



## La Vista 50 Celebration Kicks Off February 23rd

Rooftops and multi-national companies now sit where farm fields once dominated the landscape. Since its incorporation as a village in February 1960, La Vista has grown exponentially and evolved as an innovator in economic development.

There is a lot to celebrate as the community eclipses the 50-year milestone in 2010 and the City of La Vista has a year-long slate of activities planned to commemorate the occasion. Committees of city staff, the La Vista Community Foundation, businesses and residents have been working for more than two years to create strong partnerships from every sector of the community.

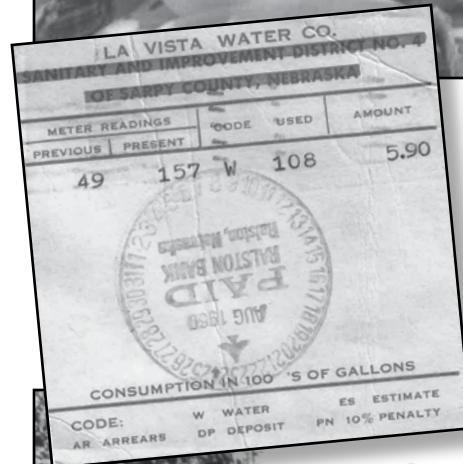
The La Vista 50 celebration kicks off February 23rd with a Founder's Day Luncheon at the Embassy Suites/La Vista Conference Center where the city's history will be on display.

Each of La Vista's previous Mayors will be honored and Governor Dave Heineman and invited guests will witness the unveiling of a new 50th anniversary city logo and historical banner. Also, La Vista's first history book will be available to the public.

At the Founder's Day Lunch, Mayor Doug Kindig will announce a full slate of activities and celebrations to be hosted by the city throughout 2010.

"It has been an honor and a privilege to preside over the official commemoration of our city's 50th anniversary," Kindig said. "It is with the deepest gratitude and respect for those who founded our city that we begin this year-long celebration. We have an amazing schedule of events for our residents to enjoy in 2010."

Beginning February 23rd, the city's Web site, [www.cityoflavista.org](http://www.cityoflavista.org), will feature the new schedule of events as well as an online store of memorabilia available for purchase.



ABOVE: A neighborhood picnic from the 1960's.

LEFT: A bill from the La Vista Water Company.

BOTTOM LEFT: La Vista's first city hall.



Turn to page 7 for more on the Library's history

## A MINUTE WITH mayor kindig



For more than two years, city staff and members of the community have been working behind the scenes planning the celebration of La Vista's 50th anniversary.

In that time, the City commissioned a history book (please read the story on the cover of this newsletter about the history project) and city staff created a schedule of events and began to plan the festivities slated throughout the year.

At the Founder's Day Lunch on February 23 at the Embassy Suites/La Vista Conference Center, the City will unveil the history book and new logo to commemorate the 50th anniversary. We will also honor the families of La Vista's past mayors – men who provided leadership and vision for the city in the best and worst of times.

An important aspect of the planning for La Vista's 50th anniversary has been the fundraising. The City and the La Vista Community Foundation approached business partners about providing either financial or in-kind contributions and they delivered! In all, more than \$200,000 was committed by these partners to help make the La Vista 50 celebration unforgettable.

Without these contributions, the commemorative festivities planned in 2010 would not be possible. The La Vista Community Foundation deserves special recognition for their partnership with the City in the fundraising endeavors.

As a resident of La Vista, you are cordially invited to enjoy the festivities all year long. Stay tuned to the Citywise newsletter, the City's Web site, [www.cityoflavista.org](http://www.cityoflavista.org), and media announcements for the latest anniversary information.

— Mayor Douglas Kindig

# La Vista Daze 2010

In four short months Central Park and Park View Boulevard will be buzzing with La Vista Daze activity. Scheduled for **May 27-31**, the annual celebration will feature the theme, **Solid Gold**, in honor of La Vista's 50th anniversary.

Included in the schedule of events this year will be the usual traditions, carnival and vendors in Central Park; some traditions with a different twist and some new activities altogether. The community cookout and fireworks (previously scheduled on Sunday night at the La Vista Sports Complex) will be held on Friday evening this year at La Vista City Hall/Community Center and La Vista Falls Golf Course. Included in this activity will be new features including a climbing wall, concert and corporate dodge ball tournament.

This year's parade route will return to a starting point west of 84th Street in the Park View Heights neighborhood, proceeding down Park View Boulevard to Edgewood Boulevard where it will end near the tennis courts at the entrance to Central Park. There are many more exciting events scheduled for La Vista Daze 2010, so watch the next issue of Citywise for more details.

## La Vista City Calendar

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

### FEBRUARY 2010

- 2 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 12 Senior Valentine Lunch, La Vista Community Center, 11:30 a.m.
- 15 Most City offices will be closed for President's Day
- 16 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 17 Park and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 18 Planning Commission Meeting, 7 p.m.

### MARCH 2010

- 2 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 11 Citizen Advisory Review Committee Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 11 Library Advisory Board Meeting, La Vista Public Library, 5:30 p.m.
- 16 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 17 Park and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 18 Planning Commission Meeting, 7 p.m.

### trivia

**What was the name of the original business that used to operate in the location where Sol's Jewelry and Loan exists today?**

*Answer on Page 7*

### APRIL 2010

- 3 Annual Easter Egg Hunt, La Vista Sports Complex, 10:15 a.m.
- 6 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 10-11 Citizen's Fire Academy, Bellevue Fire Training Tower, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- 15 Planning Commission Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 16-17 Annual Clean Up Days, Public Works Building, 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
- 20 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 21 Park and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 25 Spring Kite Festival, La Vista Sports Complex, Noon - 5:00 p.m.

