



# Life on Havana Street

September 2017 eNewsletter

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## Are You Ready For Some "Futsal?"

The Colorado Rapids Youth Soccer Indoor Facility is scheduled to open in late September at 1st & Havana. What is "Futsal?" Here is the explanation according to the Colorado Rapids Youth Soccer website:

**Futsal** is an exciting, fast-paced small-sided soccer game that is widely played across the world.

The nature of the game places a large emphasis on technical skill and ability in situations of high pressure, and is subsequently an excellent breeding ground for soccer competencies that can be translated into the 11-a-side format of the game.

Many of the top world class soccer players played Futsal in their youth and credit it with supporting their soccer development; players of the caliber of Pele, Zico, Ronaldinho, Kaka, Messi, and Ronaldo to name just a few legends.

Ronaldinho once stated that, "Futsal is an extremely important way for kids to develop their skills and understanding of the game."

While traditional Futsal is played on a hard court surface, we decided on a

synthetic turf vs. hard court flooring for our fields for a few reasons.

1. We wanted the facility to be accessible to all ages and ability levels. With synthetic turf, the ball will roll slightly slower allowing for better control at all ages.
2. The cushioned ground will be safer for both players and goalkeepers; and
3. We will be using the fields in-season for our competitive teams limiting the number and types of shoes our players need to purchase.

[Colorado Rapids Youth Soccer Details](#)



## **August Concert and Ice Cream Social Recap:**

We finished off the 2017 Concert Series on August 22 with a concert by Six Foot Joe and the Red Hot Rhinos and our annual Ice Cream Social. The big crowd consumed 450 free sundaes from Baskin Robbins, Menchie's Frozen Yogurt, Good Times Frozen Custard and Freddy's Frozen Custard. Thank you all for coming to our 2017 free concert series, and we will see you next summer!

## **Summit Steakhouse's "Last Days of Summer Festival" with the Hazel Miller Band: Sept 21-24**

2700 S Havana ST, Aurora CO 80014  
303-751-



2112 <http://www.thesummitsteakhouse.com/>

Here is the daily festival schedule:

**Thursday, Sept 21, 6 p.m.** Autumnal Equinox Wine Pairing Dinner; 5 course meal \$85/person, buy tickets in advance, limited seating.

**Friday, Sept 22, 4-7 p.m.** "Friends and Family Dinner" by invitation only

**THE BIG EVENT: Saturday, Sept 23, 3 p.m. until closing.** Family oriented **Last Days of Summer Celebration: Free Entry-- Hazel Miller Band on Stage from 5-9 p.m. (picture from the Hazel Miller Band website)**

Purchase tickets for food, drink and snow cones at the event

Beer Garden & Cline Wine

Live Art with Erik Reiger

Food Court

Tarot Cards

Face Painting

Prizes and Giveaways

**Sunday, Sept 24, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. is the Sunday Recovery Brunch Buffet**

Brunch Cost:

Adults \$28.95 (Add bottomless Mimosas for \$20)

Kids ages 6-12: \$9.95

Kids 5 and under: Free

Reservations Recommended

Call Hopi Mondale at The Summit for further details, 303-751-2112



## Havana District Annual Broncos Party at Gibby's Big Backyard Sunday, October 1, 2017

Wear your Orange & Blue and bring the gang to cheer on your Denver Broncos to victory over the Oakland Raiders on Sunday, October 1. Kick off is 2:35 p.m.

On Havana Street is hosting a FREE NACHO BAR! There will be door prizes and drink specials. The "shot girls" will be on hand with orange and blue Jello shots.

This is our annual business-neighbor come together event. Gibby's is located at 1555 S Havana,



## Red Solo Cup Party at Havana Square Shopping Center, SW Corner Jewell & Havana

Saturday, October 21, 2017  
12 noon until store closing

The merchants in Havana Square Shopping Center wanted to host an event in their center. This center is home to Colpar Hobbies, Molcajete Restaurant, two hair/nail salons, a Bingo Hall, GroFax, Heirlooms Antiques, Nile Ethiopian Restaurant, Colorado's Pro Gym, a travel agency and Aaron's Rents. With this many different types of businesses, it was a challenge to come up with a single theme for this event.

**But, everyone loves Red Solo Cups!** We have issued a challenge to each of the businesses in the Havana Square Shopping Center to come up with a fun activity, decoration or craft using a Red Solo Cup for this event.

On Havana Street will be hosting a free drawing for \$2,000 worth of gift cards and cash prizes during the event. (No purchase necessary to enter.) When you stop by the merchants' shops to check out their Red Solo Cup activity, you can enter the drawing at each shop. Just wait until you see some of the unique Red Solo Cup ideas & special offers that the merchants have come up.



## Halloween Spooky Walk Trick-or-Treating and Costume Contest at The Gardens on Havana, Saturday, October 28

**COST: FREE**

**Trick or Treat from 12 Noon to 4 p.m.**  
(or until candy is gone)

**Family/Individual professional photos**  
for **FREE** in the rose garden from **12  
Noon to 2 p.m.** to be entered into the  
costume contest.

Bring the whole family in costume to go  
trick-or-treating at the Merchants at The  
Gardens on Havana (former Buckingham  
Square Mall site) on the SE corner of  
Havana & Mississippi. The merchants  
will all have free candy for the kids (while  
it lasts).

