



Life On Havana Street

August 2018 eNewsletter

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Featured Event







August 1st through 8th, 2018

Explore, Experience and Eat

[Travel the world through global cuisines On Havana Street](#)

We will be giving away restaurant gift cards so you can taste the most unique, traditional fare at an affordable cost.

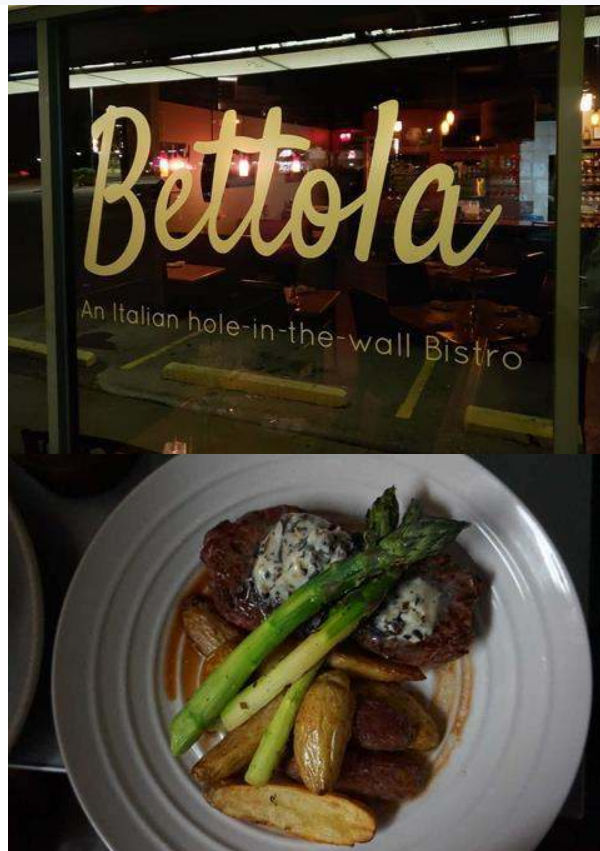
Check out our [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) & 4 restaurants with entry boxes for giveaways listed below

1. Molcajete
2. Seoul BBQ
3. Super Panda Buffet
4. Sam's No. 3

From [96 restaurants](#) to hookah bars to billiard pool halls to global marketplaces – Explore On Havana Street.

It's all about discovering the most authentic, global cuisines and immersive experiences of On Havana Street.

[See the list of Restaurants!](#)





Featured Business

Bettola Bistro

[p: 303-750-1580](tel:3037501580)

10253 E Iliff Ave Denver, CO 80247

bettolabistro.com

Monday to Saturday : 4:30p -9p

Sunday: Closed

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Bettola means "hole in the wall" in Italian

On Havana Street in the News



Two dragon boats compete in a Hong Kong style race. The 18th Annual Colorado Dragon Boat Festival takes place at Sloan's Lake Park July 28, 2018. (Hyoung Chang, The Denver Post)

A Town Dragon Slayers represented Aurora businesses (in blue dragonboat)

Color, creatures on the loose at Dragon Boat Festival

Sloan's Lake Park festival will continue Sunday with bands, cultural dancing, martial arts and boat racing

The Know Denver Post

By [Elizabeth Hernandez](#) Jul 28, 2018, 3:48 pm

Read More [Here](#)



The "state park backpack" is seen at Cherry Creek State Park May 20. The backpack is a collaborative project between Colorado State Library, local library systems and Colorado Parks and Wildlife meant to encourage Coloradans to visit state parks. -Aurora Sentinel

Staycationing: Enjoy Aurora like a tourist

Aurora Sentinel

By [BY RAMSEY SCOTT, Staff Writer](#)

July 26, 2018

"...During a recent restaurant tour set up by the Havana Business Improvement District, Randi Morritt, spokeswoman for Visit Aurora said even with the organization's office nearby she found some spots she hadn't known about but were now on her list to hit up for a meal.

"A lot of these places are not easily found on the internet so it would be hard to find them," Morritt said. "They were really nice and even at 3 p.m. they were slammed and packed out the door. There were a lot of options I didn't expect."

Read more [here](#)



Learn more about Visit Aurora [here](#)



The most expensive house currently for sale in the Marston neighborhood is this four-bedroom, 6,555-square-foot house listed at \$1,275,000. The Marston neighborhood is the Denver area's hottest neighborhood, according to Redfin. REDFIN photo

What Denver neighborhoods are the hottest for home sales?

