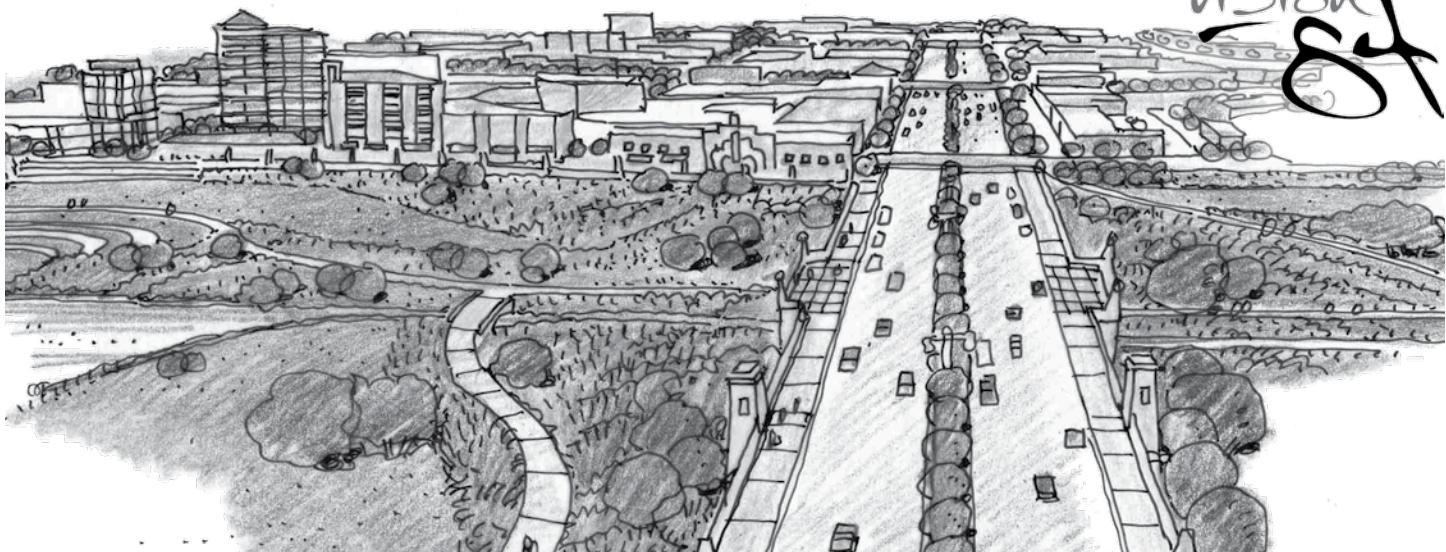




Funding for the Redevelopment of 84th Street

Residents Asked to Approve ½ Cent Sales Tax



"What should be the highest priorities for the City of La Vista to make this community a better place to live?"
Revitalizing 84th Street was the answer specifically identified by nearly 50% of the respondents in the recent National Citizen Survey.

Long before it was evident that the deterioration of the 84th Street corridor was imminent, City officials were discussing the potential need for redevelopment. At the time, it was difficult to determine the extent of the decline and what would be necessary to return the area to its former "Golden Mile" status. When Walmart announced their plans to move out of La Vista, the Mayor and City Council made the revitalization of 84th Street their top strategic priority.

To better understand and address the challenges presented by the decline of the once thriving retail shopping destination,

significant community based planning efforts took place and resulted in A Vision Plan for 84th Street. The study associated with **Vision 84** concluded that 84th Street would never be the regional shopping hub it once was and that the City would need to consider other alternatives. As a result, the plan anticipates transforming the corridor from vacant and blighted into a vibrant and sustainable mixed use development consisting of a town center with opportunities for people to live, work, eat and shop, and an expansive Civic Center Park.

With a plan in place, the focus has now become implementation. **Vision 84** is a massive undertaking with several major components:

- Create a town center
- Improve pedestrian safety and access
- Link the east side of 84th Street to the west side

- Convert the Golf Course into Civic Center Park
- Update and improve existing infrastructure along the entire corridor
- Potential acquisition and demolition of property

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"The decline of 84th Street did not happen overnight," said Mayor Douglas Kindig. "And bringing it back will not happen overnight either. It will take time, resources, planning, adjustment and re-adjustment. We are beginning just the first chapter of the novel that will be redeveloping 84th Street, and the approval of the additional half-cent sales tax is essential to making our vision become reality."

A MINUTE WITH mayor kindig



Nearly every day, and certainly every time I speak to a community group or attend an event, someone asks me the question, "What are you doing about 84th Street?"

