



## Rev Up Summer, La Vista!



Starting with La Vista Daze on Memorial Day weekend (May 23-26) and continuing through June, July and August with other events such as movies, concerts, and the Splash Bash, La Vista residents are invited to join in and Rev Up Summer.

The City has a fun-filled season planned with multiple events that all members of the family can enjoy. Another great Summer Reading Program will be held at the Library, three outdoor concert/movie nights, along with food truck vendors, and there are multiple Summer Escapes

activities for the kids.

Don't forget the Urban Scramble Adventure Race and the Splash Bash, too.

A new "Passport to Play" program will encourage residents to visit the City's parks. See pages 3 and 4 of this newsletter for a complete list of La Vista Daze and other summer activities as well as website addresses where you can get more information.

There is something for everyone and we look forward to seeing you as we Rev Up Summer in La Vista!

### Meet Your New City Council Members

The City Council has two new members: Deb Hale and Kim Thomas.

Ms. Hale was elected to the council in November 2012 representing Ward 3 and replaces her husband, Mark Ellerbeck, who served two terms. Ms. Hale has lived in La Vista since 1983 and works as a real estate manager for CB Richard Ellis/MEGA.



Deb Hale



Kim Thomas

"I love La Vista for many reasons, but most of all the people," Hale said. "La Vista's residents are generous and hard working and I am proud to represent them on the council."

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## La Vista Daze Will Be One Revving Good Time

In an effort to make each La Vista Daze celebration better than the one before, a new event is being added this year and some minor changes are planned for existing events.

During the Community Cookout on Friday evening, May 24, a Car Show and Shine event will be held in the La Vista Keno parking lot from 5-8 p.m. After the show, participants will be invited to "cruise" the main streets of La Vista (Harrison to 72nd to Giles to 84th and back to Harrison) with a police escort.

The fireworks show, sponsored by Bellino

Fireworks, will again be held at La Vista Falls Golf Course on Friday evening, May 24. This year the show will be synched to music on radio station 101.9, The Big O. Tune in!

The **parade**, sponsored by Bank of Nebraska, is scheduled for Saturday, May 25 beginning at 1 p.m. The route will travel on Park View Blvd. from 87th Street to 75th Street, near Champion Park. **The parade WILL NOT turn onto Edgewood Blvd. as in the past.** Participants will disperse on Park View Blvd. between 75th Street and 73rd Avenue. Large vehicle entries can continue to 72nd Street to exit. It is hoped



this will eliminate congestion at the end of the route that has been a problem on Edgewood Blvd. *Continued Page 7*

## A MINUTE WITH mayor kindig



No doubt by now you have heard that the City is pursuing opportunities for cooperation with the City of Papillion (see story on page 5).

For the last 50 years, the residents of La Vista have been protected by volunteer firefighters and EMTs who have given selflessly of themselves in service to their neighbors and strangers alike.

I have a deep respect for these individuals and coming to terms with the reality of having to consider alternative Fire and EMS service delivery options has been difficult.

In my time as Mayor, there is nothing I have enjoyed more than watching new volunteers stand before the City Council as recruits, and seeing them move to full-fledged members of the department.

While no one is happy about the prospect of losing La Vista's great tradition of volunteerism, we have to do what is best for our residents. After analyzing data and evaluating options, we believe the best course of action is to explore the potential of joint Fire and EMS service with the City of Papillion and the Papillion Rural Fire District.

While I don't have details to share with you right now, I want to assure you of two things.

First, any change in the provision of EMS services will be voted on by the City Council, so residents will have the opportunity to voice their opinion.

Second, any decisions must provide high quality service at a price that makes economic sense.

— Mayor Douglas Kindig

## Public Hearings Scheduled for Civic Center Park

Last year at this time the City was in the process of creating a master plan for the future Civic Center Park, an element of Vision 84, in the space that is currently the golf course

A working group of community members, consultants and City staff was formed and several community workshops were hosted. From those workshops emerged three concept plans, which were eventually combined into a single plan, that was presented to the City Council in a workshop last spring.

Since then, the project consultants, RDG Planning and Design, and City staff have been working to create a phasing and financing plan to accompany the concept plan.

This is now complete, and following a joint meeting earlier this year between the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, Planning Commission and City Council, a series of public hearings have been scheduled to give the public an opportunity to see the final plan concept and comment on the financing and phasing recommendations.

The public hearings will all take place in the Harold "Andy" Anderson Council Chamber at City Hall on the following dates:

**May 15** - Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, 7 p.m.

**May 16** - Planning Commission, 7 p.m.

**June 18** - City Council, 7 p.m.

For more information, visit the City's website, [www.cityoflavista.org/civicpark](http://www.cityoflavista.org/civicpark), or call City Hall, 402-331-4343.

## La Vista City Calendar

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

### May 2013

7	City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.	18	Young Chefs, 3 p.m., Community Center
9	Library Advisory Board, 5:30 p.m., La Vista Library	18	City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
13	La Vista/Metropolitan Community College Condominium Owner's Association, 4 p.m., La Vista Library	19	Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, 7 p.m.
15	Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, 7 p.m.	20	Planning Commission, 7 p.m.
16	Planning Commission, 7 p.m.	21	Summer Escapes, 3 p.m., Central Park
21	City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.	25	Bike Fun and Safety Day, 4:30 p.m., City Hall Parking Lot
23-26	La Vista Daze 2013: Rev Up Summer	29	Urban Scramble Adventure Race
29	Summer Reading and Passport to Play Kickoff, 2 p.m., La Vista Library		

