

Christmas Trees by Curtiss Cain, Holiday Display by the Havana Garden Club



The Holidays Begin in Downtown Havana

## December 2023 NEWS AND EVENTS



# Lawnmowers, Snow and Family Fun!

**December 9th from 10:00am-4:00pm**

If you've never seen it snow in Florida, now is your chance! There will be snow in Havana, Saturday December 9th, look for it in the green park area along 2nd Street next to Planters Exchange. In the spirit of the holiday and tradition, Havana's **Winterfest and Lawnmower Parade, (parade starts at 1:00)** returns bringing a smile to everyone's heart. The beloved lawn mowers & golf carts, will be back and much more. **Participation is FREE, register on-line at [www.havanamainstreet.com/Winterfest](http://www.havanamainstreet.com/Winterfest).** Floats, marching groups and Santa will be arriving by horse and carriage! Come join your friends and family as we celebrate the holidays Havana Style!

There will be food and fun galore, from our very own restaurants to the food trucks serving sweet treats to eat there and take home for later. Don't miss the Petting Zoo!

**Havana Merchants** will be open, dressed in their holiday finery ready to provide you with that special gift, hot coffee, or even a round of golf. **Entertainment and demonstrations** will be at the stage area - come enjoy the dancers, drum line and more.

Visit the Havana Main Street Facebook page for more details on times and locations. [Visit www.havanamainstreet.com for more information](http://www.havanamainstreet.com)



Gift Idea...



**There is Still Time to have a Place in History!**

Purchase a paver with your name, a special event, date or in memory of a loved one, The perfect surprise to put under your tree, visit the website for more information [www.bricksrus.com/donorsite/HavanaMainStreet](http://www.bricksrus.com/donorsite/HavanaMainStreet)

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## Check out the Fancy Brick Work!

Restoration of the Slappy Building continues to move ever closer to completion thanks to Jacky Dodson and his crew. The brick work was hand cut and individually placed to return it to its historic beauty. Watch for more to come!

## Havana Museum Renovation Underway

The Havana History Museum is pleased and proud to announce the recent completion in June of Phase 1 of our restoration effort the re-roofing of the fertilizer tower. The tower houses a three story vertical mill which was installed in 1948 and featured a state of the art machinery for the time. During the late 40's & 50's this mill produced about 10,000 tons of shade tobacco fertilizer each year, approximately 75-80% of the total fertilizer used by the entire regional market. Plans for the tower include using it to tell the story of The Planters Exchange and its impact in Gadsden County and the surrounding community.

Thanks to the ongoing support from our community, Phase 2, the Re-Roofing of the adjacent fertilizer room, is scheduled to be completed before Christmas. Focusing on raising funds Phases 3&4, the total cost of the completed project will be \$133,500.00.

To find out how you can help contact the **Havana History & Heritage Society at 850-270-7315 or go to their Facebook page [www.facebook.com/havanahistoryheritage](http://www.facebook.com/havanahistoryheritage)**



### Help us Decorate Bikes!

We are looking for bikes that have seen better days that you would like to donate. **Contact: Design. [havanamainstreet@gmail.com](mailto:havanamainstreet@gmail.com)**



## Havana is Dressed for the Holidays

When you enter Havana on Hwy 27 you know there is something happening, you are greeted by a large round bale of hay painted with a beautiful poinsettia and large red stockings hanging on the lampposts. All this wonderful holiday cheer is brought to you compliments of the **Havana Garden Club (HGC)** and **Havana Main Street volunteers**. Turn the corner and you are treated to Christmas Card Lane organized by **Jim Kellum of the Merchants Association and the Antique and Design Center**.

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## Fourth Annual Havana Main Street Collectable Ornament on Sale Now!

Buy on-line, at Wanderings and the Main Street Office. You won't want to miss this one. This years ornament is the beloved Havana Town Clock. With 13 red Swarovski crystals, hand painted leaves, a watch crystal over the clock face and a .5" clear crystal hanging from the bottom. Presented in the green organza bag. Signed by the artist and stamped HMS on the back.

Order yours online at [havanamainstreet.com](http://havanamainstreet.com), or come by the HMS office and pick one off the tree!

**A special note about the clock**

itself is that it was donated in 1999 by the Havana Garden Club to represent all their members past, present and future.



## Havana Market

December 16 - 10am-2pm

The Pavillon at the Shade Tobacco Museum

**AHA-liday Festival** Dec-Sat. 11am-4pm  
307 N. Main Street, Havana, FL

*Happy Holidays From all of us at Havana Main Street*  
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