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This is one of the On Havana Street district markers located at Alameda and Havana in front of the Larry H Miller Jeep dealership.

## **Shavana** 2019 Calendar of Events

Sunday, February 3, 2019: Super Bowl Party – Buffalo Wild Wings at the Gardens on Havana

March 2019 — Date TBD: Grocery Cart Races at Safeway

March 2019: Mom & Pop Business Month

May 2019 — Restaurant Week Wednesday to Wednesday, May 1-8, 2018 – On Havana Street

Saturday, May 4, 2019: Rose Garden Clean Up

Friday, June 7, 2019: Cruzin Havana VIP & Volunteer Thank You Dinner

Saturday, June 8, 2019: Cruzin Havana Car Show

See entire list of 2019 Scheduled Events







#### **FAQs**

#### Shop Now

Products offered serve many industries: Office, Healthcare, Restaurants/Bars, Hospitality, Residential and Wholesale.

Types of Products: LED Mirror Screen, Interactive Touch Screen Glass, Smart Film Collection, 3D Laser Engraved Glass Collection, Interactive Touch Frames, 4k Interactive Touch Foil, Interactive Multimedia Touch Collection, Mirror TV Collection and much <u>MORE</u>



<u>GlassTek</u> installed the smart film on this conference room for Northstar Denver! Check out the view looking into the room and looking out from the conference room.

### **Featured Business**

Glass Tek



GlassTek Inc. is a leader in the glass technology industry. They provide high end glass products to residential and commercial consumers including smart film, 3D laser engraved glass, interactive touch screen, and mirror TV's right here On Havana Street.

#### About GLASSTEK

Experience a whole new vision through your glass.

GlassTek was founded by Jin Pak in 2015 who is also President of H&H Construction. H&H's expertise is new residential construction specializing in roofing, siding, gutters and drywall. In 2009, H&H Construction was formed and continues to grow exponentially. This will be the best year ever, with revenues running in the \$18 – \$20 Million range.

Jin has always been interested in new technology and how it can be utilized in the construction industry. In 2011 he was exposed to some new construction applications utilizing glass and glass products, and he began his research into the latest glass construction technologies

#### The beginning of GlassTek....

Jin made several trips to Asia and Europe to experience and research new glass construction applications, and find the best raw material manufacturers. Jin has had tremendous success growing H&H Construction, and decided to start a "sister" company. The Spin-Off of H&H began in late 2015 and GlassTek was incorporated. The investment and plans were starting to take shape. We have the backing and experience of a successful business behind us. We are strongly positioned to grow and expand to be the premier glass technology company in the Nation.

#### <u>Website</u>

Located in: Village on the Park

Address: 2353 S Havana St, Aurora, CO 80014

Phone: (720) 277-3788



Turn of the Century Bingo

#### **WEBSITE**

#### FACEBOOK

#### WIN BIG in 2019!

Visit our local bingo hall On Havana Street and play for a chance to win cash.

In the the first month of 2019 take advantage of the MUST GO BINGO dates and win jackpots estimated to be \$1000 to \$15,000.

This bingo hall is located on Havana and Jewell in the same shopping center as the Solomon's European Grocery & Deli, Molcajete Mexican Restaurant, Aurora Heirlooms Antique Mall, Medicine Man, Alpine Adult Day Care, Aaron's Aurora, Royal Wings Travel & Rack 'Em Billiards and Sports Bar.





## December Events at Gibby's Big Back Yard This Holiday Season

**Alaina Riggs** the General Manager Gibby's Big Back Yard has made Gibby's an eventful December. Gibby's hosted the <u>Colorado Firefighers + Gibbys Charity Event</u>, the UFC Fight Night, an Ornament Painting Party, & the Denver Bandits Launch & <u>Contract Signing Party</u>.

If you are looking to host an event or upcoming party at Gibby's please call Alaina at (303) 854-7005





Church's Chicken - On Havana Street

2181 S Havana St, Aurora, CO 80014

(303) 368-8514

Near Autawash

## Church's Chicken 2 Can Dine - On Havana Street Social Media Giveaway

Church's Chicken's manager Juan Gomez did a giveaway to 5 lucky winners on social media.

