



# LA VISTA citywise

## La Vista Days

Plans are underway for La Vista Days 2009. The La Vista Area Chamber of Commerce and the City of La Vista are preparing for another year of great family fun. The carnival in Central Park will open on Thursday, June 11 and run through Sunday, June 14. There will be a beer garden in Central Park on Thursday and Friday evening and Saturday afternoon and evening, June 11, 12 and 13.

The annual parade is scheduled for Saturday, June 13, beginning at 1:30 p.m. The parade will start at 73rd and Park View Blvd. and run west to 83rd and Park View Blvd. Traffic will remain open on 84th Street. The reviewing stand will be located in Champion Park at approximately 75th and Park View Blvd. Parade entry forms are available from the La Vista Area Chamber of Commerce, 339-2078 or on the City's website, [www.cityoflavista.org](http://www.cityoflavista.org).

The weekend will conclude with a Community Cookout sponsored by Suburban Newspapers, a Celebrity Softball game, and fireworks sponsored by Bellino Fireworks. All of these events are held at the City's Sports Complex (located on 66th Street South of Harrison), on Sunday evening, June 14.

Please contact the La Vista Area Chamber of Commerce at 339-2078 or visit their website at [www.lavistachamber.org](http://www.lavistachamber.org) for more information on La Vista Days. Come join in the fun!

## Census 2010

The Census is still a year away but the U.S. Census Bureau is already busy preparing. In late March of this year the Bureau began sending out address canvassers to walk or drive through neighborhoods. The canvassers are checking to ensure that all addresses are in the Bureau's database when the questionnaire is delivered in March 2010. Each address canvasser is equipped with a laptop or a hand held computer, will wear an official identification badge and many will carry U.S. Census Bureau bags. All information collected by address canvassers is confidential and cannot be shared with any other persons, institutions, or agencies.

An accurate census count is important to state and local entities as many funding formulas are based on the official census numbers. Please consider this when the canvassers visit your neighborhood and please complete the census questionnaire when you receive it early next year.



## Over 30 Years of Service

Marv Carcich, a familiar face on the La Vista political scene, was recently awarded a Key to the City by Mayor Douglas Kindig. Marv has been serving the City in various capacities for over 30 years, most recently as a member of the Planning Commission. He was also a member of the City Council on two different occasions. Mayor Kindig acknowledged that Marv has been an integral part of the progress La Vista has seen over the last three decades and thanked him for his service. Marv has also been active in the La Vista Area Chamber of Commerce and other service groups over the years, dedicating his time and talent for the betterment of the community.



## What is Your Vision for 84th Street?

Vision 84, the process of creating a redevelopment/revitalization plan for the 84th

officials, representatives from various agencies, and volunteers from the community has been established to coordinate the visioning process with the consultant. Inside this newsletter you will find a flier describing upcoming opportunities for citizen participation. We encourage you to attend as many of the events as possible and offer your "vision" for the future of 84th Street.

Street corridor, is underway. The City has engaged EDAW, a consulting firm from Ft. Collins, CO to assist in this endeavor. A working group of selected City staff, elected and appointed

## A MINUTE WITH mayor kindig



Each spring prior to the beginning of the City's annual budget preparation process, the Mayor, City Council and management team participate in a day-long strategic planning session. I truly believe this meeting is one of the most important things we do each year. It gives us an opportunity to review the progress we have made and re-establish our priorities and goals for the upcoming year.

As we worked on our strategic planning efforts this year, Vision 84 was a major focus. The creation of a "vision" for the redevelopment and revitalization of the 84th Street corridor was a priority for citizens responding to the National Citizen Survey. The City has since contracted with the consulting firm EDAW to facilitate an inter-active process that will result in a plan for 84th Street and suggested next steps for implementing that plan.