Denver Business Journal

By [Ben Miller](#) – Contributing Writer

7/24/2018

"...Three cities — Fremont and San Jose in California, and Seattle — obtained perfect 100 scores but Colorado wasn't too far behind. Aurora ranked No. 3 in the country with a score of 96 and Denver ranked No. 5 at 92."

Read more [here](#)



Eric Gay, Associated Press file

Retail growth in the Denver metro area is up in the last quarter despite the closure of eight Toys R Us stores, according to a recent report.

Growing Denver retail market not crushed by closure of eight Toys R Us stores, report says

By [JOE RUBINO](#) | jrubino@denverpost.com | The Denver Post

[July 14, 2018 at 6:30 am](#)

AmCap runs the Gardens on Havana shopping center on South **Havana Street** in Aurora. It lost a nearly 47,000-square-foot Toys R Us-Babies R Us.. .

Read more [here](#)



Caprese Salad at Bettola Bistro | Bettola Bistro

Caprese Salad at Bettola Bistro

Chef Samir Mohammad Opens an Italian Restaurant in Aurora

Bettola Bistro marks his return to Denver

Denver Eater

by [Rebecca Treon](#) Jul 12, 2018, 2:33pm MDT

Read more [here](#)



Village at Westerly Creek photos from the On Havana Street Business Watch Drive in early July 2018.

BLUEPRINT FOR AFFORDABILITY: Metro housing crunch building toward a crisis

Aurora Sentinel

By [KARA MASON, RAMSEY SCOTT, BRANDON JOHANSSON, Staff Writers](#)

July 6, 2018

Read more [here](#)



The Housing Authority of The City of Aurora

Village at Westerly Creek 3

They are currently accepting applications for Village at Westerly Creek, Phase 3, the new 1 bedroom/1 bath, 542 sf, 1 story apartments on East Kentucky.

- Must 62 years old or older
- Minimum income is \$1,910 a month or Section 8 voucher (no more available)

Appointments preferred, please call Lisette at 720-251-2069 or walk in Tuesdays/Thursdays only from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm, office address: 10827 E. Kentucky Ave, Aurora, CO 80012

See more details [here](#)



Village at Westerly Creek 3 - Picture courtesy of Gabe Cullen with Studio Completiva



Gibby's Big Backyard sits at the back of a strip mall on Havana Street, but it's not too hard to find.

Sarah McGill

Gibby's Big Backyard Is a Net Win for Aurora Neighbors

Westword

[SARAH MCGILL](#) | JULY 5, 2018 | 4:03PM

Read more [here](#)



A message on a chalkboard at Molcajete, a restaurant on Havana Street in Aurora, where nearly one in five people are foreign-born. Credit Ryan David Brown for The New York Times



A cafe on Havana Street in Colorado's Sixth Congressional District, represented by Mike Coffman, a five-term Republican. Mr. Coffman has reached out to immigrant communities and broken with his party's leaders on immigration issues. Credit Ryan David Brown for The New York Times

[If Demographics Are Destiny, Why Can't Democrats Win This Denver District?](#)

New York Times

[By Jack Healy](#)

July 2, 2018

AURORA, Colo. — In the fast-changing political battleground that is suburban Denver, Somali families dine on goat soup and fish fritters in a onetime Chinese restaurant where golden dragons still guard the doorways....And up and down **Havana Street**, auto lots once run by the likes of Dealin' Doug are now Ethio-Motors, Maaliki Motors and Jordan Motors...

Read more [here](#)



Patrons at Maandeeq Café in Aurora. Liberal groups and immigration activists hope they can harness the fear, anger, and activism unleashed by President Trump's immigration policies to defeat the area's Republican congressman. Credit Ryan David Brown for The New York Times





Where We're Eating, July 2018

The restaurants, dishes, and drinks on our dining radar.

[5280 JULY 2018](#)

BY [CALLIE SUMLIN](#), [DENISE MICKELSEN](#)

Koshari Time

The Front Range finally has its first Egyptian restaurant, and it's about, well, time. The spare, five-month-old fast-casual spot in Aurora offers just five food items (three of them desserts), but each is extraordinary. Better yet, you can try them all for less than \$30. The namesake dish (sometimes spelled "kushary") is a pasta-salad-esque hodgepodge of carbs and fiber—lentils, white rice, chickpeas, macaroni, and broken vermicelli noodles—beloved in Egypt.