At various stages of the process there have been different answers, but soon I hope to be able to tell people we have a funding source in place to start making progress toward our vision.

On February 18, the City Council will consider placing an initiative on the May 13 primary election ballot asking voters to approve an additional half-cent sales tax to be designated for costs associated with the redevelopment of 84th Street (see story on page 1).

I would encourage you to attend this meeting. If you are unable to attend please do not hesitate to call City Hall for additional information or to voice your opinion.

Our vision for revitalizing the corridor is a solid, aggressive plan that will transform 84th Street. The 84th Street envisioned in the plan would bring sustainable development to the area for many generations to come.

The additional half-cent sales tax is the tool we need to start making meaningful progress.

If the City Council does vote to put this issue on the ballot, I encourage all La Vista residents to get out and vote in May on this very important issue.

Thank you for your consideration.

— Mayor Douglas Kindig

La Vista City Calendar

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

February 2014

- 4 City Council, 7 p.m.
- 6 Lego Club, 3:30 p.m., Community Center
- 6 All Age Storytime, 10 a.m., Library
- 13 All Age Storytime, 10 a.m., Library
- 13 Little Chefs Valentine Cookie Decorating, 11 a.m., Community Center
- 18 City Council, 7 p.m.
- 19 Park and Recreation Advisory Board, 7 p.m.
- 20 Planning Commission, 7 p.m.
- 20 All Age Storytime, 10 a.m., Library
- 27 All Age Storytime, 10 a.m., Library

March 2014

- 4 City Council, 7 p.m.
- 6 Lego Club, 3:30 p.m., Community Center
- 6 All Age Storytime, 10 a.m., Library
- 6 Library Advisory Board, 7 p.m., Library
- 7 Creative Hands, 9:30 a.m., Library
- 10 Spring Fling Hot Wheels Drag Races, 3 p.m., Community Center
- 12 Ultimate Cupcake Party, 2 p.m., Library
- 13 Citizen Advisory Review Committee, 7 p.m.
- 14 Senior St. Patrick's Day Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Community Center
- 18 City Council, 7 p.m.
- 19 Park and Recreation Advisory Board, 7 p.m.
- 20 All Age Storytime, 10 a.m., Library
- 20 Planning Commission, 7 p.m.
- 21 Creative Hands, 9:30 a.m., Library
- 27 All Age Storytime, 10 a.m., Library
- 28 Creative Hands, 9:30 a.m., Library

April 2014

- 1 City Council, 7 p.m.
- 3 All Age Storytime, 10 a.m., Library
- 3 Lego Club, 3:30 p.m., Community Center
- 4 Creative Hands, 9:30 a.m., Library
- 10 All Age Storytime, 10 a.m., Library
- 11 Creative Hands, 9:30 a.m., Library
- 15 City Council, 7 p.m.
- 16 Park and Recreation Advisory Board, 7 p.m.
- 17 All Age Storytime, 10 a.m., Library
- 17 Planning Commission, 7 p.m.
- 19 Easter Egg Hunt, 10 a.m., Sports Complex
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Annual tree lighting celebration kicks off holiday season

The Community Center was the place to be on Monday, December 2, for the City's annual tree lighting celebration. Those in attendance watched Santa light the tree outside City Hall and then enjoyed soup and chili provided by the Mayor and City Council, holiday entertainment from La Vista schools and other community groups, and children visited Santa. To view photos of past events, visit the City's Facebook page, www.facebook.com/cityoflavistagovernment.



police department



Police Department Sponsors Holiday Shopping Program

The Police Department participated in a new program this past December called Cops and Kids. Officer Jamie Brown organized the program, which selected children from La Vista schools whose families would be struggling to provide Christmas

presents. The children were selected by school officials and on a Sunday morning in December, the 32 children were treated to a shopping trip through the Papillion Super Target store and were accompanied by members of the Police Department. Above, the group poses for a photo.

Register to Receive Emergency Notifications

The City's new emergency notification system, provided by Nixle, is now operational!

With the Nixle service, citizens will be able to receive emergency and other notifications on their cell phones, landlines and/or e-mail.

Residents with landline telephones should have received a test call from the City informing them their phone numbers are in the system and giving them more information about how it will be used in the future.

With the test complete, the City can now utilize the Nixle system to call subscribers

to alert them to an emergency situation. Messages sent to subscribers will be one of three types:

- **Alerts** – messages pertaining to urgent matters involving health, life and safety dangers such as water boil orders, and health pandemics, Amber Alerts, and hostage situations.
- **Advisories** – messages sent to residents in a specific geographic area regarding topics such as water main breaks, major road closures, missing children and crime sprees.
- **Community** – messages sent via e-mail only regarding City-sponsored events that

will impact a specific area with a large population.