In this and subsequent Citywise newsletters you will find an insert regarding the status of Vision 84 and upcoming opportunities for participation in the process. I would highly encourage you to attend the walking tours of the corridor, the community workshops and the educational forums that will be conducted over the next several months. Citizen participation is very important to the ultimate success of the project and we want to know what your "vision" is for the 84th Street corridor.

I look forward to seeing many of you at these upcoming meetings as together we set the direction for the future of this vital area of La Vista.

Mayor Douglas Kindig

# Safe Communities Award

On May 13, 2009 the City of La Vista will receive the National Safety Council's Safe Communities Award. The award will be presented at the Safety and Health Summit held at the Qwest Center. This award recognizes the City for its collaboration efforts to promote safety and identify safety risks in the community. The City was nominated by the League Association of Risk Management (LARM), an insurance pool that provides property, casualty, liability and work comp insurance coverage for the City. La Vista officials and employees are dedicated to safe work practices and keeping employees and citizens out of harm's way. Congratulations to La Vista's Safety Committee and to all of the employees for their efforts to keep La Vista a safe place to live and work.

## La Vista City Calendar

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

### May 2009

- 5 City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 8-9 Vision 84 Walking Tours
- 14 Library Advisory Board, 5:30 p.m. in the Library Conference Room
- 19 City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 20 Park and Recreation Advisory Board, 7:00 p.m.
- 21 Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m.
- 25 Most City offices will be closed for Memorial Day

### June 2009

- 2 City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 11 Citizen Advisory Review Committee, 7:00 p.m.
- 11-14 La Vista Days
- 16 City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 17 Park and Recreation Advisory Board, 7:00 p.m.
- 18 Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m.
- 23 Vision 84 Community Workshop, La Vista City Hall

### trivia

**What was the original name of the steakhouse located on 84th Street? (Hint: The building is still there.)**

*Answer on Page 7*

### July 2009

- 3 Most City offices will be closed for the 4th of July holiday
- 7 City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 9 Library Advisory Board, 5:30 p.m. in Library Conference Room
- 15 Park and Recreation Advisory Board, 7:00 p.m.
- 16 Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m.
- 21 City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

# City Adopts New Property Maintenance Code

The City of La Vista has adopted the International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC) which regulates and governs the condition and maintenance of all property, buildings and structures to ensure safety, sanitation and fitness to occupy and to use.

Take a look at some commonly noted property violations to ensure that the property you are living in is safe for your family.

**1. Smoke Detectors:** Check batteries and whether they are working properly. Current code requires one in each bedroom, one centrally located in areas accessing bedrooms and at least one on each level.

**2. Electrical Conditions:** Electrical outlets and fixtures should have proper covers and globes. Exposed electrical wires need to be capped or terminated. Do exterior outlets have proper covers? If GFCI (ground fault circuit interrupter) outlets are required by the code, such as near sinks or tubs, push the GFCI outlet test button to verify they are working properly.

**3. Handrails:** Are all handrails in place and properly secured?

**4. Combustible Storage:** Are combustible materials being stored near the furnace, in exit ways or under the stairs? A 5-foot clearance is required around the furnace.

**5. Heating System:** The furnace should be serviced every 12-18 months. Check safety covers and area for air circulation.

**6. Broken Windows/Missing Screens:** Check for broken or cracked windows, torn screens or missing storm windows. In basement bedrooms, egress window sills should measure less than 44" off the floor.

**7. Water Heater:** Is there any rusting or corrosion or is the PTR (pressure relief) valve leaking? Does the pipe from the PTR valve go down to 6 inches above the floor?

**8. Plugged Vents:** Are dryer and exhaust vents free of debris? All dryer ducts need to be metal and must be vented to the outside.

**9. Plumbing:** Are there any leaks and/or any pipes that are plugged or any faucets that have low water pressure?

**10. Damaged Walls, Ceilings, Floors, and Doors:** Check for holes, cracks & other damage. Remove any keyed locks, hasp locks or dead bolt locks from bedroom doors. Are the basement walls or foundation in good condition?

