



Life On Havana Street

February 2019 eNewsletter

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Great Resource from the City of Aurora

[City of Aurora This is Aurora Newsletter
Jan. 31, 2019](#)



**Keep Sidewalks Free of
Snow This Winter Season**

Don't Forget to Shovel!

As a reminder, homeowners and businesses are required by city code to remove snow and ice from the public sidewalks along their property, including along the side and back, within 24 hours after a snowfall ends

Be prepared - more winter weather likely

As the polar vortex hits the country and considering we are entering into the snowiest months in Colorado, is always a good idea to take preventive action as your best defense against having to deal with extreme cold-weather conditions. By preparing your home, car and family in advance for emergencies, and by observing safety precautions, you can reduce the risk of weather-related problems.

The city of Aurora's Office of Emergency Management has prepared a WinterWise guide to help your household prepare for and respond to winter weather conditions. WinterWise provides details on what to include in an emergency kit, how to prepare your home and vehicle for the winter, how to keep your family and pets safe in extreme cold-weather conditions, and where to seek additional resources.

To download the WinterWise brochure, [click here](#).

(or 48 hours when a snow emergency is declared).

For areas where snowplows have added to the natural accumulation on sidewalks, the deadline is 72 hours.

There are penalties for property owners who don't comply with these deadlines. To find out more, visit the city's [Snow Removal Responsibilities webpage](#).

To make a complaint about a property that has not shoveled, contact Access Aurora at 303.739.7000 or visit AuroraGov.org/ContactUs.

Thanks for doing your part to make a safer walking experience for everyone this winter.



Shavana
STREET



BIG GAME FOOTBALL PARTY at Buffalo Wild Wings at the Gardens on Havana

Sunday, February 3, 2019

4 pm, Kick off at 4:30 pm

Join us for the BIG GAME!

Enjoy complimentary appetizers purchased by On Havana Street and door prizes for Buffalo Wild Wings gift card door!

2019 Calendar of Events

March 2019: Celebrating 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**

**Saturday, June 8, 2019: Cruzin
Havana Car Show**

**Fall 2019 — DATE TBA --- Grocery Cart
Races at Safeway**

See entire list of [2019 Scheduled
Events](#)



Save the date of Saturday, June 8, 2019
for Cruzin' Havana. [More details will be
posted in upcoming newsletters and on
the website by March.](#)

SAVE THE DATE 12th Annual Cruzin' Havana 2019 Classic Car Show & Poker Run

June 8, 2019 Saturday, 12 to 6 pm

Our 2019 Cruzin' Havana Logo features
three beautiful Cadillacs: A Green 1954
Cadillac Series 62 owned by Dan Jetter,
a purple 1955 Cadillac Coupe Deville
owned by Roger Jetter and a 1951
copper butterscotch dream series 62
Cadillac owned by Ron Brown.



[p: 303-750-0705](tel:303-750-0705)

10601 E Garden Drive, #101, Aurora, CO
80012

<http://www.menchies.com/>

**Celebrate National Frozen
Yogurt Day with us on
February 6th, 2019**

Menchie's is offering Buy One, Get One
Free frozen yogurt all day long!

[#MenchiesAurora](https://www.instagram.com/MenchiesAurora)

[#OnHavanaStreet](https://www.instagram.com/OnHavanaStreet)



Featured Business

Quinceañeras Leihla

In December 2018, we welcomed a new quinceañeras dress boutique located in the Havana Exchange Shopping Center.

Hasta el 10 de Marzo todos los vestidos de quinceañera tendrán el 10% de descuento! Tenemos estilos hechos a



2740 S. Havana St. Unit M
Aurora, Colorado 80014 [Get Directions](#)

(720) 936-0423

Website: quinceanerasleihla.com

mano y importados desde Mexico. Grand opening el Lunes 10 de Diciembre!

Until March 10th all quinceañera dresses will have 10 % off! We have handmade styles and imported from Mexico.





On Havana Street in the Media and News

**GIBBY'S BIG
BACKYARD**
sports bar & grill

www.GIBBYS BAR.com
303.755.5944 1555 S. HAVANA ST. AURORA



Our On Havana Street [Gibby's Big Backyard](#) made the list of Top 10 best Neighborhood Watering Holes for Bar Games

**1555 South Havana Street, Aurora
303-755-5944**

Gibby's is your neighborhood spot for indoor and outdoor sports in Aurora. There's an entire game room filled with active arcade games — boxing, basketball, golf and air hockey — that rivals a Dave & Buster's. There are also pool tables, board games and Big Buck Hunter, another bar mainstay. But that's just inside.

On the patio, weather permitting, you'll find folks playing beer pong, Kan Jam (sort of like miniature disc golf) and cornhole, plus there are tournament-sized sand volleyball courts in the "big backyard."