The Nixle system will notify residents with phone calls, text and/or e-mail messages. Residents can now subscribe to receive these alerts on either the City's website, www.cityoflavista.org/notifications, or by texting La Vista's ZIP code, 68128 to the number 888777.

Residents who received the test call and would like to register their cell phone and/or e-mail accounts, can do so on the website as well.

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A potential funding source being considered is an additional ½ cent sales tax. Until recently the sales tax rate in Nebraska was capped at 7% – of that, 5.5% is State sales tax and up to an additional 1.5% may be City sales tax. In 2012, the Legislature granted new authority to cities allowing them to add an additional ½ cent of sales tax for public infrastructure or voter-approved infrastructure related to an economic development program, including redevelopment projects.

Projected revenue in La Vista from an additional ½ cent sales tax is estimated at approximately \$1.1 million annually and would

be **designated specifically for the redevelopment of the 84th Street corridor.** This level of funding would put the City in a position to start making visible progress.

The City Council is scheduled to consider placing the question of an additional ½ cent sales tax on the May primary ballot at their February 18, 2014 meeting. Residents and business owners are encouraged to attend the meeting. It begins at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 8116 Park View Blvd.

Annual Clean-Up Days

The annual clean-up days will be held Friday, April 25 and Saturday, April 26 from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

All residents, including residents in the City's Extra-Territorial Zoning Jurisdiction, are encouraged to take advantage of this free disposal service by bringing discarded items to the Public Works Facility, 9900 Portal Road.

Examples of items that will be accepted include major appliances, lawn and household furniture, toys, bikes, lawn mowers, grills and mattresses. There will be a separate dumpster to collect yard waste, leaves and grass clippings. Tree branches will be accepted if their diameter is less than 6 inches. Motor oil and anti-freeze will be accepted but must be free of debris. Household batteries and car batteries will also be accepted. **Paint, tires and hazardous waste will not be accepted.**

In addition, document shredding services will be provided on Saturday, April 26.

Documents will be shredded on site and staples and paper clips do not need to be removed.

Proof of residency will be required; either a valid driver's license or a utility bill. For more information, contact the Public Works Department, 402-331-8927.

2014 Public Works Construction Projects

The following projects should start during the 2014 construction season. Questions concerning any of the projects can be directed to La Vista Public Works Department at 402-331-8927.

- Extension of West Papio Trail – 90th Street to Giles Road.
- Improvements to the intersection of 132nd Street and West Giles Road.
- Channel and bank improvements on Thompson Creek from 72nd Street to Central Park.
- 85th Street Sanitary Sewer Replacement.
- 69th Street Sanitary Sewer Lining.

- Traffic signal at Eastport Parkway and Harrison Street.

Sewer Division Works to Keep Lines Clean Year-Round

Each fall the sewer division works to clear the sanitary sewer lines throughout the city. The crews use special foam, which kills tree roots but not the trees.

The foam takes approximately four to six weeks to kill the roots, after which time the sewer crews go back and cut them out. Roots eliminated by the foam typically don't grow back for two to three years, as compared to roots not treated by the foam which grow back in just a few months.

This past fall the sewer crews performed the root foaming on 72 lines throughout the city, which took approximately two and a half weeks to complete.

Community Development Department Project Updates

Contractors and building companies are busy in various parts of La Vista completing a wide variety of projects, big and small, for local companies. Pictured is the Mama's Pizza project on 96th Street just north of Giles Road.



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



Buffalo Bill is coming to the library February 15 at 2 p.m. Presenter Jeff Barnes is returning to the library with a presentation covering the time William F. Cody spent in his adopted state of Nebraska as a scout, hunter, performer, showman and a legend. Mr. Barnes will share with the audience images that demonstrate and paint a picture of Buffalo Bill that many may not have not heard before. This speaker is brought to you by Humanities Nebraska.



Read Across America Day

This annual event encourages all children around the world to read. It is celebrated on March 2, the birthday of children's author Dr. Seuss. The library will be hosting a Dr. Seuss birthday celebration on Monday, March 3, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Registration is not required. Contact the library for more information.

Enroll today in a story time!

The library offers story times for children from 6 months to 5 years of age. These are free of charge and there is a list of all programs on our website, www.cityoflavista.org/library.

