



La Vista Daze 2011: "The Great Outdoors"

La Vista Daze 2011, scheduled for **May 26-29**, is quickly approaching and will kick into high gear on Friday, May 27, with the Community Cookout and fireworks display (see details below).

The La Vista Daze theme this year is "The Great Outdoors".

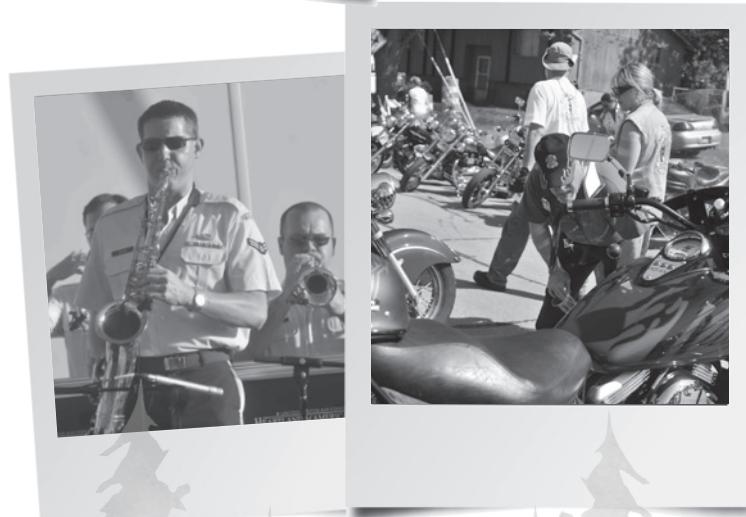
"This year's La Vista Daze will have many of the elements our residents ask for every year," said Mayor Douglas Kindig. "We have been working hard to ensure this year's celebration continues our traditions and I hope each and every one of our residents can enjoy at least one part of the festival."

Schedule of events for Friday, May 27 (City Hall complex and La Vista Falls golf course):

- **Community Cookout** - 6 p.m., BBQ pulled pork sandwiches, hot dogs, chips and drinks **while supplies last**. Bring your lawn chair and a non-perishable food item for the Tri-City Food Pantry. **Sponsored by the La Vista Community Foundation and Beacon Building Services**. Please visit the City's Web site, www.cityoflavista.org/lavistadaze for a list of recommended food pantry donations.
- **Fun for the whole family** - climbing wall, inflatables, fun with chalk art and the Cabela's Archery Range - 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- **Free Concert** - 7:30-8:45 p.m., featuring Night Wing, Heartland of America Band.
- **Corporate Dodgeball Challenge** - 7-9:30 p.m. in the Community Center gym. This year we've made room for more spectators!
- **Fireworks Display** - Dusk, sponsored by Bellino Fireworks. Viewing locations: Community Center, La Vista Junior High, Central Park, west end of City Park, Kelly Field (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 in the Big Lots parking lot, which is located north of City Hall at 84th and Harrison streets.

For more information: www.cityoflavista.org/lavistadaze



More La Vista Daze information
can be found on pages 4

A MINUTE WITH mayor kindig



Welcome to summer in the City of La Vista. Later this month I will have the pleasure of welcoming our residents and guests to our annual La Vista Daze festival.

On behalf of the La Vista City Council and City staff, I hope you and your family are able to enjoy our festivities throughout Memorial Day weekend. This is a great way to kick-off summer and spend some time enjoying "The Great Outdoors", which is this year's La Vista Daze theme.

La Vista Daze represents the core strength of our community—the people. La Vista Daze brings our residents together and is a great opportunity to meet with friends and renew old connections.

We have been working hard to ensure that this year's La Vista Daze continues many traditions of the past. Popular events include the Community Cookout and Fireworks on Friday night, parade on Saturday afternoon and carnival and beer garden in Central Park.

Also this summer we'll be bringing back events we did for the first time last summer, including the Outdoor Movie Nights, sponsored by Black Hills Energy, and the Urban Adventure Race. Check our Web site in the coming months for other event announcements.

Have a great time!

— Mayor Douglas Kindig

La Vista City Calendar

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

May 2011

- 3 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 9 La Vista/Metropolitan Community College Condominium Owners Association, 3 p.m., La Vista Library
- 12 Library Advisory Board, 5:30 p.m., La Vista Library
- 17 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 18 Park and Rec. Advisory Board, 7 p.m.
- 19 Planning Commission, 7 p.m.
- 26-29 La Vista Daze, various locations

June 2011

- 7 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 9 Citizen Advisory Review Committee, 7 p.m.
- 10 Outdoor Movie Night (Iron Man 2), Dusk, La Vista Library
- 15 Park and Rec. Advisory Board, 7 p.m.
- 16 Planning Commission, 7 p.m.
- 21 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 24 Outdoor Movie Night (Transformers), Dusk, La Vista Library

July 2011

- 4 Most City offices closed in observance of Independence Day
- 5 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 8 Summer Concert Series, 7 p.m., La Vista Library, Outdoor Movie Night (Grown Ups), following concert
- 9 Urban Adventure Race, various locations
- 14 Library Advisory Board, 5:30 p.m., La Vista Library
- 19 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 20 Park and Rec. Advisory Board, 7 p.m.
- 21 Planning Commission, 7 p.m.
- 22 Summer Concert Series, 7 p.m., La Vista Library, Outdoor Movie Night (Morning Glory), following concert

Vision 84 update

Vision 84, La Vista's conceptual plan for redeveloping the 84th Street corridor, was approved by the City Council in 2010. City staff has been working hard to develop several elements of the implementation phase, including the following:

- **Design standards** - Work is currently underway on design standards that will help govern building design decisions and provide guidance to staff in reviewing proposed projects in the future. It is anticipated the design standards will be similar to those adopted for areas elsewhere in the City, such as Southport.

