



84th Street Transformation Begins

The vision to redevelop the 84th Street corridor is becoming a reality with the much anticipated demolition of the Brentwood Crossing shopping center.

La Vista City Centre, LLC, an affiliate of local real estate firm City Ventures, LLC, has purchased the property, which was the former home of retailers such as Wal-Mart, Summer Kitchen and Hobby Lobby. Demolition began in December and will continue over the next several months.

The creation of La Vista City Centre, a mixed use development with residential, office, and retail components, will start to take shape after demolition is complete.

"We could not be more pleased with how this proposed mixed use project fits into our vision of redeveloping the

84th Street corridor into the town center our community has never experienced," said Mayor Doug Kindig. "We have listened to the desires of our citizens and I feel confident that City Centre, in conjunction with the transformation of the golf course, will become centerpieces of our community."

Construction on the first buildings in the development are anticipated to begin in the spring. At the same time grading work will start on the former golf course property to expand the lake and begin transforming the course into a regional recreation area that will offer multiple opportunities for a variety of outdoor activities.



Access to remaining businesses--First National Bank, Chili's Restaurant and McDonald's--will remain open during construction. Eventually First National will be relocating in the new development and McDonald's will stay in their current location.

A MINUTE WITH
mayor kindig



Planning for the future is vital in local government; it's where we excel in La Vista, and we are fortunate to be acting on many of our long-term goals.

We have been intentional about setting a course for the future and we are continuing that planning with the update of our Comprehensive Plan, which will give us a long-range blueprint for upcoming decisions.

The City has had a strategic plan for quite some time, which is crafted around eight long-range goals designed to keep the City moving forward and anticipating change into the future.

The biggest goal in the plan is about 84th Street. When bulldozers arrived at the site of the 84th Street redevelopment project, it was the first outward sign that our vision plan for the corridor is coming to fruition.

The City's budget is crafted around the strategic plan, and for the first time we adopted a two-year budget, which provides us with opportunities for better long-range planning. Additionally, this change will provide staff with more time to devote to program analysis. The Capital Improvement Program (CIP) is another long range planning tool that is used to manage funding and scheduling for large projects.

We have been directing resources the past several years toward updating our technology, which will not only improve our efficiency, but will provide our citizens with better access to the City.

Disciplined, sustainable growth does not occur without the vision and strategic leadership of the governing body and the ability of a talented staff with the capacity to execute.

I'm excited for the future of La Vista!

– Mayor Douglas Kindig

La Vista City Calendar

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

February 2017

- 7 **City Council**, 7 p.m.
- 9 Preschool Playtime Valentine Cookie Decorating, 10 a.m., Community Center
- 11 Valentine's Day Party, 10:30 a.m., Library
- 13 La Vista-Metropolitan Community College Condominium Owners Association, 4 p.m.
- 15 **Park and Recreation Advisory Board**, 7 p.m.
- 16 **Planning Commission**, 7 p.m.
- 21 **City Council**, 7 p.m.

March 2017

- 2 Dr. Suess Hats off to Reading night, 5:30 p.m., Library
- 7 **City Council**, 7 p.m.
- 9 **Library Advisory Board**, 5:30 p.m., La Vista Public Library
- 9 **Citizen Advisory Review Committee**, 7 p.m.
- 15 **Park and Recreation Advisory Board**, 7 p.m.
- 16 **Planning Commission**, 7 p.m.
- 21 **City Council**, 7 p.m.
- 28 To Live and Die on the Plains, 6:30 p.m., Library

April 2017

- 4 **City Council**, 7 p.m.
- 8 Omaha Bead Affair, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Community Center
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- 13 Preschool Playtime Easter Egg Dying, 10 a.m., Community Center
- 15 Easter Egg Hunt and Food Drive, 10 a.m., La Vista Sports Complex
- 18 **City Council**, 7 p.m.
- 19 **Park and Recreation Advisory Board**, 7 p.m.
- 20 **Planning Commission**, 7 p.m.
- 27 Arbor Day Celebration, 10 a.m., Community Center
- 28 Spring Clean Up Days, 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Public Works
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Santa's Workshop Highlights Holiday Season



Young and old alike enjoyed the atmosphere at Santa's Workshop.



Santa's Workshop featured a model train, which mesmerized the kids!



The Library hosted several special programs at Santa's Workshop, including a Gingerbread Man storytime.



The holiday season was celebrated in La Vista with some new events and traditions! The golf course clubhouse was transformed into Santa's Workshop, where children and their families could visit with Santa on several dates throughout the month of December.



The golf course clubhouse was transformed into a Christmas wonderland and more than 1,500 people experienced it over the course of several events throughout the holiday season.

A graphic for the "La Vista Salute to Summer Festival". The text is arranged in a stylized font. "LA VISTA" is at the top in red, "SALUTE" is in a large, bold, red serif font with a small "TO" above it, and "SUMMER FESTIVAL" is in a large, bold, red serif font below it. The word "SUMMER" is larger than "FESTIVAL". There are several red and blue balloons floating around the text. Below the text, a dark blue horizontal bar contains the text "MAY 25-28" in white, and "SaluteToSummer.org" in white below it.