### June 2013

4	City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.	15	Budget Hearing, 6 p.m.
7	Charm School Dropouts (concert)/Days of Thunder (movie), 7 p.m., La Vista Library	16	City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
13	Little Chefs, 11 a.m., Community Center	17	Budget Hearing, 6 p.m.
13	Citizen Advisory Review Committee, 7 p.m.	18	Dinosaur Egg Hunt, 3 p.m., Southwind Park
		18	Planning Commission, 7 p.m.
		28	Splash Bash, 1-4 p.m., La Vista Pool

# May 23-26

## La Vista Daze rev UP summer 2013



#lavistadaze

### Carnival & Vendor Booths

May 23, 5-10 p.m.; May 24, 1-10 p.m.; May 25, 10 a.m.-11 p.m.; May 26, noon-6 p.m., Central Park

### Teen Dance

Thursday, May 23, 7-9 p.m., La Vista Central Park Tennis Courts

### Community Cookout

Friday, May 24, 6 p.m., La Vista City Hall Complex

Free food (while supplies last), concert, climbing wall, bounce houses, fun with chalk art, face painting **Hot Wheels Races & Touch-a-Truck Display**

Sponsored by La Vista Community Foundation

### Car Show & Cruise

Friday, May 24, 5-8 p.m., La Vista Keno

### Fireworks Display

Friday, May 24, dusk, La Vista Falls Golf Course

Tune in to 101.9 The Big O

Sponsored by Bellino Fireworks

### Children's Parade

Saturday, May 25, 1 p.m., Park View Blvd., 78th Street to Lillian Avenue

### Parade

Saturday, May 25, 1 p.m., Park View Blvd., 87th Street to 75th Street

Sponsored by Bank of Nebraska

### Beer Garden

May 24, 5 p.m.-midnight - Featuring "Taxi Driver"      May 25, 4 p.m.-midnight - Featuring "Mr. Sinister"  
Inside the Central Park Tennis Courts

### Pancake Breakfast & Community Worship Service

Sunday, May 26, 8:30 a.m. & 10 a.m., La Vista Central Park Tennis Courts

**[www.cityoflavista.org/lavistadaze](http://www.cityoflavista.org/lavistadaze)**

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Summer

# La Vista rev UP summer

May

23-26 Rev Up Summer: La Vista Daze 2013, Various Locations  
#lavistadaze  
29 Summer Reading and Passport to Play Kickoff, 2 p.m.,  
La Vista Public Library

June

7 Summer Concert/Outdoor Movie, 7 p.m., La Vista Public Library  
CharmSchool Drop-Outs/ Days of Thunder  
13 Little Chefs at La Vista Community Center, 11 a.m.  
21 Summer Escapes: Messy Squirts, 3 p.m., Central Park  
25 Bike Fun and Safety Day, 4:30 p.m., La Vista City Hall parking lot  
29 Urban Scramble Adventure Race, Various Locations

July

12 Summer Concert/Outdoor Movie, 7 p.m., La Vista Public Library  
Quartus/ Back to the Future  
18 Dinosaur Egg Hunt, 3 p.m., Southwind Park  
28 Splash Bash, 1-4 p.m., La Vista Pool

August

6 National Night Out, 6 p.m., La Vista Central Park  
8 Summer Escapes: Hydrant Party, La Vista Central Park, 3 p.m.  
9 Summer Concert/Outdoor Movie, 7 p.m., La Vista Public Library  
Blue House/ Odd Life of Timothy Green



[www.cityoflavista.org/2013events](http://www.cityoflavista.org/2013events)  
#revlavista



# firedepartment



## FIRE BANQUET

The Volunteers pictured above were recognized for their outstanding service to the department during 2012.

Back row (left to right): Greg Graham, Cody Beaudin, Aaron Peth, Mike Kammerer, Matt Rapple, Justin Urlacher, Andy Brewer and Adam Vail.

Front row (left to right): Annie Peterson, Ty Ebel, Angie Monheim and Vicki Pfeifer. The cardboard cutout is Oliver Berglund, who is currently deployed with the U.S. Army.

# policedepartment

## National Night Out Scheduled for August 6

The La Vista Police Department will host its annual National Night Out festivities beginning at 6 p.m., Tuesday, August 6, at La Vista Central Park.

Bring the whole family for a night of fun and activities, including games, free community cookout (while supplies last) and vehicles on display from the Police, Fire and Public Works departments.

For more information, contact Officer Jamie Schuster, 402-331-1582.

## Meet La Vista's Newest Police Officer

Officer Stuart Nadgwick is the newest member of the La Vista Police Department. Born in Mead, Nebraska, Nadgwick graduated from Midland Lutheran University in Fremont with a Bachelor's degree in Sociology.



After college, Nadgwick worked 15 years for the Fremont Police Department prior to being hired in La Vista. While at the Fremont Police Department, Officer Nadgwick worked in both uniform patrol and criminal investigations, and was a member of the Drug and Violent Crime Task Force.

Officer Nadgwick has successfully completed the LVPD Field Training Program and is currently assigned to the Uniform Patrol Bureau.

# Opportunities for Cooperation

Building on a history of cooperative efforts between the La Vista and Papillion communities, two new potential efforts were announced in early March – a study of joint Fire/EMS services and a discussion of sharing facilities for Public Works.

## Fire/EMS

The cities of La Vista, Papillion and the Papillion Rural Fire District are in discussions regarding the potential of joint fire and EMS services.

In the last 10 years, La Vista's population has increased 45 percent and calls for fire and EMS service have increased by 153 percent. In contrast, during that same period of time, despite an emphasis on recruitment efforts, the number of volunteers has not increased proportionally.