- **Blight/Substandard Study** - The City Council recently approved a blight/substandard study of the 84th Street corridor, which will determine whether Tax Increment Financing would be a viable tool when recruiting developers and evaluating projects for this area.

- **Master Park Plan** - Vision 84 calls for the existing La Vista Falls Golf Course to be transformed into a regional park. The first step in that process is to create a master park plan for the area. It is anticipated this process, which will involve extensive input from the public, will get started

later this year. Watch the City's Web site and the next issue of CityWise for more information.



"Redeveloping our 84th Street corridor continues to be, our top priority at the City," said Mayor Douglas Kindig. "Developing the vision was important, but that was just the first step in a much longer process. While at times it may appear that nothing is happening along the corridor, I want to assure all La Vista residents that we will be working on this vision until it becomes reality."

Community Events Return this Year

Thanks to the efforts of the La Vista Community Foundation and donations from area businesses, many of the community events introduced during La Vista's 50th anniversary are scheduled to return this summer. Watch the City's Web site in the coming months for more event announcements and details about these events.

OUTDOOR MOVIE SERIES

Sponsored by Black Hills Energy

La Vista Public Library, 9110 Giles Road

All movie events will begin at dusk

June 10 - Iron Man 2

June 24 - Megamind

July 8 - Grown Ups

July 22 - Morning Glory

SPLASH BASH

August 7

La Vista Municipal Swimming Pool, 7529 S. 85th Street

FREE admission to the pool from 1-4 p.m. Live DJ, free hot dogs, fun games and prizes.



URBAN ADVENTURE RACE

July 9

Think you're in pretty good shape? Think you know La Vista? If you have a bike and a sense of adventure, this race is for you! Find a friend, form a team of two and be prepared to bike, paddle and navigate your way through La Vista while searching for check points and completing challenges and mystery events. Race begins and ends at the La Vista Community Center, 8116 Park View Blvd.

Divisions: male, female, coed and public safety (police officers and firefighters)

Fee: \$60 per team for the short course (1.5-3 hours); \$80 per team for the long course (2-4 hours). Entry fee includes: custom designed shirt, food and prize drawings.

Registration closes July 1. More information at www.raceregister.net.

firedepartment

Suburban Battle of the Badges

This May fire/rescue and law enforcement agencies from La Vista, Papillion, Bellevue, Gretna, Springfield, Ralston and the Sarpy County Sheriffs Office will host the first ever Suburban Battle of the Badges.

In addition to celebrating local first responders, this special event will help ensure the American Red Cross can meet the needs of patients over the summer months, because the need for blood is constant.

During this friendly competition, area first responders will recruit blood donors from their ranks, families, neighborhoods and the community at large. The competition will be based on points where all points will be combined to determine whether fire/rescue or law enforcement had more presenting donors. All participating departments on the winning side will receive a trophy and bragging rights for the year.

Donor appointments will be scheduled online and links will be posted to every participating city and agencies' web sites and social media. Walk-in donors will be accepted however, the Red Cross prefers appointments be made online to allow for better preparation.

As an added bonus, all donors ages 21 and older will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win a trip for four to Orlando, Florida including airfare, hotel, airport transportation and theme-park passes.

To make an appointment, visit www.cityoflavista.org/badges or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767)

- Wednesday, May 18, 1-7 p.m. Bellevue Fire Training Center
- Thursday, May 19, 1-7 p.m. La Vista Community Center
- Friday, May 20, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Sarpy County Law Enforcement Center

Want to be a Firefighter and/or EMT?

The La Vista Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department is now accepting applications for the next recruitment class! No previous experience required. Volunteers have the choice to become a Firefighter/EMT or an EMT. Please visit the Fire Department page on www.cityoflavista.org or call e-mail abrade@cityoflavista.org for more information.

Smoke/CO Installs

Are you a La Vista resident in need of a smoke or carbon monoxide detector? The La Vista Volunteer Fire Department has a program in place to install new detectors or test existing detectors at no cost to you. If you are a renter, your landlord is responsible for ensuring the installation and maintenance of your detectors. A request may be made by visiting the Fire Department page on www.cityoflavista.org. Those without internet access may call (402) 331-4748 x122 to make an appointment. Please note that Smoke/CO installations are only available on Fridays from 8 a.m.-8 p.m.

La Vista Daze to Feature Several Community Events

Kids, teens, adults and families - there will be several good reasons for you to visit La Vista Daze this year.

The festival officially begins Wednesday night, May 25, at 7 p.m. at La Vista Junior High with the annual La Vista Daze Prayer Walk, sponsored by the La Vista churches. The prayer walk route goes up Edgewood Boulevard to Giles Road, west to 84th Street, north to Park View Boulevard and ends at City Hall with stops along the way.

The carnival will open on Thursday, May 26, at 5 p.m. in Central Park. Thomas Amusements will be back again this year. Rides will open again on Friday at 2 p.m., just in time for the last day of school, and will close for the night at 11 p.m. The carnival's schedule is: Saturday, May 28, 10 a.m.-11 p.m. and Sunday, May 29, noon-6 p.m.