On Friday nights, \$5 drop-in volleyball is big, and there are a variety of volleyball leagues you can join in the spring, summer and fall organized by Intermediate Volleyball Programs.

Gibby's is great for adults with wintertime cabin fever, but also welcomes kids daily until 9 p.m.

There's plenty of competition on the courts at Gibby's Big Backyard. Photo by Sarah McGill

The Ten Best Neighborhood Watering Holes for Bar Games

[SARAH MCGILL](#) | JANUARY 24,
2019 | 1:59PM

It's cold outside, football season is nearing an end, and with the lack of wintertime outdoor activities that involve drinking, if you are competitive like me, you might find yourself indoors and in need of some entertainment in the form of bar games. Here are ten of Denver's best neighborhood bars for unique and plentiful bar games.

Read More [Here](#)



Affected by the Furlough and Want to Get Things Started?

Federal employees (both existing customers and non-customers) can go into any branch location or contact FirstBank's 24-hour customer service line toll free at 1-800-964-3444 or 303-232-5522 and press "0" to inquire about the assistance program or get any of the above relief efforts underway. We're here to help.

banking for good



FirstBank Provides Assistance to Federal Workers Affected by Government Shutdown

January 16, 2019

[Smart Cents by First Bank blog](#)

As a company that lives and breathes "banking for good," we recognize that we need to do right by our customers and communities. So in light of the situation and the hundreds of thousands of people affected, we're extending financial flexibility and support to impacted federal workers.

Read more about the list of benefits will be available to furloughed employees immediately [here](#)



Enjoying Tacos at Ten of Denver's Best Taquerias

[Westword](#)

BY [DANIELLE LIRETTE](#)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2019 AT 5:54 A.M.

Taqueria Corona served one of our [favorite dishes from a year of exploring Havana Street restaurants](#).

Photo by Danielle Lirette



Taqueria Corona serves traditional Mexican antojitos and beverages.

Photo by Danielle Lirette

Our On Havana Street Taqueria Corona made the top 10 Denver's Best Taquerias.

Taqueria Corona is located at 2222 South Havana Street in Aurora.

The tortilla is the cornerstone of Mexican cuisine, and what better way to enjoy a tortilla than as the foundation of a taco? Slow-cooked or quick-seared meats, chiles or nopales; a shower of fresh onions and cilantro; and a blazing salsa in red or green are all you need. Here are ten of our favorite taquerias in metro Denver.

Read More [here](#)

City of Aurora's YUM Aurora Guide celebrates many GOOD EATS On Havana Street

[YUM Aurora: Explore great food in your city](#)

Need a new place to eat right here in Aurora? Check out the city's NEW Yum Aurora edition, now [available online](#) and at city facilities. Yum Aurora features location, contact information, price range, descriptions and more on 250-plus ethnic and independent eats and drinks in every part of Aurora.



Whether you are in the mood for an international dining adventure like shawarma, boba tea, kangaroo meat, ramen or pupusas, or more traditional fare like burger, pizza and brew, the city's culinary scene is right at your fingertips with Yum Aurora.

You can view the interactive map below, or to see a full-screen version of the map, [Click Here](#).

**Visit Aurora blogs
featuring On Havana Street**



Visit their [Blog](#) featuring On Havana Street businesses



TAQUERIA CORONA

2222 S Havana Street | [get directions](#)

Looking for lunch? Grab a basket of authentic Mexican-style street tacos at Taqueria Corona. Their classics are covered in freshly chopped cilantro and onions, not to mention their house-made salsas to add a little extra flair to your food. Their simple yet delicious carne asada tacos pair well with a freshly squeezed lime.

Food and Drink

Tacos Worth Tasting

Top Tacos in Aurora

January 29, 2019

In a city filled with dozens of ethnic eateries, there are a few taco spots that stand out amongst the crowd. For happy hour or a quick bite, here are Aurora tacos worth tasting.

Read Visit Aurora's blog [here](#)



Food and Drink

Donuts You Need to Try

January 16, 2019

LAMAR'S DONUTS AND COFFEE

10001 E Iliff Ave. | [get directions](#)

The flagship location of LaMar's Donuts & Coffee opened in 1960. Since then, this wholesome franchise has expanded to include a handful of locations in Aurora, Denver, and the surrounding cities. Settle in for a menu that really caters to all types of donut lovers. Glazed, iced, and anything in between— discover their menu of classics and specialties that any sugar-lover will enjoy.

Here's your chance to eat more "hole" foods in 2019! From local shops with American classics to flavors you've never heard of, discover these donut shops in Aurora.

Visit Aurora featured one of our favorite donut spots On Havana Street - Lamar's Donuts and Coffee.