Medication Drop-Off Box



The La Vista Police Department and CVS Pharmacy have teamed up to help residents dispose of unwanted, unused or expired medications. The La Vista Police Department applied for and was awarded one of the collection units.

Residents are now able to dispose of their medications in the lobby of the La Vista police station located at **7701 S. 96th Street**. This collection unit is available Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Items that can be safely disposed of in the collection unit include:

- Prescription patches
- Prescription medications
- Prescription ointments
- Over-the-counter medications
- Vitamins
- Samples
- Medications for pets

For more information, contact the Police Department, 402-331-1582.

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MEET YOUR NEW NEIGHBORHOOD POLICE OFFICER

La Vista's newest police officers come to the department after working for other law enforcement agencies. Officer Mick Jarvis spent the past seven years with the Columbus, Nebraska, Police Department. Officer Jarvis was born and raised in Sarpy County and joined the La Vista ranks on December 12.



Officer Karl Meister became a La Vista police officer on January 23, 2017. Officer Meister worked for the Cass County Sheriff's Department for the past two years. Officer Meister was born and raised in the suburbs of Chicago.

Both officers are currently in the La Vista Police Department's Field Training Program and will be assigned to the Uniform Patrol Bureau upon successful completion of training.



Photo courtesy of the Papillion Times.

THIRD ANNUAL COPS AND KIDS EVENT

This past December, the Police Department participated in the third annual Cops and Kids program. Officer Jamie Brown organized the program. Children from La Vista schools whose families would be struggling to provide Christmas presents, were selected by school officials. On a Sunday morning in December, the children were treated to a shopping trip through the Papillion Super Target store, accompanied by members of the Police Department. Above, Officer Mike Czarnick assists one of the children in selecting a gift.

Annual Clean-Up Days

La Vista's annual Clean-Up Days will be **Friday, April 28 and Saturday April 29**.

All residents, including residents in La Vista'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 batteries will also be accepted.

Paint, tires, hazardous waste and electronics will not be accepted. Paint and household chemicals and cleaners can be dropped off at Under the Sink, 4001 S. 120th Street.

Proof of residency will be required; either a valid driver's license or a utility bill. For

more information, contact the Public Works Department at 402-331-8927.

2017 Construction Projects

The following projects are among those that are anticipated to begin during the 2017 construction season. For more information regarding any of the projects, contact the Public Works Department, 402-331-8927.

• **84th Street Public Improvements** - As part of the City Centre mixed use project, the City will be working on the design and engineering for new streets and public parking structures.

• **Golf Course Transformation** - the former La Vista Falls Golf Course will be transformed into a central public recreational area for all residents of and visitors to La Vista, beginning with grading for the lake expansion.

• **Portal Drainageway Repair** - Storm sewer pipe repair and channel rehabilitation from Portal Road to South Papillion Creek. This is joint project with City of Papillion and Papio-Missouri River NRD.

• **108th & Chandler Drainageway Stabilization** - Repair erosion and damaged storm sewer pipe.

• **Hell Creek Grade Control Structure** - Reconstruct to protect existing infrastructure from damage.

• **132nd & West Giles Road intersection improvements** - Reconstruction of the intersection; timeline and project schedule is still being developed.

• **Harrison Street** - Replace concrete panels in various locations on Harrison Street from La Vista Drive to Giles Road.

• **84th Street Adaptive Signals** - Install upgraded communications, controllers and software to enable traffic to be moved more efficiently.

• **Giles Road Resurfacing** - Mill existing pavement and construct asphalt overlay on Giles Road from the interstate to Harrison Street.

Water Mains along Park View Boulevard to Replaced this Spring, Summer

To continue providing safe, reliable tap water, Metropolitan Utilities District (MUD) is planning to replace water mains along Park View Blvd and adjacent streets from approximately 81st Street to 87th Street.

The project area has been experiencing a high number of water main breaks over the past several years and is expected to take two to three months to complete. Residents in the affected area will be notified by MUD two weeks prior to construction with more detailed information.

The work was scheduled to begin in February and is expected to continue through the spring. As always, the construction schedule is dependent on weather and other factors.

Residents may experience temporary closures of driveways and intersections during construction. Short water service interruptions will take place when connections are made to the new main. On street parking will be restricted in active construction areas. Your



cooperation, patience and understanding during this project are appreciated.

For more information, contact the Public Works Department, 402-331-8927.

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HOURS
Mon.-Thur. 8:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.
Fri.-Sat. 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Sun. 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

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OnePlay for Libraries is a gaming service that enables you to download and play unlimited Android™ and PC games for free. Choose from more than 1,500 PC games and 500 Android games. New games are added weekly and are always available. Visit our website, www.cityoflavista.org/oneplay, for more information.

Back by popular demand: Author Jeff Barnes.

Author Jeff Barnes will be visiting the Library on Tuesday, March 28, at 6:30 p.m. to present **To Live and Die on the Plains: A Look at the Many Ways to Perish on the Prairie**. This will be sponsored by Humanities Nebraska as part of the Nebraska 150th anniversary celebration.

