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ADVENTURES
ARE ON THE
HORIZON.**



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MINUTE WITH THE MAYOR

In a few short weeks, we will be celebrating our community and the beginning of summer with Salute to Summer 2021. This reimagined annual celebration is the first component in an effort to safely bring back our traditional events. **I hope you'll join us for the activities that are planned for Memorial Day Weekend.** Details can be found on page 7.

The theme for this year's event, **Home Sweet Home**, was chosen because it captures the sense that La Vista feels like a small town, something we heard from many of our residents as part of the recent brand development process. I hope you'll read more about La Vista's brand on page 3.

Through the research-driven branding process, we also were reminded that La Vista is uniquely positioned in the middle of the Omaha metro area and that we've developed a niche for being thoughtful in our approach to planning and development — as well as in the small things, such as planning a community celebration. **We know there is a tremendous amount of pride in La Vista, and our brand reflects this.**

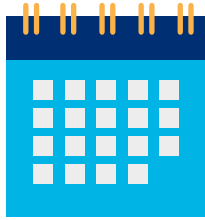
As you can see, we have updated the design of the quarterly newsletter to better reflect the brand, not only in the design elements, but in the content as well. For example, the Ref's Bar & Grill feature on page 9 is being shared because we think it is so important for residents to know about the many unexpected and terrific things that businesses and individuals are doing in our community that make La Vista the special place that it is.

I think you'll agree La Vista is a place where you can improve your point of view. So as you take in the fireworks display and enjoy a free ice cream treat during Salute to Summer, join me in celebrating the place we call Home Sweet Home.

MAYOR

Douglas Kindig





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

May 2021

- 4 City Council, 6 p.m.
- 13 Library Advisory Board, 5:30 p.m., Library
- 10 La Vista-Metropolitan Community College Condominium Owners Association, 4 p.m.
- 18 City Council, 6 p.m.
- 19 Park and Recreation Advisory Board, 6 p.m.
- 20 Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- 27-29 Salute to Summer 2021, Throughout City

June 2021

- 1 City Council, 6 p.m.
- 3 Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- 10 Citizen Advisory Review Committee, 6 p.m.
- 15 City Council, 6 p.m.
- 16 Park and Recreation Advisory Board, 6 p.m.
- 17 Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.

July 2021

- 1 Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- 6 City Council, 6 p.m.
- 8 Library Advisory Board, 5:30 p.m., Library
- 15 Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- 19 City Council Budget Workshop, 6 p.m.
- 20 City Council, 6 p.m.
- 21 Park and Recreation Advisory Board, 6 p.m.



**SUMMER IN
LA VISTA?**

Da bomb.

COUNCIL CLIPS

Highlights of recent City Council action.

- Authorized various approvals to allow for the construction of an indoor/outdoor music venue in La Vista City Centre.
- Approved construction contract for the replacement of concrete panels along 96th and 108th streets.
- Adopted Pavement Management Plan.
- Approved a five-year tree management plan.
- Approved comprehensive plan and zoning amendments to allow for workforce housing to be constructed near the new Streck Laboratories facility near 118th and Harrison streets.
- Approved IT Strategic Plan.
- Renamed former golf course (initially referred to as Civic Center Park) to Central Park. Also now designated as Central Park is the area west of 84th Street that includes the existing swimming pool and Kelly McMahon fields.
- Approved municipal audit.
- Authorized proposals for business continuity and disaster recovery plan.



A NEW POINT OF VIEW

Over the years, La Vista has developed a reputation for being a progressive, safe and family-friendly community. However, there was no distinct identity or differentiation among other communities in the Omaha area.

Through a year-long, research-driven brand development process, La Vista's true essence was discovered. This process of self-examination uncovered La Vista's unique characteristics, peculiarities, values and priorities. An authentic, distinctive narrative revealed that the City captures a bold, innovative spirit, and anticipates its future while also celebrating the past. Several themes consistently emerged through this process, which were distilled into a verbal and visual representation that captures the spirit of La Vista.

The brand identity process confirmed that...

La Vista is a tight-knit community that exudes a small-town charm with all the big city benefits.

La Vista is also a city that keeps its eye on what's next, and that vision leads to more than a plan on paper. It leads to big ideas becoming reality.

La Vista is a community where small gestures connect everyone, where neighbors look out for neighbors and opportunities abound for unique community experiences.

With the brand identity finally uncovered, the next step was to create a fresh new look that would inspire pride in everyone.

The first part of this new visual representation is the tagline:

Improve Your Point of View.

The tagline is a play on the City's name, which can be interpreted as either "a place from which to view something," or "a way of thinking." It is an invitation to find something better here, and it is a confirmation for those who know this place and what they love about La Vista.

The new logo is just one element of the refined brand identity. It's comprised of a stylized monogram that mimics finger frames—the gesture a photographer does to frame their shot and focus their point of view.



We have begun a gradual roll-out of the brand in order to adopt the new look and feel as efficiently as possible. To date, this has included a redesigned website, letterhead, business cards, street banners and the City's social media presence to name a few. This quarterly newsletter has been redesigned to better reflect the brand. In the months ahead, residents will notice ongoing updates such as refreshed street and park signs, City vehicles and numerous other elements throughout the community.

This is the La Vista community brand and we would love to see La Vista from YOUR point of view. If you have a picture or story that you feel captures what La Vista means to you or shows the character of the community, please share it with us so that we can share with others.

Submit your photos and stories on the City's website, CityofLaVista.org/OurStory.

DONATIONS RECEIVED FOR ENHANCEMENTS TO BLUE STAR MEMORIAL

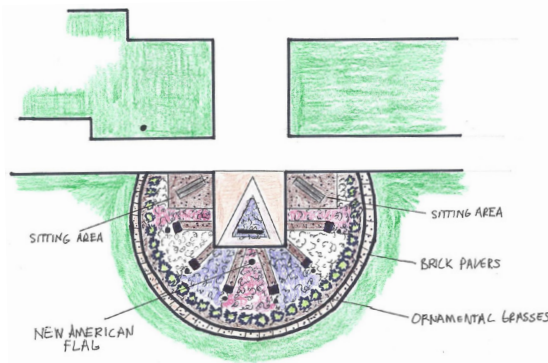
Two community organizations have donated funds for future enhancements to the Blue Star Memorial located on the City Hall Campus. American Legion Post No. 32 and the La Vista Community Foundation presented checks to the City Council at a recent meeting totaling \$1,500.

