



LA VISTA citywise

Salute to Summer Festival is May 26-29

Set aside Memorial Day weekend on your family's calendar for our Salute to Summer Festival, which is scheduled for **May 26-29**.

The fun will kick off Thursday, May 26, with the Hometown Heroes Event at 6 p.m. at City Hall. Since we celebrate on Memorial Day weekend, it is only fitting that we begin the festival with a special event honoring those who have served our country in the military. This will take place at the Blue Star Memorial on the City Hall campus. A new addition to the memorial area will be unveiled at the event.

The Community Center will host Hot Wheels Races in the gym that evening beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The carnival and vendors will open for business on Thursday evening and will be operating all weekend through Sunday.

Friday events will include the Community Cookout at City Hall, Car Show at La Vista Keno, fireworks display courtesy of Bellino Fireworks over La Vista Falls Golf Course and the Beer Garden in the Central Park tennis courts.

Saturday is the parade sponsored by Bank of Nebraska as well as a Glow Ball Golf Outing.

Scheduled on Sunday is a free Family Pool Party at the La Vista Municipal Pool.

For more information about the festival, visit our website, www.salutetosummer.org.



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Last year's Hometown Heroes Event included the unveiling and dedication of the City's new Blue Star Memorial at City Hall.

A MINUTE WITH
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La Vista lost a true partner and friend with the passing of Rich Bellino last summer. Rich died unexpectedly, leaving behind his wife of more than 40 years,

Mary Kay, their two children, a brother, sisters and grandchildren.

Rich operated the City's keno game, La Vista Keno. With proceeds from the game, the City constructed numerous facilities, including City Hall, the Community Center, the Library and the Police Station. The revenue realized from the successful operation of La Vista Keno has certainly contributed to the City's growth and development over the years.

Additionally, Rich and Mary Kay's commitment to give back to the community has been tremendous. They have made significant donations to a variety of projects, including the City's 50th anniversary celebration and the La Vista Community Foundation. More recently, Rich stepped up to host and sponsor the Salute to Summer Festival Car Show, now heading into its fourth year. The family will be honored with the "Friend of La Vista" award this year during the Salute to Summer Festival.

If you knew Rich at all, you knew he had a soft spot for youth. He had a big heart and always gave of his resources in a quiet, unassuming manner. In addition to the obvious benefits La Vista Keno has brought to La Vista, there are multiple examples throughout the communities of both La Vista and Papillion of Rich and Mary Kay's generosity.

Rich was committed to La Vista Keno and ran an exceptional game. I wanted to honor the Bellino family for their lifelong commitment to community service. La Vista is certainly a better place because of their dedication and kindness.

– Mayor Douglas Kindig

La Vista City Calendar

All meetings held in the Harold "Andy" Anderson Council Chamber unless otherwise noted.

May 2016

- 3 City Council, 7 p.m.
- 9 La Vista/Metropolitan Community College Condominium Owners Association, 4 p.m., Library
- 12 Library Advisory Board, 5:30, Library
- 17 City Council, 7 p.m.
- 18 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, 7 p.m.
- 19 Planning Commission, 7 p.m.
- 26-29 Salute to Summer Festival

June 2016

- 1 Summer Reading Program begins, Library
- 7 City Council, 7 p.m.
- 9 Citizen Advisory Review Committee, 7 p.m.
- 11 Public Works Day, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Public Works Facility
- 15 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, 7 p.m.
- 16 Planning Commission, 7 p.m.
- 21 City Council, 7 p.m.
- 23 Dinosaur Egg Hunt, 3 p.m., Southwind Park
- 24 Outdoor Concert/Movie: Blue House/Minions, 7 p.m., Library
- 26 Splash Bash, 1-4 p.m., Pool

July 2016

- 5 City Council, 7 p.m.
- 14 Library Advisory Board, 5:30, Library
- 15 Outdoor Concert/Movie: Charm School Dropouts/Good Dinosaur, 7 p.m., Library
- 19 City Council, 7 p.m.
- 20 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, 7 p.m.
- 21 Planning Commission, 7 p.m.
- 22 Hydrant Party, 3 p.m., City Hall
- 30 Taste of La Vista, 4-7 p.m., Central Park

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**MEMORIAL DAY
WEEKEND**

MAY 26-29

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SALUTE
TO
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MILITARY
DISCOUNT
ALL
WEEKEND!