Overdrive

Did you get an e-reader for Christmas? You can check out digital audiobooks and eBooks, available to download from the library's website. Check out and download digital media anytime, anywhere by visiting <http://nebraska.lib.overdrive.com>.

Need help with technology?

If you are struggling with computer skills, we can help you! Set up a one-on-one instructional session at the library. Call the library for an appointment.

Lego Club

The Lego Club meets the second Tuesday of the month from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Come build your Lego masterpieces one brick at a time! It is open to children of all ages.

2014 Summer Reading Programs

The summer reading program will kick off on Wednesday, May 28 with a special magic show! This year's theme is "Fizz Boom Read!" Children, birth to fourth grade, will enjoy reading and learning about science, robots, colors, music, cooking and more during our 10 week program.

The teen summer reading program will feature the theme "It's Alive . . . at the Lib-ratory!" Keep an eye out for more information about the kick-off party which will take place at the end of May.

Teen Activities

Teen programs, open to fifth grade and up, are held every Tuesday and Thursday at 6 p.m. during the school year. Stop by the library or our website, www.cityoflavista.org/library, for calendars listing all the programs. Special events include an anti-Valentine's party, spring break movie-a-thon and spring break game day.

Library Web Catalog

Log into your library account, write a book review and more from our online catalog at www.cityoflavista.org/librarycatalog.

Weather Announcement

When Papillion-La Vista Schools close due to weather conditions, the library will cancel all scheduled programming for safety purposes. This includes story time, crafts, and other events.

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Trees Grant

The Parks Department recently received a \$5,000 grant from the Trees for Nebraska Towns which will be used to replace trees and add several in the right-of-way along 72nd, 84th and 96th streets.

La Vista Community Foundation Gives Grants to Departments

The Recreation and Police departments and the Library recently received numerous grants from the La Vista Community Foundation.

The Police Department received a \$3,500 grant, which will help put automated external defibrillators in police cruisers.

The Library received two grants: the first for \$500 to help with a Civil War exhibit the Library will host in October; and the second for \$3,000 for technology updates in the children's area including a flat screen TV, iPad and DVD player.

The Recreation Department received a total of four grants: the first for \$2,000 for the senior center to replace chairs and other equipment; the second for \$600 for special services bus passes for low income seniors; the third for \$1,000 for the annual Easter Egg hunt; and the fourth for \$800 for the Spread the Warmth coat drive.

The UnderTheSink Facility

UnderTheSink accepts unwanted chemicals, paint and special waste from households in Douglas and Sarpy Counties. A list of accepted items and more information can be found at www.underthesink.org. The facility hours and location are: 4001 South 120th Street, Omaha, NE 68137-1205; 402-444-7465 Hours: Wed., 9 a.m.-4:45 a.m., Thurs., 9 a.m.-6:15 p.m., Fri., 9 a.m.-4:45 p.m., Saturday by appointment only.

Council Clips

The following items are highlights of recent City Council action:

- Approved the purchase of property on Hupp Drive adjacent to the existing facility.
- Approved a contract with Oakhaven Homes for remodeling work at the District 1 fire station.
- Approved the purchase of new computers for the children's area at the Library.
- Conducted a public hearing on the initial 84th Street redevelopment project.
- Approved an agreement allowing for the construction of the West Papio Trail from 90th Street to Portal Road.



May 22-25

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Douglas Kindig

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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

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Brenda Gunn

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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



Mayor Gives Award to City Law Firm

The City's law firm of Fitzgerald, Schorr, Barmettler and Brennan recently celebrated its 125th anniversary. To commemorate the milestone, Mayor Kindig presented the firm with the Mayor's Distinguished Business Partner Award. Accepting the award was longtime city attorney Joe Barmettler and current city attorney Tom McKeon. Pictured is City Councilmember Ron Sheehan, Barmettler, Mayor Kindig and McKeon.

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Join the Fun!

Welcome to the La Vista Recreation Department! From youth and adult sports to programs and classes, we offer a wide range of activities and events for the whole family.

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How do I register for an activity? >
To register for an activity you will need to create an account and then click on the above link to view upcoming activities. From there, you can view and select the activity for which you would like to register.

How do I reserve facilities? >
To reserve a facility you will need to create an account and then click the "Make Reservation" button. You will be asked specific questions about your event so we can customize your reservation to best suit your needs.

Little Chefs Family Valentine Cookie Decorating
Thursday, February 13, 11 a.m., Community Center. **FEE:** \$1. Registration deadline Tuesday, February 11. All ages are welcome to participate. A parent or adult guardian must accompany the child.