Park Superintendent Jason Allen said the funds will be used to add a seating area on either side of the memorial, as well as an American flag and pole directly behind the memorial. Crews will also be renovating the landscape that surrounds the memorial and flagpole areas to incorporate the sitting area and new flagpole. The work will be completed throughout the summer months.



ABOVE: Blue Star Memorial check presentation. From left to right, Tom Kerfoot, Lori Fischer and Neal Krauss from the La Vista Community Foundation; Commander Ted Stapleton from American Legion Post No. 32; Kim Thomas, City Council President, and Mayor Kindig.

RIGHT: A drawing of the improvements to be made to the Blue Star Memorial located on the City Hall Campus.



EASTER DRIVE-THRU WRAP-UP

Instead of the traditional in-person Easter Egg Hunt, the City hosted a COVID-friendly drive-thru event in early April.



1,000+
visitors

25,000+
eggs given out



COMMUNITY CENTER HOSTS SEVERAL VACCINE CLINICS

The Recreation Department partnered with the Sarpy/Cass Department of Health to host six COVID-19 vaccine clinics in March and April.

In total, more than 4,700 doses were given at the clinics held in the Community Center gymnasium.

These clinics would not have been possible without the assistance of numerous partners, including the Nebraska National Guard, the Medical Reserve Corp and Team Rubicon.



CORRIDOR 84 UPDATE

Construction in La Vista City Centre continues to take place on a number of sites throughout the development, and a number of businesses are also open. Here is what is happening in each...

WHAT'S UNDER CONSTRUCTION?

5 BUILDING 5. Near 84th Street and Barmettler Drive is a one-story, approximately 12,000 square-foot building. One bay, approximately 4,800 square feet, will be the new home of Chili's. Other tenants, yet to be announced, will fill out the rest of this building.

10 BUILDING 10. A two-story, 63,000 square-foot building on Main Street facing the already-completed Vivere Apartments Cityside to the east. The first floor will feature entertainment, dining and retail, and the second floor will be occupied by office tenants. Construction started in fall 2020 and is expected to be complete this winter.

14 BUILDING 14 (Vivere Apartments Lakeside). This is the northernmost building to be constructed so far in City Centre and is the second apartment building under the Vivere name. This six-story structure holds 220 apartment units as well as two to three premier retail or office suites. The apartments were recently completed and are 25% occupied. The retail spaces are awaiting commercial tenants.

WHO'S OPEN FOR BUSINESS?



FIRST NATIONAL BANK (FNBO). The bank has been open since July 2018 in their new location near the intersection of 83rd Ave. and Main St.



HEIGHTS DRAFT ROOM. A locally-owned draft room with many beers on tap has been open since summer 2020 on the ground level of Building 15 along Main St.



VIVERE APARTMENTS. The Leasing Office has recently moved to the Vivere Lakeside building, from the retail space in the Vivere Cityside building. There are 156 apartment units in Vivere Cityside Building, which are currently 65% occupied. Inside the recently finished lobby of the Vivere Lakeside (Building 14) is the leasing office with leasing information and tours available.



STARBUCKS. The more than 2,000 square-foot coffeeshop opened earlier this year.





CIVIC CENTER PARK RENAMED TO CENTRAL PARK

The City Council has approved the official name of the City's newest park space, and it's a name with which La Vista residents will be familiar.

The area referred to as the former golf course and Civic Center Park has officially been named Central Park. The new park will include the existing Central Park and the park area east of Edgewood Boulevard, as well as the park space on the west side of 84th Street that currently is home to the swimming pool and Kelly McMahon Fields. Informally, these areas will be known as Central Park East and Central Park West.



Since all of the spaces will ultimately connect and join together, giving the area the same name will provide much needed clarity for marketing and directional purposes.

Beginning immediately, the City will implement the new name changes. These changes will be reflected on updated signage in the coming years.

RESIDENTS PARTICIPATE IN PARK PLANNING PROCESS

Last fall, residents were invited to participate in a series of park planning events called La Vista Park Views. These events were facilitated to give residents the opportunity to provide input on what they'd like to see in the future of the City's park spaces. Over a series of 14 days, the City hosted several events and activities both physically (*with COVID precautions*) and virtually to ensure we were reaching as many residents as possible.

More than 100 people attended the outdoor programs, which included an event at Heights Draft Room in City Centre and an evening walk through Central Park. The events provided a great amount of feedback that will be used in shaping the future of La Vista's network of parks and public open space.



A multitude of questions were asked in person and via an online survey. The questions focused on current park use, favored forms of active and passive recreation, visual preferences, and general questions regarding elements that are lacking or loved within La Vista's parks today. Residents were also asked to think outside the box and provide unique and innovative ideas.

The results of the survey and in-person engagements show that residents take great pride in the safe, clean and comfortable park spaces that exist in La Vista today. There is also great support for more places to gather, connect and build community.

Some of the ideas shared by the community include more programmed events, shelters, public art, modernized play equipment and embracing the City's natural habitats and water bodies. There is also interest in making sure anything being planned is multi-generational and serves all La Vista residents.

The feedback received during the La Vista Park Views events is currently being used to help shape a vision for future phases of construction at Central Park and will be continually referenced as park improvements occur in the future.

Future updates will be posted online at [CityofLaVista.org/Parks](https://www.cityoflavista.org/Parks).



THURSDAY, MAY 27 ★

Hometown Heroes

This annual event will take place outdoors at the Blue Star Memorial on City Hall Campus. Seats will be placed a safe distance apart, and will be live broadcast on the City's Facebook page for those who can't attend the ceremony. In the event of inclement weather, a live indoor broadcast will take place without any in-person participation.

★ MAY 27-29 ★



Home Sweet Home

FRIDAY, MAY 28 ★

Firework Show

Enjoy the traditional fireworks display over Central Park (formerly Civic Center Park). We ask that you gather with your immediate family only and continue to observe COVID safety practices. Be on the lookout for City staff who will be out and about with some special giveaways.