The Beer Garden will be located once again in the Central Park Tennis Courts on Friday and Saturday nights, sponsored by the La Vista Volunteer Firefighters Association. Friday night the band **Lemon Fresh Day** will be playing and Saturday night **Taxi Driver** will take the stage.

The **La Vista Daze parade**, sponsored by **Bank of Nebraska**, will once again begin at 1 p.m. at 87th & Park View Boulevard. It will then continue along Park View, crossing 84th Street to Edgewood Boulevard, where it will turn right and end just past the entrance to Central Park.

The viewing stand will be located at the walk-in entrance to Central Park off of Park View Boulevard, also known as Flag Pole Park. Prizes will be given to entries in four categories based on float, best theme, best musical performance and best marching band.

In addition to the usual traditions - carnival rides, food and the parade - La Vista's annual festival will feature several other events, some of which were new last year. Events are free for participants as well as those attending.



Baby Photo & Pet Photo contests

Submissions will be accepted at La Vista City Hall and Community Center (8116 Park View Blvd.) and the La Vista Public Library (9110 Giles Road) from May 2 - May 16.

Registration forms are available at the locations listed above and online at www.cityoflavista.org/lavistadaze. Please include a hard-copy photo print with each submission.

Winners will be invited to the Mayor's Luncheon on Saturday, May 28, at the Central Park Tennis Courts.

Baby Photo Age Groups:

- 0-6 months
- 7-12 months
- 13-18 months
- 19-24 months

Pet Photo Categories:

- Dog
- Cat
- Other

Pet Photo Contest, sponsored by **Harrison Street Animal Hospital and Heartland Animal Hospital**

Baby Photo Contest, sponsored by **Bank of Nebraska**.

For more information please, contact the La Vista Recreation Center, 402-331-3455.

Remote-Controlled Airplanes

- **Saturday, May 28 - air show, 3 p.m.; lessons, 5 p.m.**
- **Sunday, May 29 - 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 the **Midwest Performance Fliers**

Motorcycle Show & Shine

- **Saturday, May 28, 5:30-7:30 p.m.**, corner of Valley Road and Edgewood Boulevard (across from Central Park)

- \$5 entry fee (proceeds benefit Camp Floyd Rogers)

Sponsored by **The Freedom Fighters and Holstein's Harley Davidson**.

La Vista Has Talent

- **Sunday, May 29, 2-4 p.m.**, Central Park Tennis Courts

- Registrations will be accepted May 2-16 at La Vista City Hall & Community Center (8116 Park View Blvd.) and the La Vista Public Library, 9110 Giles Rd.)

- Registration forms are available at the locations listed above and online at www.cityoflavista.org/lavistadaze.

- Three age categories - K-3rd grade, 4th-8th grade, 9th-12th grade

- Two winners per category

- Performances are limited to 5 minutes.

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



Annual Employee Recognition Banquet

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

2010 Employee of the Year honors went to City employees for their efforts made during the community's 50th anniversary celebration.

Outstanding service awards were given to Stacy Bragg, John Grasso, John Kottmann, Bob Lausten, Bryan Waugh and Mary Alex.

TEAM awards were given to Mary Alex, Mitch Beaumont, and David Karlson for their work on the Halloween Safe Night and Holiday Tree Lighting events; the Swimming Pool Management Team of Kelly Robinson, Andrew VanSurksum and Emily Hipsher for exceptional management practices; and Sharon Paulsen, Angie



Hultberg, Sue Tangeman, Greg Goldman, Jodi Linhart, Jean Hurst, Dennis Iverson, Don Ward, Robert Uhe, Ray Crane, Sarah Covault, Terry Foster, Rick Roy, Don Pluta and Paul Sherry for their work on the City's 50th Anniversary float for La Vista Daze.

police department



Get to know: Stacy Corbit, Code Enforcement Officer

As a six-year employee of the La Vista Police Department's Records Division, Stacy Corbit is well-known among City employees.

Since being named La Vista's Code Enforcement Officer when that function moved to the Police Department, Corbit has had the opportunity to work directly with the community.

With nearly a year under her belt now, Corbit says she has enjoyed helping educate the public about the City's various codes and how those codes affect every La Vista resident.

"I have enjoyed the opportunity to work with the officers in a different capacity," she says. "My job is not only to enforce the city codes for general compliance by having contact with property owners and businesses, but also making them aware of the city codes so that we all have a safe place to live, work and play."

One of the main reasons the Code Enforcement function was moved to the Police Department was to provide greater flexibility to make contact with residents and property owners when it is convenient for them. Corbit is not tied to a normal 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. schedule and this flexibility has proven to be helpful in attaining code compliance while also building rapport with residents and property owners.

Contact Corbit regarding any Code Enforcement issues at the Police Department, 402-331-1582.

Community Development Department

Cimarron Terrace - A permit has been issued and construction is under way for phase one of this apartment development which will include five three-story buildings, garages, a clubhouse, pool and playground. Location: 99th & Harrison Street.

Gateway Collision Center - A permit has been issued and construction is underway for a 15,000 s.f. building to be used as an auto body shop. Location: 10936 Harrison Street.

Orchards at Wildwood - A permit has been issued and construction has started on 48-units of affordable senior housing, totaling 46,005 s.f. Location: 7454 Gertrude Street.

PayPal Storm Shelter - Construction is nearing completion on this 5,920 s.f. addition to PayPal's Building #1. The addition will be used by employees in the event of a storm. Location: 12312 Port Grace Blvd.

Performance Toyota - Construction is complete on an addition to this car dealer's service bays. Shop area addition is under construction. Location: 7204 S. 124th Circle.

Pods - Construction is complete on this 37,800 s.f. indoor storage facility. Location: 11831 Centennial Road.

Yahoo! - Construction is underway for phase two of this data center project. Location: 10917 Harry Watanabe Parkway.

Harrison Height Apartments - A permit has been issued and construction is underway on 112 units of market rate senior housing, totaling 111,884 sq. ft. Location: 7544 Gertrude Street.

Crestview Heights Apartments - A permit has been issued and construction is underway to renovate the existing apartments and to add a new community building. Location: 7235 Edna Court

Young Chiropractic - Construction is underway on a 1,736 sq. ft. addition. Location: 9825 Giles Road.

Profit Advantage, Suite 2 - Construction is underway on a 3,200 sq. ft. tenant finish for a law firm. Location: 9826 Giles Road.

CFM Distributors - Construction is underway on a 5,000 sq. ft. tenant finish. Location: 12115 Centennial Rd.

Lucky Bucket - Construction is underway on an addition to the existing brewery. Location: 11941 Centennial Rd.

Krispy Kreme - Construction is underway on a 5,400 sq. ft. tenant finish for a donut processing operation. Location: 7004 S. 108th Street.

Summer Reading Program

The 2011 Summer Reading Program, "One World, Many Stories" is open to children from birth through 5th grade and runs from Monday, June 6 through Friday, August 12. Program participants will be able to explore the library's collection for exciting books to read and they can earn prizes and coupons by keeping track of the time they have spent reading. The Summer Reading Program will also offer various activities every day Monday through Friday - storytimes, crafts, book clubs, computer classes, movie nights, guest speakers, and various outdoor activities.

Registration for the Summer Reading Program will begin at the Kick-off Party on Friday, June 3, 2-4 p.m. Each child will receive a passport and can participate in different activities that relate to the Dewey Decimal System. They will make crafts, play games, and win prizes.

Teen Summer Reading Program

The La Vista Public Library's 2011 Teen Summer Reading Program will begin with a Kick-Off Party on Thursday, June 2 at 2 p.m. This year's theme, "You are Here" will feature a variety of activities this summer with a worldwide/cultural theme. Programs include movie marathons, the 3rd Annual Teen Mystery Night, various speakers (art, jewelry, book making), and crafts and food from around the world. Register June 2 and receive your calendar of events! Questions? Contact Lindsey Tomsu, Teen Coordinator, at 402-537-3900.

New memberships this year!

For your convenience, the La Vista Public Library now has two memberships to choose from: annual for your household, \$55 or a 6-month membership for \$30!

Technology Classes

Computer classes are offered to library cardholders to provide skills in specific areas: Basic Computer Skills, Basic Internet,

Basic Word and 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 page. Registration is required. Contact Jean Hurst for more information.

Afternoon Book Club

The Library has an afternoon book club which meets the third Wednesday of every month. Call the library to check on the current selection, and join us for a book discussion.

Database Highlight

The Auto Repair Reference Center database gives information pertaining to your vehicle. You can review repair procedures or the various service bulletins and recalls on your vehicle. It also has detailed wiring diagrams! The database has tabs for "Auto IQ", "Care & Repair Tips" and "Troubleshooting". This database can be viewed in the library or anywhere with an Internet connection (password protected). The password can be obtained on your next trip to the library.

Do you Mango?

Mango is a self-paced language learning system focused on simplicity. There are many languages to choose from and an English as a Second Language course. Mango is listed on the Database page of the Library Web site.

Adult Programming

Fruit Bokays Presentation and Training.

May 7, 2-4 p.m. Learn to assemble a beautiful fruit bouquet. Fruit is provided and no supplies are necessary. If you would like to learn how to make a joyful and custom fruit bouquet for special occasions or parties, sign up for this presentation. Sample tasting will be available. Registration required. Limit 10

Quilt Project - Presented by the La Vista Quilters. May 14, 1-3 p.m. Fabric and zippers will be provided. Limit 15.

Knit and Crochet Group. Second Wednesday of the month 6-8 p.m. Fourth Friday of the month 1-3 p.m. Beginners are Welcome! No registration needed.

Call 402-537-3900 to register for any of these programs and for more information



Summer Storytimes are coming!

These fun, hands-on programs introduce young children to the library and the joy of reading.

Preschool Storytime is geared for children 3-5 (not yet in kindergarten). Preschool Storytime goes from June 6 through August 12 and will meet on Monday, Tuesday, and Friday at 10 a.m. We will also have a Preschool Storytime on Thursday at 2 p.m.

Toddler Storytime is for children 18 months to 3 years along with Mom, Dad or a grandparent or care giver. Toddler Storytime goes from June 13 through August 12 and will meet Monday, Tuesday and Friday at 10:10 a.m.

Lapsit Storytime is for children from 6 months to 18 months of age. It will meet on Thursdays from June 16 through August 11. Registration for all storytimes is required and will begin on Friday, June 3. Call 402-537-3900 for more information.

SPRING MAINTENANCE TIPS

Likely you've been working in your yard at least once already this spring, sprucing up your landscaping and making decisions about improvements for the year.

In addition to yard work, spring also is a time to perform maintenance on your home, which has been exposed to bitter temperatures and moisture during the winter months.

Here are a few maintenance tips that will help you keep your home in top condition:

Exterior Surfaces of a home should be inspected for the condition of the material (wood rot or moisture penetration). Damaged paint and caulking should be repaired or replaced. Exterior joints around windows and doors should be caulked, which helps keep your house weather-tight and lowers your heating and cooling bills.

Check for damage to your roof. Winter's snow, ice, and wind can wreak havoc on your roof. Inspect it for missing or broken shingles - using a pair of binoculars will keep you off a ladder! As the shingles age, the fine grains of stone get washed and worn off the surface, so after 15 or 20

years, even the best shingles may need to be replaced.

Log on to the City's website for a complete list of tips www.cityoflavista.org/springmaintenance.

TRASH SURVEY UPDATE

The November 2010 CityWise newsletter asked La Vista residents their opinion of current trash hauling and recycling services. The survey responses indicate residents are very satisfied with the trash hauling and recycling services they are receiving and with the companies that are providing those services. Additionally, it is clear that residents value high quality services and that a reduction in service level would not be acceptable. The ultimate conclusion was that there is not significant support for making changes to the way the City provides trash hauling and recycling services.

FREE MULCH

Free mulch is available to residents almost anytime during the year. Residents are required to load the mulch by themselves. In addition, residents can drop off clean fill dirt or pick up small quantities of dirt,

Council Clips

The following items are highlights of recent City Council action:

- Approved an update to the City's Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP)
- Approved application for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding from ePower Engine Systems
- Approved replat application for the southeast corner of 84th and Harrison streets (Big Lots/Divine Truth Christian Bookstore)
- Awarded bid for phase two of the Thompson Creek demolition project
- Approved audit report for fiscal year 2009-10

usually no more than a pickup load. As always, motor oil, antifreeze and batteries can be dropped off anytime at the Public Works Facility, 9900 Portal Road. Please call ahead of time for mulch and dirt drop-off or pickup. You can reach the Public Works Department at 402-331-8927.

publicworkszone

REVIEW OF CAPITAL PROJECTS FOR 2011

The City of La Vista will again have a very active construction season in 2011. The following are the major projects to be undertaken by Public Works crews in the coming months.

Expansion of Golf Course Maintenance Building

Will allow all golf course maintenance equipment to be stored indoors and free up some much needed space for equipment maintenance.

Applewood Creek Drainageway Project

This project is located just north of Giles Road between 101st and 102nd Streets. Stream bank stabilization and erosion control measures will be put in place.

La Vista Link to the Keystone Trail Project

Installation of a trail from the southwest corner of the Sports

Complex (69th Street dead-end) to the southeast corner of 66th and Harrison streets.

Sports Complex Lighting Rehab

This project replaces the 20-plus year-old ball field lights at the complex with new energy efficient units.

132nd and West Giles Road

Design work is underway for improvements to the intersection.

Quiet Zone at Southport West

Railroad signal upgrades and road reconfiguration will eliminate the need for a train to blow its whistle when crossing West Giles Road.

96th Street - Giles to Harrison

This project includes removal and replacement of various concrete panels, repair to island medians and the reconstruction of the bridge approach slabs on 96th Street.



LA VISTA

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Demolition of Houses Along Thompson Creek Proceeding

The Thompson Creek Hazard Mitigation project has reached the demolition phase. Currently, 21 of the 24 homes in the program have been purchased and the other three are in various stages of the acquisition process. Demolition work began the last week of February and the second phase began in early April. This phase of the project is on schedule for completion by early 2012. Future work includes stabilization of the creek banks and stream channel. Finally, a linear park is envisioned to be installed along Park View Boulevard from 72nd Street to Edgewood Boulevard.

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LITTLE CHEF'S STORY TIME & COOKING CLASS

Tuesday, June 14, 11:30 a.m., La Vista Community Center, 8116 Park View Blvd. **FEE:** \$1 per child. Ages 7 and under with parent. Limited to 20 participants. The La Vista Recreation Department and Library are teaming up to introduce kids to the world of cooking. We'll start with a story time about cooking and finish with the kids in the kitchen cooking up a delightful treat! Register at the La Vista Community Center.

BIKE RODEO

Tuesday, June 28, 3 p.m., La Vista City Park, 78th & Josephine streets. **FEE:** None. Bike helmets are required to participate. Join the La Vista Recreation Department and Library for the 2nd Annual Youth Bike Fun Day. Bring your own bike and ride through our skills course! See different types of bikes, learn how to prepare a bike for a long trip, and receive safety information including bike checks, hand signals, tips for riding in traffic and tips on properly wearing a helmet. No registration necessary. For more information, call David at 402-331-3455 or Jodi at 402-537-3900.

SUMMER DANCE INTENSIVE!

July 11-16, 3-8 p.m. (30 minute dinner break), La Vista Community Center, 8116 Park View Blvd. **FEES:** \$10 registration due by June 27. Total cost is \$135 for the week, includes \$20 for food. Youth summer dance camp for all ages! Ballet, Pointe, Tap, Jazz and more! For more information, call Katherine at 402-612-3712.

DINOSAUR EGG HUNT

July 12, 3 p.m., Southwind Park, 91st Street & Giles Road (by the La Vista Library). **FEE:** \$1 per person (adults & children). Registration deadline: July 8, at the La Vista Community Center, 8116 Park View Blvd. Join the hunt for Giant Dinosaur Eggs (watermelons). When all the "eggs" are found, we'll haul them to the picnic shelter, crack them open and enjoy a cold slice of watermelon!