**11. Appliances:** Appliances should be in proper working order. The range hood light and fan should operate, stove burners and drip pans should be intact, the refrigerator should be cooling, the disposal working, etc.

**12. Tub/Shower Caulking:** Does the tub/shower surround need to be re-caulked to make it watertight or to remove mold? Are there any loose tiles or wallboard?

**13. Premises Identification:** Are your building address numbers clearly visible from the street?

**14. Fire Extinguishers:** Although fire extinguishers are only required in multi-housing, it is a very good idea to have one in all single family homes, as well.

Other: This is not a comprehensive list of all possible health and safety issues. Please contact the Community Development Department at 331-4343 with any questions or concerns.

## policewatch



### HARROD PROMOTED TO SERGEANT

La Vista police officer Ray Harrod was promoted to the rank of sergeant at the April 7th City Council meeting. Harrod, a 14 year law enforcement veteran, has experience working in Uniform Patrol, Criminal Investigations, and most recently the Special Enforcement Bureau. Harrod is one of the department's firearms instructors and an initial member of the La Vista Police Motor Unit.



### MEET YOUR NEW NEIGHBORHOOD POLICE OFFICERS

Officers Chris Boom and Wes Harrah were sworn in as La Vista Police Officers at the April 7th City Council meeting. Officer Boon has previous law enforcement experience with the Fremont Police Department and Officer Harrah has served in the Cass and Sarpy County Sheriff Departments. Both officers are currently in La Vista's Field Training Program and will be assigned to the Uniform Patrol Bureau upon successful completion of training.

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## LA VISTA DAYS

### KICKOFF ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Tuesday, June 9, 2009, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. or until the ice cream is gone! Kickoff your summer and La Vista Days at the La Vista Community Center with an old fashion Ice Cream Social! **FEE:** 25¢.

### SUMMER RECREATION IN THE PARKS

The La Vista Recreation Department will provide recreational activities for children ages 8-14 according to the following schedule:

Crestview Village Basketball Court, 7235 Edna Court - Monday, June 1, 2009, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

City Park, 78th & Josephine - Monday, June 15, 2009, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Central Park Basketball Court, Edgewood Blvd. & Valley Rd. - Monday, July 6, 2009, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Jaycee Park, Harvest Hill Drive and Valley View Drive - Monday, July 27, 2009, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

### DINOSAUR EGG HUNT

Tuesday, July 14, 2009, 3:00 p.m. Southwind Park, 91st & Giles (by La Vista Library).

**FEE:** \$1.50 per person. Registration deadline: Monday, July 13, 2009. Join us in Southwind Park to hunt giant dinosaur eggs (watermelons). When all the "eggs" are found, we'll haul them back to the picnic shelter to crack them open and enjoy a slice of ice cold watermelon!

### NEW FOR 2009!

### NEW BBQ SCHOOL

Certified Kansas City BBQ Judge David Karlson will teach you the basics of smoking brisket, pork butt and ribs. You will learn

to make your own rubs and sauces; trim a brisket; skin ribs; secrets of the smoke ring; tips on how to barbecue on a gas grill, charcoal kettle, offset barrel and more. This will be a hands-on class with sampling! Saturday, May 30, 2009 Noon - 2:00 p.m. **FEE:** \$40 per person, 10 person limit.

### NEW ADULTS - BELGIUM BREWING COMPANY BEER TASTING

Ron Nelson from New Belgium Brewing Company will guide you through a tasting of New Belgium beers. Must be 21 years old with valid I.D. Event at La Vista Falls Golf Course Clubhouse, 8305 Park View Blvd. on July 10, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. Registration deadline: July 3, 2009. Register at the La Vista Recreation Dept. **FEE:** \$15 Minimum 10 people/Maximum 32 people.

### NEW CHOOSING A DIGITAL CAMERA

With so many digital cameras on the market are you unsure which one meets your needs? Then we have the class for you! Jeff from Rockbrook Camera will help you understand the differences between cameras and help you understand which camera is right for you. Saturday May 23, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. \$25.00. Call 331-3455 to reserve your spot.

