

LA VISTA

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## La Vista Daze Scheduled for Memorial Day Weekend

For more information: [www.cityofLavista.org/lavistadaze](http://www.cityofLavista.org/lavistadaze)

La Vista Daze 2010, scheduled for May 27-30, is coming quickly and will kick into high gear on Friday, May 28 with the Community Cookout and fireworks display.

The annual festival will feature many new events, which includes the Community Cookout and Fireworks being held on Friday evening at the City Hall Complex instead of Sunday at the La Vista Sports Complex.

To commemorate the City's 50th anniversary, the La Vista Daze theme is "Solid Gold: 50th Anniversary Celebration".

"We have created a festival that not only reflects the commemorative flavor of the year, but also maintains old traditions and creates new ones," said La Vista Mayor Douglas Kindig. "City staff has been working hard to ensure this year's La Vista Daze is one to remember, and I hope each and every one of our residents can enjoy at least one part of the festival."

### **Schedule of events for Friday May 27th (city hall & golf course):**

- **Community Cookout** – 6 p.m., BBQ pulled pork sandwiches, hot dogs, chips and drinks while supplies last. Please bring a non-perishable food item for the Tri-City Food Pantry. Sponsored by Bob Stover of Beacon Building Services, Stylehouse Barbershop and Suburban Newspapers.
- **Climbing Wall** – 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- **Free Concert** – 7-9 p.m., featuring The Noteables, Heartland of America Band
- **Corporate Dodgeball Challenge** – 7:30-9:30 p.m., Community Center gym
- **Fireworks Display** – dusk, sponsored by Bellino Fireworks. Viewing locations: the Community Center, La Vista Junior High, the west end of City Park, the north end of Central Park, Kelly Park (near the swimming pool), Brentwood Square (former Summer Kitchen/Wal-Mart) and the former Baker's parking lot.

Parking for the community cookout will be available immediately west of the City Hall Complex as well as the Big Lots parking lot, which is located north of City Hall at 84th & Harrison Street.



More La Vista Daze  
information can be found  
on pages 2 & 7

## A MINUTE WITH mayor kindig



La Vista's 50th year as a city has begun with excitement and anticipation as we continue to prepare for 50th anniversary commemorative

events. Although we are nearly halfway through the year, there are many incredible events yet to come!

One of our signature events this year is also a longtime favorite of our residents. **La Vista Daze**, May 27-30, 2010, will be a weekend filled with activities for all ages.

The City has assumed responsibility for this annual event and made some changes. I am excited about the new events we have planned. And whether it is chalk art for children or a first-rate concert in the City Hall parking lot, we have activities that will resonate all ages.

More importantly, we want La Vista Daze to bring our residents together. This will be a great opportunity to meet with friends and renew old connections.

Also, in this issue of Citywise, you'll find a special gift. We've included a magnet containing the 50th anniversary schedule. Please hang this on your refrigerator and make plans to attend as many events as possible.

We've also included brief information on some upcoming 50th anniversary events, including movie nights, concerts and much more. Please take a moment to mark the dates on your calendar. We look forward to seeing you this summer and fall.

— Mayor Douglas Kindig

## New Parade Route - New Time

The La Vista Daze parade will return to a route beginning west of 84th Street in the Park View Heights neighborhood and will begin 30 minutes earlier at 1 p.m.

The 2010 parade, with the theme "Solid Gold! 50th Anniversary Celebration" will kick-off at 87th Street and Park View Boulevard. It will then continue across 84th Street and down Park View to Edgewood Boulevard, where it will turn right and end near the tennis courts at the entrance to Central Park.

"Returning the parade starting point to the Park View Heights neighborhood has been a frequent request from our residents," said Mayor Douglas Kindig, "and we are proud to deliver on those requests. I believe this new route, as well as La Vista Daze as a whole, helps bring our community together during the city's 50th anniversary."

The parade viewing stand will be located at the entrance to Central Park off of Park View Boulevard.

Prizes will be given to entries in four categories based on best float, best theme, best musical performance and best marching band.

## La Vista City Calendar

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

### May 2010

- 1 La Vista Community Arts Festival, La Vista Public Library, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
- 4 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 13 Library Advisory Board Meeting, La Vista Public Library, 5:30 p.m.
- 15 La Vista Pride Day
- 18 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 19 Park and Recreation Advisory Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 20 Planning Commission Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 27-30 La Vista Daze 2010, Various Locations

### June 2010

- 1 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 10 Citizen Advisory Review Committee, 7 p.m.
- 15 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 16 Park and Recreation Advisory Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 17 Planning Commission Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 25 Outdoor Movie Night – "Field of Dreams", La Vista Junior High, 9:30 p.m.

### July 2010

- 6 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 8 Library Advisory Board Meeting, La Vista Public Library, 5:30 p.m.
- 9 Summer Concert Series – "Shur Thing", La Vista Public Library, 6:30 p.m.
- 10 La Vista Urban Challenge, Various Locations
- 15 Planning Commission Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 16 Outdoor Movie Night – "Bee Movie", La Vista Public Library, 9:30 p.m.
- 20 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 21 Park and Recreation Advisory Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 23 Summer Concert Series – "On the Fritz", La Vista Public Library, 6:30 p.m.
- 30 Outdoor Movie Night – "Star Trek", La Vista Public Library, 9:30 p.m.

### trivia

Who was the first mayor of the City of La Vista?

Answer on Page 7



## ANNUAL BANQUET

In January, the La Vista Fire & Rescue Department celebrated the completion of a successful year in 2009 at its annual banquet. Awards were given for meritorious service and responses to calls.