SALUTE TO SUMMER 2021 TO FEATURE CELEBRATION OF HOME SWEET HOME

Salute to Summer 2021 is the official kickoff to summer, the time when we can finally get outside, stretch our legs and see our neighbors. Salute to Summer has always been a celebration of the community spirit found here in La Vista. **It is a celebration of the place we call, Home Sweet Home.**

Our 2021 celebration will not look like anything we've done before, and it will likely look different than what other communities will do later this summer. While the pandemic has lessened, Memorial Day weekend falls at a time when the end of the pandemic seems possible, but we aren't quite out of it yet. By the end of May, thousands in our community will have received their vaccine, but there will be many others who will have not received it yet, and public health officials are recommending caution and consistency with our safety protocols.

So for La Vista's 2021 annual celebration, we made the choice to take a different approach and provide it for our community from a different perspective.

Take a look at the schedule of events we have planned Thursday, Friday and Saturday. For more info and updates, visit SaluteToSummer.org or connect with us on social media.

SATURDAY, MAY 29 ★

Salute to Summer Express & Free Ice Cream

Instead of you coming to see the parade, the **Salute to Summer Express** will come to you! Grab your lawn chair and enjoy this annual tradition from a different point of view. Using a route similar to that of Santa's Sleigh Ride, an entourage of entertainment and other goodies will travel throughout La Vista spreading summer cheer.

You may also see painted designs of the Salute to Summer logo in the street along the route, so look for those!



Before or after the Salute to Summer Express entertains your neighborhood, you and your family are invited to visit one of several ice cream vendors located throughout the city, who will distribute a free ice cream treat for each member of your family. **The ice cream trucks will be open 1-5 p.m. in the following locations:**

- G. Stanley Hall Elementary south parking lot
- Central Park West roundabout (near the playground)
- La Vista Public Library west parking lot
- Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church south parking lot



TAKE THE LEAD. APPLY TODAY FOR MAYOR'S YOUTH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

The Mayor's Youth Leadership Council, now wrapping up its fifth year, is looking for new members for the 2021-2022 session. The youth council is comprised of students living in La Vista and has been working the last several years on volunteering in the community and learning more about the City.

Created in 2015 as an initiative of Mayor Douglas Kindig, the youth council is an exciting program designed to encourage middle and high school students to become active in the community by participating in local government.

To qualify, teens must:

- Be a resident of La Vista attending a public or private junior high or high school or a home school.
- Be entering the 7th-12th grade.
- Maintain good citizenship.
- Demonstrate community interest and a willingness to serve the youth and community of La Vista.

"I joined to become involved throughout the community and to provide a youthful standpoint on issues," said

Youth Council Vice President Maddy Delos Reyes, who has been a member for three years.

"Join the Mayor's Youth Leadership Council if you're interested in making a change and want to help your community," said member Megan Hiykel. Youth Leadership Council members see the community decision-making process in action by completing an orientation program conducted by City staff, and the members offer a youth perspective on local government issues.

The youth council session each school year runs September through May, and meetings take place on the second and fourth Thursday of every month, generally at 6 p.m., except in November and December.

Youth council members also participate in community events including the Easter Egg Hunt, Halloween Safe Night, the Police Department's Blue Santa program and Santa's Workshop. Member Lily Monjeau said she enjoys the Blue Santa program the most, "since we get to help wrap the toys for little kids."

The youth council also conducts an annual project, which has included a trash can painting initiative called Art in the Park. This year, the teens coordinated a video project thanking healthcare workers for their service during the pandemic. You can view the video at [YouTube.com/CityLaVista](https://www.youtube.com/CityLaVista).

"The Mayor's Youth Leadership Council is important to La Vista because it lets the younger generations get a say in the community that they will soon grow up in and potentially raise a family in," said member Reese Folger.

Apply today to join the youth council for next school year at CityofLaVista.org/YouthCouncil.



SENIOR, TEEN PROGRAMS RECEIVE GRANTS

The Senior Center and the Teen Program at the Library recently received grant funds from Google through the La Vista Community Foundation for the addition of technology to those facilities.

Each grant is for \$5,000 and was presented recently by La Vista Community Foundation Board President Neal Krauss to staff and program participants.



The Senior Center grant will be used for the purchase of equipment for a computer lab designated for use by senior residents of La Vista and surrounding communities. Equipment to be purchased includes laptops and computer storage solutions.

The Library's Teen Program will be creating a tech center for students ages 13-18 to include iPads, hotspots and a 3D printer. Staff will be working in the coming months to make these purchases and get them installed. Watch the City's social media, website and a future edition of this newsletter for more information on accessing this new technology.

TOP LEFT: From left to right, Library Director Rose Barcal, Foundation Board President Neal Krauss, Teen Coordinator Ashley Wernhoff and Assistant Library Director Jodi Norton.

BOTTOM LEFT: From left to right, Recreation Director Scott Stopak, Karen Petersen, Connie Bray, La Vista Community Foundation Board President Neal Krauss, Foundation Board Member and City Attorney Tom McKeon, Karen Dulany, Lana Politano, Vicki Lake, Dolores Semin, Phyllis Roth and Senior Services Manager Kaily Stanley.

#LOVELAVISTA *Spotlight*

Featuring stories about the people and organizations spreading a little love in La Vista.



*Angie Froehlich, Owner
Ref's Bar and Grill*

REF'S BAR AND GRILL PROVIDES FREE MEAL FOR SENIORS

When the COVID-19 pandemic hit Nebraska last spring, Ref's Bar & Grill in La Vista was one of hundreds of restaurants that had to shut down. When that happened, the business had freezers full of food and not knowing when they'd be able to serve customers again, the owners set out to provide meals to those who needed it most.

"We started giving the food out to the Police Department, City Hall, Fire Department, Public Works in Papillion and La Vista," said Angie Froehlich, who owns Ref's with her husband, Rory. "I believe Rory reached out to Mayor Kindig and said, 'Where is there a need in the community?' Kindig said, 'I'll get back to you.'"

Soon after, the Froehlichs found out about the senior meal program, which is provided through the Community Center. At the time the program was on hold while the provider, Eastern Nebraska Office on Aging (ENOA), found a safe strategy to resume the service. "We were immediately on it and delivered the first time," Froehlich said. "The seniors loved it, and we told them we'll be back next week!"