Our 5 lucky winners were @heathergrace68, @amartin, Jeff S., Daniel G., & Heather S.



Costco On Havana Street

1471 S Havana St, Aurora, CO 80012

#### <u>(303) 750-2116</u>

Members-only warehouse selling a huge variety of items including bulk groceries, electronics & more.

## Costco Membership On Havana Street Social Media Giveaway



Congrats to Ellen B. and Alexa D. on your GOLD STAR COSTCO MEMBERSHIP!

## On Havana Street in the Media and News



A sample of the 3.2 beer selection at a Safeway in Denver before a new law takes effect Jan. 1, 2019, to allow grocery stores to sell full-strength beer. (John Frank, The Colorado Sun)



Cases of beer line the shelves at the King Sooper's in Denver's Capitol Hill neighborhood on Monday, Dec. 10, 2018. (Jesse Paul, The Colorado Sun)

# The end of 3.2 beer in Colorado: What to know about the law taking effect Jan. 1, 2019

#### DEC 11, 2018 5:15AM MST

#### John Frank@ByJohnFrank

The Colorado Sun — johnfrank@coloradosun.com

Starting Jan. 1, you can buy full-strength beer at grocery and convenience stores in Colorado for the first time.

The change is part of <u>an overhaul</u> approved by state lawmakers in 2016 to update the state's alcohol laws from the Prohibition-era standards.

"I jokingly say this, but it's last call for 3.2 beer," said Kris Staaf, a spokeswoman at Safeway.

Right now, grocery and convenience stores in the state only sell beer that is 3.2 percent alcohol by weight. The only exceptions are grocers with attached liquor stores.

Read more here



As grocery stores prepare for the newly acquired ability to sell full-strength beer, the chains quit stocking 3.2% beer and filling that real estate with bottled water, waiting until they can stock their shelves with full-strength barley pops. Photo by Philip B. Poston/The Sentinel

## Cheers: The death of 3.2 beer at grocery stores bringing craft brews to shelves

By GRANT STRINGER, Staff Writer

December 31, 2018

**AURORA** | The long, long wait is over. No more near-beer or water-beer at the grocery store or an extra trip on the way home for the real thing.

Real beer at the store is here.

A statewide liquor law went into effect this week liberating grocery store chains and gas stations to replace 3.2 percent beer with real beer and limited liquor.

The law is viewed as a compromise between grocery giants such as King Soopers, Safeway, and Walmart and smaller would-be competitors like liquor stores and craft brewing operations concerned that sales at big retailers will hurt business.

Read more <u>here</u>



#### Visit Aurora blogs featuring On Havana Street

Visit their <u>Blog</u> featuring On Havana Street businesses



Photo from Visit Aurora's blog

For those who aren't interested in doing any holiday baking, <u>Bettola Bistro</u> will be serving their Figgy Toffee Pudding Cake along with other seasonal entrees throughout the holiday season.

After January 1, Bettola Bistro's hours will be Tuesday – Saturday 4:30 to 9:30 PM.

#### Lifestyle

#### Holiday Dining & Recipe Guide with Bettola Bistro

December 21, 2018

The holidays are here! Get the spirit with a tasty dessert that's bound to leave you merry and bright. Discover step-by-step directions on how Chef Samir of <u>Bettola Bistro</u> creates this iconic seasonal dessert.

Read more here

#### See The Recipe | Figgy Toffee Pudding Cake here



ANGRY CHICKEN 1930 S. Havana St. #13 | get directions

#### **Food and Drink**

#### 5 Places in Aurora You Won't Find Anywhere Else

Discover places only Aurora has to offer!