Valentine's Day Party

Saturday, February 11, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Get ready to celebrate the day of love with a special Valentine's Day Party at the Library! Make holiday-related crafts and create a warm, loving gingerbread house with hearts, lots of red and more! All ages welcome. Parental participation required. No registration required.

Dr. Seuss Hats off to Reading Night

Thursday, March 2, 5:30-7 p.m. Read Across America is an annual event that encourages all children around the world to read. This event is celebrated on Dr. Seuss' birthday. To help celebrate this event, the library will host a Dr. Seuss birthday celebration. Families are invited to stop by the library and read as a family or read independently. Treats will be provided, and every child will receive a free book and a "swag" bag for attending. Wear your pajamas, bring a blanket, and curl up with a good book. Don't forget to wear your slippers!

Storytimes

Studies show that if children are read to at an early age, they fare better in school than those children who are not read to. That is why the library offers storytimes!! For more information on storytime, visit our website at www.cityoflavista.org/library.

Teen Programming

Teen programs are open for teens in fifth grade and up. Calendars listing all the programs will be available at the library and on the website, www.cityoflavista.org/teens! Programs include: Teen Advisory Board, Homework Hotspot, Media Club, Teen Storytime, and more!

NEW in 2017! Tween Summer Reading Programs

Students in grades 4-6 will have more options this summer at the Library with our new Tween Summer Reading Program. Visit the website, www.cityoflavista.org/teens for a Tween Calendar!

Teen Summer Reading Program

We are also planning a great summer of programming for our teens! Keep a lookout for more information to come. For more information, contact Lindsey at ltomsu@cityoflavista.org.



The Library hosts a Lego Club each month, which has been popular for many age groups.

Technology Instruction

Do you have a New Year's Resolution to embrace technology? Computer Instruction is offered to library cardholders to provide skills in specific areas, including: basic computer skills, basic Internet, basic Word, digital cameras, job searching on the Internet, and resume writing. Help is also available for Facebook, Twitter, scanning, digital cameras, ebooks and electronic magazines, electronic downloadable music, Publisher, Excel, e-mail and any of the Library resources. For more information, and to set up your appointment, contact Jean, at jhurst@cityoflavista.org.

Online Catalog

Have you visited our online catalog? You can search for books and other materials and even write book reviews! Visit it at: www.cityoflavista.org/librarycatalog.

Weather Announcement

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



Hometown Heroes

2017 applications now available



Development Update: Nebraska Medicine Clinic

Contractors and building companies are busy in various parts of La Vista completing a variety of projects, big and small.

Pictured is a rendering of the Nebraska Medicine Clinic under construction at 8604 Giles Road. The more than 13,250 square-foot clinic is slated to open later in 2017.

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

CHANGES TO OUR CREDIT CARD FEES

The City has made some changes to credit card and e-check processing fees.

On all credit card transactions, there will be a fee of three percent with a \$2 minimum transaction. The City accepts the following credit cards: MasterCard, Visa, Discover and American Express. Credit cards can be used to pay a variety of services, including building permits, contractor and business licenses, sports and classes at the Community Center or Library fines.

Watch the next edition of CityWise for more information on a new online payment system.

On all e-checks, there will be a \$3 fee for transactions under \$10,000 and a fee of \$10 for transactions over \$10,000.

Hometown Heroes Banner Program

Registration is now open for the third year of the Hometown Heroes Banner Program.

Banners are available at a cost of \$175, which covers the banner, installation materials and maintenance. The banners, which measure 80 inches long by 30 inches wide, will be on display on utility poles along 84th Street and will feature a photo of the person being honored.

Applications are now being accepted and will close when 38 slots have been reserved. The banners will be displayed from Memorial Day through the Fourth of July. Each banner purchased is guaranteed to be displayed a minimum of two seasons.

For more information on the Hometown Heroes Banner Program, visit the City's website, www.cityoflavista.org/hometownheroes, or call City Hall, 402-331-4343.

Council Clips

The following items are highlights of recent City Council action:

- Swore in a new police officer.
- Authorized the purchase of two marked police vehicles.
- Approved Planned Unit Development (PUD) Site Plan for a commercial strip center, including a Dunkin' Donuts, at Eastport Parkway and Giles Road.
- Approved PUD Site Plan for a commercial strip center, including Legends Patio Grill & Bar, at Southport Parkway and Giles Road.
- Approved the contract for demolition and site preparation for the 84th Street Redevelopment Project.
- Approved contract for an Amphitheater Feasibility Study for the Golf Course Transformation Project.
- Approved interlocal agreement with Papio-Missouri River NRD and the City of Papillion for the construction of improvements to the Portal Road Drainageway.

LA VISTA

cityofficials

Mayor

Douglas Kindig

City Council

Kim Thomas, Ward 1	Deb Hale, Ward 3
Mike Crawford, Ward 1	Alan Ronan, Ward 3
Ron Sheehan, