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Business Success

African Grey Specialty Bird Store

A bright, friendly face greets you at the door with a big "Hello" at the new African Grey Specialty Bird Store at 10021 E Iliff Avenue, near LaMar's Donuts and Big 5 Sports. The official greeter is Jeremy the bird. Jeremy loves to pose for pictures, too. He is just one of the many beautiful birds you will find at African Grey. Owners Karen Goodman and Carmen Cote recently moved their successful business to the Havana District after 24 years at 974 S Monaco Street, having outgrown that location.



African Grey specializes in bird health by offering nutritional counseling and bird food. They also offer expert grooming and boarding. Karen and Carmen are in the midst of a major remodel of the tenant space and still plan to add a big playpen for the birds and a presentation room. Their birds are all hand-raised and include parrots, conurs, parakeets, love birds, and cockatiels.

African Grey's phone number is 303-306-6000 and their website is africangreybirdshop.com. They are open Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sundays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Stop in to say "Hello."

Asian Cajun Cuisine

The Dancing Crab Opens



The Dancing Crab has opened at the former Korean House Restaurant location at 10293 E Iliff in the Iliff Pointe Shopping Center. This new restaurant is described as "Asian Cajun Fusion," in other words spicy cajun with a Korean twist. The Dancing Crab is earning rave reviews already! This is a large restaurant that has been transformed into a sports theme with lots of nice TVs and a large, tournament-sized pool table. The menu features many seafood dishes including King crab, oysters, lobster, shrimp, clams, and calamari. You can pick the amount of "heat" when ordering from "fire-cracker" hot to "Grenade" to "The Bomb." Restaurant reviews describe the cajun fries as addictive. In short, you will find good, fresh fish in a casual atmosphere at The Dancing Crab...a welcome addition to the Havana District. Check 'em out!

Art 2C On Havana Gala

2013/14 ART 2C ON HAVANA WINNERS ANNOUNCED

The Aurora Art in Public Places Commission announced the winners of the Art 2C On Havana sculpture competition at the Gala on Friday, October 18 in the beautiful showroom at Suss Buick GMC. "Conversation With Myself" by Colorado Artist Lorri Acott one 1st Place, "Illuminate!" by Aurora Artist David Farquharson took 2nd Place and "Peace" by Lorri Acott won 3rd place. The 11 new



sculptures have all been installed. You can pick up an Art 2C on Havana brochure with a map of the sculpture locations at The Summit Steakhouse, Havana Street Station Restaurant and in newspaper condo racks along Havana.

Pictured is the Art 2C on Havana Gala Committee (left to right): Mary Allman-Koernig, Paul Suss, Glenna Hale, Reno Carollo and Gayle Jetchick.

Full impact of recent flooding realized!

FALL ELECTRONIC RECYCLING AND DOCUMENT SHREDDING EVENT



Our Fall Electronic Recycling event was held on Saturday, October 19. All who worked the event were amazed at the number of vehicles driving up to drop off flood-damaged electronic items. The numbers are in--we recycled over 80,000 pounds of old electronic items and securely shredded over 30,000 pounds of documents at the event. You could see the relieved look on peoples' faces as they were able to get rid of their flood-destroyed items for free. Our next electronic recycling event will be for Earth day in April, but we may need to find a bigger location along Havana for this popular

event. We will post the information on line at www.OnHavanaStreet.com and in this newsletter in early spring.

Annual Stakeholders' Meeting

Annual Meeting of the Havana Business Improvement District



The annual meeting takes place Thursday, November 21, 2013, at 8:30 a.m. at The Summit Steakhouse. The meeting is open to Havana BID business and commercial property owner stakeholders, as well as the public. We will be summarizing the year 2013 and announcing plans for 2014. Since a continental breakfast will be served, we are requesting that you R.S.V.P. so we know how much food to prepare. R.S.V.P. to Gayle at 303-360-7505 or to Gayle@OnHavanaStreet.com if you would like to attend.

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
- Klassye Creations, 2790 S Havana

Holiday Activities!

