



Looking Forward to an Exciting New Year in Havana

January 2023 NEWS AND EVENTS



The fall festival schedule brought record breaking numbers, fresh ideas and happy faces to guests and merchants. Starting in September the streets of Havana were full of activity.

September 3rd, saw the **First Annual Wood Fest**. The juried art festival, brought wood workers from across the area to display and sell their wares. There were demonstrations of wood turning from the Tallahassee Wood Turners and reknown chainsaw carver John Birch.

October 8th, saw record breaking crowds come to town. Over 6,000 people came to enjoy the fun, food and family activities of **Pumpkin Fest**. More than 80 vendors filled the streets with everything from fine crafts to bubble guns.

November was a triple header. The much anticipated **Annual Quilt Show** was November 5, hosted by Havana Springs Resort in the beautiful 1908 Events Venue, over 100 handmade quilts were on display and sale. Thanks to **Wendy Adams** and her Quilting Crew, proceeds from the day long event went provide funds for Havana Main Street events. **November 12th** was the **Annual Havana Holiday Open House Celebration**. A Shopping Spree Give Away made several winning customers holiday shopping that much easier. The lighting of the community Christmas Tree and the arrival of **Santa Claus** by fire truck was the official kick off

of the Holiday Season in Havana, the stores were dressed and the town looked incredible with all the lights on the downtown trees, Christmas Card Lane is growing with new panels and the stockings were hung on the light posts with care!

The **AHA Gallery** debuted their **First Annual AHA-liday Event**. Staying open every Saturday and two Fridays, more than 30 artists sold their work. The sale was deemed a success and AHA plans to be open every Saturday through February to see what the market supports.

Crowning the season on **December 10th** was **An-nual Havana WinterFest and Lawn mower Pa-rade**. Once again vendors filled the streets, talent filled the stage hosted by the Grinch himself, aka Exit Smith. The jewel in the crown as always is the arrival of **SNOW** to Havana. Children and adults as well were able to experience the chilling plea-sure of playing in the snow. The parade had a re-cord number of entrants. There were step dancing crew from the Magnet School, a marching band, antique cars, an Ice Cream cart and of course, the beloved Lawn mowers.

All of these events could not take place without you, the dedicated volunteers! They donate hundreds of hours of their time to present the quality entertainment listed here. Not to mention the behind the scenes support provided by the City of Havana's Utility and Street Crews, the Havana Police Department and the Volunteer Fire Department.

Thank you all, now on to 2023!



Check it Out!



Things are happening downtown Havana! **El Merchants Boutique (EMB)** and the old Mirror Image have changed their back door looks! A fresh coat of paint works wonders. EMB plans to create an office space, with a side entrance to the store and a small courtyard. Awaiting a tenant, owner David Wasolowski, has created a mirror image look of his neighbor. Off The Rails is chugging along. The additional of a large outdoor awning and additional entrance and window, give you a taste of what's to come for the soon to be Irish Pub at the corner of NW 1st and W. 7th Ave. The next phase of rehab has started at the old Havana State Bank. Demolition to return the interior to its original appeal and facade is bringing it one step closer to becoming a Welcome Center for Havana, offices for Main Street along with a charming library that will be incorporated into the vault.



Under new management and wearing a clean new face, the Planters Exchange is the home of dozens of vendors that have what you are looking for from the smallest collectible to new furniture and more.

A ribbon cutting is planned some time this month, so be watching **Havana Main Street Facebook** for upcoming details.



From Frozen Pipes to Tons of Bikes, Street Closures and Lots of Trash, you have our backs and keep us safe and we want to say thanks to all of the Town of Havana employees, Police Officers, Volunteer Firefighters and EMTs

Coming Up in Havana

January 21 & February 18

Havana Classic Car Cruise In

January 28 & February 25

Havana Market

February 11

Sidewalk Sale

February 26

Havana Hills Spring Classic Bike Ride

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