



# Life on Havana Street

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## 8th Annual Grocery Cart Races at Safeway on Havana Results & Pictures!

We have posted pictures in an album on Facebook. [Click here](#)

The winners:

**Best Costume:** (pictured) The famous rock band "Guns & **Hoses**" won best costume. Congrats to Aurora City Council Members Allison Hiltz and Angela Lawson, Aurora Police Association President Bob Wesner (white wig) and Aurora Fire Protective Association political action committee chair Jimmy Allen. We hear it was Jimmy who came up with the idea to substitute "hoses" for "roses" in the team name to better represent the Police and Fire Associations' participation in this winning team.

**Best Cart Decoration:** The Queens team from Mile High Behavioral Health

**Top Fundraiser:** Suss Buick GMC

**Heat winners who received the mini grocery cart trophies:**

\*Aurora Association of Realtors

\*The PJ team from Aurora Warms the Night

\*Safeway Managers Team

The final fundraising totals are still being tabulated since donations are still coming in through Colorado Gives. We delivered three truck loads of food from the cart

racers to the food pantry at Comitis Crisis Center. Thank you participants, the guys and gals from Buckley AFB, volunteers and Safeway!



## Welcome Chance Horiuchi!

The Havana BID Board has hired Chance Horiuchi for the executive director in training position. Chance will be training under current HBID executive director, Gayle Jetchick, for a full year to learn the ropes before taking over as ED in April of 2019. Gayle can then semi-retire and drop back to part time or help with specific projects only.

For the past 6 years Chance worked as the director of business development at the Aurora Chamber. She is well connected in the Aurora community and has the business knowledge and energy to continue and expand the Havana BIDs programs. We are delighted to have Chance join us. Her first day on the job is April 2, 2018.

(Pictured: Chance Horiuchi holding the flowers with Gayle Jetchick at the Aurora Chamber Awards Dinner on March 16, 2018.)

## 11th Annual Cruzin' Havana Car Show & Poker Run:

**WHEN IS IT?** Saturday, June 9, 2018

**WHAT TIME?** From 12 NOON TO 6 P.M.



**HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?** Nothing, it's **FREE!**

**WHERE DO I GO?** Stop by any of the **THREE FESTIVAL SITES/POKER RUN STOPS ALONG HAVANA** and pick up a free car show program:

1. **Gibby's/Buckingham Village Shopping Center**, 1555 S Havana St
2. **Havana Machine** at 840 S Havana
3. **NEW--Havana Exchange Shopping Center**, 2822 S Havana, on the SE corner of Yale and Havana. This is the large shopping center anchored by Bicycle Village.

**CHANGES FOR 2018: We are NOT USING THE STAMPEDE/WATERPARK PARKING LOT THIS YEAR.**

**VENDOR BOOTH DETAILS:** [Click here](#) for the vendor application and information.

FOR DETAILS ABOUT ENTERTAINMENT AND OTHER ATTRACTIONS AT THE FESTIVAL SITES: [CLICK HERE](#)

## Local Artist's Paintings on Display at Bank of the West

Bank of the West, 1389 S Havana, recently completed a major remodel and wanted to feature some local art in their



bank. Branch Manager Yulissa Williams called Gayle Jetchick, HBID Executive Director, who contacted Carina Banuelos-Harrison from the City of Aurora's public art program. Bank of the West now has a collection of paintings from local Aurora artist Terri Lynn Moore on display. The paintings are for sale, too. The bank looks fantastic—stop by to see the art collection. They are located on the SW corner of Idaho and Havana by Costco.

If any other business in the Havana District would like to feature art from a local artist, please email [Gayle@onhavanastreet.com](mailto:Gayle@onhavanastreet.com)



## Small Business Month Drawing Winners:

**Woody's Wings 2**, 313 N Havana Street: **Guadalupe Solares of Aurora 80010** won the drawing at Woody's Wings 2 for a \$100 Final Four Wings Party.



**Golf Cart Doctor**, 1073 S Ironston: **Jay Gesche from Aurora 80012** won a round of golf at CommonGround Golf Course on Havana Street, choice of use of a cart or a caddie from the Solich Caddie & Leadership Academy Program at Commonground, and a bucket of balls.