# firedepartment

## OFFICER APPOINTMENTS

The La Vista Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department recently held promotional interviews to select officers for 2010. The promotions are an opportunity for the members to take on more responsibility and use their experience for the betterment of the community. The position of fire lieutenant was added to the roster this year and offers firefighters a chance to learn the ropes for future promotions without jumping straight into the captain's seat. "I appreciate these people stepping forward and accepting the added responsibilities associated with the positions of fire and EMS officers," said La Vista Fire Chief Rich Uhl. "They should be proud that they were appointed and elected into these positions based on the confidence placed in them by their superior officers and fellow firefighters and EMS personnel."

## 2010 Fire Department Officers

### DISTRICT 1

District Chief: Adam Vail  
Fire Captains: Steve Stark, Ty Ebel  
Fire Lieutenant: Don McKay  
Rescue Lieutenant: Steve Leighton

### DISTRICT 2

District Chief: Rory Froehlich  
Fire Captains: Steve Overly, Mike Boley  
Fire Lieutenant: Troy Little  
Rescue Lieutenant: Vickie Pfeifer

### GENERAL DEPARTMENT

Assistant Chief: Mike Farquhar  
Rescue Captain: Rob Witt  
Fire Training Officer: TJ Markowsky  
Medical Training Officer: Melanie Smith  
Public Information Officer: James Tiehen  
Asst. PIO: Alyssa Stubbs

## LVFD PLACES THIRD AT ANNUAL EMS COMPETITION

Creighton University recently held its third annual EMS competition attended by paid and volunteer departments from New York, Florida, Oklahoma, Iowa and Nebraska. Two teams from the La Vista Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department competed. Each team of three paramedics or three EMTs was presented with a scenario involving multiple patients and were graded based on their ability to treat the patients appropriately, manage the scene and work together in a professional manner. La Vista's team of EMTs was able to claim 3rd place amidst the stiff competition,

illustrating the department's commitment to training and professionalism. The team included members Don McKay, Aaron Peth and James Tiehen. "LVFD's paramedics and EMTs train to provide the best possible care to the citizens of La Vista," said Medical Training Officer Melanie Smith. "Based on our training and their hard work, our volunteer EMT team proved to be very competitive with other volunteer and paid EMTs from the region and the nation."

## CITIZEN'S FIRE ACADEMY 2010

This year's Citizen's Fire Academy weekend will be held on April 10 and 11 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Bellevue Fire Training Tower, 3100 Cornhusker Road. This is an opportunity for those thinking about joining the fire department to see first hand what goes into becoming a firefighter and EMT. Many past academy participants have gone on to join the department after the two days of intensive, hands-on training. Applications will be available at the LVFD District 1 station or on the city Web site, [www.cityoflavista.org](http://www.cityoflavista.org), under the Fire Department tab. For questions contact LVFD at 331-4748 or via e-mail [lvfdpio@gmail.com](mailto:lvfdpio@gmail.com).

# policewatch

La Vista Police Sgt. Todd Armbrust was among 12 members of local law enforcement and emergency management agencies that traveled to Israel in November to attend training on counterterrorism and security measures. The training was paid for by a U.S. Department of Homeland Security grant.

The seven-day training, which was led by Israeli security experts, included how security is provided in places such as Israel's Olympic Village headquarters, Hebrew University of Jerusalem and the Port of Ashdod as well as topics such as controlling exits and entrances at large-scale events, Israeli airport security and other complex security operations.

"The Israelis are the best at what they do, and they're forced to be the best at what they do," says Armbrust, a member of the South Metro SWAT Team. "It was a huge opportunity, I would never have dreamed we would get to go over there and see how they do it because they are the world's best."



Should the Omaha area ever be attacked or be the site of a natural disaster, the training that the 12 officers and public safety officials received could be essential, said Armbrust.

Among those on the trip were members of the Bellevue, La Vista and Omaha police departments, and officers from the Douglas and Washington County sheriff's offices and Paul Johnson, director of the Douglas County Emergency Management Agency.

## 2010 CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

The City will have a very busy construction season ahead. Some of the projects are scheduled to include:

**La Vista Link to the Keystone Trail** - Trail link starting on South 69th Street and continuing through the sports complex to 66th and Harrison Street.

**Storm Sewer Pipe Lining** - Rehabilitation to an existing 36-inch storm sewer pipe located at Park Crest Drive and Harrison Street.

**132nd and West Giles Road** - Improvements to the intersection.

**Quiet Zone Southport West** - Railroad signal upgrades and road reconfiguration to eliminate the need for trains to blow their whistles.

**Giles Road Retrofit** - Pavement rehabilitation from 108th St. to West Giles Road, including the installation of a drainage system and dowel bar retrofit.

**108th & Chandler Road Warning Lights** - Install warning lights on 108th Street at Chandler Road to notify traffic that emergency vehicles are entering the roadway from the District 2 Fire Station.

**Hell Creek Channel Stabilization** - Repair damaged stream bank and storm sewer system.

**72nd Street Pedestrian Overpass** - Clean, prepare and repaint the existing overpass structure on 72nd Street.

## ANNUAL CLEAN-UP DAYS

The City's annual Clean-up Days will be held on Friday, April 16 and Saturday, April 17, 2010.

All residents, including those who live 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.

Hours of operation will be 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. 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.

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

## Rental Inspection Program Now in Effect

In an effort to prevent or eliminate substandard or deteriorating rental housing and to preserve residential rental properties, property values and neighborhoods, the La Vista City Council recently established a Rental Inspection Program.