THE ART OF BOTTLE SLUMPING

June 11 and 18, 9 a.m.-noon, La Vista Community Center, 8116 Park View Blvd. **FEE:** \$40 per person. Register at the La Vista Community Center. Learn how to make your own unique party trays for cheese or hors d'oevres from your favorite wine or liquor bottles. Your creations will be that extra special holiday gift your friends will absolutely love. Cut fresh limes for your margaritas on a glass cutting board that you made from a tequila bottle; save money by creating special gifts for your friends; or create wall hangings for your home! You will learn what kind of glass bottles can be slumped, what type and color of glass bottles are the best to use, essential steps to prepare your bottle for slumping, how to slump bottles in either a manual or programmable kiln, ways to slump your bottles if you do not own a kiln, and several different ways to decorate, use and/or display your slumped bottles. A selection of bottles will be provided for you to choose from or you can bring your own favorite bottle to slump. All tools and materials will be provided.

LA VISTA COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

Saturday, August 20, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., La Vista Community Center, 8116 Park View Blvd. **FEE:** \$5. Reserve your spot, including an eight-foot table and two chairs, at the Community Center. No admission to shop. Tables will be assigned on a first come-first paid basis. Seller set up time is 9:30 a.m.-10:45 a.m. Doors open for shopping at 11 a.m.

LA VISTA LUGGAGE TRAVEL CLUB

The La Vista Recreation Department has teamed with Elite Tours to provide great trips and travel opportunities. **Ashfall Fossil Beds State Park**, South Dakota August 24-25, 2011. **FEE:** \$144 per person (double occupancy) or \$179 (single occupancy). Includes one night lodging at the Quality Inn Motel in Mission, S.D., and three meals. Stop first at the Visitor's Center to see the interpretive displays and fossil preparation laboratory. Then visit the Hubbard Rhino Barn, which covers 17,500 sq. ft. and allows for the discovery and protection of the extinct animals preserved exactly as they died. See skeletons of extinct rhinos, camels, horses and other animals lying in the volcanic ash that killed them. To register or for more information, contact Elite Tours at 402-342-4585 or visit their Web site at www.elitetours.us.

COMPUTER CAMP FOR YOUR KIDS

Movie Makers: July 19-21, 9 a.m.-noon, La Vista Community Center, 8116 Park View Blvd. **Fee:** \$150 per person. Video Game Design: July 18-21, 1-4 p.m., La Vista Community Center, 8116 Park View Blvd. **Fee:** \$160 per person. The La Vista Recreation Department is pleased to introduce Youth Tech Inc., an interactive computer camp that focuses on providing enrichment opportunities to students in the world of computers. No refunds will be offered after the first day of class. **Movie Makers:** This is a hands-on, interactive course that will instruct students on the world of digital video design and production. Students will learn concepts that will help them become an effective director of digital video projects. Students enrolled in this course will learn how to create their very own music video. If you love movies, if you can't put down your family video camera, if you like to work in a team environment, or if you dream of seeing your name in lights, this movie camp is right for you. *Students may bring in video cameras, however, not all cameras will be compatible with the camp's computer platform.

Video Game Design: This course provides students with a fun, interactive look at the world of video games 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. To register, contact Youth Tech Inc. at info@youthtechinc.com or register at the La Vista Community Center. Visit www.youthtechinc.com for further information.

RELAXING YOGA

Saturdays, 1-2 p.m., La Vista Community Center, 8116 Park View Blvd. **Fee:** \$6 per class, payable in four class sessions (\$24). Cash only. 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. Registration at class.

ZUMBA FITNESS CLASS

Fridays, 6:30-7:30 p.m., La Vista Community Center, 8116 Park View Blvd. **Fee:** \$6 per class or \$35 for seven classes. Zumba is an easy-to-follow aerobic exercise with movements that are mainly derived from Latin/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. This is a fun way to burn some calories. For more information or to register contact the instructor, Marisol, via e-mail at ur.marisol@gmail.com.

BALLROOM DANCE LESSONS (ADULT)

La Vista Community Center, 8116 Park View Blvd. **Fee:** \$40 per person. Ages 16 and up only. Join as a single or couple. Call 402-639-2209 for more information, dates for sessions and to register for the class - minimum of 6 people per class. Ballroom Dancing with Instructor Terry Vargas, who 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. In each four-week session, 2-3 dances will be taught. Leather-soled shoes preferred (no gym shoes, please).

BATON CLASSES

La Vista Community Center, 8116 Park View Blvd. Ages 5 and up. Classes subject to availability; call Instructor Vicki Ludwick, 402-612-1479 to register. Discover the fun you can have twirling! Not only will you learn to twirl, but also you will make friends, build confidence, and learn to present yourself in a positive light.

PRESCHOOL PLAY TIME

Tuesday and Thursday mornings throughout school year, 10-11 a.m., La Vista Community Center, 8116 Park View Blvd. **Fee:** We open the gym for parents and children preschool-age and under. Bring your child's favorite indoor toys and the Recreation Department will provide extra toys and games.

BELLY DANCING CLASSES

Beginner - Tuesday 5:30-6:30 p.m.; Advanced - 7-8 p.m., La Vista Community Center, 8116 Park View Blvd. **Fee:** \$20 per month. 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 or to register, call Wren Newman, 402-596-1397.

LEARN TO SWING WITH THE OMAHA JITTERBUGS!

La Vista Community Center, 8116 Park View Blvd. The Omaha Jitterbugs offer a variety of dance lessons 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 the Jitterbugs Web site, www.jitterbugs.org.



AIKIDO

Monday and Thursday: Adults - 7-9:30 p.m.; Children (5-11 years old) - 6-7 p.m., La Vista Community Center, 8116 Park View Blvd.