Check out their blog [here](#)



Art 2C Public Art Program is NOW accepting applications from artists

Art 2C on Havana 2019-2020

The City of Aurora Art in Public Places Program (AIPP) and the On Havana Business Improvement District (Havana BID) are looking for outdoor sculpture to be considered for an exhibition on Havana Street in Aurora, CO, for one year. The exhibit is scheduled to open in October, 2019. Selected artists should anticipate installing their artwork in the first week of October.

Eligibility

- This is a **regional** call for the following states: Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, New Mexico, Kansas and Nebraska.
- Sculpture must be exhibited for the full length of the exhibit, which is approximately one year.
- Sculpture must be ready for exhibition.
- Sculpture must fulfill the design and selection criteria listed in this call.

Read more details [here](#)

Visit https://artist.callforentry.org/festivals_unique_info.php?ID=625 to apply before March 17, 2019.



Award Winners are featured on Colorado
and Company every year. Watch the
[2018-2019 Art 2C on Havana – Colorado](#)
and Company 9News segment [here](#)



Photo of the construction equipment arriving for the Water Project behind the Mazda dealership on January 2nd, 2019.

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 [2018 Street Maintenance Schedule](#) is now available.

[Weekly Construction Schedule](#)

[Visit this link](#) for more information about city of Aurora roadwork.

Water Construction Projects

[Learn more about Aurora Water's current projects.](#) 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 <https://www.bidnetdirect.com/colorado/city-of-aurora>.

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STREET
BUSINESS WATCH

CALL 911 For Aurora Police and Fire Emergencies

Homeless Street Outreach Team: Call 303-379-7000 to log a homeless issue on "Public Stuff"

POLICE AREA REPRESENTATIVES

6th Ave to Alameda: Officer Keith Burke, 303-739-1828
Alameda to Mississippi: Officer Dan Southwick, 303-739-6951
Mississippi to Warren: Officer Gene Colwell, 303-739-1931
Warren to Dartmouth: Officer Dale Crump, 303-739-1996

CALL 303-627-3100
AURORA POLICE DISPATCH
TO REPORT A CRIME OR
SUSPICIOUS PERSONS

Graffiti?
303-739-7000

Business Watch Card with Important Contact & Resource Information

The Havana BID does daily business watch drives throughout the 4.3 miles

Click [here](#) for a printable PDF to share with your tenants or employees

Job Postings

Post a Job on Havana Street website -

Contact Chance Horiuchi at 720-788-8986 or email her the job posting information at

Chance@OnHavanaStreet.com

Visit the list of other [Economic Development Partners](#) & Business Resources [here](#)

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

[Aurora Homeless Services Resource Guide \(PDF\)](#)

[Guía de Recursos y Servicios para Personas en Situación de Calle \(PDF\)](#)



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](#)

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Confidence
with Arapahoe/Douglas
Works!**



FREE SERVICES TO HELP YOUR BUSINESS HIRE MORE EMPLOYEES

CONTACT: 303 636-1359
Business.Solutions@arapahoe.gov

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.

Havana North URA

City of Aurora / Business Services / Economic & Business Development / Urban Renewal/Redevelopment / Active Projects / **Havana North URA**



Havana Street is booming.

Opportunity awaits in the Havana North Urban Renewal area, which straddles northern Havana Street from Sixth Avenue, south to Bayaud Street.

The area generally includes commercial properties along both the east and west sides of the street. A key concept associated with Havana North Urban Renewal Plan implementation is targeted investment that will serve to catalyze development throughout the area and fund future public improvements.

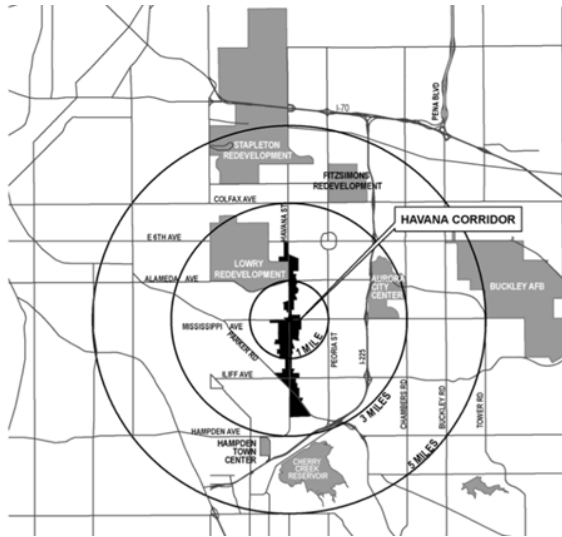


See the Havana North Urban Renewal Area Plan [here](#)

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.