More than a year later Froehlich and her employees are still delivering meals to the seniors once a week at no cost, and it has become a staple for Ref's. "It's something we do every week, and I wouldn't know how to stop it. I don't think we want to at this point," Froehlich said. "We get the neatest thank you notes in the mail and are very sweet. Sometimes, they will come and sit on the porch and tell us, 'You have given so much to us, and we want to give a little back to you.'"

LET LOVE GROW

Honor a loved one with new Commemorative Tree Program

Trees bring beauty. They benefit the environment. And soon, they'll represent enduring memorials to those nearest and dearest to us. The City's new Commemorative Tree Program gives residents the opportunity to commemorate their loved ones or recognize an organization by planting a tree in their honor. You choose the park and tree species, and the City will do the rest.

The first step to participating in this program is to complete an application, which is available at CityofLaVista.org/TreeProgram or at any City facility. Choose your tree species from a list of pre-determined choices, personalize your message for the tree marker, and then submit the application and a \$300 donation

to the Park Superintendent at the Public Works Department. The \$300 donation covers the cost and planting of the tree, a commemorative tree marker, and five years of maintenance, which includes pruning, watering, mulching and general care. The City will also transplant or replace any commemorative tree on City property that dies or is threatened by land use or site changes in that five year span.

Applications filed before February 1 will have trees planted in the spring and applications submitted from February to August will be planted in the fall.

For more information about this program, contact Park Superintendent Jason Allen at 402.331.8927 or JAllen@CityofLaVista.org.

VIDEO SERIES

The Parks Division has started a video series to help educate residents on all areas of tree management. The first video published this spring has to do with the types of trees that do best in this region of the state. All these videos, as well as other content, are available on the City's social media channels, including the YouTube channel at [YouTube.com/CityLaVista](https://www.youtube.com/CityLaVista).



**THE POOL IS OPENING,
WITH MODIFICATIONS.**

LET'S JUMP IN...

The City of La Vista is working to open the La Vista Municipal Swimming Pool and provide a safe experience for all patrons this summer. The pool is scheduled to open on Saturday, May 29. For the duration of the 2021 swimming season, the pool will operate at 50% capacity, which will allow 119 patrons at a time.

To accommodate more swimmers, sessions of two hours in length will be established on a rotating basis. When a swim session ends, all patrons will be required to exit the pool, and new swimmers will be allowed to enter. If there are fewer swimmers in the new session than permitted, patrons from the previous session will be allowed back on a first come, first served basis until the pool reaches 50% capacity. If re-admitted for an additional session, swimmers will not need to pay a second admission fee.

There will be no pre-registration or reservations taken in advance for swim sessions. Pool memberships and punch cards will be available, but members and pass holders will not have special privileges for being admitted before non-members. For more information, contact the Community Center at **402.331.3455**.

POOL HOURS

Open May 29-September 6

May 29-August 8: 1-9 p.m.

August 9-September 6: Limited

DAILY ADMISSION FEES

Youth 5 yrs. & under: Free

Youth Resident (6-17) with Tag: \$2

Youth Non-resident: \$4

Adult Resident with Tag: \$3

Adult Non-resident: \$4

TAGS & PASSES

Resident Tag (one-time purchase): \$2

Youth Resident Season Pass: \$65

Youth Non-resident Season Pass: \$95

Adult Resident Season Pass: \$75

Adult Non-resident Season Pass: \$105

Family Resident Season Pass: \$105

Family Non-resident Season Pass: \$165

Daycare Season Pass: \$275

30-Day Pass Booklet (Resident): \$55

30-Day Pass Booklet (Non-resident): \$85

Season passes and resident tags must be purchased at the Community Center. Residents and non-residents may purchase tags and/or passes on May 24.

SWIMMING LESSONS

The pool will close Tuesday & Thursday evenings 5:45-7 p.m. July 6-29 for swimming lessons.

SESSION	DATES	TIMES
DAY	SESSION 1: JUNE 14-25 SESSION 2: JULY 5-16 SESSION 3: JULY 19-30	PRE-BEGINNER: 11 a.m., Noon LEVEL 1: 11 a.m., Noon LEVEL 2: 10 a.m., 11 a.m. LEVEL 3: 10 a.m., Noon LEVEL 4: 10 a.m. LEVEL 5: 9 a.m. LEVEL 6: 9 a.m.
EVENING	JULY 6-29 TUES. & THURS. ONLY	PRE-BEGINNER: 6-6:45 p.m. LEVEL 1: 6-6:45 p.m. LEVEL 2: 6-6:45 p.m. LEVEL 3: 6-6:45 p.m.
COST: Resident—\$30 Non-resident—\$55		

Day sessions are held Mondays through Thursdays. Fridays are rainout days. Minimum age for pre-beginners is 4 years old. All classes are 45 minutes.

Registration begins May 24. Register online at CityofLaVista.org/SwimmingLessons or call the Community Center.



RECREATION

COMMUNITY CENTER PERMITTED ACTIVITIES & RESTRICTIONS

The Community Center is still open to patrons 19 and above. Those entering the facility are asked to self-screen for symptoms, and staff will check the temperature of everyone entering the building. Face coverings are required as well, and masks are available at the front reception desk.

A number of activities and rooms in the building are open and ready for your use.

INDOOR WALKING

Available weekdays for residents and seniors in the surrounding area. One-way traffic and social distancing is observed during this program.

HOURS

Monday/Wednesday/Friday: 8 - 10 a.m.
Tuesday/Thursday: 8 - 9:30 a.m.

FEES

Free

FITNESS CENTER

Available with a 6-person limit. The fitness center offers state-of-the-art weight equipment, such as a free-motion dual cable cross station, hoist multi-gym, Smith Machine, and dumbbells up to 50 lbs. We also offer exercise mats and a multi-purpose pull-up bar. For cardiovascular exercise, you'll find some of the finest, user-friendly, aerobic equipment available, including treadmills, Air-dyne bike, Precor upright bike, Nautilus recumbent bikes, Cybex Arc cross trainer and Precor and Matrix cross trainers.