In light of these statistics and in an effort to be proactive in planning for future needs, city officials have examined multiple options for providing fire and EMS services to the community, including:

- The formation of a full-time La Vista fire department.
- Providing compensation for the volunteers.
- Combination department
- Entering into a contract with an outside company for EMS services.
- Joining with another entity to provide fire and EMS services.

La Vista reached out to Papillion to discuss possibilities and it appears that continuing discussions with the expectation of a joint solution is the most fiscally-responsible method of providing high-quality fire and EMS services.

Over the past 50 years the men and women of the La Vista Volunteer Fire Department have dedicated thousands of hours a year in service to residents. The level of service and care they have provided has been and continues to be a valuable resource for La Vista's residents.

"Despite efforts to recruit new members,

the number of volunteers has not grown proportional to the city's growth" said Mayor Douglas Kindig. "It breaks my heart to talk about this, but we have to do what's right for the residents of La Vista."

## Shared Facilities for Public Works

La Vista and Papillion have also been discussing potential opportunities for cost savings related to public works facilities.

Papillion has acquired land across the street from the La Vista public works facility and is planning the construction of a new public works complex.

The cities have engaged the services of the firm Strategic Government Resources to assist with an evaluation of opportunities for collaboration. When this analysis is complete, a recommendation will be made.

In the next few months, residents will have the opportunity to give feedback to the City Council on both issues. Watch the city's website, [www.cityoflavista.org](http://www.cityoflavista.org), and Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/cityoflavistagovernment](http://www.facebook.com/cityoflavistagovernment), for more details.

## Summer Reading Program

Are you ready to "Dig Into Reading"? Explore the library's collection for exciting books to read. Learn about the wonders under our feet...root vegetables, buried treasure, mummies, rocks, insects, dinosaur bones, and more.

The 2013 Summer Reading Program will kick off at 2 p.m., Wednesday, May 29 with an ice cream social. Children will register for the summer program and enjoy two scoops of ice cream. Registration is not required; however, participants must have a current library card from the La Vista Public Library.

The summer program, open to children birth through fourth grade, will officially begin Monday, June 3.

Every day, Monday through Friday, we will host a variety of activities such as storytime classes, crafts, games, movie nights, guest speakers and various outdoor activities. Our special guests will visit the library every Wednesday.

For more information about the summer reading program, contact Jodi Linhart, 402-537-3900 or [jlinhart@cityoflavista.org](mailto:jlinhart@cityoflavista.org). Summer reading calendars, complete with our list of special guests, are available at the library or on our website at [www.cityoflavista.org/library](http://www.cityoflavista.org/library).

## Teen Summer Reading Program

Get ready to explore the underground in this year's Teen Summer Reading Program, which will kick off at 3 p.m., Thursday, May 30, where teens can register, play video games and win prizes. Stick around after the kickoff for the second annual Pool Noodle Kendo Club tournament at 5 p.m.

Teens who have completed fifth grade and up may participate in the Teen Summer Reading Program. Activities will take place Tuesday and Thursday. Calendars are available from Lindsey Tomsu, Teen Coordinator. Two programs to note:

June 22-23 – Two-day writing conference with a variety of authors. Teens can learn a wide variety of tips about writing and publishing, have your own stories critiqued in a writing workshop, and get books signed by the authors.

July 19 – Concert performance from video game hip-hop artist, MegaRan.

## Memberships

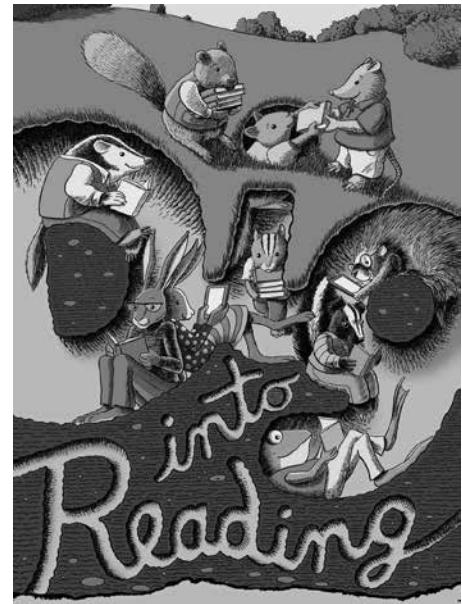
For citizens living outside of the La Vista city limits, the La Vista Public Library now has two memberships to choose from: annual membership for your household for \$55 or a six-month membership for \$30.

## Storytimes

Summer storytimes are coming soon to the library! We offer opportunities for children from six months to five years of age. For a complete list of available storytimes, visit our website, [www.cityoflavista.org/librarystories](http://www.cityoflavista.org/librarystories).

## Get Technical

One-on-one sessions are offered to library cardholders to provide basic computer skills, digital camera and job searching skills. These hands-on classes are held in the library computer lab. Call Jean to set up a time 402-537-3900.



## Database Highlight

The Library is offering a new database for online magazines, Zino. This database has complete digital magazines and publications with simultaneous access. These online publications can be easily viewed on any Internet-enabled device. Topics include: Arts - Automotive - Entertainment - Home - Life Style - Men - News - Science & Technology - Sports - Travel - Women.

## Give it Up

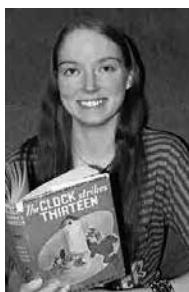
Did you know the library takes donations? Like...the movie you got for Christmas and vowed to never watch again? The music CD you haven't listed to for 10 years and you're wondering why you got it in the first place? Drop off your items at the library. Thank you.