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

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: 3rd Submission

1st Phase & ground breaking will begin in
Quarter 2 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

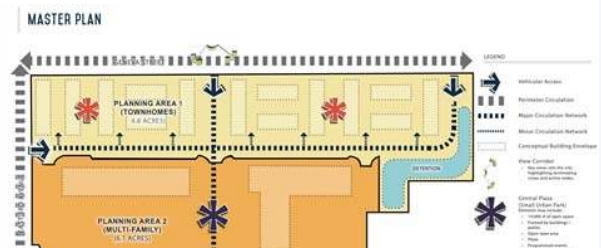
Read the most recent documents on the
development [here](#)

Select the Project List

Search for Argenta

Review the [November 14, 2018 - 2nd
Review Comments](#)

Review [Argenta Master Plan](#) as of May 3,
2018



replaced by a residential-retail complex called Argenta."



These two images are from the Argenta Master Plan showing the layout of the townhomes and the landscaping of the development. Visit the [Master Plan link](#) for more details.



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

America's Best Optical NOW OPEN as of January 25, 2019.

Village on the Park Update



Photo of construction progress as of 1/30/2019 - Excavation of the dirt begins



Photo of construction update as of
11/28/2018



Photo of construction update on 10/2018



Photo of construction progress as of
01/25/2019 - Parker Rd. & Havana St.

The southern portion of the shopping center's building is now demolished and the debris has been removed in the month of January. We can't wait to see the progress during the month of February.



\$14.5M Redevelopment in Progress

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

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

havana motor mile **News**



On January 29, 2019, Kim Fox, Fox Media & Marketing, 9 News photographers and Chance Horiuchi with the Havana BID's Havana Motor Mile visited Schomp Subaru, Mazda and Hyundai to capture the new license plate photos for the February 2019 Havana Motor Mile commercials.



Watch the December 2018 Havana Motor Mile commercial [here](#)

After February 11, 2019, there will be NEW Havana Motor Mile commercials running.

These are the TV spots:

M-F: 6-9 am

3-5 pm

We are so excited to update our commercials and welcome the Schomp Automotive Group to the Havana Motor Mile family.

6 pm during the show NEXT

Entertainment Tonight

10 pm NEWS

New Businesses On Havana Street



America's Best Contacts & Glasses conveniently located at the Village on the Park, Parker and Havana, near JERSEY MIKES, TJ MAXX, ROSS, and soon to be OLD NAVY.



[p: \(303\) 474-5283](tel:(303)474-5283)

2406 South Parker Road Suite C Denver, CO 80231

America's Best Contacts & Glasses at Village on the Park is NOW OPEN.

We visited the new retail store on January 25, 2019 for their GRAND OPENING DAY. They gave tours of the their new store and lots of promotional items to their very first customers.

With over 600 retail stores across the country, and more locations being added every day, America's Best delivers thousands of quality eyeglasses, contact lenses and safety glasses to our customers every day.

America's Best carries a wide selection of designer eyeglass frames, contact lenses and eyeglass accessories. Eye exams are available by a professional

[Website](#)

Monday - Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Sunday: Closed

optometrist*, or you can bring in an outside prescription.

No matter which frames you choose, our complete pair prices are always lower than our competitors'. We combine both parts of the optical equation - eyewear and eye care - into one great experience at one low price!



My Favorite Muffin

1627 S Havana St. Unit B Aurora, CO 80012

Near Chase Bank and AM FAM Insurance

<https://myfavoritemuffin.com/about-us/>

Coming Soon to On Havana Street



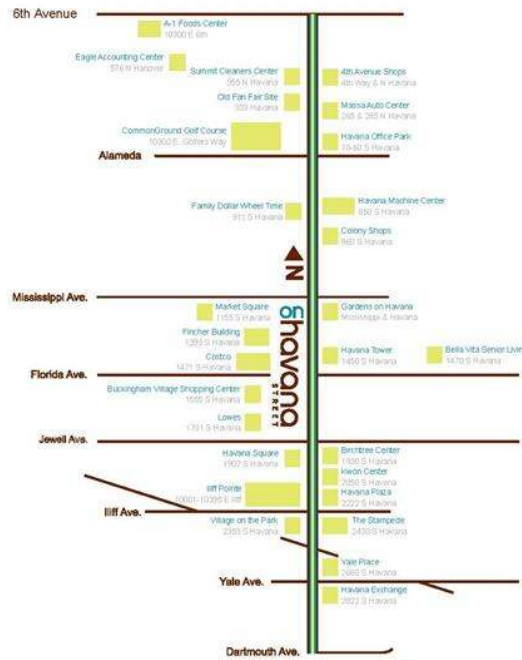
Living Water Car Wash Express

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



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Check out a few of our hashtags:

#onhavanastreet #havanabid
#DogsonHavanaStreet
#havanamotormile #EatOnHavanaStreet



Thank you to [Crestone](#) luxury apartments, near the Gardens on Havana, for featuring On Havana Street's shopping and eating options on their Instagram story this month.

[10550 East Iowa Avenue](#)

Contact Amy Johnson for more details on leasing at [\(303\) 835-6929](#)

[Photos of Crestone](#)



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