Online Registration, Payments NOW Available!

The City recently partnered with Active Network, which provides an online system giving residents the ability to conduct their business with the Recreation Department online, including:

- Register and pay for all youth and adult sports as well as other programs
- Request and pay for rooms and park shelters

This system is accessible through the City's website and allows residents the ability to track the items they purchase and conveniently saves your payment information for future transactions, all in a secure, online environment.

To access the system, visit the City's website at www.cityoflavista.org/active.

If you don't have a computer or you prefer to register in person at the Community Center, you can still do that as well.

For more information, contact the Recreation Department, 402-331-3455.

Community Center Lego Club
First Thursdays of the month in February, March and April, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Community Center. **FREE.** Create a Lego masterpiece one brick at a time with the La Vista Community Center Lego Club! Each month we'll have a different theme and the Community Center will provide the Legos. Registration is not required. The Community Center is also looking for donations of Legos for use in this club. If you have Legos to donate please drop them off at the Community Center. Children ages 5-11 are welcome to participate (Parents must accompany children ages 7 and under).



Ultimate Cupcake Party

Wednesday, March 12, 2 p.m., Library. **FREE**. Registration deadline Friday, March 7. Join Ms. Jodi and Mr. David for an ultimate cupcake party! We will supply the cupcakes, frosting and toppings, you supply the decorating talent! Limited to the first 24 participants. Ages 4-10 are welcome to participate.

Spring Fling Hot Wheels Drag Races

Monday, March 10 and Monday April 21, 3 p.m., Community Center. **FREE**. Bring your favorite Hot Wheels, Matchbox or similar-sized car and compete on an Electronic Drag Racing Track against your friends for bragging rights and prizes! This tournament-style event will have the opportunity to race multiple times. Come early and test the track! A car will be provided if you don't have one. Kids and adults of all ages welcome!

Arbor Day Celebration

Thursday, April 24, 10 a.m., Community Center. **FREE**. Join us for an outdoor story time and Arbor Day tree planting followed by Preschool Play Time in the gym. There will be a special gift to all children who attend.

Easter Egg Hunt

Bring a canned food donation for the Tri-City Food Pantry! Saturday, April 19, beginning at 10 a.m., Sports Complex 1/4 mile south of Harrison on 66th Street. Staggered starting times, please come early to allow time to park and walk to the appropriate field.

Ages 4 and under at 10 a.m. on softball field #2

Ages 5, 6 and 7 at 10:10 a.m. on softball field #3

Ages 8, 9 and 10 at 10:20 a.m. on softball field #4

**Children may only participate in one age group.

Preschool Playtime and Easter Egg Dying

Tuesday, April 15, 10:30 a.m. **FREE**. Children ages 2-5 are welcome to join us for Preschool Playtime and then to color Easter eggs with Kool-Aid.

Preschool Playtime Rainbow Craft Day

Tuesday, March 18, 10:30 a.m. **FREE**. Children ages 2-5 are welcome to join us for Preschool Playtime and then to show us your creative side with our rainbow craft.

Spring Kite Festival

The La Vista Spring Kite Festival, hosted by the American Kite Fliers Association, will be held on Sunday, May 4, noon-4 p.m. at the La Vista Soccer Complex. Bring a kite to fly and kids bring a bag for the candy drop! See some of the world's largest and most creative kites!

Free Tax Help

February 1-April 15 at the La Vista Community Center, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Wednesdays, 3-7 p.m. Geared toward taxpayers with low-middle income with special attention to those ages 60 and older. No appointments, walk-ins only. To prepare for your visit, see the instruction sheet at the Community Center, or visit the City's website, www.cityoflavista.org/recreation.

Senior Art Class

Thursdays, 1:30 p.m., Community Center. **FREE**: \$10 per class. Inspirational and environmental art class using oil, watercolor, pen and ink. For more information, contact Charlene Potter, 402-203-9605.

Preschool Play Time

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10-11 a.m., Community Center. **FREE**. Preschool ages and under. Zip around the gym on tricycles and cozy coupe cars, play preschool-sized basketball and kick balls. Or just run, jump and play with others. It's a great play date for kids and parents.

Model Airplane License and Field Times

La Vista Soccer complex, 1/4 mile south of Harrison on 66th Street. Flying times are available on our website and at Hobby town USA. **FREE**: \$30, \$40 non-residents, which includes a one-year license and Midwest Performance Flyers club membership. A.M.A. card required to purchase a license.