HOURS

Monday-Friday: 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

FEES

Resident Adult (19+): \$3
Non-resident Adult: \$4
Senior Resident (55+): Free
Non-resident Senior: \$2

Punch Cards

Resident: \$50, 20 punches
Non-resident: \$35, 10 punches
Non-resident Senior: \$20, 10 punches

Adult Memberships

Resident: \$27/month
Includes exercise room, gym, racquetball/wallyball

OTHER ACTIVITIES

The Community Center is also used throughout the week for other activities, including various leagues and senior sponsored activities. Permitted activities and open areas include:

- Instructor-led classes
- Men's drop-in basketball
- Game room
- Locker rooms & showers
- Model airplane flying

RESTRICTIONS

There are also various elements of the facility that are still closed, including:

- Private rentals
- Kitchen
- Water fountains
- Preschool Playtime



Check out our social media and website for the latest information on program offerings, hours and days of operation & events.



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YouTube.com/CityLaVista

Updated Hours

Monday–Friday:
8 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Saturday
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Sunday:
Closed

CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE THIS SUMMER!

Each event and program
listed below are free!

RECREATION PROGRAMS

Fun Friday video episodes

Every Friday | Social Media and Online

Catch Mr. David every Friday for a new episode of "Fun Friday." Episodes can be seen on the City's social media accounts and website at CityofLaVista.org/FunFriday.

Dinosaur Day

Tuesday, June 8 | 10 a.m., 2 p.m. | Facebook Live

Did you know that June 8 is Dinosaur Day?! Okay, we made that up, but it's going to be a thing, and we're going to celebrate! Join Mr. David for a Facebook Live storytime on the City Hall Campus. Look for Dino the Dinosaur, and you might find your way on camera during the storytime!

Then, in the afternoon at the Library, dinosaur grab-n-go fun kits will be available! At 2 p.m., head over to the Library to pick up your kits and create a fun sidewalk chalk dinosaur drawing! Social distancing and masks will be required.

Storytime in a Park

Thursday, June 24 | 10 a.m. | Central Park by Santa's Workshop

Thursday, July 15 | 10 a.m. | City Hall Campus, south side by Blue Star Memorial and buffalo bench

Join Mr. David for tapings of future Fun Friday episodes. You might even get to participate on camera! Social distancing and masks will be required.

Adventures in Gardening

Wednesday, May 26 | 3 p.m. | Community Center's rain garden

Join us for a taping of a Fun Friday episode, featuring hands-on garden projects as we learn about the science/biology of growing plants. Participants will be able to take home their own planting projects.

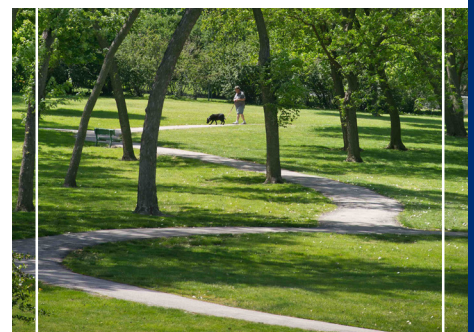
This will take place at the Community Center's rain garden, which is located on the east side of the center behind the gymnasium. This is a free program and is best for kids ages 8-12.

Please pre-register by Monday, May 24, by emailing Mr. David at DKarlson@CityofLaVista.org. This program will be limited to the first 10 kids to register, but it will be broadcast on the City's social media accounts and website at CityofLaVista.org/FunFriday.

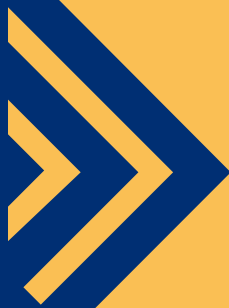
Tuesday Tips with Ms. Jodi & Mr. David

Tuesday Mornings | Social Media and Online

Each Tuesday this summer starting in June, Mr. David and Ms. Jodi will release a video with more fun tips on how to choose your own adventure this summer! Each video will be posted on the City's social media accounts and website at CityofLaVista.org/Summer2021



LA VISTA RECREATION YOUTH & ADULT SPORTS



REGISTER ONLINE!

Register and pay online for youth sports programs at CityofLaVista.org/Active.

YOUTH SOCCER ACADEMY AND LEAGUE

Our Soccer Academy and League is offered for boys and girls ages 4-7. This program focuses on different soccer skills to develop each player with individual attention and maximum ball touches in a fun environment. Sessions are twice a week for five weeks — training/practices are on Tuesdays with games on Saturdays. Parent volunteers are needed to assist instructors. All sessions will take place at the La Vista Sports Complex on or near Soccer Field #5.

REGISTRATION BEGINS JUNE 1
SEASON BEGINS SEPTEMBER 7
SEASON ENDS OCTOBER 9

**Start/end date is subject to change.*

PRACTICES: TUESDAYS 6:30-7:30 P.M.
ACADEMY GAMES: SATURDAYS 9-10 A.M.
LEAGUE GAMES: SATURDAYS 10-11 A.M.

Early-Bird Registration Deadline: July 18
Final Registration Deadline: August 8

ACADEMY

Ages: Boys and Girls 4-5 as of April 1
Early-Bird Registration: June 1-July 18
Final Registration: July 19-August 8

Fees (Before July 18): Resident—\$33, Non-resident—\$53
(After July 18): Resident—\$43, Non-resident—\$63

LEAGUE

Ages: Boys and Girls 6-7 as of April 1
Early-Bird Registration: June 1-July 18
Final Registration: July 19-August 8

Fees (Before July 18): Resident—\$33, Non-resident—\$53
(After July 18): Resident—\$43, Non-resident—\$63

FALL FLAG FOOTBALL

All games are played on Saturdays at the La Vista Sports Complex Flag Football fields. Practices will tentatively begin the week of July 12. Practices are held at coach's discretion during the week.

REGISTRATION BEGINS JUNE 1
SEASON BEGINS IN JULY

**Start/end date is subject to change.*

FALL GAMES: AUGUST 7-OCTOBER 2

Ages: Boys & Girls K-6 grade as of Spring 2021

Early-Bird Registration Deadline: June 13
Final Registration Deadline: July 5

Fees (Before June 14): Resident—\$33, Non-resident—\$53
(After June 14): Resident—\$43, Non-resident—\$63

COED SOCCER CLINIC

This is a parent-instructed clinic designed to teach the basic fundamentals of soccer to 3-year-old boys and girls while having fun. This clinic is comprised of 5 one-hour sessions to be held on Saturday mornings from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the La Vista Community Center. Volunteer parent instructors are needed to conduct this clinic. Clinic is limited to 16 participants.