The program, which requires landlords to submit to regular inspections, went into effect January 1, 2010, and landlords have until March 31 to register their properties with the city.

The fees for initial registration, \$50 for a single family dwelling and \$6 per unit for multi-family properties, were waived by the City Council. The annual registration fees replace the previous occupation tax applicable to rental properties within the city limits. There is the potential for re-inspection fees to be assessed if inspectors find major health and safety violations which have not been corrected at the time of a follow-up inspection. In those cases, a \$50 re-inspection fee may be assessed.

Landlords received an information packet from the City in late December containing a summary of information as well as a checklist to assist them in readying their properties for

inspection. Please call City Hall if you did not receive yours.

### Characteristics of a property in compliance with the Rental Inspection Program:

Exterior siding in good condition

Sidewalks and driveways in safe and sound condition

Smoke detectors in each bedroom on every floor level

Exterior doors weather tight and in good working order

Each room, including bathrooms, have adequate heat (at least 65 degrees)

Plumbing fixtures have adequate pressure and supply and drain lines are leak-free

This list contains a small sampling of commonly found violations. It is not intended to be a comprehensive list. For more information, contact City Hall at 331-4343.

# Community Development Department

**Advanced Chiropractic & Neurology** - Construction has been completed on this 1,500 square-foot tenant finish located in the Southport Center building and Advanced Chiropractic is now operational. Location: 12040 McDermott Plaza.

**Betts Enterprise** - This cemetery maintenance company is now open for business, having completed construction on a 3,400 square-foot building. Location: 10402 Chandler Circle.

**Budweiser/Quality Brands** - A 30,529 square-foot addition to this distribution facility has been completed. Work is on-going to enclose an area which will be used for product tasting. A new permit for remodeling of the office area has been issued. Location: 13255 Centech Road.

**Falewich Construction** - Construction is nearly complete on a 6,000 square-foot addition to their existing building. Location: 8720 S. 114th Street.

**FM Forklifts** - Construction has been completed on an 8,124 square-foot building and this forklift sales and service business is now open. Location: 10421 Chandler Circle.

**Mutual of Omaha Bank** - Construction is nearly complete on this 30,450 square-foot bank and office building located in Southport West. A permit has also been issued for an interior tenant finish for the portion of the building which will house Mutual of Omaha Bank. Location: 12702 Westport Parkway.

**Profit Advantage** - Construction has been completed on this 9,294 square-foot office building which is the new location of a payroll processing business. Location: 9826 Giles Road.

**Solas Distillery** - Construction has been completed on a 4,300 square-foot tenant finish and Solas Distillery is open for business. Location: 11941 Centennial Road.

**Yahoo!** - Construction has been completed on a \$9.3 million renovation of an existing 70,000 square-foot building in the Brook Valley Business Park, which is the new home for Yahoo! Location: 10917 Harry Watanabe Drive.

**La Vista Nails** - Construction is nearly complete on a 1,500 square-foot tenant finish for this nail salon. Location: 7202 Giles Road.

**Midwest Eye Care** - A 1,500 square-foot tenant finish for this eye doctor's office has been completed. Location: 7202 Giles Road.

**ADT Branch Office** - A permit has been issued and construction started for a 10,000 square-foot tenant finish that will house a branch office of ADT Security. Location: 8719 S. 135th Street.

**Inopro Insurance Co.** - Construction has started on a tenant finish for and insurance company office. Location: 12702 Westport Parkway.

## Vision 84 Update

The final concept plan for the City of La Vista's 84th Street Redevelopment Vision Plan, otherwise known as Vision 84, is moving from the formation stages and into the formal approval process, with a potential City Council vote occurring by mid-March.

The working group and City staff have reviewed the proposed plan document, and the Planning Commission and City Council will be conducting public hearings on it. The Planning Commission will likely review the plan at its February meeting with City Council consideration beginning at its second meeting in March.

The City's consultant, EDAW, conducted a final community workshop in November and unveiled the plan to community members and other stakeholders.

The concept plan identifies La Vista Falls Golf Course as the location of a new civic center park connecting under 84th Street to the swimming pool and neighborhoods on the west, on the east end to Central Park, and to the civic center campus on the north. On the south side of the new civic center park is a traditional town center concept featuring a combination of mixed-use commercial and residential developments as well as additional park and open space areas.

EDAW developed the concept plan around a set of core principles that aim to make 84th Street an attractive and sustainable corridor where La Vista residents can take advantage of opportunities to live, work and play around concepts that promote social interaction and other community events.

Following Planning Commission and City Council approval, City staff will work to take the Vision 84 project from plan to reality. Phase two of Vision 84 will include designing and scheduling public improvements, crafting code amendments and identifying opportunities to partner with developers.

For more information on the Vision 84 project, contact Community Development Director Ann Birch at 331-4343.



## Weather Announcement

When Papillion-La Vista Schools close due to weather conditions, the library will cancel all scheduled programming for that day. This includes story time, crafts and other events. If you have any closing questions, please call the library before heading out.

## Computer Classes

Library cardholders can participate in the following computer classes: Basic Computer Skills, Basic Internet, Basic Word, Digital Cameras, Job Searching on the Internet, Resume Writing, and Basic Scanning classes. These hands-on classes are held in the library's computer lab. A monthly calendar of classes and their content is posted at the library and on the Web site. To register or for more information, call Jean at the library.

## Spring Craft Days

Craft days are scheduled after school from 3:30-4 p.m. for school aged children in kindergarten through fifth grade. Upcoming dates are February 18th, March 11th, and April 8th. Registration is not required for craft days.