**Havana Street Tattoo**, 2712 S Havana Street: **Ashley Miles of Aurora 80011** won a \$100 gift certificate for a tattoo from the artists at Havana Street Tattoo.



[Whisper's On Havana](#), 1535 S Havana: **Nancy Reedy of Aurora 80016** won a \$200 Final Four Party at Whisper's.

Thank you for supporting small businesses On Havana Street!



## Independence House Closes

Independence House--East Side was an outpatient facility at 6th and Havana that opened about 3 years ago in the former Kids Auto location. They did drug testing to monitor men and women who had been released from jail but still needed drug testing as part of their probation terms. They also offered behavioral health counseling at the clinic. They had opened quietly to the total surprise of neighbors.



We found out that since this clinic was a "permitted use" on that parcel that no neighborhood notification was required. Neighbors became more concerned when property crimes increased in the area, presumed to be related to the new faces seen in the area who were clients of the clinic.

Independence House is now closed and the property is being fixed up by the new owner. The new owner is a young entrepreneur from Jordan who plans to open a small used car dealership on this site, pending neighborhood referral and auto conditional use approval. Neighborhood referral packets have been sent out.



## Havana Motor Mile News:

The next flight of Havana Motor Mile TV Commercials on 9News will be the first two weeks in April. The spots will run during the Denver Auto Show which is April 4-8.

### Havana Motor Mile Earth Day

**Segment:** We will be on Colorado & Company doing a special segment on electric and hybrid vehicles that are available at dealerships in the Havana Motor Mile. The segment will run live on KUSA on April 19 from 10-11 a.m. Tune in!

### Havana Motor Mile Auto Tech Tool

**Incentive Program:** Again in 2018, we are working with the Auto Tech Program at Pickens Technical College in Aurora on this fantastic program. To address the



ongoing shortage of auto techs, this program will use \$10,000 from the Havana Motor Mile budget so the Pickens Auto Tech instructors can purchase four customized auto tech tool packages and cabinets from Snap-On Tools for this tool incentive.

The Pickens Auto Tech instructors are currently working with auto shop managers in our Havana Motor Mile dealerships and independent repair shops to match four top auto tech students from the 2018 Pickens class with jobs in shops in the motor mile. The first day on the job these four students will receive the Snap-On Tool cabinet w/automotive tools to use on the job. (Note that auto techs are required to have their own tools on the job, which is a huge cost for the students.)

The Snap-On tool packages are valued at \$5,000 each, and if the student stays employed at the shop for 2 years, he/she gets to keep the tool package. If he/she leaves employment before the 2 year mark, the tool package goes back to Pickens to use for another student who is placed in a Havana Motor Mile Shop. This program has been a big success. Thank you Gary Sliger, Havana BID board member and owner of Gary's Full Service Auto Repair, for your contribution to the success of this program.





## Snowl Snow Bowl Taiyaki & Boba Update:

We got a sneak peak inside the new Snowl Snow Bowl Taiyaki & Boba restaurant at 1930 S Havana (SE corner of Havana & Jewell). Snowl owner Unok told us she has decided to serve brunch at the restaurant, too, so she needs to do a few more kitchen upgrades to meet city code. The interior is beautiful with fancy tile work at the entrance, unique flooring and incredibly cute cloud lights hanging from the ceiling. Unok was working on the menu and said her new website will be available soon on Google. Besides **Taiyaki**, the **fish-shaped waffle cone with ice cream**, Snowl offers a variety of "snow bowls" (bingsoo)--Yummy! Unok estimates she will be open in about 2 weeks (mid-April). Snowl's slogan, "Enjoy the little things in life #Snowl."