Indoor Remote Control Model Airplane Flying

Community Center. Watch at no cost or bring your indoor plane and pay a small drop-in fee to fly. **FREE**: \$3, non-resident \$4, senior, free; non-resident senior \$2. These lightweight planes will amaze you, as will the individuals who fly them.

La Vista Remote Control Car and Truck Club

Second and fourth Sundays, 1-3 p.m., Community Center, beginning January 12. If you are a fan of R/C Cars, join the La Vista Dirt Demons. For more information contact Tyson, 402-753-7797, visit the Dirt Demons' website, www.dirtdemonsrcomaha.wix.com/dirtdemons, or follow them on Facebook at Dirt Demons R/C Omaha.

La Vista Remote Control Car Racing League

Second and fourth Sunday, 2-3 p.m. beginning January 12 through March, Community Center. Join the Dirt Demons at the La Vista Community Center. For race rules and more information, visit the Dirt Demons' website, www.dirtdemonsrcomaha.wix.com/dirtdemons, or contact Tyson, 402-753-7797.

Pickle Ball

Community Center Gym. Tuesdays, 7-8:30 p.m., beginning April 1. Regular drop-in fees apply, \$3, \$4 non-residents. Pickle ball is a paddle sport which combines elements of badminton, tennis and table tennis.



**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.



HEALTH AND WELLNESS

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

Individual Weight Training Classes

Community Center. Ages 18 and older. **FEE:** \$25. Two, one-hour sessions, by appointment only. 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. For more information, contact Rich Carstensen, 402-331-3455 or via e-mail at rcarstensen@cityoflavista.org.

Indoor Walking Club

Monday-Friday, 8 - 10 a.m., Community Center. **FREE.** Walking 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.

Zumba

Saturdays, 9-10 a.m., 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 Adriana Molina, 402-312-6074 or via email at zumbamolina@gmail.com.

MARTIAL ARTS

CHA-3 Kenpo Karate

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6-7:30 p.m., Community Center, 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. For more information, contact Tony Foster, 402-297-3773 or Anthony Foster, 402-917-7135.

Aikido

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

Ninjutsu

Wednesdays (5:30-7 p.m.) and Saturdays (9-11 a.m.), Community Center. **FEE:** \$40 per month. 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 e-mail to info@sakuraomaha.com.

Traditional Japanese Swordsmanship

Wednesdays (7-9 p.m.) and Saturdays (noon-3 p.m.), Community Center, ages 18 and older. **FEE:** \$40 per month. 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), Naginatajutsu, pure Kenpo sword forms and Wakizashi techniques. For more information, contact Britt Nichols via e-mail at info@suioryu-usa.org.

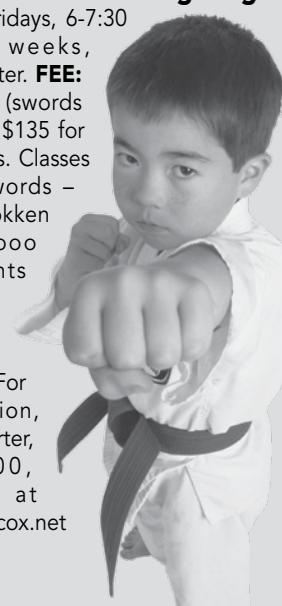
Women's Self Defense Class

FEE: \$25. The 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. Self defense classes are a practical and easy approach to safety and

empowerment. For more information, contact Claudia Brown-Jackman, 402-630-3169 or visit www.shuurindojo.com.

Kendo Japanese Sword Fighting

Tuesdays and Fridays, 6-7:30 p.m. for 12 weeks, Community Center. **FEE:** \$50 per month (swords are included) or \$135 for the full 12 weeks. Classes include two swords – the wooden Bokken and the bamboo Shinai. Students will learn the fundamentals of Kendo "the way of the Sword". For more information, contact Mark Porter, 402-715-0500, or via e-mail at learningkendo@cox.net





YOUTH & ADULT SPORTS

Fees listed for residents then non-residents

BASEBALL

Seasons begin in April

Bronco Baseball League

Early bird registration: February 22 Registration deadline: March 8. Ages: Boys ages 11/12 as of April 1. **FEES:** Before February 22: *\$70, non-residents *\$100. After February 22: \$80, non-residents \$110. *Registration fee does not include baseball pants. Pants must be purchased by the player.

Mustang Baseball League

Early bird registration: February 22 Registration deadline: March 8. Ages: Boys ages 9/10 as of April 1. **FEES:** Before February 22: *\$60, non-residents *\$80. After February 22: \$70, non-residents \$90. *Registration fee does not include baseball pants. Pants must be purchased by the player.