### NEW ZUMBA FITNESS CLASSES

Zumba is an easy-to-follow aerobic exercise with movements that are mainly derived from Latin and international music. The routines feature aerobic interval training with a combination of fast and slow rhythms to tone and sculpt the body. Participants do not have to know how to dance to do Zumba. This program incorporates footwork and body movements from merengue, cumbia, salsa and other dances.

Come and join us, this is an exciting opportunity to burn some calories and have fun!! Classes: Thursday evening 6-7 p.m. and Saturday morning 9:30-10:30 am. **FEE:** \$30/month.

### SENIOR ACTIVITIES

The La Vista Senior Center is located in the Community Center and offers friendship, food, fitness, field trips and many more fun activities. Please join us for lunch; the La Vista Senior Center is located in the Community Center and offers friendship, food, fitness, field trips and many more fun activities. Please join us for lunch, exercise or one of our special events. Look on-line at [www.cityoflavista.org/recreation/seniorcenter](http://www.cityoflavista.org/recreation/seniorcenter) for our monthly newsletter and activities, or contact the Recreation Dept. at 331-3455 for further information.

The Special Services Bus is available for senior citizens age 60 and older and all special needs/handicapped residents of La Vista and Ralston. Call 657-3550 or the Recreation Dept. at 331-3455 for further information.

### SEASONAL ACTIVITIES

Jr. Lancers Youth Soccer

Soccer Clinic for 3 year olds.

Youth Tackle Football

Football Cheerleading

Youth Flag Football

Youth Volleyball

Fall Adult Softball

Check on-line at [www.cityoflavista.org](http://www.cityoflavista.org) or at the recreation center for all on-going activities and classes and for any new events that may not be listed in this newsletter. Flyers are often posted for special events planned after the newsletter is printed.

## STIMULUS FUNDING

As part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) the City of La Vista will be receiving approximately \$1.1 million for road construction projects. Federal funding for the Omaha metro-area is managed through the Metropolitan Area Planning Agency (MAPA). Eligible projects are required to be shovel ready in approximately 120 days. La Vista has two projects that are currently eligible, ready to start and funded. Work on Giles Road from 107th Street to I-80 will include repairs to stop the concrete panels from rocking, installation of an edge drain system, and milling of the roadway. The second project is the installation of warning lights at 108th & Chandler Road to warn drivers of emergency vehicles entering the intersection from the District 2 Fire Station.

## RESIDENTIAL SEWER DRAIN CLEANING

Residents are asked to notify the Public Works Department at 331-8927 when you have your home sewer line cleaned. Material removed from your sewer line is forced into the main sewer line, which creates the possibility of that material becoming stuck in the main and causing backup problems. The Public Works Department will check and service the main sewer line for proper flow. We appreciate your cooperation.

## NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

Observed May 17 - 23, 2009 this year, National Public Works Week (NPWW) is a celebration of the men and women who provide and maintain the infrastructure and services collectively known as

## VOLUNTEER GROUPS NEEDED

The La Vista Public Works Department is looking for a few energetic volunteer groups to install storm drain markers on storm sewer inlets throughout the city. The metal markers have the message: "No Dumping - Drains to Creek"; along with the outline of a fish. The marker installation program is part of the City of La Vista Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan. The idea behind installing the markers is to educate residents that the only thing that should be going into storm drains is rain water. With 98% of the storm sewer system underground, many people do not realize that it dumps directly into local lakes, ponds, streams and creeks. Unlike the sanitary sewer system, storm water is untreated and polluted water directly impacts the environment. If you have a volunteer group that is looking for a worthwhile project, please contact Public Works Director Joe Soucie at 331-8927.



public works. National Public Works Week calls attention to the importance of public works in community life. One of the goals of NPWW is to raise awareness of public works issues. If there is a Public Works crew in your neighborhood stop and thank them for the important service they provide to the community.