### Overall Top Responders (Fire and Rescue Calls)

- 1st: Mickey Stubbs
- 2nd: Ty Ebel
- 3rd: Vickie Pfeifer

### Rookie of the year

January class: Pat Roberts; July Class: Mike Hopkins

**Firefighter of the Year:** TJ Markowsky

**Rescue Person of the Year:** Mickey Stubbs

**Officer of the Year:** Rob Witt

**Tiny Manchester Service Award:** Pat Archibald

**Chief's Award for Meritorious Service:** Rob Witt

### Service Awards

- 5 years: Ty Ebel, Vickie Pfeifer, Adam Vail, Rob Witt
- 15 years: Mark Stevens
- 25 years, retired: Pat Archibald

## SMOKE/CO INSTALLS

Are you a La Vista resident in need of a smoke or carbon monoxide detector? The fire department has a program in place to install or test existing detectors at no cost to you. Renters, your landlord is responsible for ensuring the installation and maintenance of your detectors. A request can be made by visiting the city Web site, [www.cityoflavista.org](http://www.cityoflavista.org). Click on the "Departments" tab, click on "Fire" and on the left-hand side, click on "Smoke Detectors". You can also send an e-mail to [lvfdpio@gmail.com](mailto:lvfdpio@gmail.com) with your contact information to set up an appointment.

# La Vista Daze to Feature Several Community Events

Little kids, teenagers, adults and families – there are at least five good reasons to stick around for La Vista Daze this year.

In addition to the usual traditions – carnival rides, food and the parade – La Vista's annual festival will feature five new events geared for fun for all ages. All events are free for participants as well as those attending.

## Baby Photo Contest

Open for submissions between May 3rd and 14th

- Please include a hard copy photo, which will be returned at the conclusion of the contest.
- Registration is open to any child with a connection to La Vista. Forms are available at City Hall, La Vista Public Library and the Community Center.
- Four age groups ranging from 0-6 months, 7-12 months, 13-18 months and 19-24 months.

Sponsored by Bank of Nebraska and Northwest Bank.

## Fun with Chalk Art

- Saturday, May 29, 10-11 a.m., City Hall Complex

Sponsored by Wal-Mart and Oriental Trading Company

## Remote-Controlled Airplanes, show and lessons

- Saturday, May 29 – air show, 3 p.m.; lessons, 5 p.m.
- Sunday, May 30 – air show, noon; lessons, 2 p.m.
- La Vista Sports Complex on the Flying Field, located on the east side of the soccer fields.

Sponsored by Midwest Performance Fliers

## Motorcycle Show & Shine

- Saturday, May 29, 4-6 p.m., corner of Valley Road & Edgewood Boulevard (across from Central Park)
- \$5 entry fee

*Sponsored by Holstein's and Dillon Brothers Harley Davidson; 84th Street Café; Quaker Steak and Lube; Island Bar and Grill; and Hooter's.*

## Showcase La Vista

- Sunday, May 30, 2-5 p.m., Community Center
- Registration is open to the general public
- Three age categories – K-6, 7-12, Adults
- Each performance is limited to four minutes.
- Application forms available at City Hall, the La Vista Public Library and the Community Center and will be accepted May 3-14.

Sponsored by Sue's Stepper-ettes and Acapriccio Dance Company.



## CONTINUING SEWER PROBLEM

The City of La Vista, along with surrounding communities, continues to have problems with disposable shop towels plugging the sanitary sewer systems. As advertised, disposable shop towels will degrade in the sewer system, but the problem is the shop towels do not degrade rapidly enough and become lodged on tree roots, off-set pipes or any other obstacle in the system. Toilet paper is the only item that should be flushed into the sanitary sewer system. Public Works requests your assistance in keeping the sewer system flowing freely and avoiding any potential back-ups by disposing of disposable shop towels in the garbage along with any other paper item.

As always, residents are asked to notify the Public Works Department, 331-8927, when you have your home sewer line cleaned. Material removed from your sewer line is forced into the main sewer line, which creates the possibility of that material becoming stuck in the main causing backup problems. The Public Works Department will check and service the main sewer line for proper flow. We appreciate your cooperation.

## PROTECT THE WATER....APPLY FERTILIZERS IN MODERATION

Please apply lawn fertilizers in moderation and follow the manufacturer's directions. The application of an excessive amount of fertilizer is a waste of money, does not benefit the lawn and garden, and most importantly, the unused nitrogen can contaminate local lakes and streams as well as local ground water supplies. All of these water sources contribute to our community's source of drinking water.

## NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

Observed May 16-22, 2010 this year, National Public Works Week (NPWW) is a celebration of the men and women who provide and maintain the infrastructure and services collectively known as public works. National Public Works Week calls attention to the importance of public works in the community. One of the goals of NPWW is to raise awareness of public works issues. If there is a Public Works crew in your neighborhood stop and thank them for the important service they provide to the community.



## STORM DRAIN MARKERS

Local Boy Scouts volunteered their time in fall 2009 assisting with the installation of storm water drain markers. The metal markers have the message: "No Dumping – Drains to Creek" along with the outline of a fish.

The markers are part of the City of La Vista Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan.

If you notice one of the markers missing from the top of a storm drain inlet in your neighborhood; please call the La Vista Public Works Department at 331-8927.

# Community Development Department

## Dr. Miyamota

A 1,500-square-foot tenant finish is underway for this dentist office in the Southport Professional Building, #2. Location: 12110 Port Grace Blvd.

## Mutual of Omaha Bank

Construction has been completed on this 30,450-square-foot bank and office building located in Southport West.

Construction has also been completed on an interior tenant finish for the portion of the building which will house Mutual of Omaha Bank. Location: 12702 Westport Parkway

## ADT Branch Office

Construction has been completed on a 10,000-square-foot tenant finish that is a branch office of ADT Security. Location: 8719 S. 135th Street

## Inspro Insurance Co.

Construction has been completed on a tenant finish for an insurance company office. Location: 12702 Westport Parkway

## Thrasher Basement Systems

An 8,000-square-foot building addition is under construction at this company's current location. Location: 12330 Cary Circle.

# Upcoming 50th Anniversary Events

## La Vista Pride Day, May 15

We could have named it "Wear Your La Vista Gear Day", but instead wanted to highlight the reason for the day.

Pride Day is designed to encourage residents and those with La Vista connections to outwardly say, "I am proud of La Vista!" by wearing shirts, sweatshirts, hats or whatever they own emblazoned with the city's name and/or logo.

Pride Day was planned for a Saturday so families could wear their La Vista gear to outdoor activities, such as baseball and soccer games, and when they go out for an evening on the town.