## Library Amnesty Week

The La Vista Public Library's next Amnesty Week will be June 16-22. Bring back those overdue books and other items. No fines if you bring in canned foods for the food bank. This week includes the first day of summer so start your summer off right by coming back to the library. For more information, contact the library, 402-537-3900.

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## Library Teen Coordinator Recognized



The La Vista Public Library's Teen Coordinator, Lindsey Tomsu, was recently recognized by the national trade magazine, Library Journal, as a Mover and Shaker in the library field. Lindsey

has worked at the library since 2009 and has helped grow the teen program from only a handful of participants to nearly 800 a year. For more on the library's teen program, visit the City's website, [www.cityoflavista.org/teens](http://www.cityoflavista.org/teens). The article about Lindsey can be found on the library journal's website, [www.lj.libraryjournal.com](http://www.lj.libraryjournal.com).

## Urban Scramble Adventure Race

If you have a bike and a sense of adventure, this amazing race is for you! Find a friend, form a team of two - then be prepared to run, bike paddle and navigate your way through La Vista and Papillion while searching for checkpoints and completing challenges and mystery events! For more information visit, [cityoflavista.org/urbanrace](http://cityoflavista.org/urbanrace).

## Slumpbuster Baseball

The La Vista Sports Complex will once again host a portion of the Slumpbuster baseball tournament this summer. The tournament, which brings more than 500 teams to the Omaha area during the College World Series, will be in town June 13-27. During this time the area around the sports complex will have significantly increased traffic, so drive with care.

## Council Clips

The following items are highlights of recent City Council action:

- Received resignation of Brenda Carlisle, appointed Kim Thomas to fill the seat.
- Approved purchase of a marked police cruiser.
- Held a work session to discuss financing options for future projects.
- Approved One and Six-Year Street Improvement Plan.
- Approved amendments to the Annexation Plan.
- Approved purchase of electronic message boards.

## City Council Members Continued from page 1

Mr. Thomas is the newest member of the City Council. Representing Ward 1, Mr. Thomas was appointed to the Council in January to serve the remainder of Brenda Carlisle's term. Carlisle was elected to the Sarpy County Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Thomas works for Marcotte Wealth Management and has lived with his family in La Vista since 1990.

"La Vista has been a great community to raise our family," Mr. Thomas said, "and it continues to be a great place to live with good neighbors, good city services and very little crime."

Ms. Hale and Mr. Thomas are looking forward to giving back to the community and helping with the next stages of growth. Ms. Hale can be contacted at [dhale@cityoflavista.org](mailto:dhale@cityoflavista.org). Mr. Thomas can be contacted at [kthomas@cityoflavista.org](mailto:kthomas@cityoflavista.org).

## Community Development Department Project Updates

### ASInc.net

Construction has been completed on a 6,734 s.f. tenant finish for this staffing company. Location: 12702 Westport Parkway.

### Mama's Pizza

Building design review is underway for a building in Mayfair that will house this restaurant. Location: 96th & Giles Road.

### Performance Jeep

Construction is underway to remodel a 2,128 s.f. office at this car dealership. Location: 7010 S. 124th Circle.

### Primrose School

A building permit application has been received for this private preschool offering

innovative, educational child care for infants through private kindergarten and after school. Location: 96th & Giles Road.

### Progressive Insurance

Construction is underway on this 17,011 s.f. claims center and office. Location: 11820 Harrison Street.

### Taylor Industries

Construction has been completed on a 1,200 s.f. tenant finish for this company. Location: 12110 Cary Circle.

### Wal-Mart Neighborhood Market

A building permit has been issued for this new 41,180 s.f. grocery store. Location: 96th & Giles Road.

## From Page 1: La Vista Daze

The Fire Department Water Fights will be moved to the City Hall parking lot immediately following the parade.

The Children's Parade will also have a new look this year. Rather than being held earlier in the day, this event will also start at 1 p.m. and will run along Park View Blvd. from 78th Street to Lillian Avenue. This will give the children an opportunity to pass by the reviewing stand and will also allow residents who have gathered in this area for the large parade to see the Children's Parade.

For more details on these and all other La Vista Daze events please visit the City's website [www.cityoflavista.org/lavistadaze](http://www.cityoflavista.org/lavistadaze) or call City Hall at 402-331-4343.

# LA VISTA cityofficials

## Mayor

Douglas Kindig

## City Council

Kim Thomas, Ward 1  
Mike Crawford, Ward 1  
Ron Sheehan, Ward 2  
Terrilyn Quick, Ward 2  
Deb Hale, 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  
Rich Uhl, Fire Chief  
Rose Barcal, Library Director  
Bob Lausten, Police Chief  
Joe Soucie, Public Works Director  
Scott Stopak, Recreation Director



## Annual Employee Recognition Awards

2012 Employee of the Year honors went to City Engineer/Assistant Public Works Director John Kottmann for his overall dedication to excellence. Kottmann is pictured above with City Administrator Brenda Gunn and Mayor Douglas Kindig. Outstanding service awards were given to Jodi Linhart, David Karlson, Angela Hultberg, Jeremy Kinsey, Mitch Beaumont, Chris Solberg, Heather Fastenau, Russ Addleman, Robert Uhe, Randy Seffron, Tim Keller and Jeff Siebels.

TEAM awards were given to members of the Events Committee, the Employee Focus Group and the Emergency Management Team.

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# what'shappening summer 2013

## **Passport to Play**

Looking for a fun family challenge this summer? Discover La Vista's parks, Community Center, Library and community events. Here's how: Pick up your Passport to Play at the La Vista Library or Community Center or download it from the City's website or Facebook page. Beginning Wednesday, May 29, visit the locations listed and look for the "Passport to Play" sign at each location. Write down the correct color code and letter that matches each number on your Passport to Play. Solve the puzzle and turn in your passport to the La Vista Community Center by August 10 to be eligible to win the La Vista Passport to Play Parks Prize Package. Spend sometime this summer discovering La Vista!