Read more [here](#)



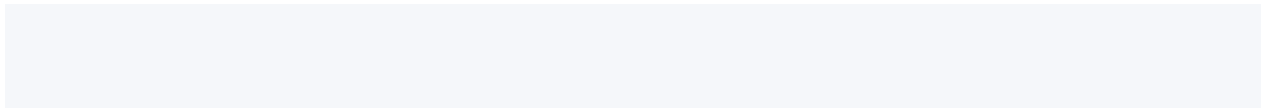


The Salvage Restaurant Closing

It is with a heavy heart that we must announce the closing of Salvage Restaurant. This has been an exciting journey that has been filled with challenges yet so many rewards along the way. Due to unfortunate circumstances, we are no longer able to operate at 2700 S Havana Street. We have every intention of finding a new home and providing the South Aurora area with great food and stellar service once again. As well, we are excited to see what opportunities lie ahead. We have so much gratitude for the support that we have received from our friends, family & our community. Our greatest reward has been the individuals that have freely given their time and unwavering faith in our success.

A special thanks to our staff! This has been a wild ride and I hope you're all ready for our next adventure!

Chef Stephen Mondale & Hopi Mondale





The racks look nice and shiny new. (pictured is the rack at 7-Eleven at 6th & Havana)

District Identity Project Completed

The 2nd and final phase of our condo newspaper rack replacement was completed on July 13, 2018.

This was a 2-year district identity project that the Havana Business Improvement District - On Havana Street paid for out of the 2017 and 2018 budgets for a total of \$44,650.



@snowl.cafe

Ying Family's 7th year celebrating #nationalicecreamday

[onhavanastreet](https://onhavanastreet.com)



FROZEN TREATS DAY

We CELEBRATED National Ice Cream Day **SUNDAY July 15, 2018**

Jim Musser won a Fun Day at [Elitch Gardens](#) (\$300 value) to enjoy with his family

See [FACEBOOK](#) for photos

This was a progressive ice cream sampling adventure. Participants visited 5 of 6 frozen treat shops & complete the participation form to enter to 6 tickets, Rapid Ride and Parking Pass (\$300 value)

On Havana Street





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20 on
havana



This sculpture will be in front of M Mart. "Nature" by Jodie Bliss was one of the panel's favorites.

ART 2C On Havana Street

Install of NEW ART will occur in October 2018

SAVE THE DATE ART 2C GALA

Friday, November 2, 2018

Location: TBD

Please email Chance Horiuchi at Chance@OnHavanaStreet.com or call at 720-788-8986 if you have a venue On Havana Street that is willing to host 60-80 people for our gala.

[Click here to see all selected sculptures](#)

Global Aurora On Havana Street Update



Fun Things to do in Aurora This Summer

[Global Fest Aurora - August 18, 2018](#)

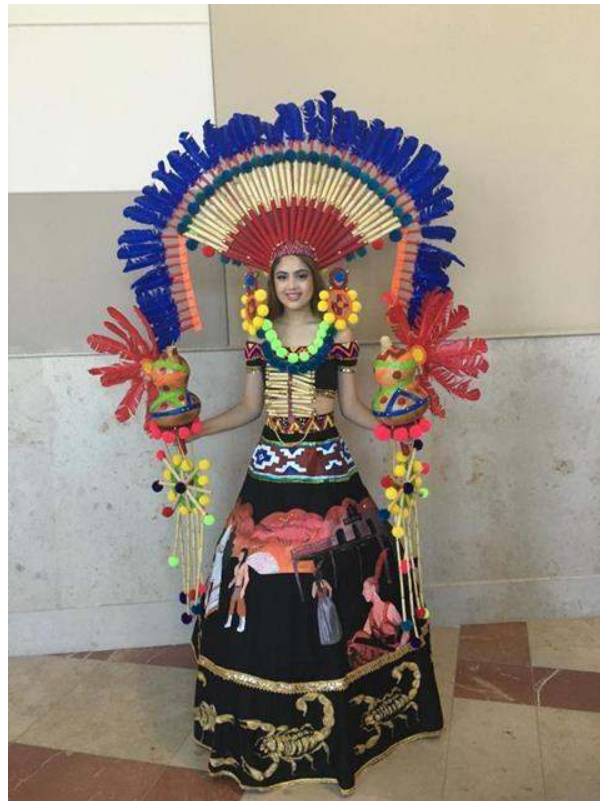
11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Aurora Municipal Center, Great Lawn
15151 E. Alameda Parkway
Aurora, CO 80012

The city of Aurora, Colorado experienced fantastic flavors, cultural experiences and artistic expressions from around the world at Global Fest.