We will have a spooky photo backdrop  
set up in the rose garden plaza. A  
professional photographer will be on hand  
from 12 noon to 2 p.m. to take your  
picture in costume for free. The pictures  
will be posted on our Facebook page (no  
names associated) and you can print or  
share these pictures with your friends and  
family. A committee of merchants will  
select the costume contest winners in the  
following categories:

- Most overall creative costume (kid or  
adult): \$100 cash prize
- Best Adult Costume (Over 18): \$100 cash  
prize
- Best Boys' Costume (18 and under): \$25  
cash prize
- Best Girls' Costume (18 and under): \$25

cash prize

**The following categories are open to both adults and kids in costume:**

- Best Princess Costume: Restaurant Gift Card
- Best Political Costume: Restaurant Gift Card
- Best Super Hero Costume: Restaurant Gift Card
- Best Homemade Costume: Restaurant Gift Card

We still need to check with Petco to get the details of their pet costume contest and will post those details in the October newsletter.



## **SKI REX IS BACK!**

Labor Day Weekend is your chance to save up to 75% on everything you need for the upcoming ski season at Colorado Ski & Golf's Ski Rex sale.

Links to a coupon and sale

details: <http://www.coloradoskiandgolf.com/skirex/ski-rex-early-access/> \$10 off \$50 purchase

<http://www.coloradoskiandgolf.com/skirex/>





## FAIRWAYS AT LOWRY SOLD!

The Fairways at Lowry apartment complex located at 9913 E 1st Avenue, just north of the Commonground Golf Course sold recently for \$47.5 million.

This complex features updated apartments, a major pool renovation, expanded fitness center, and a newly renovated clubhouse. Fairways is close to the Fan Fare redevelopment site in Havana North. In August 2017, a one bedroom apartment was leasing for \$950/month. <http://www.fairwaysatlowry.com/>



## Dae Gee to Open in Early September

You have probably seen the beautiful black Tesla sedan in the parking lot at Birchtree Center. The Tesla belongs to Dae Gee owner, Joe Kim, and Joe has been spending a lot of time putting the finishing touches on his new restaurant recently. Dae Gee is located in the former site of the Han Kang Korean Restaurant on the SE corner of Havana and Jewell. We hear that the other new restaurant in this center, Angry Chicken, will be open in about 30 days.

Dae Gee was featured on Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives on the Food Network. Watch the video:

<http://www.foodnetwork.com/videos/daegge-korean-bbq-0246769>



## Tacos Rápidos:

We have been told that Tacos Rápidos will open at the site of the former Rusty Taco, 1760 S Havana, around October 1. Tacos Rápidos was featured in an article in Westword. Here is the link:

<http://www.westword.com/restaurants/tacos-rapidos-moves-onto-havana-street-offering-late-night-mexican-fare-9368403>



## Whisper's' New Location:

Whisper's will be opening in their new location in the strip center behind Denny's in about 30 days, we are told. We got a sneak peak inside the new Whisper's location recently. The bar counter was being installed. The kitchen needs to be built out from scratch and the crew has a lot of work to do to finish the kitchen. We look forward to a big grand reopening party!



## Affordable Housing!

The buildings are beginning to come out of the ground at the new affordable housing development, Village at Westerly Creek.

Village at Westerly Creek is located just north of Kentucky Ave along Ironton St. Phase III calls for eight residential buildings and one maintenance building. The site is 5.4 acres. New townhomes and stacked flats with 1-4 bedrooms will provide 50 low-income family units and 24 low-income senior units. There will be a central playground and a community garden. There will be an on-site manager and staff who are employees of the Aurora Housing Authority. Construction will be “Enterprise Green Community” energy.



## New Bank of America Branch at Market Square:

The former Blockbuster Video space is being transformed into the newest Bank of America Branch in Colorado.

Contractors are working to relocate the building entrance, to do parking lot restriping, and to extend the sidewalk. New landscaping will be going in closer to the building, too. No opening date has been shared.



## **Molcajete Serves Food So Authentic that Trump Will Want to Build a Wall Around It!**

Read the great review in Westword about Molcajete Mexican Restaurant at 1911 S Havana, with a little political humor, too...

<http://www.westword.com/restaurants/molcajete-restaurant-serves-food-so-authentic-trump-will-want-to-build-a-wall-around-it-9398566>

Great Margaritas!! Check it out!



## **ART 20 ON HAVANA NEW EXHIBIT COMING SOON:**

September 5 marks the first de-installation of the sculptures in the 2017 Art 20 on Havana exhibition to make way for the 2018 sculptures. The sculpture at Concorde Healthcare at 111 N Havana will be the first to be de-installed. The de-installation of sculptures will continue throughout September with cleaning of the sculpture pads as needed. The new sculptures will be installed starting Court Jester of Space by Sandy Friedman at The Summit Steakhouse on October 2. All of the new sculptures will be in place by mid-October. We will highlight the sculptures and artists in the October newsletter.



## El Gallito Taqueria Opens:

The building has a fresh coat of paint and El Gallito has opened for business at 304 N Havana Street. Mexican Street Food is their specialty. They are open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and their phone number is 303-364-3107.



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