December 11, 2018

Get ready for Korean Fried Chicken! Angry Chicken in an international sensation and Aurora is home to the only dine-in location in the United States. With only a few locations nationally, Angry Chicken is a must on your foodie bucket list. Their chicken is fried with a coating of rice flour, bringing a distinct crunchiness and lightness to each dish. With a full-service bar, club atmosphere on the weekends, and so many flavors of fried chicken, you won't be disappointed. You can visit for lunch beginning at 11:30 AM or stop by for some late-night appetizers. Learn more on their <u>website</u>.





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## Denver Businesses and Nonprofits Succeed Together

**Community Engagement** 

-by Mike Hanbery

#### December 10, 2018

Perhaps the ecosystem is less fragile than feared. Here are examples of how Denver public entities, private enterprise, and cause-focused nonprofits are supporting each other to achieve common goals.

#### Havana Business Improvement District

In the early 2000s, Havana Street — from 6th Avenue to Dartmouth Avenue — was a small stretch of road with a bad reputation. As evening commuters passed through this area from their jobs in Denver to their homes in Aurora, they encountered urban blight, condemned buildings and abandoned retail outlets with few prospects, none of them attractive. Activities outside a largely empty shopping mall required frequent attention from Aurora's police force. Residents suffered from malaise.

This is a common story in metro areas all over America. A popular solution is for the merchants to leave or close from necessity, allow the residents who can afford to exodus to do so, neglect the infrastructure and let the property values bottom out. As we've seen in Denver, this creates an attractive environment for developers. The problem gets "solved" by gentrification. The economic woes are replaced by opportunity, at the cost of the type of misplacement inherent to market economies.

Havana Street thought differently. A coalition of public officials, merchants and resident leaders sought to maintain the integrity of the community they envisioned, and which they felt they had earned. They banded together to create the Havana Business Improvement District. Among the group's top initial priorities was to brand the district and the 4.3-mile artery bearing its name. District leadership worked with Webolutions to moniker and market the district as On Havana Street.

The first two signs bearing the On Havana Street name and logo had to be removed within 48 hours, and replaced, due to the fact that the script and imagery were significantly and irreparably marred by bullets.

Today, the district is an annual leader in sales tax revenue. A parking lot where gang violence was once the norm, families attend free concerts and help maintain a community rose garden. 2018 retail vacancy rates in the district are below 2%. 2018 average family income in a 1-mile radius from the district's center is up nearly 5% over 2017, which was in turn a 27% increase over 2015. Home values are also rising. Replacement is under way of one of the most iconic eyesores in the Denver metro area by a modern mixed-use development. The district holds an internationally recognized public arts program and annual events drawing tens of thousands of people.

The beauty of this story is in the fact that, at an inflection point, this community took the road less traveled by. Given the choice of turning away or doing the hard work, these people bet on themselves. Today, when stakeholders gather — as they did for their annual meeting in November — pride and confidence fill the room. This group of people needed help and strength and found it in themselves and each other. On Havana Street is proof a community can improve the lives of its residents and merchants while reinforcing, rather than compromising, its soul.

#### Read More here



#### **Construction Updates**

Construction on the drainage project behind the Mazda dealership and along Havana by Concorde Career College/Argenta site has begun.

Attention: 1st Avenue will be closed starting January 3rd, 2019.

**Ongoing Roadwork** 

The <u>2018 Street Maintenance Schedule</u> is now available.

Weekly Construction Schedule

Visit this link for more information about city of Aurora roadwork.

#### Water Construction Projects

<u>Learn more about Aurora Water's current projects.</u> The monthly report on the progress of Aurora Water's Planning and Engineering, delineated by Ward. In most cases, this list contains projects that have already been awarded. To learn about new City of Aurora contract opportunities, visit <u>https://www.bidnetdirect.com/colorado/city-of-aurora</u>.



Click here for a printable PDF to share with your tenants or employees

#### **Job Postings**

#### Arapahoe/Douglas Works!

303) 636-1359 Business.Solutions@arapahoegov.com

Arapahoe/Douglas Works! Workforce Center is a member of the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment's statewide network of workforce centers, which **provide a variety of no-cost** services to job seekers and businesses.