Pinto Baseball League

Early bird registration: February 22 Registration deadline: March 8. Ages: Boys ages 7/8 as of April 1. **FEES:** Before February 22: *\$45, non-residents *\$60. After February 22: \$55, non-residents \$70. *Registration fee does not include baseball pants. Pants must be purchased by the player.

SOFTBALL

Seasons begin in April

Pony Softball League

Early bird registration: February 22 Registration deadline: March 8. Ages: Girls ages 13/14 as of April 1. **FEES:** Before February 22: *\$85, non-residents *\$105. After February 22: \$95, non-residents \$115. *Registration fee does not include softball pants. Pants must be purchased by the player.

Bronco Softball League

Early bird registration: February 22 Registration deadline: March 8. Ages: Girls ages 11/12 as of April 1. **FEES:** Before February 22: *\$70, non-residents *\$100. After February 22: \$80, non-residents \$110. *Registration fee does not include softball pants. Pants must be purchased by the player.

Mustang Softball League

Early bird registration: February 22 Registration deadline: March 8. Ages: Girls ages 9/10 as of April 1. **FEES:** Before February 22: *\$60, non-residents *\$80. After February 22: \$70, non-residents \$90. *Registration fee does not include softball pants. Pants must be purchased by the player.

Pinto Softball League

Early bird registration: February 22 Registration deadline: March 8. Ages: Girls ages 7/8 as of April 1. **FEES:** Before February 22: *\$45, non-residents *\$60. After February 22: \$55, non-residents \$70.

Coed T-Ball

Season begins in June. Early bird registration: April 19 Registration deadline: May 3. Ages: Boys and Girls ages 5/6 as of April 1. **FEES:** Before April 19: \$45, non-residents \$60. After April 19: \$55, non-residents \$70.

YOUTH SOCCER

Seasons begin in April

Early bird registration: February 22 Registration deadline: March 8

Soccer Clinic

Boys and Girls age 3 as of April 1. **FEES:** Before February 22: \$17, non-residents \$22. After February 22: \$27, non-residents \$32. Five, one-hour sessions on Saturdays. This is a parent participation clinic designed to teach the basic fundamentals of soccer while having fun. Clinic is limited to 15 participants.

Soccer Academy and League

Sessions are twice a week for five weeks – academy training on Tuesdays and Saturdays Academy. Ages: Boys and Girls ages 4 and 5 as of April 1. **FEES:** Before February 22: \$33, non-resident \$53. After February 22: \$43, non-resident \$63. Focusing on different soccer skills to develop each player with individual attention and maximum ball touches.

League

Ages: Boys and Girls ages 6 and 7 as of August 1. **FEES:** Before February 22: \$33, non-resident \$50. After February 22: \$43, non-resident \$63. Attend Academy training on Tuesdays, but instead of Academy on Saturdays, teams play league games.

LA VISTA LANCERS SOCCER CLUB

Participate in the Sarpy County and ENSA soccer leagues.

Sarpy County Soccer League

Ages: under 8 – under 12 as of March 31. Fees: Before January 25: *\$65. After January 25: *\$75. Registration deadline: February 8.

ENSA

Ages: under 13 – under 15 as of March 31. **FEES:** Before January 4: *\$65. After January 4: *\$75. Registration deadline: January 18.

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

Spring Flag Football

Season begins in April. Early bird registration: February 15 Registration deadline: March 1. Ages: kindergarten-6th grade as of spring 2014. **FEES:** Before February 15: \$33, non-residents \$53. After February 15: \$43, non-residents \$63.

Adult Softball League

Games tentatively start on April 1. Leagues: Coed, Men's and Double-Header. **FEES:** Coed & Men's: \$215 (separate \$40 check, forfeit deposit fee). Double-Header: \$420 (2 separate \$40 checks, forfeit deposit fee). Registration will run February 1 through March 8 or until leagues are full. Coed League will be held on Friday & Sunday evenings; Men's League will be held on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday evenings; Double-Header League will be held on Tuesday & Thursday evenings. For more information, visit www.cityoflavista.org/adultsoftball.



DANCING

Preschool and Youth Dance

Community Center. Ballet, Pointe, Tap, Jazz and more. Ages preschool and older. For more information, contact Katherine Hogston, 402-612-3712, or via e-mail, khogsto1@yahoo.com.

Adult Ballroom Dance

Mondays, 7-8 p.m., Community Center, ages 16 and older. **FEE:** \$40 per four-week session. Join as a single or couple, minimum of 6 people per class. Each four-week session will include 2-3 dances. For more information, contact Terry Vargas, 402-639-2209.