## **Lil' Chefs Cooking Class and Story Time**

Thursday, June 13, 11 a.m., La Vista Community Center. **FEE:** \$3 per child. Limited to 20 participants, parents must accompany child. The La Vista Recreation Department and Library are teaming up to introduce kids ages 3-6 to the world of cooking. We'll start our fun with a story time book about food and finish with the kids preparing a delightful meal. Register in person at the La Vista Community Center, 8116 Park View Blvd. Registration deadline: Friday, June 7, 2013.

## **Junior Chefs Snack Attack**

Tuesday, June 18, 3 p.m. Ages 7-10. Fee: \$5 per child. Limited to 16 participants. The La Vista Recreation Department and Library are teaming up to introduce kids ages 7-10 to the world of cooking. With a little guidance, junior chefs will prepare and eat creative and healthy snacks. Registration deadline: June 11.

## **Summer Escapes – Messy Squirts!**

Friday, June 21, 3 p.m. Central Park. Grades 4 and under. **FEE:** Free, no registration necessary. Escape the boredom of summer and join us at Central Park for an afternoon of very unique fun.

This year's theme is Messy Squirts! You'll have a chance to create unique art. Please dress in something that you can get messy and wet in!

## **Bicycle Fun and Safety Day**

Tuesday June 25, 4:30-6 p.m. City Hall parking lot. Ages: all ages. **FEE:** Free. (Must have helmet to ride through the skills course.) Bring your bike and ride through our skills course, learn bicycle safety information including hand signals, proper helmet fitting, bike checks and riding tips. A limited number of bicycle helmets will be available to give away.

## **Dinosaur Egg Hunt and Story Time**

Thursday, July 18, 3 p.m. Southwind Park, 91st Street and Giles Road by the La Vista Public Library. **FEE:** \$1 per participant. The La Vista Recreation Department and Library are looking for young explorers to help us hunt for giant dinosaur Eggs (watermelons). When all of the eggs are found we will haul them back to the picnic shelter, crack them open and enjoy eating a cold slice. Registration Deadline: Monday, July 15.

## **Summer Escapes Hydrant Party**

Thursday, August 8, 3 p.m. Escape the boredom of summer by joining us for some wet and wild fun at our Hydrant/Super Soaker and Water Balloon Party! Last year's squirt gun and water balloon party was great fun, and this year we hope to top that by turning on a fire hydrant! Bring your squirt guns and super soakers to Central Park and take aim at our Super Soaker Staff! Kids of all ages and parents welcome. WARNING: if you leave the safety of the picnic shelter you will get wet!

## **Wine, Windows, and Linux**

Monday, May 29, 7 p.m. La Vista Community Center. **FEE:** \$20 per student, minimum five students per class. An introductory level class on how using the Linux operating system will extend the life of an older computer. Wine, a free software package that can be loaded on a

Linux operating system, enables many Windows programs to be loaded and run on a Linux machine. Registration Deadline: Sunday, May 28. To register or for more information contact Dudley Allen, 402-291-7887, or via e-mail at dudleydanallen@centurylink.net.

## **Pre-Picasso Art Class**

Monday nights in June, 6:30-7:30 p.m., beginning June 3. Ages 5-6. **FEE:** \$30, all art materials will be supplied. Students will make a variety of 2-D projects that they will take home at the end of the month. For more information or to register contact Julia, 402-917-3500 or jnmason@unomaha.edu.

## **Senior Citizen Art Class**

When: Thursdays, 1:30 p.m. **FEE:** \$10 per class. Contact Charlene Potter 402-203-9605. Inspirational and environmental art classes using oil, watercolor, pen and ink.

## **Cardio Tennis Clinic**

A fun workout set to music combining cardiovascular exercise and tennis. Workout includes: warm up, drills, games, and cool down. Heart rate monitors are used to ensure participants are hitting their target beats per minute and to ensure player safety. Players will need a tennis racquet, heart rate monitor, athletic attire, and a completed registration form. Class will be held Central Park Tennis Courts in La Vista, Edgewood Boulevard and Valley Road. All cardio tennis sessions cost \$150 and last 10 weeks beginning at the end of May and continuing through the end of July.

Wednesdays: 7 p.m.-8p.m. (Juniors, ages 11 and up; 4-10 players)

Thursdays: 6 p.m.-7 p.m. (Adults; 4-10 players)  
Saturdays: 9 a.m.-10 a.m. (Adults; 4-10 players)

To register contact Tom Koziol, 402-905-6708 or via e-mail kozioltennis@gmail.com.

### Developmental Tennis Clinic

Focuses on developing and improving various stroke techniques. Players will be grouped based on skill level to keep the drills balanced. Players will need a tennis racquet, athletic attire, and a completed registration form. All developmental tennis sessions cost \$250 and last 10 weeks beginning at the end of May and continuing through the end of July.

Wed.: 6 p.m.-7 p.m. (Adults 19 and up; 4-6 players)

Thurs.: 5 p.m.-6 p.m. (Juniors, ages 11-18; 4-6 players)

Sat.: 10 a.m.-11 a.m. (Adults 19 and up; 4-6 players)

\*Individuals new to the sport, or those looking for more in-depth technique development are encouraged to seek private instruction. To register contact Tom Koziol, 402-905-6708 or via e-mail [kozioltennis@gmail.com](mailto:kozioltennis@gmail.com). Dates will be added in case of rain cancellations.