Many of our On Havana Street Restaurants participate as vendors especially since we are the "most global corridor in the country On Havana Street."

[Become a Vendor](#) at Global Fest



Aurora Sister Cities International will be visiting On Havana Street while they are here in Colorado and plan to [explore, experience and eat On Havana Street's Restaurant Week](#).

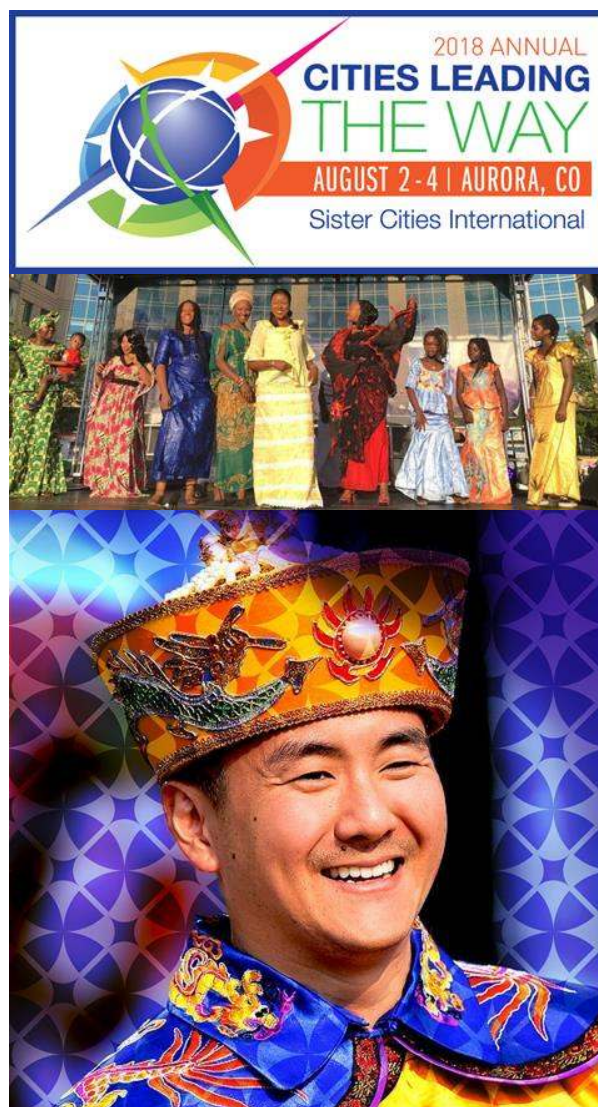
They will also be doing social media gift card giveaways to help promote the Restaurant Week on August 1-8, 2018.

Follow them on [Facebook](#) @ASCI.org to win a Yum Yum Cake & Pastries, Tofu House and Chipotle gift card.

Volunteer Opportunity

August 3, 2018 Friday, 8am-10:30am

ASCI is looking for 160 flag holders to help at the ceremony.





Collection of photos from Global Fest 2017 - Chance Horiuchi





Photos of the A-Town Dragon Slayers from July 28, 2018 dragonboat races with Tamara Mohamed (Team Captain), Chad Argentar, Eleni Thomas Roberts, Jason Altshuler, Josh Hensley, Brenda Cole Ferguson, Bill Foster, Mitzi Schindler, Mike Schindler, Lauren Alpert, Rachel Gruber, Theresa James, Nick Medina, Chance Horiuchi, Gordon McKennon, Chris Johnson, Lucy Howlett, Michelle Wullenschneider, Chris Shumake, Henry Rusch, & Tony Chacon

Global Aurora Representing at the Colorado Dragonboat Festival 2018

On July 28, 2018, we joined Colorado's annual celebration of Asian and Asian American heritage, the biggest pan-Asian Dragon Boat Festival in the US.