## 2018 CONCERT SERIES:

**DATE:** Tuesday, May 29, 2018

**TIME:** 6-8 PM

**WHAT:** **17th Avenue AllStars**  
**Acappella Concert & Dessert**

**WHERE:** On stage in the Rose Garden Plaza at The Gardens on Havana, GPS 1250 S Ironton St

**WHAT TO BRING:** A lawn chair and a bottle of water.

**COST:** FREE

**VENDOR OPPORTUNITIES:** NONE

[CLICK HERE](#) FOR CONCERT DETAILS

Bring a lawn chair and a bottle of

**water.** The first 400 people in attendance will receive free dessert courtesy of the Havana Business Improvement District. We will do door prize drawings at 7 p.m. Everyone gets a door prize ticket for a chance to win (no purchase necessary.)



## 2018 CONCERT SERIES:

**DATE:** Tuesday, June 26, 2018

**TIME:** 6-8 PM

**WHAT:** **Tunisia Pop Concert & Hoagie Night**

**WHERE:** On stage in the Rose Garden Plaza at The Gardens on Havana, GPS 1250 S Ironton St

**WHAT TO BRING:** A lawn chair and a bottle of water.

**COST:** FREE

**VENDOR OPPORTUNITIES:** NONE

[CLICK HERE](#) FOR CONCERT DETAILS

Bring a lawn chair and a bottle of water and join us in the rose garden just before 6 p.m. The first 400 people in attendance will get their pick of free hoagie sandwiches from a variety of Havana Street Restaurants, courtesy of the Havana Business Improvement District (while they last). We will do door prize drawings at 7 p.m. Everyone gets a door prize ticket for a chance to win (no purchase necessary.)





## 2018 CONCERT SERIES:

**DATE:** Tuesday, July 24, 2018

**TIME:** 6-8 PM

**WHAT:** **Dotsero Contemporary Jazz Concert & Pizza Party**

**WHERE:** On stage in the Rose Garden Plaza at The Gardens on Havana, GPS 1250 S Ironton St

**WHAT TO BRING:** A lawn chair and a bottle of water.

**COST:** FREE

**VENDOR**

**OPPORTUNITIES:** NONE

[CLICK HERE](#) FOR CONCERT DETAIL

Bring a lawn chair and a bottle of water and join us in the rose garden just before 6 p.m. The first 400 people in attendance will get to sample pizza for free from a variety of Havana Street Restaurants, courtesy of the Havana Business Improvement District (while it lasts). We will do door prize drawings at 7 p.m. Everyone gets a door prize ticket for a chance to win (no purchase necessary.)



## 2018 CONCERT SERIES:

**DATE:** Tuesday, August 21, 2018

**TIME:** 6-8 PM

**WHAT:** **BSP BAND--BYRON SHAW PROJEX--LATIN SOUL, R&B, REGGAE AND AN ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

**WHERE:** On stage in the Rose Garden Plaza at The Gardens on Havana, GPS 1250 S Ironton St

**WHAT TO BRING:** A lawn chair and a bottle of water.

**COST:** FREE

**VENDOR OPPORTUNITIES: NONE**

**[CLICK HERE](#) FOR CONCERT DETAILS**

The BSP band is treating this concert as a dress rehearsal for their "Reggae on the Rocks" show at Red Rocks. The August concert is also our annual ice cream social where the first 400+ in attendance get free ice cream, frozen yogurt and frozen custard sundaes from several of our Havana Street Businesses courtesy of the Havana Business Improvement District. Bring a bottle of water to drink and a lawn chair to sit on and join us a little before 6 p.m. in the rose garden. We will do door prize drawings at 7 p.m. Everyone gets a door prize ticket for a chance to win (no purchase necessary.).



## **Jazzercise Aurora Fitness Challenge**

For only \$69 you can sign up today! Call or stop into Jazzercise Aurora in the Havana Exchange Shopping Center at Yale & Havana, 2740 S Havana, Aurora, CO 80014. Phone 303-353-9684.



## Stevo's Wild Rides on Aurora 8's Discovering Aurora Segment

This will make you smile--Watch the segment about [Stevo's Wild Rides](#) on Aurora Channel 8. Enjoy!