## Teen Events

- Thursday, February 11th—**Anti-Valentine's Day Party.** Drop in any time from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. to anti-celebrate with a craft project from 4-5 p.m., gaming from 5-6 p.m. and movie and refreshments from 6-8 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 9th—**Tech Week Movie** 6-8:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 30th—**Spring Break Party** 4-8 p.m. Stop in any time to enjoy your spring break with a craft project from 4-5 p.m., gaming from 5-6 p.m. and movie and refreshments from 6-8 p.m.
- Thursday, May 27th—**End of School Party** 4-8 p.m. Celebrate "no more school" any time with a craft project from 4-5 p.m., gaming from 5-6 p.m. and movie and refreshments from 6-8 p.m.

## The Second Mystery Night

Interested adults can join us on May 18th from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The Mystery is a Murderous Melodrama! Come join in the "who done it!"

## Taxes

Tax season is coming! Visit the library's Web site, [www.cityoflavista.org/library](http://www.cityoflavista.org/library), for links to helpful sites. Read the FAQs sections and get help preparing your tax forms. The library still carries a large assortment of both state and federal tax forms and has a reproducible book to photocopy any tax form you might need. A number of books are also available to assist with taxes including J.K. Lasser's Guide for Tough Times.

## Annual Report:

In fiscal year 2009, 104,271 people passed through the library gates. This is 8,797 more visitors than last year and...more items are also being checked out...14,665 more items than in the previous year.

## Read Across America and Dr. Seuss' Birthday

On Tuesday, March 2nd the library will be celebrating Read Across America and Dr. Seuss' Birthday. More information about events happening on this special day will be available on our Web site or by contacting the library. You won't want to miss it!

## Spring Break at the Library

The library will be offering many special events during Spring Break in March and April. More details will be available at a later date. Contact the library if you have any questions.

## 2010 Summer Reading Program at the La Vista Public Library

The Summer Reading Program Kick-off will be held on Wednesday, June 2nd from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. This year's theme is Make a Splash – Read! Children, birth to fifth grade, will receive their reading packets when they register for this special 10-week program.

The Teen Summer Program is Make Waves @ Your Library™. Teens, in sixth to 12th grade, will be able to register for this program at the library's teen kick-off party. Watch the library's Web site for information.



## STORY TIMES

**Preschool Story Time** is geared towards three to five-year-old children who are not in kindergarten. The aim of story time is to introduce children to the library, the magic of books and reading, and to develop social skills needed for school. Preschool Story time starts on Monday, January 18th and ends on Friday, April 30th. It is available to three-year-olds on Mondays and Tuesdays and four- and five-year-olds on Fridays from 10-10:45 a.m. There is also an afternoon Preschool Story time on Thursdays from 2-2:45 p.m. This class is open to three, four, and five-year-old children.

**Toddler Story Time** is for children eighteen months to three years accompanied by a parent, a grandparent or caregiver. Toddler Story time is offered on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays. The class meets from 10:10 to 10:40 a.m. Monday, January 25th to Friday, April 30th. Space is limited and registration has begun.

**Lapsit** is a fun, hands-on program that introduces young children to the library and the joy of reading. This program is offered to children from six to 18 months. It is offered only on Thursdays from 10:10-10:40 a.m. Lapsit starts on Thursday, January 28th and ends on April 29th. Space is limited and registration has begun.

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## SMOKE & CO DETECTORS

Are you a La Vista resident in need of a smoke or carbon monoxide detector? The fire department has a program in place to install or test existing detectors at no cost to you. Renters, your landlord is responsible for requesting the installation and maintenance of your detectors. A request can be made by visiting the City Web site, [www.cityoflavista.org](http://www.cityoflavista.org), and looking under the Departments tab. You can also send an e-mail to [lvfdpio@gmail.com](mailto:lvfdpio@gmail.com) with your contact information to set up an appointment.

## CITY FEATURED IN WALL STREET JOURNAL ARTICLE

The City of La Vista was featured in a December 22 front page article in the Wall Street Journal detailing the vandalism to the tree outside City Hall, which is decorated every year for Christmas. The reporter interviewed Mayor Kindig as well as Parks Department employees, Brian Lukasiewicz and Dutch Sevener, who discovered the damage more than a year

ago. The article focused on the outrage from the community about the vandalism and the fact that the tree has so far survived. The reporter took some photographs of the tree, which were featured with the story, as well as some video clips, which were posted on the newspaper's Web site.

## 2010 CENSUS IS COMING

The 2010 United States Census will be occurring in the next several months and all La Vista residents are urged to participate. Residents will receive one questionnaire per household and responses should represent the household as it exists on Census Day, April 1, 2010. Census data is tied to more than \$300 billion annually from the federal government, as is each state's allocation of seats in the U.S. House of Representatives, so accuracy is crucial. Additionally, census data is used to help businesses and developers decide where to build new stores and other facilities. For more information on the 2010 U.S. Census, log on to <http://www.census.gov/2010census>.

## Council Clips

*The following items are highlights of recent City Council action:*

- Adopted the Rental Inspection program.
- Approved collective bargaining agreement with the La Vista Fraternal Order of Police
- Approved the purchase of two police cruisers
- Received a progress report on the City's strategic planning initiatives
- Approved the purchase of land and building located at 7215 S. 83rd Street
- Approved the appointment of fire department officers

**Trivia answer from page 2.**

**Kinney Shoes**

## Images from the City's Past

La Vista's original library, pictured at left, was constructed on the same land that now hosts City Hall and the La Vista Community Center. The original library also contained a community center facility until it was moved further back on the municipal lot with the old Public Works building. The books for the City's first library were donated by a La Vista resident, Howard Hamilton, who had a personal collection of more than 4,000 books. He donated 3,000 of those books, but not before the City Council agreed to designate funding for the construction of a library facility. Groundbreaking on the new facility took place in September 1973 and La Vista's first library opened to the public in June 1974.



# 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 Barcal, Library Director  
Rich Uhl, Fire Chief  
Bob Lausten, Police Chief  
Joe Soucie, Public Works Director  
Scott Stopak, Recreation Director



## On the Serving Line

Councilmembers Tony Gowan and Mike Crawford serve up hot chocolate at the annual Tree Lighting and Soup Supper sponsored by the City's elected officials.



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## FREE TAX HELP!

For taxpayers with low/middle income, with special attention to those age 60 and older. No appointments, walk-ins only. February 1st through April 15, 2010. Check at the Community Center or online at [www.cityoflavista.org](http://www.cityoflavista.org) for days, times and instructions for preparations prior to your visit.

## KANSAS CITY BBQ SOCIETY CERTIFIED BBQ JUDGING CLASS

Learn how to judge World-Class BBQ! This judging program is designed to train barbecue judges on basic objective standards for judging barbecue meat in KCBS-sanctioned cooking contests. Saturday March 27th, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. La Vista Community Center 8116 Parkview Blvd. For registration, contact Nena at 402-658-9948 or email [nena.cooney@gmail.com](mailto:nena.cooney@gmail.com).

## LA VISTA LUGGAGE TRAVEL CLUB - PELLA TULIP FESTIVAL

The La Vista Community Center has recently teamed with Elite Tours to provide great trips and travel opportunities. Our first trip will be to Pella, Iowa, for their annual "Pella Tulip Festival". This is a one day trip on Thursday, May 6, 2010. The trip includes a professional escort on a luxury motor coach with restrooms, and on-board entertainment. Lunch will be in Pella, then shop exquisite stores, bakery, cheese and meat markets. See Dutch architecture and costumes, view the parade with floats and bands, and enjoy the grandstand show, stage entertainment and the Street Scrubber. After the parade, you will depart Pella, with a dinner break in Stuart,



## SENIOR VALENTINE'S LUNCH

The La Vista and Papillion Senior Centers will be hosting their annual Valentine's luncheon on Friday, February 12, 2010. Food, fun & entertainment will be provided. All Seniors from the area are invited! Advance tickets are required. Tickets will be on sale at La Vista Community Center, 8116 Park View Blvd., La Vista, or at Papillion Recreation Dept., 1100 West Lincoln Rd., Papillion. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. Registration deadline: Thursday, February 4, 2010 (tickets will not be available after that date). **FEE:** \$6 per person, sorry, no refunds.

then return home. **FEE:** is \$99 per person. To register or for more information, contact Elite Tours at 402-342-4585 or visit their Web site at [www.elitetours.us](http://www.elitetours.us)

## LA VISTA LUGGAGE TRAVEL CLUB - HISTORIC BROWNVILLE, NE TRIP

June 12, 2010. Spend the day in Brownville, Nebraska's oldest historic frontier river town! Visit this charming historical 1854 village starting at the Whiskey Run Creek Vineyard and Winery. Sip the fine wines, take a tour and enjoy the scenery as the creek flows beneath the 100-year-old barn. Then board the Spirit of Brownville, an old-fashion riverboat. Take a relaxing narrated cruise along the Missouri River. See the site of the Lewis and Clark encampment on July 15, 1804. Enjoy a buffet

lunch aboard the Spirit of Brownville as well. After lunch, celebrate the 44th season of the Brownville Village Theatre, which was created out of an old church in 1966. With past shows such as *Don't Dress for Dinner* and *Rumors*, the 2010 season is sure to please! After the show,

## Community Center hours of operation (please note: hours are different for adult and youth):

Mon. - Fri: ..... 8 a.m.-10 p.m.  
Sat. (May 1 - Aug. 31): ..... 9 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Sat. (Sept. 1 - April 30): ..... 8 a.m.-6 p.m.  
Sun. (May 1 - Aug. 31): ..... Closed  
Sun. (Sept. 1 - April 30): ..... 1 p.m.-10 p.m.  
Mon.-Fri. (School Yr.): ..... 8 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Adults Only  
Mon.-Fri. (School Yr.): ..... 3 p.m.-10 p.m.  
Adults & Youth  
Mon.-Fri. (Summer): ..... 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m.  
Adults Only  
Mon.-Fri. (Summer Sched. / No School): ..... 1:30 p.m.-10:00 p.m. Adults & Youth

Snow Days are not included in the above schedule - those days are considered the same as school days for youth. Hours are 3:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.



## ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT AT A NEW LOCATION!

Saturday April 3rd, 2010 Rain or Shine! "NEW, LARGER LOCATION WITH ON-SITE PARKING". La Vista Sports Soccer Complex 1/4 mile south of Harrison on 66th Street. Children 12 and under are welcome to participate. Divisions and start times: Ages 4 and under with/without parents: 10:15 a.m. Ages 5 and 6: 10:20 a.m. Ages 7-9: 10:25 a.m. Ages 10-12: 10:30 a.m.

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

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take some time to browse or shop the historic downtown of this quaint little village. You will return home in the afternoon. Fee is \$79 per person. Tour includes show admission, cruise, lunch and a professional escort on-board the luxury motor coach, which provides restrooms and on-board entertainment. To register, or for more information, contact Elite Tours at 402-342-4585 or visit their Web site at [www.elitetours.us](http://www.elitetours.us)

### OH SHOOT!: INTRODUCTION TO DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY

Do you have an SLR that's never left the automatic setting? Do the words aperture and shutter speed strike fear in your heart? In this class, you will learn the different modes on your camera and how to use them. This class is for the beginning student of photography who wants to understand the basic concepts of lighting, exposure, composition, etc., in order to take a great picture. You may start the class on automatic, but you will leave with an understanding of manual! Instructor: Kim Madrigal of Beautiful World Photography. Class held at La Vista Community Center February 13, 9:00 am-11:00 am **Fee:** \$25. To register, contact Kim at 402-515-3870 or [Madrigal.Kim@gmail.com](mailto:Madrigal.Kim@gmail.com)

### NATURE/LANDSCAPE PHOTO CLASS

Tentative Class Date: Saturday, April 24, 2010. Please log on to our Web site, [www.cityoflavista.org](http://www.cityoflavista.org), or call Kim (at a later date) for description, time and fee for class. Instructor: Kim Madrigal 402-515-3870

### KITE FLYING FESTIVAL

The American Kite Fliers Association and the La Vista Recreation Department invite you to "Go Fly a Kite in 2010!". April is National Kite Flying Month, and to celebrate we'll host the Spring Kite Festival on Sunday, April 25, 2010, from noon to 5 p.m. at the La Vista Soccer Complex. Come see some of the world's largest and most creative kites at our upcoming festival. Bring the whole family and enjoy a day of kite flying!

### NEW! RELAXING YOGA

Relaxing Yoga is for the beginner and intermediate yoga student. This class includes breathing and relaxation techniques, stretching, joint and gland exercises, Hatha Yoga postures, and stress management techniques. Instructor: Frank P. Ferrante, Master Degree Certified Yoga Instructor with 17 years teaching experience. Class Time: Saturday 1-2 p.m. **Fee:** \$6 per class, payable in 4 class sessions (\$24). Cash only, please.

### ZUMBA FITNESS CLASS IS HERE!

Zumba is an easy-to-follow aerobic exercise with movements that are mainly derived from Latin and other international music. The routines feature aerobic interval training with a combination of fast and slow rhythms. Participants do not have to know how to dance to do Zumba. This is a fun way to burn some calories! Classes are on-going, join anytime! Friday 6:30-7:30 p.m. and Saturday 9-10 a.m. **Fee:** \$6 per individual class or \$35 punch card (7 classes). Further information and/or to download a flyer, schedule calendar or a registration form, go to the City's Web site at [www.cityoflavista.org/recreation](http://www.cityoflavista.org/recreation). Instructor: Marisol Rodriguez 402-813-8976; e-mail [ur.marisol@gmail.com](mailto:ur.marisol@gmail.com)

### NEW! KICKBOXING FITNESS CLASS

Thursdays 6-7 p.m. Fee: \$6. This class will offer a fast-paced cardio workout with a high energy atmosphere. Go beyond your limits and get stronger and fit faster. Cardio-Kickboxing is a fun, effective workout for men and women, combining martial arts, aerobics, cardiovascular and toning for a total body workout. Come to class to register, or for further information and/or to download a flyer, schedule calendar or a registration form, go to the City Web site at [www.cityoflavista.org/recreation](http://www.cityoflavista.org/recreation). Instructor: Kris Lumm 502-708-5602, [lumms2003@yahoo.com](mailto:lumms2003@yahoo.com)

### WOMEN'S SELF-DEFENSE CLASS

Women's self-defense is being offered the 1st Thursday of each month. These classes will teach basic self-defense techniques to help defend against and deter an attacker. It also will teach students how to be aware and remove themselves from difficult situations, either physically or verbally. This class is designed for women of all ages and any level of experience. 1st Thursday of each month-6:45 p.m.-8:30 p.m. **Fee:** \$10. For more information, please contact Claudia at 630-3169.

### BALLROOM DANCE CLASS

Ballroom Dancing with Instructor Terry Vargas. Terry has been dancing since 18 years of age, with continual studies and competitive dance competitions. In 2007, Terry was voted Top Student Award in the Nebraska Invitational, and also has earned three top teacher awards with the Arthur Murray Dance Studios. While still taking advanced training, Terry would like to give others the opportunity to enjoy dancing. Two or three dances will be taught each four-week session. Classes Monday 7-8 p.m. Ages 16 and up only. May join as a single or a couple. **Fee:** Each session \$40 per person.

Leather- soled shoes preferred (no gym shoes, please). Call 639-2209 for further information or to register for class.

### BATON CLASSES

Discover the fun you can have twirling! Not only will you learn to twirl, but you will also make friends, build confidence, and learn to present yourself in a positive light. Classes Monday and Wednesday afternoon: Beginners 4:00-4:45 p.m., Advanced 5:00-6:00 p.m. Ages: 5 and up. Classes subject to availability! Call Instructor Vicki Ludwick at 612-1479 for further information or registration.

### PRESCHOOL PLAY TIME

Come to the La Vista Community Center as we open the gym for parents and children preschool-age and under. Bring your child's favorite indoor toys and the Recreation Department will provide extra toys and games to play with. Preschool Play Time will run throughout the school year. (Preschool Playtime will not be held on school vacation days. School age children are not allowed during this time period.) When: Tuesday and Thursday mornings 10-11 a.m. **Fee:** Free.

### BELLY DANCING CLASSES

For all ages/all sizes! 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, call Wren Newman at 596-1397. Class Times: (Beginner) Tuesday 5:30-6:30 p.m. and (Advanced) Tuesday 7-8:00 p.m. **Fee:** \$20 per month.