SEPTEMBER 11-OCTOBER 9

**Start/end date is subject to change.*

Ages: Boys and Girls age 3 as of April 1

Early-Bird Registration: June 1-July 18
Final Registration: July 19-August 8

Fees (Before July 18): Resident—\$17,
Non-resident—\$22
(After July 18): Resident—\$27,
Non-resident—\$32





ADULT FALL SOFTBALL LEAGUES

All games are played at the Sports Complex. Season runs 7 weeks.

Coed League: Friday evenings

Men's League: Tuesday & Friday evenings

Double-Header Men's League: Thursday evenings

REGISTRATION BEGINS JUNE 1
REGISTRATION ENDS AUGUST 1
(or until leagues are full)

SEASON BEGINS WEEK OF AUGUST 23
SEASON ENDS WEEK OF OCTOBER 11

**Start/end date is subject to change.*

COST

Team Registration Fee:

Coed & Men's — \$120 Double-Header Men's — \$235

June 1-August 1 (or until league is full)

Forfeit Deposit Fee:

Coed & Men's — 1 separate \$44 check

Double-Header Men's — 2 separate \$40 checks

Umpire Fees:

Coed & Men's — \$22 per team/per game

Double-Header Men's — \$20 per team/per game

Cash only, paid directly to the umpire prior to the game.

COED YOUTH VOLLEYBALL

All games are played on Saturdays and some Monday evenings at the Bellevue Junior Sports Association. Practices will tentatively begin the week of October 4. Practices are held at coach's discretion on Monday-Friday evenings with no practice on Wednesdays.

REGISTRATION BEGINS AUGUST 1
SEASON BEGINS IN NOVEMBER

**Start/end date is subject to change.*

Ages: Boys & Girls grades 3-6 as of Fall 2021

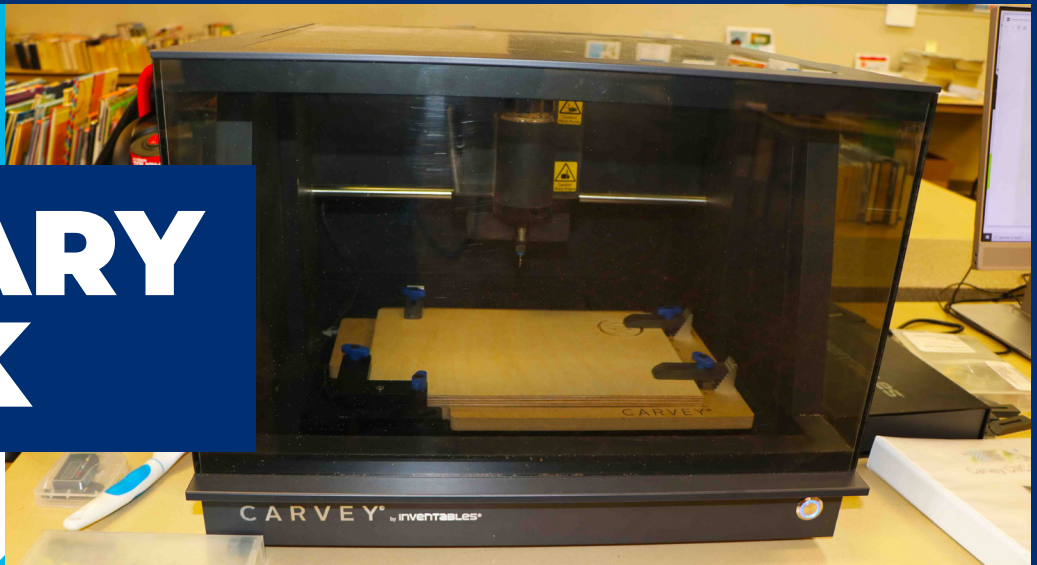
Early-Bird Registration Deadline: September 13

Final Registration Deadline: September 27

Fees (Before Sept. 13): Resident—\$55, Non-resident—\$65
(After Sept. 13): Resident—\$65, Non-resident—\$75



LIBRARY NOOK



LIBRARY HOSTING INNOVATION STUDIOS

Starting in April, the Library will host a makerspace studio, featuring equipment such as a laser cutter, vinyl cutter, 3D printer, embroidery machine, heat press, CNC router and a laminator. The studio also includes:

- Lego Mindstorm kit
- Button maker
- Audio/music recording kit
- Camera/video/green screen kit
- Makey Makey kit
- Arduino Kit/Sparkfun
- Soldering kit

The equipment in the studio is available for use at no charge. However, makers will need to pay for any consumables used in the making process. A variety of materials are available for purchase according to the Consumables Pricing Schedule posted in the Library.

The makerspace studio will be open select days and hours while it is in La Vista. Please contact the Library at **402.537.3900** for more information.

The Library Innovation Studio Project is available through a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services to the Nebraska Library Commission. Its goal is to empower communities with the tools and guidance to explore, collaborate, create, learn and invent through participatory learning experiences.



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SUMMER READING

Tails and Tales | June 1 – July 31

The 2021 summer reading theme is Tails and Tales! This summer, we encourage you to explore the world of life around us and find out what is special about so many of the animals who live with us on our little blue planet.

For example, did you know a snail can sleep for three years at a time? The Library will be open this summer, but most programs will be offered virtually on platforms such as Zoom, Discord, and/or the City's social media accounts, and some may require registration to receive an invite. This information will be noted on the library's summer reading calendar available now.

SUMMER READING CONTINUED...

Along with virtual programming, we will offer a goal-based reading program to help the community build, maintain and increase reading skills and build knowledge.

We are using an internet-based system called Reader Zone, which is an app that can be downloaded and used to log all reading.

Once downloaded, enter in our special program code **v436r**, and you will be registered. Reader Zone participants can start logging their books or minutes starting on June 1. Materials read prior to June 1 do not count for this program.

Prizes for completing the reading goal will be given out in early August. We hope you will join us for another exciting summer reading program and learn a tale or two about different animals!

Virtual Scavenger Hunts

June 9 & July 7 | 6:30 p.m.