The City of La Vista has 50th anniversary apparel available for purchase at City Hall and on the city's Web site, [www.cityoflavista.org/lv50](http://www.cityoflavista.org/lv50).

## Outdoor Movie Nights

Imagine hot, buttery popcorn mixed with fresh air and room to stretch your legs. There is nothing quite like enjoying a film under the stars on a hot, summer night.

This summer, the City of La Vista will host four outdoor movie nights.

### Here is what's playing:

- June 25 – La Vista Junior High, **Field of Dreams**
- July 16 – La Vista Public Library, **Bee Movie**
- July 30 – Junior High, **Star Trek**
- August 13 – Library, **Jurassic Park**

There are no admission fees. Seating at the junior high will take place on the hillside overlooking the track and at the library in the grassy area on the north end of the Metropolitan Community College facility.



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The show will begin around 9:30 each evening and will conclude by midnight. Those planning to attend are asked to bring their own lawn chairs and/or blankets. Popcorn and other movie fare will be available.

## Outdoor Summer Concert Series

If music is your thing, an outdoor summer concert series will appeal to you.

The first three free concerts will be held at the north end of the La Vista Public Library/Metropolitan Community College Sarpy Center campus. Each concert will begin at 6:30 p.m.

### Here is what's playing:

Friday, July 9.....Shur Thing

Friday, July 23.....On the Fritz

Friday, August 6.....Blue House

The big show of the summer will take place August 20 on the PayPal campus in Southport East located near 120th Street and Giles Road. This free concert will begin at 6:30 p.m. with the opening act, The Rockefellers, followed by 1964...The Tribute. Watch the next edition of Citywise for more information on this event.

## La Vista 50 Store

Did you know the City of La Vista has numerous 50th anniversary items for sale to the general public?

T-shirts, coffee mugs, water bottles, commemorative coins and La Vista's history book, "Creating a Community: La Vista 50 Years" are all for sale at City Hall and online at [www.cityoflavista.org/lv50](http://www.cityoflavista.org/lv50).

These items will be for sale throughout 2010 and will also be available at special events, including La Vista Daze.

For more information, contact City Hall, 331-4343.

**We Need Your Recipes!**



## A PIECE OF LA VISTA

50th Anniversary Commemorative Cookbook

Proceeds to benefit the  
La Vista Community Foundation

*Submitting recipes is easy! Up to 10 per family.*

*Please include your name and phone number (for questions only) and connection to La Vista*

**Mail**, copied or handwritten:

**E-mail** (scan and attach to make it easy):

15505 Grant Circle, Omaha, 68116

[lavistacookbook@gmail.com](mailto:lavistacookbook@gmail.com)

**Phone:** 402-960-9625

**Deadline for Submissions is July 1, 2010**

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## Quilting Bee

Back by Popular Demand...the La Vista Public Library will be hosting Quilting Bee Saturdays again on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month from 2 to 4 p.m. Material is available here at the library. We will start Quilting Bee Saturdays May 1, 2010. Contact Jan at the library if you are interested.

## Library cards

Library cards are available free to the residents of La Vista. If you live within the city limits, you can check out all materials at no additional cost. If you live outside the city limits, you can purchase a year's membership for \$50, which is cheaper than buying two hardback books!

## Did you know

The library has six computers just for children? CD games are available at the front desk and are designed to help children become familiar with the computer, keyboard and mouse. Games include: Barbie, JumpStart and Scooby-Doo.

If you are 8 years old and a La Vista resident, you can get your very own library card?

## The 2010 Summer Reading Program

Make a Splash – Read! is open to children from birth through 5th grade. Program participants will be able to explore the

library's collection for exciting books to read. They can earn prizes and coupons by keeping track of the amount of time they have spent reading. The Summer Reading Program will also offer various activities for 10 weeks throughout the summer including story times, crafts, contests, movie night, guest speakers, and various other water-related activities.

There will be an activity every day Monday through Friday throughout the program. Registration for the Summer Reading Program will kick-off June 2 from 2 to 4 p.m. and the last day of the Summer Reading Program is Friday, August 13.

## Teen Summer Reading Program

The summer reading program for teens is fast approaching! The theme this year is Make Waves @ Your Library. Stop by the library for the kick-off and registration party on June 3 from 2 to 4 p.m. Come join us for an afternoon of fun and games! The program will run from June 7 to August 13. Calendars of all teen events will be available at the library and on the Web site. For more information, contact Lindsey Tomsu, Teen Coordinator, at [ltomsu@lavistamail.mccneb.edu](mailto:ltomsu@lavistamail.mccneb.edu).

## Summer Library Memberships

The library is offering a special summer library membership, which starts June 1 and ends August 15. The cost for this special membership is \$15, and will allow you to participate in the summer reading program and give you access to all the other resources and benefits offered by the library. Sign-up on or after June 1.

## Technology Classes

Computer classes are offered to library cardholders to provide skills in specific areas: Basic Computer Skills, Basic Internet, Basic Word, Basic Scanning classes, Basic Excel, Job Searching on the Internet and Digital Camera. These hands-on classes

are held in the library computer lab. A monthly calendar of classes and their content is posted at the library and on the Web site. Registration is required. For more information, contact Jean Hurst at [jhurst@lavistamail.mccneb.edu](mailto:jhurst@lavistamail.mccneb.edu) or 537-3900.

## Evening Book Club

The evening book club meets the second Monday of every month. For more information on the current title and meeting times, call the library.



## Story times

Summer story times are available during June and July.

**Preschoolers**, children 3-5 years old, can enjoy stories beginning June 7 on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 10 a.m.

**Toddler** story time, for children 18 months to 3 years old with a parent or caregiver, begins June 21 and takes place Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 10:10 a.m.

**Lapsit** for children 6-18 months, will begin that same week. Friday, August 13 is the last day for summer story times.

These fun, hands-on programs introduce young children to the library and the joy of reading. Registration is required for all story times and will start Wednesday, June 2.

Library Web site is located at [www.cityoflavista.org/library](http://www.cityoflavista.org/library).

Click on "Catalog" to search the library's collection for music and quilting.



## TEN-DIGIT DIALING AVAILABLE JUNE 26

Beginning June 26, 10-digit dialing will be available in the 402 area code, according to information released recently from the Public Service Commission.