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HOT WHEELS RACES

FAMILY POOL PARTY

CAR SHOW & SHINE

BEER GARDEN

CARNIVAL & VENDOR BOOTHS
ALL WEEKEND IN CENTRAL PARK



HOMETOWN HEROES EVENT
THURSDAY, 6 PM, CITY HALL



**COMMUNITY COOKOUT
FIREWORKS**
FRIDAY, 6 PM, CITY HALL/LA VISTA KENO



PARADE
SATURDAY, 1 P.M., PARK VIEW BLVD., 87TH TO 75TH ST.



GLOW BALL GOLF
SATURDAY, 9:30 P.M., \$13 PLUS BALLS

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Public Works Day

Have you ever wondered what Public Works is all about?

You'll get your opportunity to ask that and many more questions during the La Vista Public Works Department's second annual Public Works Day on **Saturday, June 11, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., at the Public Works Facility, 9900 Portal Road.**

Take advantage of the opportunity to meet staff from each of the six divisions – Streets, Parks, Sewer, Fleet Maintenance, Building Maintenance and Administration.

In addition, you can experience live demonstrations, view equipment and even operate a backhoe or asphalt roller!

Parking will be at adjacent locations with shuttle service provided. Parking locations will be posted on the City's website at www.cityoflavista.org/publicworks.

For more information contact the Public Works Department, 402-331-8927.

At this year's Public Works Day, enjoy equipment demonstrations, including a backhoe, sewer camera and asphalt roller.



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Summer Nuisance Reminders

When dealing with nuisance issues, our police and code enforcement officers are sometimes asked, "Don't you have anything better to do?" The simple answer is yes, there are a number of other problems we should be devoting their time and energy to solve. However, to the citizens who live next to or near unkempt (and sometimes dangerous) properties, the issue is very important.

Spring and summer signifies a time of renewal and offers us the chance to return to the great outdoors to perform those tasks that we've put off

throughout the winter. It is also the time of year that the police department typically receive the greatest number of complaints regarding nuisance issues.

Although a few of these violations are defined within and regulated by Nebraska statute, the vast majority are outlined in and enforced through the La Vista Municipal Code. Nuisance processing and prosecution is time consuming for our officers and expensive for our taxpayers.

What can you do to help avoid having your property identified as a potential nuisance? Visit our website, www.cityoflavista.org/police, for some suggestions.



2016 Summer Reading Program at the La Vista Public Library

The Summer Reading Program begins **June 1 and runs through July 29**. With the theme "On Your Mark, Get Set... Read!", children, birth to fourth grade, will enjoy reading and learning about sports and healthy living. All summer reading challenge sheets must be turned in by 4 p.m. on Friday, July 29 to receive a prize!

Summer Mini-Camps

Registration is now open! All mini-camps are \$10 per child per camp. Registration is required, and space is limited. For more information and availability on each camp, contact the library or visit www.cityoflavista.org/summercamps.

Race Car Storytime and Party

Wednesday, June 22, 10:30 a.m. Gentlemen (and ladies) start your engines and zoom on over to the Library for gallons of race car fun!!! Families will enjoy a variety of different race car themed activities and all children will receive a free race car (while supplies last). All ages welcome! Registration is not required. Parental participation is appreciated.

Tween and Teen Summer Reading Programs

The Tween and Teen Summer Reading programs will run from **May 31 to August 12** this year. With a games-oriented theme this year events will include movie-a-thons, life-size games, crafts, and much more. There are more than 100 events to choose from!

The teen program is open to all teens in 5th-12th grades.

The new tween program is open to all tweens in 4th-6th grades.

