



Experience Cuisine From All Over the World During Eat On Havana Street

No matter where you live in Lowry, you're almost always less than five miles to an international delight of restaurants, satisfying nearly every tastebud and craving you can imagine. Even better, this month, On Havana Street is celebrating Eat On Havana Street week so you can explore, experience and EAT to support our neighboring local, small eateries offering fare that spans the world over.

What is On Havana Street? The Havana Business Improvement District (BID) d.b.a. *On Havana Street*, is a special district in Aurora/Arapahoe County Colorado created in 2007 by business and neighborhood leaders and Aurora city staff working together to build a stronger, better community.

In November 2007, the commercial property and business owners voted to tax themselves 4.5 mills in real property tax to fund the new business district. The margin of support was 80% yes to 20% no.

The stakeholders are committed to promoting commerce and community *On Havana Street*. There are 209 real commercial properties and approximately 20 shopping centers with over 600 businesses.

On Havana Street stretches over four miles (literally, on Havana Street) from 6th Avenue on the north end to Dartmouth Avenue on the south, swinging the corners at major intersections. It's situated at one corner of the "opportunity triangle" formed by three other major redevelopment projects in the area—Lowry, Central Park, and Fitzsimons/Anschutz Campus.

Currently, the BID serves a variety businesses including car dealerships and auto repair shops, restaurants and grocery stores, hair and nail salons and liquor stores.

Under normal circumstances, you would find over 20 culturally diverse events happening

along the corridor throughout the year. In the past, these events have included antique car shows, happy hours and networking events, and even gatherings for your furry friends.

Executive Director Chance Horiuchi explains, "We really are making a difference by focusing on unique, culturally diverse events and fun new things to do to make the lives of our residents and visitors more interesting. In addition to events, the Havana BID provides programming and benefits to business and commercial properties located along the corridor including economic development, establishing a district identity for the area and advocacy programs."

She goes on to say, "With over 80% of our constituents being small business owners, the last year has proven to be very difficult for most of them. We are dedicated to driving traffic to the corridor and building awareness for all of the incredible offerings on Havana."

Eat On Havana starts on May 5th and runs through May 12th. Visit any of over 100+ restaurants and specialty markets for authentic dishes ranging from Ethiopian to Korean, Mexican to Thai, barbecue to Italian, bakeries,

cafes, diners and much more. The options are a plenty and you don't have to stop on May 12th.

Similar to Denver's Restaurant Week, *Eat On Havana* eateries will be offering take-out, dine-in, curbside pickup and delivery. Of course, when you find a gem that you can't wait to share with everyone you know, you can follow up and support them on social media.

Don't forget to Like & Follow, send the businesses your kind words through direct messaging, share a review on Google, Yelp, or other social media platforms. Use the hashtag **#OnHavanaStreet2Go** for a chance to win local gift cards!

It takes a village, let's be part of it! Get some ideas on where to go from the flier inside that includes all the eateries on Havana Street.

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