Come February 26, 2011, ten-digit dialing – using the area code with phone number within the Omaha metro area – will be required, even before new numbers are assigned to the 531 area code.

The 10-digit dialing is starting early, according to the Public Service Commission, so service providers can be certain their equipment has been correctly reconfigured.

The Public Service Commission said recently it doesn't know when 402 phone numbers will run out, but projections indicate it could happen sometime in the third quarter of 2011.

## COMMON QUESTIONS ABOUT BARKING DOGS COMPLAINTS

With warmer weather now the norm, dogs are spending more time outdoors. As that happens, the La Vista Police Department Nebraska Humane Society receive an

increased number of complaints about barking dogs.

Here are some commonly asked questions and answers to help you determine when it is necessary to file a complaint.

**Q:** I don't want my neighbor to know I complained. Can I be anonymous?

**A:** The name of the person filing the complaint is not released on a warning. However, your information (name, address, etc.) is public record and can be obtained through police records for a fee if a summons is written.

**Q:** After I called Animal Control the last time, the barking was better, but now it's bad again. Can I sign a complaint?

**A:** This depends on several factors – the length of time since the last contact with owner, the length of barking the second time and specific facts about the case. If it's a recurring problem, contact the police department so a resolution can be found quickly.

For more questions and answers, contact the Nebraska Humane Society at 444-7800.

## Council Clips

The following items are highlights of recent City Council action:

- Accepted Thompson Creek FEMA grant
- Extended the Gateway Corridor Overlay District to include 84th Street
- Approved the One and Six Year Road Improvement Plan
- Approved the Cimarron Terrace development at 96th and Harrison Streets
- Approved a five-year contract with Triple Crown Sports for the Slump Buster baseball tournament

Trivia answer from page 2.  
**Bill Davies**

## Annual Employee Recognition Banquet

The City of La Vista hosted its annual employee recognition banquet in February.

In addition to recognizing Denny Dinan and Jeff Calentine, the 2009 employees of the year, outstanding service awards were presented to Jodi Linhart, Tom McKeon and Pat Archibald.

TEAM awards were given to Ann Birch, Jeff Sinnett, Doug Dahl, Don Simon, Valerie Houloose and Sharon Dennis for their work on the Rental Inspection Program; to the Internet Crimes Unit of T.J. Jacik, John Danderand, James Thompson, Ben Iversen, Mark Flash and Jeremy Kinsey; to Sheila Lindberg, Pat Archibald, Tim Keller, Jeff Siebels, Jeff Sinnett, Don Simon and Ann Birch for their work on the City document shredding event; and to Rita Ramirez, Karen Fagin and Pam Bueche for their work on introducing the Pay for Performance Initiative.



The 2009 City of La Vista Employees of the Year, (center, left to right) Jeff Calentine and Denny Dinan, with City Administrator Brenda Gunn and Mayor Douglas Kindig.



TEAM award winners, (center, left to right) Ann Birch, Don Simon and Sharon Dennis with City Administrator Brenda Gunn and Mayor Douglas Kindig. Not pictured are Jeff Sinnett, Valerie Houloose and Doug Dahl.

**Mayor**

Douglas Kindig

**City Council**

Brenda Carlisle, Ward 1

Ron Sheehan, Ward 1

Mike Crawford, Ward 2

Terrilyn Quick, Ward 2

Mark Ellerbeck, Ward 3

Alan Ronan, Ward 3

Anthony Gowan, Ward 4

Kelly Sell, Ward 4

**City Administrator**

Brenda Gunn

**Management Team**

Rita Ramirez, Assistant City Administrator

Pat Archibald, Buildings & Grounds Director

Pam Buethe, City Clerk

Ann Birch, Community Development Director

Sheila Lindberg, Finance Director

Rose Barcal, Library Director

Rich Uhl, Fire Chief

Bob Lausten, Police Chief

Joe Soucie, Public Works Director

Scott Stopak, Recreation Director



## 50th Anniversary Kicks Off with Founder's Day

Mayor Douglas Kindig, front, speaks at the City of La Vista's Founder's Day celebration, which was held Feb. 23 at the Embassy Suites La Vista, the anniversary of the day La Vista was incorporated as a village in 1960. Behind him is Nebraska Gov. Dave Heineman, who was the featured speaker, and Jim Kalal, a longtime resident and who served as the Master of Ceremonies. For a complete list of 50th Anniversary events, log on to the city's Web site, [www.cityoflavista.org/lv50](http://www.cityoflavista.org/lv50).

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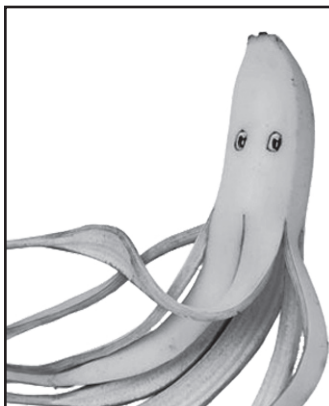
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**KIDS! GRAB YOUR APRON AND SPOONS!** (w/ photo) Camp B-L-D (breakfast, lunch & dinner) is coming to the La Vista Community Center! These fun, hands-on, do-it-yourself cooking classes for children ages 6-11, will be based on seasonal ingredients. Sometimes kids just need a little encouragement to try healthy foods. Join us for a four-day journey into learning new ways to make and enjoy foods. Children will be creating items such as banana octopuses, sandwiches on a stick, ladybugs on a stick, the very tasty caterpillar and much, much more. Also on the agenda will be lessons in kitchen safety, how to measure ingredients,

dining etiquette and how to read a recipe. Involve your kids in a fun, educational activity this summer. Register online at [www.kidzcookwithjoy.com](http://www.kidzcookwithjoy.com) or call Joy Jensen at 612-9199. A maximum of 10 children are allowed per class. (Classes are subject to cancellation if minimum registration of five children is not met). **FEE:** \$60 per student (4 classes, all sessions 2-3:30 p.m.)