The Colorado Dragon Boat Festival (CDBF) is recognized as the premier organization celebrating and promoting the culture, contributions and accomplishments of Colorado's Asian Pacific American communities.

The mission of the Colorado Dragon Boat Festival is to build bridges of awareness, knowledge and understanding between the diverse Asian Pacific American (APA) communities and the general public through cultural education, leadership development and athletic competition.

The A-Town Dragon Slayers Team raced at the Colorado Dragonboat Festival representing Aurora's finest. This team consists of Aurora Businesses, Aurora Chamber staff, Aurora Public Schools & Cherry Creek Public Schools representatives, community advocates and City of Aurora staffers. Many of the City of Aurora staffers are the Havana BID's city liaisons.

Executive Director in Training Chance Horiuchi has been racing with Aurora's businesses for 5 years and loves supporting our Global community not just in Aurora, but in Colorado.



News

July 2018 Havana Motor Mile Commercials

Watch the commercials:

[Commercial 1](#)

[Commercial 2](#)

[Commercial 3](#)



JORDAN MOTORS



Jordan Motors - Newest addition to On Havana Street

They are located on 6th Avenue & Havana Street, across the street from Santiago's

[Address:](#) 590 Havana St, Aurora, CO 80010

[Phone:](#) [\(303\) 753-6000](tel:(303)753-6000)



Nominate an outstanding Aurora business for recognition

AURORA, Colo. – The city is accepting nominations until Aug. 31 for this year's Business Recognition Award Program. Winners will be honored at the 14th annual Aurora Business Recognition Award ceremony in December at the Aurora Municipal Center.

See more details [here](#)





Colorado Rapids Youth Soccer Club

Register today for Fall Soccer for 3 years to 18 year olds

www.rapidsyouthsoccer.org

111 Havana St, Suite 120, Aurora, CO 80010





Learn More [here](#)



Transforming Safety North Aurora

Its that time again - applications are being accepted for Transforming Safety Grants! The grant window is until September 4th. To assist your organization there is a grant writing workshop next week! CEDS Finance is, as always, accepting applications for small business lending in North Aurora and beyond!



Group photo of the volunteers on July 20, 2018 for Safeway donation

Safeway Giving

[Safeway](#) hosted a Holiday Trade Fair earlier in mid July 2018 at their Corporate Offices in Englewood. The purpose of the fair was for all the manufacturers to show off their 2018 Holiday products and for the Colorado Safeway store managers to place their orders for holiday merchandise.

Everything left over from the fair was then donated by Safeway to [Comitis Crisis Center](#)—which turned out to be tens of thousands of dollars' worth of goods. Incredible!

We gathered a group of [Havana Business Improvement District's](#) businesses and supporters at Safeway's Corporate office on July 20, 2018 and loaded up the goods and delivered everything over to [Comitis Crisis Center](#), The [Aurora Day Resource Center](#) and even some to [Colfax Community Network](#).

Mike Dinkel of [Agency Vacuum on Havana](#) donated the use of a 15' box truck and Steve from [StevO's Pizza & Ribs](#) brought his Mystery Machine Van and helped haul groceries, too.

Airmen from [Buckley AFB](#) brought trucks and even a big trailer to haul the goodies.

Thank you to Kris from Safeway for thinking of On Havana Street and our friends at Comitis Crisis Center, here in Aurora!

Here is the link to the photo album on [Facebook](#)



NEW HOURS 7am- 2pm Every Day Photo: Chance Horiuchi

New Hours at Sam's No. 3 Aurora On Havana

We are excited to announce new hours for our Aurora Store.

We will be open 7am - 2pm everyday!

[Menu](#)

2580 South Havana Street
Aurora, CO 80014

[Directions](#)

[\(303\) 751-0347](#)





Photos from the Aurora Chamber Networking at the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds Kick-Off Event July 24, 2018

Community Networking

On July 24, 2018, we joined the Arapahoe County Board of County Commissioners and kicked off the Arapahoe County Fair with an evening of networking, delicious barbecue and brews, and free time at the Fair. This is the County's premier event for our civic, business and economic development leaders.