Fee: Adults - residents \$30 per month, non-residents \$35 per month; Children - Residents \$15 per month, non-residents \$20 per month. For further information or to register, call Ron Christenham, 402-339-6124.

KARATE

Tuesday and Friday: Adults - 7-8:30 p.m.; Children (5-12 years old) - 6-6:45 p.m., La Vista Community Center, 8116 Park View Blvd. **Fee:** \$25 per month with a \$5 one-time signup fee. For information or to register, call Sensei Porter, 402-592-7771.

TRADITIONAL JAPANESE SWORDSMANSHIP

Wednesday, 7-9 p.m.; Saturday, noon-3 p.m., La Vista Community Center, 8116 Park View Blvd.

Fee: \$40 per month. Adults, ages 18 and older, only. 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 Ryu), kumi-iai (paired sword forms), naginata-jutsu, pure kenpo sword and wakizashi techniques. Open enrollment. For more information or to register, e-mail Britt.Nichols.Info@suioryu-usa.org.

SOCHI-GO RYU SELF-DEFENSE CLASS

Mondays, 5:30-7 p.m., La Vista Community Center, 8116 Park View Blvd. Our newest martial arts self-defense class, Sochi-Go Ryu. For more information or to register, call Mike Benkis, 402-895-7841.

INDIVIDUAL WEIGHT TRAINING CLASSES

By Appointment, La Vista Community Center, 8116 Park View Blvd. **Fee:** \$25. Adults, 18 and older. This class 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. For more information or appointments, call Rich Carstensen at the La Vista Recreation Department, 402-331-3455.

LA VISTA (INDOOR) WALKING CLUB

Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10:30-11:30 a.m., La Vista Community Center, 8116 Park View Blvd. **Fee:** free. The Walking Club is for any La Vista residents and seniors in the surrounding areas. This time is set aside for walkers, so there will be no interference of other programs. Walking is available at other times also.

MODEL AIRPLANE LICENSE & FIELD TIMES

Flying Times at La Vista Soccer Complex off of 66th Street, south of Harrison will be posted at the La Vista Recreation Dept. and Hobby Town U.S.A. **Fee:** residents \$30, non-residents \$40 (includes 1 year license and Midwest Performance Flyers Club membership). Model airplane flying licenses may be purchased at the Hobby Town, U.S.A. You must have your A.M.A. card in order to purchase your license.

INDOOR REMOTE CONTROL MODEL AIRPLANE FLYING

Mondays, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., La Vista Community Center, 8116 Park View Blvd. Watch at no cost or bring your indoor plane and pay a small drop-in fee. 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!

TACKLE FOOTBALL

September-Early November. Refundable Uniform Deposit of \$180 (separate check). Early registration by July 2: residents - \$95; non-residents - \$125. After July 2: residents - \$105; non-residents - \$135. Registration deadline July 16. Ages 9-14 as of August 1 (copy of the player's birth certificate required at registration)

CHEERLEADING FOR TACKLE FOOTBALL

September-Early November. Refundable Uniform Deposit of \$75 (separate check). Early registration by July 2: residents - \$25; non-residents - \$45. After July 2: residents - \$35; non-residents - \$55. Registration deadline July 16. Ages 7-14 as of August 1.

FLAG FOOTBALL

August-Early October. Early registration by July 2: residents - \$30; non-residents - \$50. After July 2: residents - \$40; non-residents - \$60. Registration deadline July 16. For ages 6/7/8 and 9/10 as of August 1. Volunteer coaches needed!

3-YEAR-OLD SOCCER CLINIC

Five, one-hour sessions, Saturday mornings in August. Early registration by July 9: residents - \$15; non-residents - \$20. After July 9: residents - \$25; non-residents \$30. Registration deadline July 23. This is a parent participation clinic designed to teach the basic fundamentals of soccer while having fun. Volunteer coaches needed!

LA VISTA YOUTH SOCCER ACADEMY

Mid August-October. Early registration by August 13: residents - \$30; non-residents - \$50 After August 13: residents - \$40; non-residents - \$60 Registration deadline August 27. The La Vista Recreation Department and Phoenix Futbol Club have partnered together to create this academy, which will deliver a fun soccer environment for boys and girls living in or around the La Vista area. The program is designed to introduce the young soccer player (ages 4-7) and family to the wonderful game of soccer. The Academy Soccer Curriculum is designed to encourage player development while maximizing fun and learning. The Academy will meet twice per week for six weeks - each time focusing on a different soccer skill to help develop each individual player with individual attention and maximum touches on the ball.

LANCER SOCCER LEAGUE

Mid August-October. Ages under 9-under 15. Early registration by June 4: \$50; after June 4: \$60. Registration deadline: June 25. For over 20 years, the La Vista Lancers Soccer Club has provided a fun and safe place to learn and play soccer in La Vista and the surrounding area. During the past year, the La Vista Lancers Soccer Club has become a part of the City of La Vista Recreation Department and there are currently openings for boys, girls and coaches to join for the upcoming fall soccer season. Coach and player clinics will be available. Games are played in the Sarpy County Soccer League or in the Eastern Nebraska Soccer Association League. For more information, or if you are interested in coaching, contact the La Vista Recreation Department, 402-331-3455.



LA VISTA MUNICIPAL SWIMMING POOL

The La Vista Municipal Pool will open on Saturday, May 28, and close Monday, September 5 (Labor Day). Pool Hours are 1 p.m.-9 p.m. daily until school starts.