**Session 1:** Tuesday June 15, Thursday June 17  
Tuesday June 22, Thursday June 24

**Session 2:** Tuesday July 13, Thursday July 15, Tuesday July 20, Thursday July 22,

## LA VISTA LUGGAGE TRAVEL CLUB

The La Vista Recreation Department has recently teamed with Elite Tours to provide great trips and travel opportunities. Customers are assured of comfort, star entertainment, and new friends all on affordable bus tours, generating memories that will last a lifetime. Read below for information on the first few trips planned. To register for a trip or for more information, contact Elite Tours at 342-4585 or visit their Web site at [www.elitetours.us](http://www.elitetours.us).

**Pella Tulip Festival**, Pella Iowa; May 6. Our first trip will be to Pella, Iowa, for the annual Pella Tulip Festival. This is a one day trip on Thursday, May 6. The trip includes a professional escort on a luxury motor coach with restrooms, and on-board entertainment. Lunch will be in Pella, then shop exquisite stores, bakery, cheese and meat markets. See Dutch architecture and costumes, view the parade with floats and bands, and enjoy the grandstand show, stage entertainment and the Street Scrubbers. After the parade, you will depart Pella, with a dinner break in Stuart, and then return home. **FEE** is \$99 per person.

**Historic Brownville**, Nebraska; June 12. Begin your day in Brownville, Nebraska's oldest, historic, frontier, river town! Visit this charming historical 1854 village, tour the Whiskey Run Creek Vineyard and Winery where you can sip the fine wines, take a tour and enjoy the scenery as the creek flows beneath the 100-year-old barn. Then board the Spirit of Brownville, an old-

fashion riverboat and take a relaxing narrated cruise along the Missouri River where you will see the site of the Lewis and Clark encampment on July 15, 1804 and enjoy a buffet lunch aboard the Spirit of Brownville. After lunch, celebrate Brownville Village Theatre's 44th season. After the show, take some time to browse or shop the historic downtown of this quaint little village. You will return home in the afternoon. **FEE** is \$79 per person. Tour includes show admission, cruise, lunch and a professional escort on-board the luxury motor coach, which provides restrooms and on-board entertainment.

**Jamesport, Missouri**, July 20. Jamesport Missouri is home to the largest settlement of Old Order Amish west of the Mississippi River. Your step-on guide will take you to an Amish farm where you can observe how the Amish live without modern conveniences. Visit their workshop and watch as they craft fine handmade furniture without the aid of electricity. Next, stop by the Amish quilt store to see the beautiful handmade quilts. Visit the H & M Country Store, an old-fashioned country farm store where you can find all types of spices, cutlery, Amish hats, and bulk foods. Their bakery is full of freshly made pies and breads! The tour will conclude with a trip back to town to enjoy the local fare. Lunch will be provided at Gingerich Dutch Pantry. After lunch, browse and shop antiques, gift shops, bakeries and restaurants. On your way home, take a short break at Russell Stover

in St. Joseph, MO. **FEE** is \$81 per person. Includes tour, lunch and a professional escort on-board the luxury motor coach, which provides restrooms and on-board entertainment.

**Great American Beer Festival** in Denver Colorado; Sept. 17-19. The Great American Beer Festival gives you a chance to sample over 2,000 of the best beers brewed in America. You will depart from La Vista in the evening of the

## Community Center hours of operation (please note: hours are different for adult and youth):

Mon. - Fri.: ..... 8 a.m.-10 p.m.

Sat. (May 1 - Aug.31): ..... 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Sat. (Sept. 1 - April 30): ..... 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

Sun. (May 1 - Aug. 31): ..... Closed

Sun. (Sept. 1 - April 30): ..... 1 p.m.-10 p.m.

Mon.-Fri. (School Yr.): ..... 8 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Adults Only

Mon.-Fri. (School Yr.): ..... 3 p.m.-10 p.m.  
Adults & Youth

Mon.-Fri. (Summer): ..... 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m.  
Adults Only

Mon.-Fri. (Summer Sched. / No School)  
1:30 p.m.-10:00 p.m. Adults & Youth

Snow Days are not included in the above schedule - those days are considered the same as school days for youth. Hours are 3:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

**ALWAYS CHECK AT THE RECREATION CENTER FOR EVENTS THAT MAY NOT BE LISTED IN THIS NEWSLETTER. WE POST FLYERS OFTEN FOR SPECIAL EVENTS PLANNED AFTER THE NEWSLETTER IS PRINTED.**

17th, staying the night in North Platte. Day 2 you will depart continue to Denver, Colorado. After checking in to your hotel, you will spend the rest of the day at the Great American Beer Festival in downtown Denver. On the 19th, you will travel back to La Vista. **FEE** is \$299 per person (double occupancy)/\$359 (single occupancy). Trip includes lodging, two meals, all admissions and a professional tour coordinator on-board the luxury motor coach, which provides restrooms and on-board entertainment.

### DINOSAUR EGG HUNT

Join the hunt for Giant Dinosaur Eggs (watermelons) in Southwind Park. When all the "eggs" are found, we'll haul them to the picnic shelter, crack them open and enjoy a cold slice of watermelon! Tuesday, July 13, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. at Southwind Park, 91st Street and Giles Road (by the La Vista Library). Registration deadline is July 9. Register at the La Vista Community Center. **FEE:** \$1 per person (adults & children).

### COMPUTER CAMP FOR YOUR KIDS – BY YOUTH TECH INC.

The La Vista Recreation Department is excited to introduce Youth Tech Inc., an interactive computer camp that focuses on providing enrichment opportunities to students in the world of computers. With a caring environment at the core of camp values, Youth Tech Inc. strives to create a positive learning community that encourages creativity, fun and academic excellence. Both courses will be taught at the La Vista Community Center.

**Web Design**, July 19-22, 9 a.m.-noon, \$160/person. This course is an in-depth look at the world of web design and development. Students enrolled in this session will learn how to build their own Web site from start to finish using Adobe's award-winning suite of products. Students who complete this course will gain valuable experience designing and developing their own web site. Students who complete this course will have their own web site under the kccamp.com domain name. Students who complete this class will learn basic design concepts basic and some HTML programming. This class also teaches higher level thinking, problem solving, effective communication and gives students self-confidence to excel in other academic disciplines. Who should take this course? Interested in a future in web design and development, and want to impress your friends with your own Web site? Hone your skills by building an entire website around your favorite musician, the latest fashions, or your group of friends. This course is perfect for students wanting to express themselves and showcase their creativity!

**Game Design**, July 19-22, 1-4 p.m., \$180/person. This course provides students with a fun interactive look at the world of video game design and development. Students enrolled in this camp will learn the basics of video game design and produce several different interactive video games to share with their friends and family. Students who complete this course will gain valuable experience designing and producing their own fun interactive games to share with the friends and family. Students who complete this class will learn concepts in video game design and basic programming concepts. This class also teaches higher level thinking, problem solving, effective communication and gives students self-confidence to excel in other academic disciplines. Who should take this course? Do you like to play video games? Ever wonder how they are made? In this interactive course, you will learn about the basics of video game design. Students enrolled in this course will create their own games to share with friends and family. This course is perfect for students who are into gaming and want to create their own interactive gaming experience!

For more information or to register, visit [www.youthtechinc.com](http://www.youthtechinc.com)

### INFANT MASSAGE CLASS

May 4 or June 29, 6:30 p.m. Learn Infant Massage...a special way to bond with your baby, from Lisa Bader, Certified Infant Massage Instructor and Occupational Therapist Infant massage is one of the most natural and pleasant methods of providing early nurturing contact. Research confirms the importance of a secure environment and nurturing touch in the healthy growth, development and maturation of children. Some benefits of infant massage include relaxation and stress relief for parent and baby; relief from painful gas, constipation, and colic; stimulation of brain development; improved blood circulation and immune system; improved sleep patterns; bonding and attachment. Instructional handouts and oil provided. Moms/caregivers and dads are welcome! Just bring your baby and a baby blanket. Babies need to be between birth to pre-crawling. No older siblings are allowed in order to limit class disruptions for other members. **FEE:** \$15 for 1 hour, 15 minute class. To register, e-mail Lisa Bader at [lisbader@cox.net](mailto:lisbader@cox.net) or call 598-0881.

### HAND-BUILT POTTERY

Tuesdays, 10-11 a.m. The hand-built ceramics class will consist of six weeks learning to hand build small animal figurines, pinch pot, coil pot and slab vases. You will need to bring an apron or old shirt to wear during classes. **FEE** is \$42

for a 6-week session plus a \$7 material fee. To register or for further information, please contact Charlene Potter at 933-8411.

### ZOE-KAI BONSAI "THE ART OF MINIATURE TREES"

Saturdays, 1-3 p.m. Learn to train and care for you Bonsai! Learn all styles of Bonsai (windswept, formal upright, informal upright, forest planting, twisted trunk, and more!) **FEE:** Adults are \$5 per class, children are \$3 per class (plus tree and material fees if purchased). To register, contact Jeff Cline at 541-2581.

### RELAXING YOGA

Saturdays, 1-2 p.m. Relaxing Yoga is for the beginner and intermediate yoga student. This class includes breathing and relaxation techniques, stretching, joint and gland exercises, Hatha Yoga postures and stress management techniques. Instructor: Frank P. Ferrante, Master Degree Certified Yoga Instructor with 17 years teaching experience. **FEE:** \$6 per class, payable in 4 class sessions (\$24). Cash only, please.

### ZUMBA FITNESS CLASS IS HERE!

Friday 6:30-7:30 p.m., Saturday 10:30-11:30 a.m. Zumba is an easy-to-follow aerobic exercise with movements that are mainly derived from Latin and international music. The routines feature aerobic interval training with a combination of fast and slow rhythms. Participants do not have to know how to dance to do Zumba. This is a fun way to burn some calories! Classes are ongoing, join anytime! **FEE:** \$6 per individual class or \$30 punch card (buy 5 classes, get 1 free). Further information and/or to download a flyer or registration form, go to the City Web site at [www.cityoflavista.org/recreation](http://www.cityoflavista.org/recreation). For more information, contact the instructor, Marisol Rodriguez, 813-8976, or e-mail him at [ur.marisol@gmail.com](mailto:ur.marisol@gmail.com)

### CARDIO KICKBOXING FITNESS CLASS

Thursdays, 6-7 p.m. This class will offer a fast-paced cardio workout with a high energy atmosphere. Go beyond your limits and get stronger and fit faster. Cardio-kickboxing is a fun, effective workout for men and women, combining martial arts, aerobics, cardiovascular and toning for a total body workout. Come to class to register, or for further information and/or to download a flyer, schedule calendar or a registration form, go to the City Web site at [www.cityoflavista.org/recreation](http://www.cityoflavista.org/recreation). **FEE** is \$6. For more information, contact the instructor, Kris Lumm, 502-708-5602, or by e-mail at [lumms2003@yahoo.com](mailto:lumms2003@yahoo.com).

### **WOMEN'S SELF-DEFENSE CLASS**

First Thursday of each month, 6:45-8:30 p.m. These classes teach basic self-defense techniques to help defend and deter an attacker. It also will teach students how to be aware and remove themselves from difficult situations, either physically or verbally. This class is designed for women of all ages and any level of experience. **FEE** is \$10. For more information, contact Claudia at 630-3169.

### **BALLROOM DANCE CLASSES**

Mondays, 7-8 p.m. Ballroom Dancing with Instructor Terry Vargas. Terry has been dancing since 18 years of age, with continual studies and competitive dance competitions. In 2007, Terry was voted Top Student Award in the Nebraska Invitational, and also has earned three top teacher awards with the Arthur Murray Dance Studios. While still taking advanced training, Terry would like to give others the opportunity to enjoy dancing as he does. During each four-week session, students will learn two or three new dances. Ages 16 and up only – you may join as a single or a couple. **FEE** for each session is \$40 per person. Leather-soled shoes preferred (no gym shoes, please). Call 639-2209 for further information or to register for class.

### **BATON CLASSES**

Mondays and Wednesdays; beginners 4-4:45 p.m., advanced 5-6 p.m. Discover the fun you can have twirling! Not only will you learn to twirl, but you will also make friends, build confidence, and learn to present yourself in a positive light. Ages: 5 and up. Classes subject to availability! Call Instructor Vicki Ludwick at 612-1479 for further information or registration.

### **PRESCHOOL PLAY TIME**

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10-11 a.m. Come to the La Vista Community Center as we open the gym for parents and children preschool-age and under. Bring their child's favorite indoor toys and the Recreation Department will provide extra toys and games to play with. Preschool Play Time will run throughout the school year and is free of charge. (Preschool Playtime will not be held on school vacation days and school-aged children are not allowed during this time period.)

### **BELLY DANCING CLASSES**

Tuesdays; beginners 5:30-6:30 p.m.; advanced 7-8 p.m. For all ages/all sizes! A continuing class where you will learn an art form and musical instrument (finger cymbals). Enjoy this form of dance that brings out your unique self-expression. For more information, call Wren Newman at 596-1397. **FEE:** \$20 per month

### **LEARN TO SWING WITH THE OMAHA JITTERBUGS**

The Omaha Jitterbugs offer a variety of dance lessons at the Community Center such as Lindy Hop, Charleston for Two, Swing and Bal-Swing (Balboa). Length of sessions and fees vary with classes. For more information and registrations, visit their Web site at [www.jitterbugs.org](http://www.jitterbugs.org).

### **AIKIDO**

Adult classes, ages 12 and over, Mondays and Thursdays, 7-9:30 p.m. Children's classes, 5-11 years, Monday and Thursday, 6-7 p.m. **FEES:** Adult classes: La Vista residents \$30 per month; Non-residents \$35 per month. Children's classes: La Vista residents \$15 month; non-residents \$20 per month. For further information, call Ron Christenham at 339-6124.

### **KARATE**

Adult classes, ages 13 and over, Tuesdays and Fridays, 7-8:30 p.m. Children classes, ages 5-12, Tuesdays and Fridays, 6-6:45 p.m. **FEE:** \$25 per month with a \$5 one-time signup fee. For information, call Sensei Porter at 592-7771.

### **TRADITIONAL JAPANESE SWORDSMANSHIP**

Suio Ryu is one of the few ancient systems of martial arts practiced today. It encompasses a broad variety of techniques such as jojutsu (Suio Tyu), kumi-iai (paired sword forms), naginata-jutsu, pure kenpo sword and wakizashi techniques. Classes are on Wednesdays, 7-9 p.m., and Saturdays noon-3 p.m. Adults, ages 18 and older. **FEE:** \$40 per month. For more information, e-mail Britt Nichols at [Info@suiryu-usa.org](mailto:Info@suiryu-usa.org).

### **SOCHI-GO RYU SELF-DEFENSE CLASS**

Sochi-Go Ryu is the newest martial arts self-defense class at La Vista Community Center. Classes are Mondays 5:30-7 p.m. Call Mike Benkis at 895-7841 for more information.

### **INDIVIDUAL WEIGHT TRAINING CLASSES**

This class, for adults age 18 and older, teaches the basics of weight training. Learn how to set up and advance; use proper technique and form; and get the most out of your weight-training program using both machine and free weights. This individual training class meets for two, 1-hour sessions. Body Fat Testing is included. **FEE:** \$25.

### **LA VISTA (INDOOR) WALKING CLUB**

The La Vista Community Center Walking Club, available free of charge, is for any La Vista residents and seniors in the surrounding areas.

Walking begins at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. This one hour time period will be set aside for walkers, so there will be no interference of other programs.

### **MODEL AIRPLANE LICENSE & FIELD TIMES**

Model airplane flying licenses may be purchased at the Hobby Town, USA. You must have you A.M.A. card in order to purchase your license.

**FEE:** La Vista residents \$30, non-residents \$40 (includes 1 year license and Midwest Performance Flyers Club membership). Flying times (at La Vista Soccer Complex, 66th Street, south of Harrison) are posted at the La Vista Recreation Department and Hobby Town U.S.A.

### **INDOOR REMOTE CONTROL MODEL AIRPLANE FLYING**

Every Monday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 pm participate in Indoor Model Airplane Flying at the La Vista Community Center. These lightweight planes will amaze you, as will the individuals who designed and fly them. A good time is had by all during this weekly event! Come watch at no cost or bring you indoor plane and pay a small drop-in fee!

### **LA VISTA SENIOR CENTER**

The La Vista Senior Center is located in the Community Center and offers friendship, food, fitness, field trips and many more fun activities. Please join us for lunch, exercise or join in for games and/or special events. Look online at [www.cityoflavista.org/seniorcenter](http://www.cityoflavista.org/seniorcenter) for our monthly newsletter and activities, or contact the Recreation Department at 331-3455 for further information.

A visiting nurse is at the Community Center on the first Friday of each month from 9-11:30 a.m. There is a sign-up sheet across from the front desk, but walk-ins are welcome.

The Special Services Bus is available for senior citizens age 60 and older and all special needs/handicapped residents residing in Ralston and La Vista. The van operates Monday through Friday, 7 a.m.-4:30 p.m. The bus does not operate on City of La Vista declared holidays or when the Papillion-La Vista or Ralston schools are closed due to weather conditions. Call 657-3550 48-hours in advance to schedule a ride time. We make every effort to accommodate, but due to prior scheduling, we may not be able to help everyone on their requested times. Call the La Vista Recreation Department at 331-3455 for any questions about this service. To look at scheduled activities/trips and lunch menus, be sure to pick up a monthly La Vista Senior Newsletter at the La Vista Recreation Dept. or check us out online at [www.cityoflavista.org](http://www.cityoflavista.org).



## TACKLE FOOTBALL

For ages 9-14 as of August 1. Early bird registration by July 1: La Vista residents \$95, non-residents \$125. Fee after July 1: La Vista residents \$105, non-residents \$135. Registration deadline July 11 (A copy of the players birth certificate is required at the time of registration). Refundable uniform deposit of \$180 (separate check). Games take place from September to early November.