CAROLING, SANTAS, AND UGLY HOLIDAY SWEATER PARTY

You are invited to join in the fun this Holiday Season!

Saturday, Nov. 30, 2-4 p.m.: Meet at the new Toys & Babies "R" Us to join the Aurora Singers as we go caroling through the streets of The Gardens on Havana.

Saturday, Dec. 7 in the afternoon: Be on the look out for Secret Santas surprising shoppers with gift cards and candy at retail centers along Havana to thank you for shopping On Havana Street.

Wednesday, Dec 11, 6-7:30 p.m. Wear your ugliest Holiday Sweater and join us for hors d'oeuvres at The Summit Steakhouse for our Ugly Holiday Sweater Party. \$100 will go to the wearer of the ugliest Holiday Sweater! We will be doing the drawings for the Holiday Cash at the party, too. This is a Havana District business and neighbor come-together party. The cost is free.



Temporary Road

CONSTRUCTION BEGINS ON SOUTH IRLINTON EXTENSION

On November 6, construction began on what is known as the temporary fix for the South Irlinton Extension. South Irlinton Street will soon go from Target at The Gardens on Havana through the parking lot just west of Bella Vita Senior Living to exit out onto Florida Avenue. A permanent road will be put through this location next spring when asphalt factories re-open after their winter shut down. This temporary road will allow a safe entrance/exit from the neighborhood to The Gardens on Havana and will cut down on people driving dangerously diagonally across the parking lot at 1450 S Havana to get over to Florida Ave.



New Businesses

HIMALAYAN JEWELRY STORE OPENS

We now have a jewelry store on Havana. Himalayan Jewelry opened at 2712 South Havana, in the space formerly occupied by Kind Gifts. Tirtha Barma is the store manager. You will find jewelry from Nepal and India, precious gems and stones, pearls, and beautiful 24K gold jewelry. Himalayan Jewelry is open 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday; closed on Mondays. The phone number is 303-755-1995.



New Residential

RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION AT THE GARDENS ON HAVANA

The walls are going up at the new apartment complex 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. Plans call for 10 townhomes adjacent to the rose garden plaza. This is the much anticipated residential piece of The Gardens on Havana.



Injera

MEGENEGNA INJERA

Megenagna has opened a production kitchen making Ethiopian Injera at 860 S Havana. The injera is sold at their retail outlet at Ironton and Alameda.



New Ownership

YONG GUNG KOREAN RESTAURANT REOPENS



Yong Gung Dragon Palace Restaurant has reopened under new ownership. The restaurant is located in the M-Mart Center at 2040 S Havana. Phone 720-748-3003. Enjoy sweet & sour pork, Mongolian beef, seafood udon soup, and house specials like Pad Thai and drunken noodles. Lunch specials range in price from \$6.95 to \$8.25 and the dinner menu main dishes run from \$8.25 to \$12.95. Yong Gung is open 11 a.m. - 9 p.m. daily.

High Fashion!

FASHION BETTY OPENS



Are you looking for that perfect accessory for your outfit? Stop by the new Fashion Betty shop in the M-Mart Center at 2000 South Havana. They are open noon to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. on Sundays. Phone: 719-332-7666.

Nepali & Indian Cuisine Essentials!

NEPALI MARKET OPENS



The new Nepali Market specializes in the essentials of Indian and Nepali cuisine--beans and legumes. At this little market, you will find chana dal, horse gram, red chori, masoor dal, green chana, and kala chana. The market also stocks a variety of cloths from Nepal. Nepali Market is located in the shopping center behind Honey Baked Ham at Yale and Havana, 2680 Havana Unit K to be exact. The phone number is 303-353-2092. They are open daily 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

New Chinese Restaurant

LUCKY CHINA RESTAURANT

Lucky China Restaurant has opened in the former Midopa Restaurant space next to M-Mart at 2000 S Havana. The space has been nicely remodeled. Lucky China is open daily 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. The phone number is 303-745-1373

Food and Karaoke!

CENTURY ATV ASIAN CAFE OPENS

Century KTV Asian Cafe has opened in the Buckingham Village Shopping Center at 1555 S Havana, Unit B & C. This tenant space has been remodeled into a very modern, contemporary restaurant with a Karaoke room (KTV) in the back of the restaurant. They have spent a bundle on their high-end Karaoke equipment and are ready for you to stop by with your friends and clients to "sing your heart out!" They remind their customers, "Don't forget us when you win the American Idol or Voice." They serve lunch and dinner and have colorful VIP rooms for special parties. They have a BIG menu of Chinese, Vietnamese and Thai cuisine and their chef has 25 years of experience. Order out and they will deliver your meal for free within a 3 mile radius of the restaurant (\$12 minimum order).

Century KTV Asian Cafe is open daily at 11 a.m. Their phone number is 303-695-7673.

*CDOT ROAD WORK***CDOT LANE CLOSURES ON HAVANA**

Due to the heavy rain and flooding in September, CDOT got a little behind schedule on their resurfacing of Havana. CDOT continued to finish up construction this week with work on manhole covers and curbs. Work will continue with periodic lane closures along Havana through the middle of November.

*Business Watch***AURORA POLICE NAB SMASH AND GRAB SUSPECT**

In late October and the few days in November at least 14 businesses along Havana were impacted by what the police call "Smash and Grab" crimes. The crooks smashed through the glass on the front door of the businesses to obtain access and quickly grab cash from the registers, the registers themselves or computers. Eleven of the 14 smash & grabs happened at our International Markets, ethnic restaurants and minority-owned businesses. We spoke to the business owners and police to try to figure out why the crooks were going after so many ethnic businesses, and the best answer we could

come up with is that these business owners are more likely to leave cash in their registers at night. All of the smash & grabs occurred between 1 and 6 a.m., at a time when the businesses are closed. No one was injured in these crimes.

What ever the cause, these break-ins were unacceptable and our business owners were getting scared. Through our Business Watch Program, we worked with the ethnic business owners to gather information, and Aurora Police put a plan in place to catch the person(s) doing the smash and grabs. The plan worked, as Aurora Police arrested a suspect in the act of breaking into a business early Monday morning. The suspect confessed to many of the break-ins along Havana and other businesses in District 1 and 2 in Aurora. We would like to thank all of our International market and ethnic restaurants owners for working with us and each other to provide information to help the Aurora Police make this arrest. Great Job Aurora Police!

*BUSINESS CONFIDENCE ON THE STREET!***LOW RETAIL VACANCY RATE AND HIGHER INVESTMENTS SEEN**

In preparation for the Annual Stakeholders' Meeting of the Havana Business Improvement District, we have been running some statistics. Every October, we run a retail vacancy rate study. As you can see from all of the articles above in this newsletter, we have

had a lot of new businesses opening shop. Our retail vacancy rate as of the end of October 2013 in the Havana District is 2.8%. That is compared to an 8.9% vacancy rate in October of 2012. Pretty amazing!

The other interesting statistic that came out of doing a data base update in October 2013 was finding that business personal property is up 28% this year. That means that business owner are feeling a little more confident and are making purchases to upgrade their businesses.

OUR 2014 LOGO--MUSCLE CARS!

SAVE THE DATE--SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2014 IS THE 7TH ANNUAL CRUZIN' HAVANA CAR SHOW & POKER RUN.



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Havana Motor Mile

SECOND ADVANCE AUTO PARTS OPENS ON HAVANA

Advance Auto Parts is opening a second store on Havana Street, about 3 miles south of their existing store. This new store takes over the former 7,000 sf Pier One Imports location south of Sam's No. 3 on South Havana. The store plans a November 15 retail opening and the new employees have been busy unloading boxes and boxes of merchandise to stock the shelves of this new store. This tenant space has been vacant for at least five years, so it is wonderful to see Advance Auto Parts moving in and becoming a part of the Havana Motor Mile. Stop by around 9 a.m. on Nov 15 for the grand opening celebration!



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