## Go Green - Compost!

Composting is finally catching on in mainstream America as a great way to reduce waste and keep your lawn, garden and plants healthy. Composting turns organic wastes into a valuable resource and in ten years will probably be as commonplace as recycling aluminum cans. Many states in the US have started legislative mandates to reduce the volume of waste being sent to landfills. There are numerous options for containing compost. The simplest method

is building a compost pile in a convenient spot on the ground. Bins can also be constructed from recycled pallets, plywood and two-by-fours and there are many commercial bins on the market. Any compost bin would need to be located in the backyard. If you are interested in starting a household composting program, websites like VegWeb.com have excellent information, or visit your local library for books on the subject.

## Congratulations

Recognition awards for 2008 were presented to City employees at a special event in February. In addition to recognizing Bob Lausten, the 2008 employee of the year, a leadership award was presented to Pam Bueche and outstanding service awards were presented to Stacy Corbit, Sheila Lindberg, Dutch Sevener and the La Vista Volunteer Fire Department. A TEAM award was given to Jeff Thornburg, Dutch Sevener, Mike Richardson and Josh Bueche for their work on the Triple Crown Baseball Tournament. Mike Krzywicki received a Service Award for 25 years on the Planning Commission. Other awards were



Bob Lausten, the 2008 City of La Vista Employee of the Year (center) with City Administrator Brenda Gunn and Mayor Kindig.

presented by departments for various projects and individual efforts. Congratulations to all.

## Library Memberships

If you live within the city limits of La Vista you can obtain a Library card free of charge. The card allows you to check out all available materials in the Library. You must be at least 8 years of age to receive a Library card. If you are not sure if you live within the city limits, call the Library or stop in for a visit. We can look up your address.

If you do reside outside of the city limits, you can purchase an annual membership for a fee of \$50. That is cheaper than the price of two hardback books and the Library has a great selection of the latest publishing authors.

## Summer Membership Special

The Library is offering a Special Summer Membership that will start on June 1st and end on August 15th. The cost for this limited membership is \$15.00 and it will allow you to participate in the Summer Reading Program and give you access to all of the other resources and benefits offered by our Library. Sign-up for this special offer begins on June 1. If you are looking for an inexpensive and educational way to entertain the kids this summer, take advantage of this great deal!

## Upcoming Events and Programs

Summertime at the Library is very busy with Summer Reading Program activities; however the Library continues to offer a wide variety of special events and regular programs for adults, teens, and children of all ages. Below is a list of some additional ongoing programs. Visit the Library's website to get the details on any of these activities or call the Library at 537-3900.

Technology Classes  
Genealogy Group  
The Reading Room  
Evening Book Club  
Quilt Club

## Did You Know

The Library has six computers dedicated to children's activities? CD games that help children become familiar with the computer, keyboard and mouse can be

checked out at the front desk for use on these computers. Available games include Barbie, Bob the Builder, Hello Kitty, JumpStart, and Scooby-Doo.



## Summer Reading Program

The 2009 Summer Reading Program, **Be Creative @ Your Library** is open to children from birth through 8th grade. This program offers a variety of activities throughout the summer including Preschool, Toddler and Lapsit Story time, crafts, contests, movie nights, guest speakers, and more. (Registration is required for all story times and various age requirements apply.) Program participants will also be able to explore the library's collection for exciting books to read and they can earn prizes and coupons by keeping track of their reading time. There will be an activity **EVERY DAY**, Monday through Friday, beginning Monday, June 8 and running through Friday, August 14. **Registration for the Summer Reading Program will be held at the Kick-Off Event on June 3rd from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.** Mark your calendars and get ready to enjoy the summer at the Library!

## Teen Summer Reading Program

A special Summer Reading Program for Teens is also scheduled this year. The theme is **Express Yourself @ Your Library**. Stop by the Teen Kick-Off and **registration event on June 4, from 2 - 4 p.m.** and join us for an afternoon of fun and games! The Teen Summer Reading Program will run from June 4th - August 14th. Watch the Library's web page; calendars of all teen events will be available at the Library or on the website.

**NEW! Library Book Drop Off at the La Vista Community Center,  
8116 Park View Blvd. Anytime the Community Center is open.**

## THANK YOU LA VISTA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

The La Vista Community Foundation recently approved two grants to provide training and equipment for La Vista and surrounding communities. The Foundation awarded the City \$4,500 towards the purchase of Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) for the Community Center, Golf Course and Swimming Pool. The Foundation also granted \$1,700 to partially fund a national trainer who provided a session on governance to elected and appointed officials from several communities including La Vista, Gretna, Bellevue, Bennett, Hickman, Plattsburgh and Nebraska City.

## FREE TRAINING

It is severe weather season - are you prepared to survive a disastrous storm?

CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) offers a free 20-hour training class to help you gain the skills that could save your life and the lives of your family in an emergency situation. Training is offered monthly and you can register online at <http://easternnebraskacert.com> or by calling 402.680.8705.

## IT'S COMING

Only ten months until the kickoff of La Vista's year-long celebration of the City's first 50 years. The fun will start in February 2010. Watch our website and this newsletter for more information. Don't forget to contact us if you have memorabilia or early history stories to share: Rita Ramirez at [rramirez@cityoflavista.org](mailto:rramirez@cityoflavista.org) or 331-4343.

Trivia answer from page 2.

Mr. Kelly's

## Council Clips

The following items are highlights of recent City Council action:

- Selected a consultant to facilitate Vision 84, the development of a redevelopment/revitalization plan for the 84th Street corridor
- Adopted a Municipal Facilities Plan
- Implemented a New Process for Citizen Participation at Council Meetings
- Approved the One and Six Year Street Improvement Plan
- Adopted the International Property Maintenance Code



## Golf Season is Here!

La Vista Falls Golf Course, 8305 Park View Blvd., is accepting applications for family, company and school and night time golf outings. Call Manager Denny Dinan at 339-9147 for more information on open golf, golf course hours, fees, leagues and special outings. (If the golf course is closed, please call the Recreation Dept. at 331-3455).

Sign up for Junior Golf - Tee times available Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday between 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. Cost \$10 per person, per day (includes green fees, hot dog, chips and pop). Ages 12-16

years (prefer playing ability and knowledge of the game). Sign up as individuals or groups. You may sign up for as many days or weeks as you would like. Start date: Monday, June 1, 2009.

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

## How to Hire a Contractor

It's not always easy to find a good builder, plumber or mechanical contractor. Here are some tips from the Building Department on what to look for. You will want someone with a good reputation and the skills to deliver a quality job at a fair price. But remember, the contractor and his crew will be spending a lot of time in your house, so ask questions.

**1. References:** Ask any contractor you're considering for at least five references; contact at least three. Get previous clients to give you details of the contractor's dependability and workmanship, how he handled problems, whether the budget stayed intact, and if work progressed on or close to schedule.

**2. Assessing Bids:** The low bid may not provide top quality workmanship, but the high bid isn't necessarily a guarantee of the best work either. Some contractors submit a high bid if they don't really want the job or don't have time to come up with a more

accurate proposal. Detailed specifications will help you assess the bids more closely.

**3. The Contract:** Every job, no matter how small, should be covered by a contract. It should include the basics: start date, end date, cost and payment schedule, as well as a clause stating the work will conform to all applicable building codes and that the contractor will secure all necessary permits. The project description or specifications should also be as detailed as possible.

**4. Payment:** Discuss up front how the contractor expects to be paid. Payments for large projects are typically spread out over three to six intervals, based on various completion benchmarks. Beware of anyone who demands cash payments; you won't have proof of how much you handed over. And a contractor who asks for payment of the full fee up front should not be trusted.