Can you find various items before time runs out? Test your skills at our interactive, at-home scavenger hunt designed for the whole family. Points are rewarded for each successful item found. The family with the most points at the end wins a special prize! Registration is required to get the Zoom link. Ideal for families, but individual play allowed. Contact Jodi Norton to register at JNorton@CityofLaVista.org.

Pokémon GO! Meetups

June 16 | 6-7 p.m. | Library

June 24 | 2-3 p.m. | City Hall Campus

July 14 | 10-11 a.m. | Library

July 20 | 6-7 p.m. | City Hall Campus

Pokémon Go players are invited to meet up at the Library and/or City Hall Campus. Come hang with other trainers, collect the nearby Pokéstops and catch some Pokémon. We'll also have Pokémon-related goodie bags. All ages are welcome! Registration not required. Own devices must be used.

Virtual Pet Show & Tell

July 13 | 2 p.m.

Are you crazy in love with your pet or is your pet just crazy? Listen to pet-friendly stories, learn different animal facts, visit with our library pet, Neptune, and show off your favorite pet on Zoom. We want to know what makes your pet pet-tastic! All pets welcome! Registration is required to get the Zoom link. To register, contact Jodi Norton at JNorton@CityofLaVista.org.

Teen Virtual Game Night

June 10 & July 15 | 6:30 p.m.

You got game? I'm game! Join us on the La Vista Library Discord server to play some games. Whether it's Jackbox, Skribble.io, Board Game Arena, Minecraft, Mario Kart Tour or just plain old Monopoly, we'll have a blast together! Must be at least 13 to join and have a Discord account. Games played are decided as a group. Contact Ashley Wemhoff for an invite at AWemhoff@CityofLaVista.org.

Summer Storytimes

Animal Adventure Storytimes | June 3 & July 14

Learning begins at birth, and parents are a child's first and most important teachers. Help your child get ready to read with storytimes and activities offered by the library. These storytimes are prerecorded and published on the City's website and social media accounts and offer stories, songs, fingerplays, learning activities, special guest readers or animals and more.

Zoom Storytimes | June 11 & July 26 | 10:30 a.m.

This virtual storytime will be filled with stories, dancing, songs, games, literacy skills and more. Stories and activities are most appropriate for children 6 years old and younger, but all ages are welcome. Contact Ms. Jodi at JNorton@CityofLaVista.org to receive an invite.

Puppet Show Storytime | June 17 & July 22

Enjoy a special storytime involving puppets, friends and more. Children will get to see stories come alive with the use of puppets. Grab your favorite puppet and/or stuffed animal, bring your imagination and read along. These storytimes are prerecorded and available on La Vista's social media platforms.

Pajama Storytime | June 22 & July 20 | 6:30 p.m.

It's time for a Pajama Storytime! Families are invited to read books, sing songs and incorporate music and movement into a special evening storytime. So get in your PJ's, grab your teddy bear and have fun with your favorite librarian. Contact Ms. Jodi at JNorton@CityofLaVista.org, to receive an invite.



SENIOR CENTER



SPECIAL SERVICES BUS

The Special Services Bus is available for senior citizens ages 60 and older and all special needs/handicapped individuals residing in the cities of La Vista and Ralston.

The services operates Mon.-Fri., 7 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and does not operate on City of La Vista holidays or when Papillion La Vista or Ralston Public Schools are closed due to weather conditions.

For reservations call 402.657.3550 at least 48 hours in advance.

We make every effort to accommodate, but sometimes due to prior scheduling, we may not be able to help everyone at their requested times. During the COVID-19 pandemic, masks are required to protect others and yourself from infection and will be supplied to you if you do not have one. For more information about service, fees, etc., please call the La Vista Recreation Department at **402.331.3455**, or visit us at **CityofLaVista.org**.

The La Vista Senior Center, located in the Community Center, offers friendship, fitness, field trips and many more fun activities. The Eastern Nebraska Office on Aging (ENOA) is sponsoring the Grab and Go Meal Program Mon.-Fri., which is catered by Treat America. The suggested contribution amount for the meal is \$4 for adults over 60 years of age. For those younger than age 60, the lunch cost is \$10. Please visit **CityofLaVista.org/Seniors** for the monthly senior newsletter and to look at scheduled activities/trips and lunch menus.

Effective June 1, all senior meals will be offered in person and the Grab and Go program will cease operations.

55 AND UP ONGOING ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITY	DAY	TIME	FEE
BINGO	FRI	1 p.m.	\$1 total for 4 games
CHAIR VOLLEYBALL	WED, FRI	10-11:15 a.m.	FREE
CHAIR EXERCISE	WED	10 a.m.	By donation
CHAIR YOGA	LAST WED OF MONTH	10 a.m.	By donation
CARDIO SENIOR EXERCISE	MON, FRI	9-10 a.m.	\$5/class or \$40/10 sessions
TAI CHI FOR BALANCE	TUES, THURS	11-11:45 a.m.	60+: \$2 suggested
MOVIE SHOWINGS	EVERY OTHER TUES	Afternoon	FREE
DROP-IN QUILTING	WED	9-11:30 a.m.	FREE

Bingo

Unless noted, there will be no bingo on days when there is a scheduled speaker or other entertainment. Please see our monthly newsletter for more details.

Chair Volleyball

Fun and fast-paced game played with a beach ball while sitting in a chair.

Chair Exercise

Fitness class tailored to work on flexibility, strength and balance for senior citizens. Cash donations are welcomed.

Chair Yoga

Poses are adaptations of modern yoga for exercise, utilizing a chair for support. Cash donations are welcomed.

Cardio Senior Exercise

Class using strength, balance and endurance to keep senior citizens active. All exercise is done standing.

Tai Chi for Balance

Series of rhythmic, slow, coordinated and gentle movements. Tai Chi means great energy, because it helps the energy to flow through your body. It improves balance, flexibility, strength, posture, osteoporosis, strengthening your heart, lungs and circulatory system, coordination, deep breathing, mood and calmness. This Tai Chi class is Moving for Balance Tai Chi or Tai Chi 8, with eight different movements.

Movie Showings

Various movies shown on the big screen, all while eating fresh popcorn with your favorite soda.

Drop-In Quilting

Come quilt with us! Anyone who is interested in quilting is welcome to join, whether already skilled with a needle or a beginner. Other sewing projects are always welcome as well!