Arapahoe/Douglas Works! serves as a critical resource to connect people and businesses in Arapahoe and Douglas counties, and throughout the Denver/Aurora metropolitan region.

**Post a Job on Havana Street website** - Contact Chance Horiuchi at 720-788-8986 or email her the job posting information at <u>Chance@OnHavanaStreet.com</u>

Visit the list of other Economic Development Partners & Business Resources here

## Business Watch Card with Important Contact & Resource Information

The Havana BID does daily business watch drives throughout the 4.3 miles from 6th Avenue to Dartmouth Avenue On Havana Street. We often share some of these useful contacts and resources with the BID and community.

Access Aurora 303.739.7000

Street Outreach - Comitis Crisis Shelter 303.341.9160

Aurora Day Resource Center 303.343.7808

Street Light Outages: Contact Xcel Energy at 800.895.4999 or report online.

For emergencies, please call 911

<u>Aurora Homeless Services Resource Guide (PDF)</u> <u>Guía de Recursos y Servicios para Personas en Situación de Calle (PDF)</u>



#### **Housing Resources**

Click on one of the links below for more housing options. Also try searching the web for "low-income housing" within the metro Denver area.

Aurora Housing Authority Colorado Housing Search

#### Havana North URA



See the Havana North Urban Renewal Area Plan here



Havana District Concept Design Plans visit link here



See a presentation from 9/2017 of Argenta here



Photo from the Aurora Sentinel in 2017

"The remains of Fan Fare, a 1960s discount shopping center. The structure was raised four years ago and will now be replaced by a residential-retail complex called Argenta."

See a past Aurora Sentinel Article from August 2, 2017 below:

## Fanfare phoenix will rise as Argenta

#### By Bobby Reyes

Read article here



Denver Post photo above from April 2016

"Some of the Fan Fare buildings at East Third Avenue and Havana Street in Aurora, photographed in December 2012."

#### **ARGENTA COMING SOON**



**Havana North/Fan Fare**: "Argenta" is the name for the new mixed-use development proposed for the former Fan Fare site at 3rd and Havana. The property was successfully rezoned from PD to mixed use in the summer of 2017 and we have been told to anticipate a ground breaking in the spring of 2019.

The plan calls for a combination of town homes and multi-family units in proximity to retail, office, and live/work units, as well as a plaza with splash park and food truck row.

Current Status in Development Process: Need 3rd Submission

1st Phase & ground breaking will begin in Quarter 1 of 2019 on the 1st 3.6 acres for the 86 townhomes.

Argenta is a phased master plan for a 10.55 acres new mixed use development consisting of

-86 townhomes

-208 multi-family

-20,000 sq ft of small scale retail

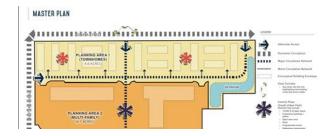
Read the most recent documents on the development here

Select the Project List

Search for Argenta

Review the November 14, 2018 - 2nd Review Comments

Review Argenta Master Plan as of May 3, 2018





These two images are from the Argenta Master Plan showing the layout of the townhomes and the landscaping of the development. Visit the <u>Master Plan link for more details</u>.



Photo of construction update as of 12/18/2018



Photo of construction update as of 11/28/2018



Photo of construction update on 10/2018

#### Village on the Park Update



#### **\$14.5M Redevelopment in Progress**

Old Navy will occupy at 13,800 square foot space in the new part of the center.

America's Best Contacts & Eyeglasses will also fill a 3,515-square-foot space in the new center, adjacent to TJ Maxx.



This building was in process of asbsetos remediation and will began demolition mid December.



Photo of demo as of 12/20/2018



Old Navy - COMING SOON!

Kimco Realty announced a \$14.5M redevelopment of its Village on the Park shopping center in Aurora. The southern portion of the center will be demolished and rebuilt.