### Preschool Play Time

Ages: preschool age and under. **FEE:** Free. When: Tuesdays and Thursday, 10-11 a.m. Zip around the gym on tricycles and cozy coupe cars, play preschool sized basketball, kick balls or just run, jump and play with others! It's a great play date for kids and parents!

### Preschool Play by Play

Tuesdays, June 4-July 16, 9-9:45 a.m., La Vista Community Center. Ages 3-5. **FEE:** \$15 residents, \$20 non-residents. Limited to the first 10 to register. This program is designed to help develop basic motor skills kids use for play and sports. During the six-week program, children will learn the basics of throwing, catching, dribbling, shooting, kicking and batting in a safe and positive environment. Parent/guardian attendance is required and participation is encouraged. Please note that no class will be held on June 25. Registration deadline: May 28.

### Model Airplane License and Field Times

**FEE:** \$30 residents, \$40 non-residents, (includes one-year license and Midwest Performance Flyers Club membership). When: Flying times will be posted on the City's website and Hobby Town U.S.A. Where: La Vista Soccer Complex, 1/4 mile south of Harrison on 66th street. Model airplane flying licenses may be purchased at the HobbyTown, U.S.A. A.M.A. card required to purchase a license.

### Indoor Remote Control Model Airplane Flying

Watch at no cost or bring your indoor plane and pay a small drop-in **FEE:** La Vista residents, \$3, non-resident, \$4, senior residents, free, non-resident seniors, \$2. These lightweight planes will amaze you, as will the individuals who fly them.



## HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Unless otherwise noted, there are no age restrictions for these activities.

### Individual Weight Training Classes

Age: 19 and older. **FEE:** \$25. When: By appointment; two, one-hour sessions. This class teaches the basics of weight training. Learn how to set up and advance, use proper technique and form; and get the most of your weight-training program using both machine and free weights. Body fat testing is included. Contact Rich Carstensen, 402-331-3455 or [rcarstensen@cityoflavista.org](mailto:rcarstensen@cityoflavista.org).

### Indoor Walking club

When: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 8:00 -11:30 a.m. **FEE:** Free. The walking Club is open to any La Vista residents and seniors in the surrounding areas. Time is set aside for walkers, so there will be no interference of other programs.

### Pilates Fusion Matt Class

Saturdays, 8:30-9:15 a.m. **FEE:** \$7 per class. Pilates exercises improve range of motion, balance, posture, flexibility, circulation and abdominal strength. The exercises are easy to follow and are accessible to all fitness levels as there are modification for every stage of strength and fitness. For more information contact Lisa Carter, 402-517-5021 or via email at [leeclisa@cox.net](mailto:leeclisa@cox.net).

### Zumba

Saturdays, 9-10 a.m., La Vista Community Center. Zumba is an easy to follow aerobic exercise with movements that are mainly derived from Latin/International music. This is a fun way to burn calories. For more information contact Adrianna Molina, 402-312-6074, or via email at [zumbamolina@gmail.com](mailto:zumbamolina@gmail.com).

## LA VISTA SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER

The La Vista Senior Center, 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. The Senior Center has plenty of parking and easy access. Visit the City's website, [www.cityoflavista.org/seniorcenter](http://www.cityoflavista.org/seniorcenter) for the monthly senior newsletter, and to look at scheduled activities/trips and lunch menus. Contact Senior Director Rich Carstensen at 402-331-3455 for further information.

## DANCING

### Preschool and Youth Dance Classes

With Katherine Hogston. Ballet, Pointe, Tap, Jazz and more. Ages: preschool and older. Contact: Katherine Hogston, 402-612-3712, or via e-mail [khogsto1@yahoo.com](mailto:khogsto1@yahoo.com).

### Preschool Dance Class

With Lisa Carter. Tuesdays, 9:15-9:45 a.m. La Vista Community Center. **FEE:** \$6 per class. Preschool dance is a specifically designed program for mommy and me focusing on creative dance, music and movement for children ages 18 months to 5 years. For more information, contact Lisa Carter, 402-517-5021, or via e-mail, [leeclisa@cox.net](mailto:leeclisa@cox.net).

### Adult Ballroom Dance Lessons

Mondays 7-8 p.m. Ages: 16 and older. **FEE:** \$40 per four-week session. Join as a single or couple, minimum of six people per class. For more information contact Terry Vargas, 402-639-2209. In each four-week session, 2-3 dances will be taught.

### Adult Belly Dancing Classes

Beginner - Tuesday, 5:30-6:30 p.m.; advanced - 7-8 p.m. Ages 16 and older. **FEE:** \$20 per month. This is 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! Contact Wren Newman, 402-596-1397.

## MARTIAL ARTS

### CHA-3 Kenpo Karate

Tuesday 6-7:30 p.m. Ages: 10 and up. **FEE:** \$40 per month. Realistic self-defense for the whole family that promotes respect, confidence, self discipline and integrity. Kenpo Karate is an art for the individual, allowing each person to achieve the fullest control over his mind and body. Kenpo develops balance, speed, power, breathing control as well as a good means of self-defense. For more information contact Tony Foster, 402-297-3773, or Anthony Foster, 402-917-7135.

### Aikido

Monday and Thursdays; Ages 5-11 6-7 p.m., adults 7-9 p.m. **FEE:** resident children \$20, non-resident children \$25; resident adults \$30, non-resident adult \$35. For more information contact Ron Christenham, 402-339-6124.