## COMCAST XFINITY MOVING:

Comcast Xfinity has outgrown its current location at The Gardens on Havana and is moving across the street and south of the rose garden plaza. They are currently doing tenant finish in the former Zhanna's Day Spa space and adjacent vacant space north of Lane Bryant. This move will double the square footage they had at their former location at The Gardens on Havana. You will see roll off in the parking spaces by their new location. No official moving date has been announced



## Earth Day Electronic Recycling Event

9News and Comcast Cares have taken over the Earth Day e-recycling event in April 2018 in conjunction with Techno Rescue. They expect to fill up 20 of the 53 ft semi trucks with electronics to recycle. This is going to be a huge event which has outgrown all of our venues along Havana Street. This event has



been moved out to the **Arapahoe County Fairground** for 2018. On Havana Street will not be involved in this event in 2018 since it is no longer on Havana Street. (No document shredding either, but Aurora has [document shredding](#) info on their website.)

Please contact Techno Rescue at 303-482-2207 for the Earth Day electronic recycling event details. [www.technorescue.com](http://www.technorescue.com) The City of Aurora lists several other [e-recycling events](#) on their website.



## Toys R Us Update

Toys R Us notified the owners of the Gardens on Havana that they are not going to accept the reduced rent contract but, instead, have decided to close all stores in the USA. The shopping center owners have received lots of interest from parties looking to lease the space...no names have been shared yet and no decisions have been made. We have not heard an exact date that Toys will be closing. You can get 30% off toys right now, so get shopping!



## Regatta & Fanfare Updates:

These two projects are of great interest to Aurora Ward III and VI residents and business owners. We finally have updates!



## **Regatta update from Council Member Bob Roth's Newsletter:**

### **"The Point at Nine Mile Station:**

A VERY LONG Time in coming, if you have driven past the corner of Parker and Peoria, there is progress being made on the development formerly known as Regatta Plaza, and now called The Point at Nine Mile Station. More:

The Point at Nine Mile Station—formerly the Regatta Plaza shopping center—has reached an important milestone this week for this transit-oriented development.

The city of Aurora and the Aurora Urban Renewal Authority, along with the Master Developer, Mile High/Koelbel (MHK), announced that Kroger, the corporate parent for King Soopers, has approved corporate funding to enable construction of a new 79,000-square-foot King Soopers store to proceed on the site at Parker Road and Peoria Street.

The next step in the redevelopment of this catalytic site is to start construction this spring on site improvements and infrastructure to accommodate the new King Soopers store while the existing store remains open. MHK also will proceed with the development of a 24,000-square-foot retail facility on East Dartmouth Avenue to include a new Key Bank facility and other retailers.

Once the King Soopers store is complete in the summer/fall 2019, MHK will demolish the old store to pave the way for the next phase of development, which will include a mix of retail, entertainment,

restaurants and dense, mixed-use residential. A future pedestrian bridge connecting the site to the Nine Mile Station also is planned.

The Aurora Urban Renewal Authority selected MHK as the Preferred Master Developer of the 22-acre site in mid-2015 to work with the authority and the four landowners to assemble the site and complete environmental remediation and demolition, which was completed in early 2017.

In mid-2017, MHK and the city's Planning & Zoning Commission successfully completed the master plan, providing a framework for the overall redevelopment. Since then, MHK has been working with King Soopers and Key Bank to design and plan their new facilities.

A grand opening for the north half of The Point, including the new King Soopers store and the retail facility that will accommodate a new Key Bank, will occur in fall 2019.

The redevelopment of this highly visible stop along RTD's R Line, with easy connections to major job centers, is expected to bring new and vibrant housing and live-work choices in a unique urban environment. Neighbors played a pivotal role in shaping the vision for the project."

**Fanfare/Argenta update  
from the developer, Dillon  
Place, on the afternoon  
of Friday, March 30,  
2018:**

"We have just submitted our site and master plan for Argenta! We are excited that we are in the public domain and move forward with the development."

We checked the City of Aurora website late on Good Friday, March 30, and no plans had been uploaded by city planners yet. It will take city planners a few more days to upload all of the files. You can watch the city's website yourself by [clicking here](#) and then clicking "Active Applications" to search for specific plans. On that website, you can click the check mark to the right of a plan to have updates sent directly to your email. We will continue to post updates in future newsletters.



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