Bank at The Gardens on Havana
- The English Teacup, 1930 S Havana
- Noodles & Company at The Gardens on Havana
- Massage Envy at The Gardens on Havana
- Klassye Creations, 2790 S Havana

An incentive to brave the cold weather to shop On Havana Street!

Dec 7 is Secret Santa Saturday

This Saturday **afternoon**, Dec 7, between 12 noon and 4 p.m. be on the look out for our Secret Santas at retail locations along Havana Street, 6th Ave to Dartmouth. The Havana Business Improvement District has purchased approximately **500 gift cards** from its merchants using the remaining events budget money from 2013. Our Secret Santas will be handing these gift cards to unsuspecting shoppers to thank them for supporting our merchants and doing their shopping On Havana Street. The gift cards range in value from \$5 to \$50 and have all been gift wrapped. This is our own little economic stimulus project and a special incentive for you to brave the cold weather to shop!

**Rusty Taco Looking at Old School Burger Location**

The Old School Burger Restaurant at 1760 S Havana went out of business over two years ago and the building has been vacant since. We finally have a new restaurant interested. The Rusty Taco has applied for a liquor license for the 1760 S Havana location and is going through the usual liquor licensing process in Aurora.

What is the Rusty Taco anyway? Our research shows that The Rusty Taco has 13 location, several in Texas including Dallas, Denton, Plano and Tyler and a couple of locations in the St Paul/Minneapolis MN area. The Havana Street location will be the first Rusty Taco in Colorado.

"Where Tacos are the most important meal of the day!" That's the Rusty Taco motto. The fare at

Rusty Taco is described as using fresh ingredients and homemade tortillas. The taco known as the "Rusty Taco" gets its color from a special spice mixed with anchoite pork and charred pineapple. They serve a breakfast taco with eggs, cheese and your choice of jalapeno sausage, chorizo or bacon. They offer a special lunch brisket taco with grilled poblano peppers, mushrooms and queso fresco described as "moist and flavorful."

Check out their website: www.therustytaco.com

Last Minute Gift Ideas

Holiday Open Studio Sale in Havana North

Havana District business owner, Kim Harrell of Kim Harrel Silversmith and Jewelry Design, is hosting a Holiday Open Studio Sale this weekend. The studio is located at 576 N Hanover Way, Aurora CO 80010 in Havana North. The phone number is 720-203-3575. The open studio hours are Saturday, Dec 7 from 1-6:30 p.m. and Sunday, Dec 8 from 1-5:30 p.m. Yummy food and beverages will be served and there is plenty of free parking.

At this Open Studio Sale you can find that unique gift for the hard to shop for people on your Holiday list. The open studio sale features jewelry, prints, silverware, painting, cards, edibles, natural beauty products, and music CDs with complimentary Holiday gift wrapping of your purchases.

Corporate/Employee Wellness Program at Colorado's Pro Gym

Get The Lead Out!

Article by Les Sparks of Colorado's Pro Gym:

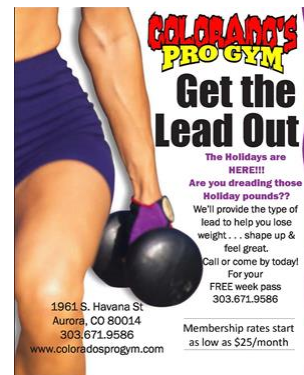
Employers: I've heard it said and couldn't agree more, "If health care here in America was an actual patient, he/she would be on life support in critical care."

And now the government's approach to fixing this problem is to mandate more money be "thrown" at it and it is costing you dearly! We here at Colorado's Pro Gym think there is a much better alternative to keeping your health care costs down, and it has been proven time and time again--**Prevention!**

Employees: Exercise itself has been shown to be the best "medicine" money can buy! It lowers your health risks, out of pocket medical expenses and surprisingly, to the benefit of your employer, lowers your absenteeism. Alternatively, it improves your energy, productivity, confidence and overall health.

Colorado's Pro Gym Corporate/Employee Wellness Program offers discounts on memberships, unbelievable pricing on small group and personal training, nutritional coaching and health education. **Contact Les Sparks at 303-981-3630** for additional information on the corporate/employee wellness program or with any questions you may have.

Colorado's Pro Gym Holiday Special--Get the Lead Out! Call or come by **Colorado's Pro Gym at 1961 S Havana today** for your free week pass (**303-671-9586**). Membership rates start as low as \$25/month.



The gift of relaxation for the Holidays!

Massage Envy Spa Holiday Special Offer

For a limited time, when you buy three Massage Envy Spa \$75 gift cards you will get a free massage! Stop by the **Massage Envy at The**

Gardens on Havana at 10651 E Garden Drive, #105, Aurora CO 80012, which is located just opposite the rose garden plaza and next to the Comcast Xfinity Store, or call **303-750-5300** for details.



Breakfast Special Offer in December

"Add Chikin 2 Yer Morning Rooten"



Yes, that's the Chick-fil-A cow with the Aurora Singers at our recent Holiday Caroling event.

Chick-fil-A at The Gardens on Havana invites you to have a free breakfast entree of your choice on Thursdays between the hours of 6 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. during the month of December. **Chick-fil-A** is located at Havana & Mississippi, **1198 S Havana, Aurora CO 80012** to be exact, and their phone number is **303-745-7872**.

2013 Annual Report

2013 Annual Report of the Havana BID now online

You can read the [2013 Annual Report](#) of the Havana Business Improvement District on-line by clicking the link.

Fanfare

Still Waiting



The demolition permit is working its way through the process at the City of Aurora. We do not know how long this will take so we wait a little longer.

Automotive Jobs

Automotive Avenues Now Hiring



Automotive Avenues will be opening up in early 2014 at the former Saturn of Aurora dealership facility on South Havana. To find out about job openings at this new dealership, call 303-231-2660.

OnHavanaStreet is now on Facebook

[Come Become a Fan!](#)

Make sure to Join the [OnHavana Meetup Group](#) for upcoming events.

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

Sincerely,

Gayle Jetchick, Executive Director, Havana Business Improvement District
303-360-7505
www.OnHavanaStreet.com

Visit our web site at
www.OnHavanaStreet.com | [Unsubscribe](#)
©2008 Havana Business Improvement District

337 Oswego Street
Aurora, CO 80010
303-360-7505
info@OnHavanaStreet.com