### LEARN TO SWING WITH THE OMAHA JITTERBUGS!

The Omaha Jitterbugs offer a variety of dance lessons such as Lindy Hop, Charleston for Two, Swing and Bal-Swing (Balboa). Length of sessions and fees vary with classes. For more information and registrations, visit their Web site at [www.jitterbugs.org](http://www.jitterbugs.org).

### AIKIDO

Adult Classes (Ages 12 and Over): Monday and Thursday 7-9:30 p.m. Children's Classes (5-11 years.): Monday and Thursday 6-7 p.m. **Fee:** Adult Classes: La Vista Residents \$30/month; Non-Residents \$35/month. Children's Classes: La Vista Residents \$15/month; Non-Residents \$20/month. For further information, call Ron Christenham at 339-6124.

### KARATE

Adult Classes (Ages 13 and Over): Tuesday and Friday 7-8:30 p.m. Children Classes (Ages 5-12): Tuesday and Friday 6-6:45 p.m. **Fee:** \$25 per month with a \$5 one-time signup fee. For information, call Sensei Porter at 592-7771.

## TRADITIONAL JAPANESE SWORDSMANSHIP

Suiyo Ryu is one of the few ancient systems of martial arts practiced today. It encompasses a broad variety of techniques such as jojutsu (Suiyo Ryu), kumi-iai (paired sword forms), naginata-jutsu, pure kenpo sword and wakizashi techniques. Classes are on Wednesday 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. and Saturday noon-3 p.m. Adults, ages 18 and older, only. Open enrollment. **FEE:** \$40 per month. For more information, email Britt Nichols at Info@suijoryu-usa.org.

## SOCHI-GO RYU SELF-DEFENSE CLASS

Sochi-Go Ryu is the newest martial arts self-defense class at La Vista Community Center. Classes Monday 5:30- 7 p.m. Call Mike Benkis, 895-7841, for more information.

## INDIVIDUAL WEIGHT TRAINING CLASSES

This class, for adults age 18 and older, teaches the basics of weight training. Learn how to set up and advance; use proper technique and form; and get the most out of your weight-training program using both machine and free weights. This individual training class meets for two, 1-hour sessions. Body Fat Testing is included.

**FEE:** \$25

## LA VISTA (INDOOR) WALKING CLUB

The La Vista Community Center Walking Club, available free of charge, is for any La Vista residents and/or seniors in the surrounding areas. Walking will begin at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. This one hour time period will be set aside for walkers, so there will be no interference from other programs. Walking is available at other times also.

## MODEL AIRPLANE LICENSE & FIELD TIMES

Model airplane flying licenses may be purchased at the Hobby Town, USA. You must have your A.M.A. card in order to purchase your license. **FEE:** La Vista residents \$30; non-residents \$40 (includes 1 year license and Midwest Performance Flyers Club membership). Flying Times (at La Vista Soccer Complex, 66th St. South of Harrison) will be posted at the La Vista Recreation Department and Hobby Town U.S.A.

## INDOOR REMOTE CONTROL MODEL AIRPLANE FLYING

Every Monday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. participate in Indoor Model Airplane Flying at the La Vista Community Center. These lightweight planes will amaze you, as will the individuals who designed and fly them. A good

time is had by all during this weekly event! Come watch at no cost or bring you indoor plane and pay a small drop-in fee!

## SPRING FLAG FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Ages 6/7/8 and 9/10 as of April 1, 2010. **Early-bird registration by February 21, 2010. FEE:** La Vista residents \$30; non-residents \$50. After February 21, 2010 La Vista residents \$40, non-residents \$60. Registration **Deadline March 7, 2010.** Practice begins in March, games begin mid to late April. (Practice/games starts dependent on weather).

## COED YOUTH SOCCER CLINIC

Age 3 as of August 1, 2009 (No exceptions). **Early-bird registration by March 14, 2010. FEE:** La Vista residents \$15; non-residents \$20. After March 14, 2010 La Vista residents \$25; non-residents \$30. **Registration deadline March 28, 2010.**

This is a parent participation clinic designed to teach the basic fundamentals of soccer while having fun. This clinic is comprised of five, one-hour sessions to be held on Saturdays, beginning mid-April.

## CO-ED YOUTH RECREATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE

Ages 4/5 and 6/7 as of August 1, 2010. **Early-bird registration by February 14, 2010. FEE:** La Vista residents \$30; non-residents \$50. After February 21, 2010 La Vista residents \$40; non-residents \$60. Registration deadline February 28, 2010.

## LA VISTA LANCER SOCCER LEAGUE

**Sarpy County League** for boys and girls under age 9 through under age 12. **Early-bird registration February 7, 2010. FEE:** \$50\* After February 7, fee is \$60.\***Registration deadline: February 14, 2010.** **ENSA** League for boys and girls under age 9 through under age 15. **Early-Bird registration February 7, 2010. FEE:** \$50\* After February 7, fee is \$60. \***Registration deadline: February 14, 2010.** \*Registration fee does not include a uniform. All competitive team uniforms must be ordered and purchased through the La Vista Recreation Department (using the form attached to registration form). Uniforms can be used for multiple seasons.

## BRONCO BASEBALL

Ages 11/12 as of April 30, 2010. **Early-bird registration by February 21, 2010. FEE:** La Vista residents \$50; non-residents \$80. Fee after February 21, 2010 La Vista residents \$60; non-Residents \$90. Registration deadline March 7, 2010. Uniform Deposit: \$50 (separate check) Deposits are returned at end of season when uniform is returned to Recreation Dept. Practice begins late March, games late April through June. Volunteer coaches needed.

