



# Press Release

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## La Vista Daze To Rev Up Summer

La Vista Daze 2013, scheduled for May 23-26, will celebrate the kick-off to summer with the theme “Rev Up Summer”. The festival will combine old traditions with new twists as well as first-ever events geared toward fun for the entire family.

The festival will officially begin Wednesday, May 22, with a prayer walk starting at 7 p.m. at La Vista Junior High, 7900 Edgewood Blvd. The Mighty Thomas Carnival and vendor booths will open Thursday, May 23, at 5 p.m. in Central Park (1/4 mile north of Giles Road on Edgewood Boulevard).

There are several new events included in the Friday evening festivities:

- **Car Show and Cruise** – 5-8 p.m., Friday, May 24, in the La Vista Keno parking lot. This event was inspired by the Rev Up Summer theme. The car show is open to all makes, models and classes. After the car show concludes, those participating in the show will be invited to cruise the streets of La Vista with a police escort.
- **Touch-a-Truck Display** – 5-8 p.m., Friday, between City Hall and La Vista Keno. A variety of vehicles will be available for children to climb in and explore.
- **Hot Wheels Races** – 6:30 p.m., Friday, Community Center Gym. Bring your favorite Hot Wheels, Matchbox or similar-sized car and compete against your peers for bragging rights and prizes. A car will be provided to those who don't bring one. Age divisions beginning at age three.

The annual La Vista Daze Community Cookout and fireworks display, sponsored by the La Vista Community Foundation, Beacon Building Services and Bellino Fireworks, will be held beginning at 6 p.m., Friday, May 24, at the City Hall Complex, 8116 Park View Blvd. This event will feature:

- Free barbecue pork sandwiches, hot dogs, hamburgers, chips and drinks beginning at 6 p.m., ***while supplies last.***
  - Those who attend the Community Cookout are asked to bring a non-perishable food item for the Tri-City Food Pantry and a lawn chair for watching the concert and fireworks.
- Activities for the whole family including a climbing wall, bounce houses, face painting and fun with chalk art.
- The band, eNVy, will give a free concert from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

- Fireworks display, provided by Bellino Fireworks, over La Vista Falls Golf Course at dusk. Tune in to the radio station 101.9, the Big O, for music synched to the display.

The Beer Garden will be open on Friday and Saturday night at the Central Park Tennis Courts. The band “Taxi Driver” will be featured on Friday and “Mr. Sinister” will be playing on Saturday.

The parade, sponsored by Bank of Nebraska, will begin at 1 p.m. on Saturday at 87<sup>th</sup> Street and Park View Boulevard, proceed across 84<sup>th</sup> Street on Park View and end at 75<sup>th</sup> Street. The grand marshal of the parade will be Pastor Roger Criser of Harrison Street Baptist Church.

La Vista Daze 2013 will also feature the following events:

- **Teen Dance** – 7-9 p.m., Thursday night at the Central Park Tennis Courts, sponsored by Acapriccio Dance Company and La Vista Fraternal Order of Police.
- **Children’s Parade** – 1 p.m., Saturday on Park View from 78<sup>th</sup> Street to Lillian Ave.
- **Remote-Controlled Airplanes (sponsored by Midwest Performance Fliers)** – An air show at the La Vista Sports Complex Flying Field followed by lessons on Saturday, 3-5 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. respectively and on Sunday, noon-2 p.m. and 2-4 p.m.
- **Pancake Breakfast and Community Worship Service (sponsored by La Vista area churches)** – Sunday, 8:30 a.m. at the Central Park tennis courts, rain or shine. A freewill donation pancake breakfast, with proceeds going to the La Vista West Elementary PTO, followed by a worship service at 10 a.m., featuring guest speaker Jason Currie from Omaha Youth for Christ.

The list of the vendors, who will be in the park all weekend, is available on the City’s website.

For more information about La Vista Daze 2013, visit the City’s website,  
[www.cityoflavista.org/lavistadaze](http://www.cityoflavista.org/lavistadaze).

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*Note to editors and reporters: You are invited to cover any La Vista Daze events. So that we can answer your questions in a timely manner, please notify Mitch Beaumont via cell phone, 402-980-2863.*