### Ninjutsu

Wednesday 5:30 – 7 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m.-11 a.m. **FEE:** \$40 per month. Sakura Academy is a martial arts school that is providing instruction in Japanese Ninjutsu. This class covers Taijutsu (unarmed combat), Kenjutsu (sword combat), Bojutsu (staff combat), as well as improvised weapons. For more information, call 402-305-9210 or send an email to info@sakuraomaha.com.

### Traditional Japanese Swordsmanship

Wednesday, 7-9 p.m.; Saturday, noon-3 p.m. Ages 18 and older or permission from instructor. **FEE:** \$40 per month. Open enrollment. Suio-ryu Iai Kenpo is one of the few ancient systems of Martial arts practiced today. It encompasses a broad variety of techniques such as Iaijutsu (the Art of the Draw), Kumi-iai (paired sword forms), Naginata-jutsu, pure Kenpo sword forms and Wakizashi techniques. For more information, contact Britt Nichols via e-mail at info@suioryu-usa.org.

### Women's Self Defense Class

These self defense classes are designed to instruct practical self defense to women of all ages, sizes, and skill level. We will dispel common self defense myths as well as teach you basic tips and techniques on how to avoid becoming a victim. The self defense classes are a practical and easy approach to safety and empowerment. Rooted in Aikido philosophy and principles, all techniques are simple, sound, easily remembered and very effective. **FEE:** \$20. For more information, contact Claudia Brown-Jackman, 402-630-3169.

### Kendo "Japanese Sword Fighting"

Classes run every 12 weeks and include two swords; the wooden Bokken and the bamboo Shinai. **FEE:** \$50 per month (swords are included), \$135 for full 12 weeks. Students will learn the fundamentals of Kendo "the way of the Sword". There are two twelve week courses designed to prepare you for admission into the Bushinkan Kendo Dojo. For more information contact Mark Porter, 402-715-0500, or via e-mail at learningkendo@cox.net.

## La Vista Recreation Youth & Adult Sports

Fees listed for residents then non-residents

### YOUTH FOOTBALL

Seasons begin in August

### Tackle Football & Cheerleading

Early Bird Registration: June 29 Registration Deadline: July 13

### Tackle Football

Ages: 8-14 as of June 1 (birth certificate required at registration) **FEES:** Before June 29: \$105, non-residents \$135. After June 29: \$110, non-residents \$145. \$180 uniform deposit (separate check, returnable at season's end)

### Cheerleading

Ages: 7-14 as of June 1. **FEES:** Before June 29: \$25, non-residents \$45. After June 29: \$35, non-residents \$55. \$75 uniform deposit (separate check, returnable at season's end).

### Fall Flag Football

Ages: kindergarten-6th grade as of fall 2013 Early Bird Registration: June 29. **FEES:** June 29: \$30, non-residents \$50. After June 29: \$40, non-residents \$60. Registration Deadline: July 13

### YOUTH SOCCER

Seasons begin in September. Early Bird Registration: August 3 Registration Deadline: August 17.

### Soccer Clinic

Ages: 3 as of August 1. **FEES:** Before August 3: \$15, non-residents \$20. After August 3: \$25, non-residents \$30. Five, one-hour sessions on

Saturdays. This is a parent participation clinic designed to teach the basic fundamentals of soccer while having fun. 15 player limit.

### Soccer Academy and League

Sessions are twice a week for five weeks – academy training on Tuesdays & Saturdays.

### Academy

Ages: 4 and 5 as of August 1. **FEES:** Before August 3: \$30, non-resident \$50. After August 3: \$40, non-resident \$60. Focusing on different soccer skills to develop each player with individual attention and maximum ball touches.

### League

Ages: 6 and 7 as of August 1. **FEES:** Before August 3: \$30, non-resident \$50. After August 3: \$40, non-resident \$60. Attend Academy training on Tuesdays, but instead of Academy on Saturdays, teams play league games.

### La Vista Lancer Soccer Club

Participate in the Sarpy County and the ENSA Season begin in August

### Sarpy County Soccer League

Ages: under 8 – under 12 as of August 1. **FEES:** Before June 8: \*\$60. After June 8: \$70. Registration Deadline: June 22

### ENSA

Ages: under 13 – under 15 as of August 1. **FEES:** Before June 8: \*\$60. After June 8: \$70. Registration Deadline: June 22.

**\*Registration fee does not include a uniform. All competitive team uniforms must be ordered through the La Vista Recreation Department.**

### Youth Volleyball

Season begins in October

Ages: 3rd – 6th grade as of fall 2013. Early Bird Registration: August 24. **FEES:** Before August 24: \$30, non-resident \$50. After August 24: \$40, non-resident \$60. Registration Deadline: September 7

### Adult Softball

Games tentatively start on September 3.

**Leagues:** Coed, Men's and Double-Header.

**FEES:** Coed & Men's: \$110 (separate \$40 check, forfeit deposit fee). Double-Header: \$220 (2 separate \$40 checks, forfeit deposit fee).

**Registration Period:** Registration will run June 1st through August 10th or until leagues are full. Coed League will be held on Friday, Sunday & Wednesday evenings; Men's League will be held on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday evenings; Double-Header League will be held on Tuesday & Thursday evenings.



### Red Cross Swimming Lessons

**Morning session:** Mon - Thru, Fri. is a make-up day. **Session 1:** June 17 - 28; **Session 2:** July 8 - 19; **Session 3:** July 29 - Aug 9. Levels: Pre-beginners through level 6. \*All classes are 45 min. in length.

**Evening session - NEW!**: Tues. & Thurs. 6:00-6:45 p.m. Session: July 9 - Aug. 1. Levels: Pre-beginners through level 3 ONLY.

Registration Information: **FEE:** Residents \$30, non-residents \$55. Minimum age for Pre-beginners is age 4. Residents may register beginning April 29; non-residents May 6.