## MUSTANG (KID PITCH) BASEBALL

Ages 9/10 as of April 30, 2010. Practice begins late May, games are June-July. Volunteer coaches needed.

## PONY SOFTBALL

Ages 13-15 as of January 1, 2010. Early-bird registration by March 14, 2010. **FEE:** La Vista residents \$65; non-residents \$85. After March 14, 2010 La Vista residents \$75; non-residents \$95. **Registration deadline March 28, 2010.** Softball pants deposit: \$20 (separate check, returnable at end of season when pants are returned to the Recreation Dept.). Practice begins late April, games are late May through early July. Tryouts will be held if needed. Players must be registered by the deadline to attend the tryout and be placed on a team. Volunteer coaches needed.

## BRONCO SOFTBALL

Ages 11/12 as of January 1, 2010. **Early-bird registration by March 14, 2010. FEE:** La Vista residents \$50; non-residents \$80. After March 14, 2010 La Vista residents \$60; non-residents \$90. Registration deadline March 28, 2010. Softball pants deposit: \$20 (separate check, returnable at end of season when pants are returned to the Recreation Dept.) Practice begins late April, games are late May through early July. Volunteer coaches needed.

## MUSTANG SOFTBALL

Ages 9/10 as of January 1, 2010. **Early-Bird registration by March 14, 2010. FEE:** La Vista residents \$40; non-residents \$60 After March 14, 2010 La Vista residents \$50; non-residents \$70. **Registration deadline March 28, 2010.** Practice begins late April, games are late May through early July.

## PINTO SOFTBALL

Ages 7/8 as of January 1, 2010. **Early-bird registration by March 14, 2010. FEE:** La Vista residents \$30; non-residents \$45. Registration deadline March 28, 2010. Practice begins late April, games late May through early June. Volunteer coaches needed.

## CO-ED PINTO (COACH PITCH) BASEBALL

Ages 7/8 as of April 30, 2010. Early-Bird registration by April 11, 2010. **FEE:** La Vista residents \$30; non-residents \$45. After April 11, 2010 La Vista residents \$40; non-residents \$55. Registration deadline April 25, 2010. Practice begins late May, games are in June and July. Volunteer coaches needed.

## COED T-BALL

Ages 5/6 as of April 30, 2010. **Early-bird registration by April 11, 2010. FEE:** La Vista residents \$30; non-residents \$45. After April 11, 2010 La Vista residents \$40; non-residents \$55. Registration deadline April 25, 2010. Practices begin late May, games are June - July. Volunteer coaches needed.

## SUMMER ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUES

Registration deadline March 21, 2010. Leagues may fill up before deadline. Co-ed leagues Friday and Sunday; Men's league Sunday through Friday; Double header leagues Wednesday and Thursday. **FEE:** Co-ed and Men's league \$200. Double header league \$400. Umpire fees: \$18.00 per game paid directly to the umpire. Cash only. Games start week of April 11, 2010 (weather permitting).

## LA VISTA FALLS GOLF COURSE

La Vista Falls Golf Course will be open for tee times this spring, weather and course permitting. The course is in great shape and hopefully there will be nice days this year to enjoy a round of golf. Call the golf course clubhouse at 339-9147 for updates, hours and fees. If the weather isn't nice enough to play golf, you can begin thinking of spring by organizing a group outing or league play. Below are the leagues offered for men, women, seniors, co-ed groups, and juniors of all skill levels:



### Men's:

1. Tuesday night - 2-man teams- Sign up as individual or twosome team. Flag prizes and end of league party. Tentative start date is April 27, 2010. League runs for 17 weeks. **FEE:** \$170.
2. Friday morning senior Men's League (call for more info).

### Women's:

Tuesday morning Women's League (call for more info) Wednesday early evening Women's League (call for more info) Wednesday night Women's League. Sign up as individual, twosome, threesome or foursome team. Flag prizes and end-of-league party. Tentative start date is April 28, 2010. League runs for 17 weeks. **FEE:** \$170.

**Juniors:** Monday and/or Wednesday. Individuals or groups. Recreational League. Accommodations for car pooling. Tee times available from 11 a.m. to noon. \* Must have playing ability and knowledge of the game. **FEE** is \$10 per day which includes: green fees, hot dog and pop each day.

## LA VISTA SENIOR CENTER

The La Vista Senior Center is located in the Community Center, 8116 Park View Blvd., and offers friendship, food, fitness, field trips and many more fun activities. Please join us for lunch, exercise or join in for games and/or special events. The senior center has plenty of parking and easy access. Look online at [www.cityoflavista.org/recreation/seniorcenter](http://www.cityoflavista.org/recreation/seniorcenter) for our monthly newsletter and activities, or contact the Recreation Department at 331-3455 for further information. A visiting nurse is at the Community Center on the first Friday of each month from 9-11:30 a.m. There is a sign-up sheet across from the front desk, but walk-ins are welcome. The special services bus is available for senior citizens age 60 and older and all special needs/handicapped residents residing in Ralston and La Vista. The van operates Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The bus does not operate on City of La Vista declared holidays or when the Papillion-La Vista or Ralston schools are closed due to weather conditions. Call 657-3550 48 hours in advance to schedule a ride time. We make every effort to accommodate, but due to prior scheduling, we may not be able to help everyone at their requested times. Call the La Vista Recreation Department at 331-3455 with any questions about this service. To look at scheduled activities/trips and lunch menus, be sure to pick up a monthly La Vista Senior Newsletter at the La Vista Recreation Department or check us out online at [www.cityoflavista.org](http://www.cityoflavista.org).