# LA VISTA cityofficials

## Mayor

Douglas Kindig

## City Council

Brenda Carlisle, Ward 1  
Ron Sheehan, Ward 1  
Mike Crawford, Ward 2  
Terrilyn Quick, Ward 2  
Mark Ellerbeck, Ward 3  
Alan Ronan, Ward 3  
Anthony Gowan, Ward 4  
Kelly Sell, Ward 4

## City Administrator

Brenda Gunn

## Management Team

Rita Ramirez, Assistant City Administrator  
Pat Archibald, Buildings & Grounds Director  
Pam Buethe, City Clerk  
Ann Birch, Community Development Director  
Sheila Lindberg, Finance Director  
Rose Iwan, Library Director  
Rich Uhl, Fire Chief  
Bob Lausten, Police Chief  
Joe Soucie, Public Works Director  
Scott Stopak, Recreation Director



Community Policing in Action — La Vista Police Officers and Mayor Kindig met with residents of Crestview Village and then spent some time getting to know the youth from this area.



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# RE-IMAGINE 84th

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## OVERVIEW

The 84th Street Revitalization Vision Plan project is underway! Over the next twelve months, the City and its consultant team will be conducting a variety of discussion formats for citizen input regarding the future of this important one mile corridor that extends through the heart of the community. The project study area is located between Harrison Street and Giles Road along 84th Street in La Vista.

Over the last several years, the 84th Street corridor has deteriorated in terms of physical appearance, property maintenance and as an employment center. Major anchors including Wal-Mart, Gordman's and Baker's Supermarket have vacated the area to move to new shopping centers and smaller businesses have been unable to sustain themselves and forced to relocate or close, leaving many vacant storefronts. Other commercial parcels in the area were developed 35 to 40 years ago prior to implementation

of good planning and design principles and have not been updated. This once vibrant and thriving corridor on a major arterial road in the heart of La Vista now appears considerably depressed and in need of redevelopment.

## OUTREACH

Ultimately, the City wants to revitalize the area to be more appealing to residents and visitors by creating a more contemporary commercial environment. To do this, the City is starting on a two phase process - visioning and implementation. The visioning process, from which a specific Vision Plan will be produced, has just begun. In this first phase, the City and its consultant team will conduct the project in a series of five different stages. Throughout each stage, the City and consultant team will be reaching out to the community for input and ideas regarding the future of the corridor. There are several outreach venues proposed, including newsletter updates, an informational web site, targeted outreach meetings, a speaker series/ educational forums, stakeholder meetings, walking tours and community workshops.



The schedule below outlines the different stages of the project, and an approximate timeline for each stage.

Upcoming opportunities for participation and involvement in Vision 84 include the public walking tours, the educational forums and the community workshops.

Further information regarding the educational forums will be posted on the City website: [www.cityoflavista.org/vision 84](http://www.cityoflavista.org/vision 84).

## SCHEDULE

### PROJECT START-UP & INVENTORY / ANALYSIS

Study Area Tour

Establish Working Group

Launch Project Website

### INITIAL PUBLIC OUTREACH

Newsletter #1

Speaker Series - Educational Forums (Coming Soon)

Public Walking Tours (2 consecutive days)

Community Workshop #1

2009  
Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec 2010  
Jan

May 1

May 8-9

June 23

August 1

TBD - Aug. 15

### DEVELOPING A VISION

Newsletter #2

Develop Alternatives

Refine Alternatives

Community Workshop #2

### VISION PLAN PREPARATION

Develop Community Vision Statement

Develop Conceptual Plan

Vision Statement and Conceptual Plan Revisions

Newsletter #3

Nov 1

### VISION PLAN REFINEMENT

Community Workshop #3

TBD - Nov 10

City Council Meeting

Administrative Draft Vision Plan

Final Vision Plan and Newsletter

Feb 1

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## QUESTIONS?

Contact Ann Birch, City of La Vista 331-4343  
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