### La Vista Municipal Swimming Pool

The La Vista Municipal Pool will open on Sat. May 25, & close Mon. Sept. 2 (Labor Day). Pool hours are 1:00 - 9:00 p.m. daily. July 9 - Aug. 1, the pool will be closed from 5:45 - 7:00 p.m. for evening swimming lessons. Aug. 12 - Sept. 2 pool hours will be reduced.

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.

#### SWIMMING POOL FEES

##### Daily Admission:

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: .....\$2

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

30-day pass booklet (residents).....\$50

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

### Community Center hours of operation

**(please note: hours are different for adult and youth):**

Mon. - Fri.: ..... 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.

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

Sun. (Sept. 9 - April 30): ..... 1 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Adults Only

Mon. - Fri. (School Year): ..... 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Adults & Youth

Mon. - Fri. (School Year): ..... 3 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Mon. - Fri. (Scheduled Days Off School):

1:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.

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

**Please Note: Beginning August 1, the La Vista Recreation Department began sending youth and adult sport registrations via e-mail only. If you have provided us with your e-mail address, you will receive a message each season when we have opened registrations. These forms are also available by visiting the City's Web site, [www.cityoflavista.org/youthsports](http://www.cityoflavista.org/youthsports) and by visiting the La Vista Community Center.**

### La Vista Falls Golf Course

Nestled in a valley below 84th Street in the heart of the City, La Vista Falls features finely mowed fairways, lush greens and elevated tee boxes amidst trees, small lakes and streams.

Affordability and flexibility are what make La Vista Falls perfect for nearly every type of group outing. The course's wide-open format ensures you won't feel crowded, even with the biggest group. A wide variety of concessions and equipment are available from the clubhouse. After your outing, relax on the patio and enjoy the view.

Did you know now you can request a tee time online? Visit the City's Web site, [www.cityoflavista.org/teetime](http://www.cityoflavista.org/teetime), to request a specific time and even specify how many will be coming with you. When your request is received at the clubhouse, we will send you an e-mail with confirmation of your tee time and then you're set to go!

Openings available for family, company, school and night time golf outings.

### Junior Golf Tee Times

Ages: 12-16. When: Mondays and/or Wednesdays, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. **FEE:** \$8 per person, per day. Sign up as individuals or groups for as many days or weeks as you would like. Contact: Denny Dinan, 402-339-9147

Green Fees & Specials, March 1-Sept. 30

Adult – 16 and over

Junior – 15 and under

Senior – 55 and over

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

Memberships:

Jr/Sr .....\$300

Family .....\$750

Adult .....\$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 free):

Adult .....\$100

Jr/Sr .....\$80

For further information on green fees, cart fees, punch cards, season passes, etc., visit our Web site, [www.cityoflavista.org](http://www.cityoflavista.org) or call 402-339-9147.

### Special Services Bus

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

Passports must be completed and turned in to the La Vista Community Center by August 10, 2013.

### Registration Form

**Play**  
**Passport to**

**Passport to Play**

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**rev UP summer**



[www.cityoflavista.org/parksmap](http://www.cityoflavista.org/parksmap)

For a map of La Vista's parks, visit the City's Web site

Southwind 92nd Ave. & Brentwood Dr.  
Pool 7529 S. 85th St.  
Mayors 72nd St. & Park View Blvd.  
Library 9110 Giles Rd.  
Kelly McMahon 87th St. & Park View Blvd.  
Jaccee 75th St. & Joseph Ave.  
Hollis 7514 Michelle Ave.  
Gilles Corner 69th St. & Josephine Ave.  
Eberle-Walden 8116 Park View Blvd.  
Community Center 78th St. & Josephine Ave.  
City 72nd St. & Josephine Ave.  
Children's 75th Ave. & Park View Blvd.  
Champion 72nd St. & Woodlane Dr.  
Central 69th St. & Michelle Ave.  
Ardmore 7120 Woodlane Dr.  
Camenzind 72nd St. & Park View Blvd.  
Apollo 69th St. & Michelle Ave.  
La Vista Park & Event Locations

# Passport to Play

Rev up your summer by exploring La Vista!

Looking for a fun family challenge this summer? Discover La Vista's parks and community events, find the clues to solve a puzzle that will enter you to win a grand prize package!

## Here is how to play:

1. Families with children 13 and younger are welcome to participate.
2. Look for the Passport to Play sign at each location. Each sign will have a different letter and number.
3. Write down the color of the dot on the sign and correct letter that matches each number on your Passport to Play.
4. To be eligible for the prize package, solve the entire puzzle by visiting all the parks and special events and filling in all the colors.
5. Solve the puzzle and turn in your Passport to Play to the La Vista Community Center by **August 10** to be eligible to win the Passport to Play Prize Package!

## Parks and Event Locations

1. La Vista Community Center	10. La Vista Public Library
2. Apollo Park	11. Giles Corner
3. Ardmore Park	12. Eberle-Walden Park
4. Camenzind Park	13. Southwind Park
5. Jaycee Park	14. Hollis Park
6. Champion Park	15. Kelly McMahon Park
7. Children's Park	16. Mayor's Park
8. La Vista Concerts & Movies (held outdoors at the Library)	17. La Vista Swimming Pool (Bring your passport for one free family admittance to the pool.)
9. City Park	18. National Night Out, Central Park, 6 p.m., August 6

Can you solve the Passport to Play Puzzle?

Letters

1      2      3      4      5      6      7      8      9      10      11      12      13      14      15      16      17      18

Color Dot

1      2      3      4      5      6      7      8      9      10      11      12      13      14      15      16      17      18