Register at the Kick-Off Party on **May 31 at 3:30 p.m.**



Calendars will be available at the library in early May. Read, attend programs, earn prizes! For more information, contact Lindsey at ltomsu@cityoflavista.org.

Scholastic Book Fair

Reading is vital to every child's success, and it's the door opener to the 21st century for all children. We invite all families and the community to our Scholastic Book Fair, **June 1-8**. All purchases will benefit the Library.

Summer Storytimes

Tiny Tots

This program is for children 3 years and younger. Drop in on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. for an active program which includes music and other fun early pre-reading activities to experience with your child. This program is every week now through **May 24** and this summer June 7-July 26.

Bouncy Baby Storytime

This program is for children who are not yet independent walkers. Drop in program on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month this summer at 10 a.m. for activities involve music and other fun experiences which encourage development of your child's mind and body. Bring a baby wrap if you have one and wear comfy clothes!

For your convenience...

The La Vista Public Library now has three memberships to choose from: annual membership for your household for \$60 or a 6-month membership for \$35 or a monthly membership for \$7.

We're online...

Visit our website at www.cityoflavista.org/library. Click on "Catalog" to search the library's collection for gardening.

Instant books!

There's nothing better than instant results! Visit our website for a link to the Freading service, which offers instant downloadable books.

Electronic Magazines!

Your Library membership gives you access to free electronic magazines through Zinio. These online publications can be easily viewed on any Internet-enabled device. Check 'em out!

Technology Assistance...

Want to learn Word or Excel? Need help downloading electronic books, electronic audio books, electronic magazines, or electronic music? Talk to Jean or set up an appointment for help on these topics and more, including: the Internet, Scanning, digital cameras, Facebook, Twitter, Picasa and Flickr.



Taste of La Vista to Return This Summer

The City's newest special event, Taste of La Vista, is scheduled this summer for **Saturday, July 30, 4-7 p.m.**, in the Central Park tennis courts.

Last summer more than 600 people attended the first-ever Taste of La Vista, which featured visioning activities as well as beer and pizza samplings from La Vista businesses.

When you attend Taste of La Vista this summer, there will be fun, interactive ways to express your love for La Vista. Last year's popular photo booth will be back as well!

The second annual "Taste" will feature opportunities for residents to interact with City staff and elected officials on a variety of topics and projects, including the Comprehensive Plan update as well as Thompson Creek and Vision 84 through a series of stations and exercises.

For more information on Taste of La Vista, visit our website, www.tasteoflavista.org.

*Taste
of La Vista*



Community Development Department Project Update



Contractors and building companies are busy in various parts of La Vista completing a variety of projects, big and small.

Pictured is a rendering of the Costco Wholesale Store under construction at 8250 S. 125th Street in Southport West. This more than 150,000 square-foot retail

building is tentatively slated to open later this year.

For a complete list of ongoing development projects, visit our website, www.cityoflavista.org/constructionupdates.

Council Clips

The following items are highlights of recent City Council action:

- Approved a Council Policy Statement for Employee Performance Management.
- Approved the purchase of marked police cars.
- Approved the advertisement of bids for and name of the City Parking District Access Road, to be known at Portside Parkway.
- Approved the purchase of a camera cable and combination truck for the Sewer Division at the Public Works Department.
- Approved the One and Six Year Street Improvement Plan.
- Approved the selection of a vendor for a new Financial Information Software System.

Mayor

Douglas Kindig

City Council

Kim Thomas, Ward 1	Deb Hale, Ward 3
Mike Crawford, Ward 1	Alan Ronan, Ward 3
Ron Sheehan, Ward 2	Jim Frederick, Ward 4
Terrilyn Quick, Ward 2	Kelly Sell, Ward 4

City Administrator

Brenda Gunn

Management Team

Rita Ramirez, *Assistant City Administrator*
Kevin Pokorny, *Director of Administrative Services*
Joe Soucie, *Director of Public Works*
Bob Lausten, *Police Chief / Director of Public Safety*
Jeff Calentine, *Assistant to the City Administrator*
Pam Buethe, *City Clerk*
John Kottmann, *City Engineer*
Ann Birch, *Community Development Director*
Cindy Miserez, *Finance Director*
Mandy Garrod, *Human Resources Manager*
Rose Barcal, *Library Director*
Scott Stopak, *Recreation Director*



Employee Recognition Awards

Employee of the Year honors for 2015 went to Jim Ruffner of the Streets Division at Public Works for his overall dedication to excellence.