Season passes for residents and non-residents as well as resident tags may be purchased at the La Vista Recreation Center, 8116 Park View Blvd.

RED CROSS SWIMMING LESSONS

Mondays through Thursdays, Fridays are rain days.

Session 1: June 13-24; Session 2: July 11-22; Session 3: August 1-12

Residents may register beginning May 2; non-residents May 9

Residents, \$30; non-residents, \$55

Levels of lessons: pre-beginners, level I, level II, level III, level IV, level V, level VI

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

SWIMMING POOL FEES - 2011

Daily Admission:

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| Youth 5 & under: | Free |
| Youth resident 6-17 (with tag): | \$2 |
| Youth non-resident 6-17 (with tag): | \$4 |
| Adult resident 18 & older (with tag): | \$3 |
| Adult non-resident 18 & older: | \$4 |

Resident Tags:

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| Youth resident season pass | \$60 |
| Youth non-resident season pass | \$90 |
| Adult resident season pass | \$70 |
| Adult non-resident season pass | \$100 |
| Family resident season pass | \$100 |
| Family non-resident season pass | \$160 |
| Daycare season pass | \$250 |

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| 30-day pass booklet (residents) | \$50 |
| 30-day pass booklet (non-residents) | \$80 |

YOUTH VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

Grades 3-6. Season October-November. Early registration by August 6: residents - \$30; non-residents - \$50. After August 6: residents \$40; non-residents \$60. Registration deadline August 20. If you are interested in coaching, contact the La Vista Recreation Department, 402-331-3455.

ADULT SOFTBALL

Season tentatively begins September 6. Coed leagues play Friday and Sunday; men play Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; men's double-header play Tuesday and Thursday. Men's and coed leagues: \$110; double-header leagues: \$220. Umpire fee of \$18 cash paid directly to the umpire. Registration deadline August 6 or until the league fills. Must have a completed roster, fees (checks only) and \$36 forfeit deposit at the time of registration. Spaces will not be reserved without proper registration and fees.

THE SPECIAL SERVICES BUS

Monday-Friday, 7 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; does not operate on City of La Vista declared holidays or when Papillion-La Vista or Ralston schools are closed due to weather conditions. Call the La Vista Recreation Department, 402-331-3455, for any questions about this service, or look online at www.cityoflavista.org. Available for senior citizens age 60 and older and all special needs/handicapped residents residing in Ralston and La Vista. Call 402-657-3550 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.

LA VISTA SENIOR CENTER

The La Vista Senior Center, located in the Community Center, 8116 Park View Blvd., 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. The Senior Center has plenty of parking and easy access. A visiting nurse is at the Community Center on the first Friday of each month from 9 to 11:30 a.m. There is a sign-up sheet across from the front desk, but walk-ins are welcome. Visit the City's Web site, www.cityoflavista.org/seniorcenter for the monthly senior newsletter, and to look at scheduled activities/trips and lunch menus. Contact the Recreation Department at 402-331-3455 for further information.



LA VISTA FALLS GOLF COURSE

8305 Park View Blvd. Openings available for family, company, school and night time golf outings.

Junior Golf tee times. Mondays and/or Wednesdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Cost \$12 per person, per day (Includes green fees, hot dog and pop). Ages 12-16

Sign up as individuals or groups. You may sign up for as many days or weeks as you would like. Call for further information.

For more information, Call La Vista Falls Manager Denny Dinan, 402-339-9147.

Green Fees & Specials March 1- Sept. 30

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| 9-hole weekdays (adults)..... | \$10 |
| 9-hole weekends (Sat-Sun) (adults)..... | \$12 |
| 18-hole weekdays (adults)..... | \$16 |
| 18-hole weekends (Sat-Sun) (adults)..... | \$18 |
| 9-hole weekdays (Jr/Sr) | \$8 |
| 9-hole weekends (Sat-Sun) (Jr/Sr)..... | \$10 |
| 18-hole weekdays (Jr/Sr)..... | \$13 |
| 18-hole weekends (Sat-Sun) (Jr/Sr)..... | \$15 |
| 1 year Jr/Sr membership..... | \$300 |
| 1 year family membership..... | \$750 |
| 1 year adult membership..... | \$400 |
| Pull carts..... | \$2.50 |
| Rental clubs..... | \$7 |
| Electric carts (9-Holes) | \$6.50 |
| Electric carts (18-Holes) | \$10.50 |

Punch Cards:

Buy 10 rounds - Get 2 rounds free (Adult)
\$100. Buy 10 rounds - Get 2 rounds free (Jr/Sr) \$80

Adult - 16 & over

Junior - 15 & under

Senior - 55 & over

La Vista Falls Pro Shop

In conjunction with Fareway Golf LLC, the La Vista Falls Golf Course pro shop will now be carrying Air-CoolTM golf shirts - made with TynelTM, the only true moisture-wicking material on the market. Guaranteed to keep you cool and dry all day. These shirts are machine washable, no shrinkage, no collar curl and no ironing needed. Sizes S-3XL available. Check out the complete line of golf equipment and accessories - Bags, Clubs, Balls and Gloves!

ATTENTION PARENTS: DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR (WHEN SCHOOL IS IN SESSION) SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN ARE NOT ALLOWED IN THE COMMUNITY CENTER UNTIL 3:00 P.M., WITH OR WITHOUT PARENTAL PERMISSION. CHILDREN WILL BE DENIED ACCESS DURING THESE HOURS.

**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.