## CHEERLEADING FOR TACKLE FOOTBALL

For ages 7-14 as of August 1. Early bird registration by July 1: La Vista residents \$25, non-residents \$45. Fee after July 1: La Vista residents \$35 non-residents \$55. Registration deadline is July 11. Refundable uniform deposit of \$75 dollars (separate check). La Vista Recreation Department provides vest and skirt only. Games take place from September to early November.

## FLAG FOOTBALL

Ages 6/7/8 and 9/10 as of August 1. Early bird registration by July 1. La Vista residents \$30, non-residents \$50. Fee after July 1: La Vista residents \$40, non-residents \$60. Registration deadline is July 11. Volunteer coaches are needed! Games take place between August and early October.

## 3-YEAR-OLD SOCCER CLINIC

Should be three years old as of August 1. Early bird registration by June 30: La Vista residents \$15, non-residents \$20. Fee after June 30: La Vista residents, \$25 non-residents \$30. Registration deadline July 18. This is a parent participation clinic designed to teach the basic fundamentals of soccer while having fun. This clinic is comprised of five, one-hour sessions held on Saturday mornings beginning in August. Volunteer coaches needed!

## YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE

Ages 4/5 and 6/7 as of August 1. Early bird registration by June 30: La Vista residents \$30, non-residents \$50. Fee after June 30: La Vista residents \$40, non-residents \$60. Registration deadline July 18. Games take place in September and October. Volunteer coaches needed!

## LANCER SOCCER LEAGUE

For over 20 years the La Vista Lancers Soccer Club has provided a fun and safe place to learn and play soccer in the La Vista Community and surrounding area. In the past year the La Vista Lancers Soccer Club has become a part of the City of La Vista Recreation Department. We are currently looking for boys, girls, and coaches to join our club for the upcoming fall

soccer season. Coach and player clinics will be available. For ages U9-U15. Games are played in the Sarpy County Soccer League or in the Eastern Nebraska Soccer Association League. Early Bird Registration by May 26, **FEES:** \$50. After May 26, \$60. Uniform Fee: jersey \$20, shorts \$15 Uniforms may be used for multiple seasons. Registration Deadline: July 1. For more information or if interested in coaching please contact Eddie Burns at 331-3455.

## YOUTH VOLLEYBALL

Grades 3/4 and 5/6. Early bird registration by August 22: La Vista residents \$30, non-residents \$50. Fee after August 22: La Vista residents

\$40, non-residents \$60. Registration deadline is September 5. Games take place in October and November. Volunteer coaches needed.

## ADULT FALL SOFTBALL LEAGUES

Registration deadline is August 1, or until the league is full (whichever comes first). Coed leagues offered Fridays and Sundays; men's leagues offered Sundays through Fridays. Doubleheader men's leagues Wednesdays and Thursdays. **FEES:** coed and men's leagues \$110 (plus forfeit deposit of \$36); men's doubleheader leagues \$220 (plus 2-\$36 forfeit deposits). Umpire fees \$18 per game paid directly to umpires, cash only. Games start Tuesday, September 7.

## RED CROSS SWIMMING LESSONS

Registration dates:

La Vista residents beginning: ..... May 3

Non-residents beginning:..... May 10

**FEES:** La Vista residents:.....\$25

Non-residents: .....\$50

Swimming lesson sessions:

Session 1: June 14-25

Session 2: July 12-23

Session 3: July 26-August 6

Levels of lessons: pre-beginners, Levels I-VI

Lessons are held Monday through Thursday.

Fridays are rain days. Minimum age for pre-beginners is age four. All classes are 45 minutes in length.

## LA VISTA MUNICIPAL SWIMMING POOL

The La Vista Municipal Pool will open on Saturday, May 29 and close Monday, September 6. Pool hours are 1 p.m. - 9 p.m.

daily (schedule will change once school begins). Season passes, for residents and non-residents, and resident tags may be purchased at the La Vista Recreation Center.

## SWIMMING POOL FEES

Daily Admission:

Youth 5 and under: ..... Free

Youth Resident 6-17 yr. of age (with tag):.. \$2

Youth Non-Res. 6-17 yr. of age (with tag):.. \$4

Adult Resident 18 & older (with tag):..... \$3

Adult Non-Resident 18 & older:..... \$4

RESIDENT TAG..... \$1.50

YOUTH RESIDENT Season Pass..... \$50

YOUTH NON-RESIDENT Season Pass .... \$80

ADULT RESIDENT Season Pass..... \$60

ADULT NON-RESIDENT Season Pass..... \$90

FAMILY RESIDENT Season Pass..... \$90

FAMILY NON-RESIDENT Season Pass .. \$150

DAY-CARE Season Pass..... \$250

30-Day Pass Booklet (Residents) ..... \$45

30-Day Pass Booklet (Non-Residents) ..... \$75

## LA VISTA FALLS GOLF COURSE

8305 Park View Blvd. La Vista Falls Golf Course is accepting applications for family, company, school and night time golf outings. Call Manager Denny Dinan at 339-9147. **Junior Golf-Tee times** available Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday between 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. Cost \$10 per person, per day (Includes green fees, hot dog, chips and pop). Ages 12-16 years (prefer playing ability and knowledge of the game). Sign up as individuals or groups. You may sign up for as many days or weeks as you would like. Call for further information.

## GREEN FEES & SPECIALS

MARCH 1ST- SEP. 30, 2010

9-Hole Weekdays (adults)..... \$8.50

9-Hole Weekends (Sat-Sun) (adults) .....\*\$10

18-Hole Weekdays (adults)..... \$14.50

18-Hole Weekends (Sat-Sun) (adults) .....\*\$16

9-Hole Weekdays (Jr/Sr) ..... \$6

9-Hole Weekends (Sat-Sun) (Jr/Sr).....\*\$8

18-Hole Weekdays (Jr/Sr)..... \$11

18-Hole Weekends (Sat-Sun) (Jr/Sr).....\*\$13

1 year Jr/Sr Membership..... \$200

1 year Family Membership..... \$600

1 year Adult Membership..... \$300

Pull Carts ..... \$2.50

Rental Clubs ..... \$7

Electric Carts (9-Holes) ..... \$6

Electric Carts (18-Holes) ..... \$9

\*AFTER 3:00 P.M. SAME AS WEEKDAY RATES