Outstanding service awards were given to Marcia Gustafson, Pam Buethe, Jeff Calentine, Jodi Norton, Lisa Paquette, Steve Walter, TJ Jacik, Brian Matthew, Dana Miller, Gary Gist, Dutch Sevener, Travis Frye and Ryan South.

TEAM awards were given to the Comprehensive Plan Team, City Council Chambers Upgrade Team, Community Gardens Team, Criminal Investigations Bureau, FootGolf Team and Tree Felling Team.

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La Vista Senior Activity Center

The La Vista Senior Activity Center, located in the Community Center, offers friendship, food, fitness, field trips and many more fun activities. Bring a friend or come join others for a homecooked meal on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. The suggested contribution amount for the meal is \$3.50 for adults over 60 years of age. To participate, call or sign-up at the La Vista Community Center to reserve your meal by noon the business day before you intend to join us for lunch. Be sure to look at the other activities. You may want to come early or stay late! The meal program is sponsored by ENOA, and catered by Valley Food Service. Visit our website, www.cityoflavista.org/seniorcenter, for the monthly senior newsletter, and to look at scheduled activities/trips and lunch menus. For more information contact Program Coordinator Rich Carstensen, 402-331-3455.

Special Services Bus

Available for senior citizens age 60 and older and all special needs/handicapped residents residing in the cities of La Vista and Ralston. The service operates Monday-Friday, 7 a.m.- 4:30 p.m., including a second bus Tuesdays and Thursdays. The service does not operate on City of La Vista declared holidays or when Papillion-La Vista or Ralston schools are closed due to weather conditions. For questions about service, fees, etc., please call the La Vista Recreation Department at 402-331-3455 or visit us online at www.cityoflavista.org. For reservations, call 402-657-3550 at least 48 hours in advance. We make every effort to accommodate, but due to prior scheduling, we may not be able to help everyone at their requested times.

Drop-In Quilting Group

Come Quilt with Us! Wednesday's mornings from 9:00am-11:30am at the La Vista Community Center. Beginners are welcome, including those who have quilted before and/or anyone who is interested in learning how to quilt. If you have quilted in the past, bring your unfinished projects! Other sewing projects are always welcome as well! Come socialize and work on your works or art! For more information, contact Rich Carstensen at 402-331-3455.

Community Center hours

(please note:

hours are different for adult and youth):

Mon. - Fri..... 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
 Sat. (May - Aug.)..... DPbSP
 Sun. (May - Aug.).....Closed
 Monday - Friday (Summer) -
 Adults Only..... DPbSP
 Monday - Friday (Summer
 Schedule/No School)-
 Adults and Youth..... 1:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

The Community Center will be closed on all major holidays.

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Resident Adults: \$3.00 Drop-In
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 Resident Seniors (55+): Free
 Non-Resident Senior (55+): \$2.00 Drop-In
 **(Non-Resident Youth not allowed in Center unless involved in a class or sport).

ALWAYS CHECK AT THE RECREATION CENTER FOR EVENTS THAT MAY NOT BE LISTED IN THIS

NEWSLETTER. WE POST FLIERS OFTEN FOR SPECIAL EVENTS PLANNED AFTER THE NEWSLETTER IS PRINTED.

Please Note: The La Vista Recreation Department sends youth and adult sport registration information via e-mail only.

If you have provided us with your e-mail address, you will receive a message each season when we open registrations. This information is also available by visiting the City's Web site, www.cityoflavista.org.

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