PUBLIC WORKS ZONE

WORK BEGINS ON RESURFACING OF 96TH AND 108TH STREETS

Crews have begun work on major resurfacing projects on 96th and 108th Streets, which will take most of the spring and summer to complete.

First will be work on the 108th Street project, which will go from Giles Road to Harrison Street. This project began on March 29 in the northbound outside lane.

Crews will work one lane at a time to replace concrete panels with single lane closures. During concrete placing operations, traffic may be temporarily halted in the adjacent lane to allow for placement of materials. Flaggers are to be on scene to direct traffic in these events.

The last part of this project will involve a new asphalt surface, which could include the full closure of 108th Street late in the project. The 108th Street project is expected to last until approximately mid-June, weather permitting.

The 96th Street project will begin after the 108th Street one is complete and will involve the complete replacement of the roadway from Harrison Street to just south of the railroad bridge.

During the reconstruction, from mid-June to mid-August, 96th Street from Harrison to Valley View Drive will be closed, and Valley View to Giles will be closed to through traffic, but anticipated to be open to local traffic only. Also, during this time, crews anticipate making concrete panel replacements from Harrison to Giles.

The rest of the 96th Street project will involve panel replacements from Giles Road to Portal Road, with completion by mid to late October. It is anticipated that work will be one lane at a time with single lane closures, as in previous panel repair phases.

The construction schedule is tentative and subject to change during the project. For more information, contact the Public Works Department at **402.331.8927**.

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Summer 2021

Choose your own adventure



Summer 2021 will be an adventurous time in La Vista — there's so much to do and so many places to explore! We have been intentional in our planning to create safe experiences that allow you to choose the type of programs and events you want to attend depending on your comfort level.

In La Vista this summer, you can interact virtually or in-person with our staff, you can explore our parks and bike trails and you can enjoy a host of DIY summer tips.

You can join us for a concert or outdoor movie, join in for virtual storytimes or for a Pokémon meet-up in a park! In La Vista this summer, you truly can Choose Your Own Adventure!

La Vista Adventure Kits

Want to take your adventure to the next level? Earn achievements throughout the summer by building your own La Vista Adventure Kit! Here's how it works...

1

Stop by City Hall, the Community Center or Library and pick up your:

- La Vista Adventure Card
- Drawstring bag
- #LoveLaVista wristband



For each adventure you complete, you'll get the following rewards!



1st Achievement
HAND SANITIZER



2nd Achievement
PEDOMETER



3rd Achievement
KEYCHAIN COMPASS



4th Achievement
WATER BOTTLE



5th Achievement
WHISTLE-LIGHT LANYARD



6th Achievement
LA VISTA T-SHIRT

2

Earn achievements throughout the summer by doing any of the following adventures in La Vista:

- Explore a La Vista park
- Journey down one of our trails
- Log reading minutes in Reader Zone (use code v436r)
- Check out a book from the La Vista Public Library
- Attend any in-person, hybrid or virtual event listed on the back side of this sheet

3

Document your adventures by taking a picture of you and/or your family completing the activity — then post it on social media using the hashtag #LoveLaVista. (Or stop into City Hall and show us your pictures!)

Summer 2021

It's adventure time!

Earn achievements on your La Vista Adventure Card by attending any of these adventures in La Vista!

Little Explorer Series

DIY Summer Adventures

Dinosaur Day

Virtual Scavenger Hunts

Outdoor Concerts

June 11 | Silas Creek
June 25 | TBD

Outdoor Movies

July 9 | Croods 2
July 23 | Karate Kid

Pokémon GO! Meet-Ups

Virtual Pet Show & Tell

Teen Virtual Game Nights

For more info on these events and more, call City Hall at 402.331.4343 or visit CityofLaVista.org/Summer2021.



IN-PERSON



VIRTUAL



HYBRID

ACTIVITY FORMAT	DATE	ACTIVITY/PROGRAM	LOCATION
	JUNE 2	Little Explorer Series Park Tour (Episode 1)	Online, 10 a.m.
	JUNE 4	DIY Summer Adventures (Episode 1)	Online
	JUNE 8	Dinosaur Day	City Hall Campus, 10 a.m. Library, 2 p.m.
	JUNE 9	Virtual Scavenger Hunt	Online, 6:30 p.m.
	JUNE 10	Teen Virtual Game Night	Online, 6:30 p.m.
	JUNE 11	DIY Summer (Episode 2)	Online
	JUNE 11	Concert in the Park: Silas Creek	Small Pond by Santa's Workshop, 7 p.m.
	JUNE 16	Pokémon Go Meet-up	Library, 6 p.m.
	JUNE 18	DIY Summer (Episode 3)	Online
	JUNE 24	Little Explorer Series Storytime in the Park	Santa's Workshop/Online 10 a.m.
	JUNE 24	Pokémon Go Meet-up	City Hall Campus, 2 p.m.
	JUNE 25	DIY Summer (Live)	10 a.m.
	JUNE 25	Concert in the Park: <i>Band TBD</i>	Small Pond by Santa's Workshop, 7 p.m.
	JUNE 29	Little Explorer Series Books & Bikes	Online, 10 a.m.
	JULY 2	DIY Summer (Episode 4)	Online
	JULY 6	Little Explorer Series Books & Bikes	Online, 10 a.m.
	JULY 7	Virtual Scavenger Hunt	Online, 6:30 p.m.
	JULY 8	Little Explorer Series Park Tour (Episode 2)	Online, 10 a.m.
	JULY 9	DIY Summer (Live)	10 a.m.
	JULY 9	Outdoor Movie Night: Croods 2	City Hall Campus, Dusk
	JULY 13	Virtual Pet Show & Tell	Online, 2 p.m.
	JULY 14	Pokémon Go Meet-up	Library, 10 a.m.
	JULY 15	Little Explorer Series Storytime in the Park	Buffalo Bench on City Hall Campus/Online, 10 a.m.
	JULY 15	Teen Virtual Game Night	Online, 6:30 p.m.
	JULY 16	DIY Summer (Episode 5)	Online
	JULY 20	Pokémon Go Meet-up	City Hall Campus, 6 p.m.
	JULY 23	DIY Summer (Episode 6)	Online
	JULY 23	Outdoor Movie Night: Karate Kid	City Hall Campus, Dusk
	JULY 30	DIY Summer (Episode 7)	Online