COURTESY OF KIMCO REALTY



### News



Watch the November 2018 Havana Motor Mile commercial here



Construction SALE at Larry H Miller Chrysler Jeep

350 S Havana St Aurora, CO 80012

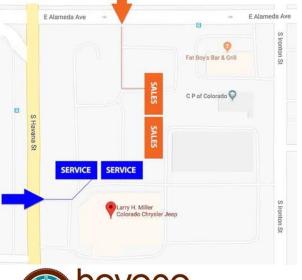
#### <u>Website</u>

- Sales: (877) 833-0248
- Service: (877) 610-3065
- Parts: (877) 832-7870

Be sure to check out the <u>new directions during construction</u> - to help guide you during your next Sales, Service or Parts visit.

#### Directions to Larry H. Miller Colorado Chrysler Jeep during construction:

- Sales: Enter on E. Alameda Avenue, then look for the trailers marked "Sales"
- Service: Enter on S. Havana Street, then look for the trailers marked "Service"







Here's what our new Jeep dealership will look like when complete.

#### **NEW REMODEL COMING SOON**

Larry H Miller is tearing down the current dealership and will reveal a brand NEW BUILDING & NEW LOOK in 5-6 months. This dealership was selected as 1 of the 4 dealerships in Colorado. It will exclusively be a JEEP dealership as upon the re-opening.



Festive VW Holiday Cruise with Andrew Miller and Jim Tynan at Tynan's VW on December 15, 2018.





NEW address is: 10203 E. Iliff Ave. Denver, CO 80247

See Special New Year's Eve NIGHT MENU event here

## New Year's Eve at Cody's Cafe & Bar

Join them and make reservations at (303)751-1288 or email at info@codysdenver.com

See the Special Menu here

Hours: Lunch Mon. - Sat. 11:00 - 2:00

Dinner Mon - Thursday 4:30 - 9:00 Fri. & Sat. 4:30 - 10:00

**Closed Sunday** 

Happy Hour Daily 4:30 - 6:00

#### **New Businesses On Havana Street**



They are open 7 days a week, including today from 8:00am to 8:00pm seeing walk-in patients with non-emergent healthcare conditions.

#### Metro Urgent Care Havana Safeway

1677 S Havana St, Aurora, CO, 80012

Website

#### **Business Directory Listing**

Accepts Self-Pay, PPO

Metro Urgent Care in the Havana Safeway is an **urgent care center in <u>Aurora</u>**, located and now open at 1677 S Havana St.



2740 S Havana Street Unit M

Havana Exchange Shopping Center, near Bicycle Village

#### NOW OPEN!



#### **Powerhouse Nutrition & Fitness**

2712 S Havana Street Unit C

Havana Exchange Shopping Center, near Bicycle Village

#### NOW OPEN!



#### **American Family Insurance**

2712 S Havana Street Unit D

Havana Exchange Shopping Center, near Bicycle Village

NOW OPEN!



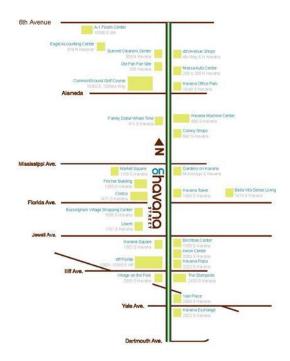
Living Water Car Wash Express

857 S HAVANA ST

Near Kentucky & Havana

See site plan, updates & details here

Watch Video of the car wash here on their website



#### View the Available Listings for Sale/Lease

On Havana Street

See the List

98% fully leased on our Havana corridor



Thank you to Yelp Colorado and a local food blogger Amber C for posting this amazing rainbow crepe cake from Seoul Korean B.B.Q. & Sushi - On Havana Street for National Pastry Day.

Visit Seoul Korean B.B.Q & Sushi for this amazing crepe cake and more more!

Grill-at-your-table marinated meats accompanied by kimchi among other Korean sides.

Address: 2080 S Havana St, Aurora, CO 80014

Website

Call for reservations TODAY!

Phone: (303) 632-7576

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#onhavanastreet #havanabid #DogsonHavanaStreet #havanamotormile #EatOnHavanaStreet



Photos of popular dishes at Seoul Korean B.B.Q. from their website.





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