We had a blast networking and connecting with:

- Aurora Economic Development Council
- Aurora Chamber of Commerce
- Centennial Airport
- Denver South Economic Development Partnership
- Dry Dock Brewing Company
- I-70 Chamber of Commerce
- South Metro Denver Chamber of Commerce
- Tagawa Gardens





NEW LOCATION -

Xfinity at the Gardens on Havana
10551 E Garden Dr, Aurora, CO 80012

Next to the Rose Garden Plaza





Photos from July 24, 2018 Dotsero Pizza Party concert. -Chance Horiuchi

2018 10th Anniversary Rose Garden CONCERT SERIES:

Tuesday, July 24th 2018 was our 3rd Concert of the Season

Unfortunately 3 songs into the concert the large crowd, AV set up and band got rained and hailed on. The concert was cancelled.

We had to call the concert due to lightning, wind, rain and hail. We got totally soaked and hailed on! We had a big crowd on hand and most did get pizza before the wind really kicked up and it started to rain.

A couple of our volunteers carried the few remaining pizzas in boxes into the NEW Comcast Xfinity store for their employees and customers so the pizza did not go to waste. Thank you so much to all of our volunteers!

It was a hot 93 degrees and sunny when we were setting up for the concert. The weather forecast earlier in the day showed only a 10% chance of storms in our area. Ugh, rapidly changing Colorado

Weather! We did not get to hand out door prizes last night but will save them for the August 21 - Reggae concert and ice cream social.

See you in August!





We gave away ~2000 samples of pizzas in support of businesses On Havana Street to over 400 attendees.

Thank you for coming out to On Havana Street.

Pizza Featured from On Havana Street:

Uncle Maddio's

Pizza Hut

SteveO's Pizza & Ribs

Papa John's

Costco

Big Daddy's

Thank you to all who attended in the rain!

See some photos of the concert before the rain came [here](#)



2018 CONCERT SERIES:

LAST CONCERT of the Season

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)



Come Join us for the concert on August 21st Tuesday at 6-8pm

Byron Shaw Projex & Ice Cream Social Party





Bronco Fans Join us On Havana Street

Sunday, October 7, 2018

10am-2pm

FREE

Broncos vs Jets – On Havana Street Party at Gibby's

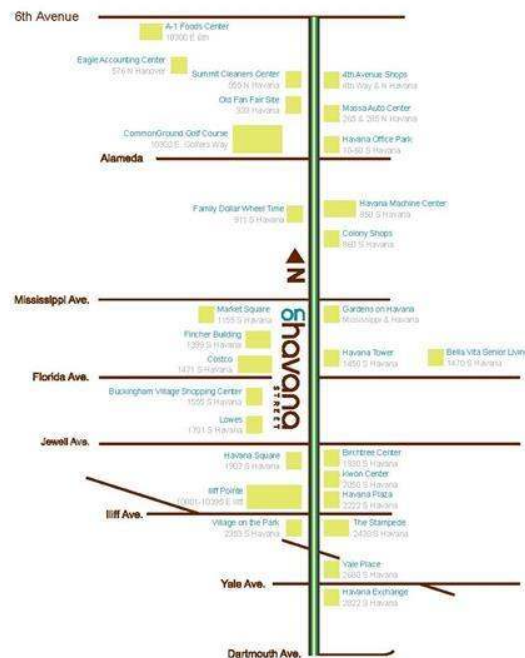
Gibby's Big Backyard is hosting our annual Havana Business Improvement District – On Havana Street Broncos' football party on Sunday, October 7, 2018 at 10am – 2pm. The game starts at 11am.

Bring your family & friends, wear your blue and orange and come watch the game on the Big Screen TVs at Gibby's as your Denver Broncos take on the New York Jets.

On Havana Street is providing some FREE appetizers, pizza, & door prizes (no purchase necessary to win door prizes).

Drink and food specials throughout the game.

See More Details [here](#)



View the Available Listings for Sale/Lease

On Havana Street

[HERE](#)

98% fully leased on our Havana corridor



Katsu Ramen Poke Bowl - On Havana Street

Click on [On Havana Street](#) to follow our NEW Instagram account

and increase your following!

FOLLOW US @OnHavanaStreet

&

Enter for a chance to win lots of gift card giveaways to promote the **Restaurant Week**

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Check out a few of our hashtags:

#onhavanastreet #havanabid #havanamotormile #EatOnHavanaStreet



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