Adult Belly Dancing

Tuesdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m. for beginners, 7-8 p.m. for advanced, Community Center. 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! For more information, contact Wren Newman, 402-596-1397.

Square Dance Lessons

Sundays beginning January 12, 2 p.m., Community Center, **FEE:** \$50 per five-week session. Square dancing is a great low impact aerobic exercise that burns a lot of calories while having fun dancing. For more information, contact: Ken Young, 402-592-5143 or 402-690-3020.



La Vista Falls Golf Course

8305 Park View Blvd. 339-9147 for more information on open golf, golf course hours, fees, leagues and special outings. La Vista Falls Golf Course is open year round, weather and course permitting. Call the clubhouse, 402-339-9147 for updates, hours and fees.

While the weather may not be nice enough to play golf, you can begin thinking of spring time by organizing a group outing or league play! La Vista Falls is currently accepting applications for 2014 golf leagues and outings. Below are the leagues offered for men, women, seniors and juniors of all skill levels.

Men's League

Tuesday night: Two-man teams, sign up individuals or twosomes. Flag prizes and end of league party. Tentative start date is April 22 and runs for 17 weeks. **FEE:** \$195.

Senior Men's League

Friday morning: Call for more information.

Women's League

Tuesday morning: Call for more information.

Wednesday night: Sign up as individuals, twosomes, threesomes or foursomes. Flag prizes and end-of-league party. Tentative start date is April 23 and runs for 17 weeks. **FEE:** \$195.

Juniors

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 11 am-noon tee times. Individuals or groups for this recreational league. Sign up on a weekly basis with no long-term commitment. Must have playing ability and knowledge of golf course etiquette. **FEE:** \$8.

Greens Fees

(March through September)

Adult	(weekdays)	\$10
	(weekends)	\$12
Jr/Sr	(weekdays)	\$8
	(weekends)	\$10

Request tee times online at www.cityoflavista.org/teetime. For further information on green fees, cart fees, punch cards, season passes, etc. please visit our website at www.cityoflavista.org/golf or call 402-339-9147.



La Vista Senior Activity Center

The La Vista Senior Activity Center, located at the Community Center, offers friendship, food, fitness, field trips and many more fun activities. Bring a friend or come join others for a homecooked meal on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. The suggested donation for the meal is \$3 for adults 60 years and older. To participate, call or sign-up to reserve your meal by noon the business day before you intend to join us for lunch. Be sure to look at the other activities-you may want to come early or stay late! The meal program is sponsored by ENOA and catered by Valley Food Service. Visit our website, www.cityoflavista.org/seniorcenter, for the monthly senior newsletter, and to look at scheduled activities/trips and lunch menus. For more information contact Program Coordinator Rich Carstensen, 402-331-3455.

Senior St. Patrick's Day Luncheon

Friday, March 14, 11:30 a.m., Community Center. Advance tickets are required and will be on sale at the Community Center. The registration deadline is Friday, March 7. All seniors from the surrounding area are invited for a day of great entertainment! Refunds are not available for this event.

Senior Tai Chi Class

Community Center. Mondays and Thursday, 11-11:45 a.m. for anyone 60 years and older. **Fee:** \$1 per week. Tai Chi will help improve your balance and fitness. The class is sponsored by ENOA.

Special Services Bus

Transportation is 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., but not on declared holidays or when Papillion-La Vista or Ralston schools are closed due to weather conditions. For questions about service, fees, etc., call the Recreation Department, 402-331-3455, or visit our website. 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.

Second Special Services Bus

Beginning in April, a second Special Services Bus will be operating on Tuesdays and Thursdays. This bus will run the same times. For more information, visit our website, www.cityoflavista.org, or call 402-331-3455.

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. 1 - 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.

The Community Center will be closed for the following Holidays: New Years Day, Martin Luther King Day, Presidents Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Thanksgiving Day and day after, Christmas Day,

Snow Days are not included in the above schedule – those days are considered the same as school days for youth. Hours are 3-9 p.m. **FEES:**

Resident Adults: \$3.00 Drop-In

Non-Residents Adults: \$4.00 Drop-In

Resident Youth (Under 19): Free

Resident Seniors (55+) Free.

*Non-Resident Senior (55+): \$2.00 Drop-In

**(Non-Resident Youth not allowed in Center unless involved in a class or sport).



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

Please Note: The La Vista Recreation Department sends youth and adult sport 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/sports and by visiting the La Vista Community Center.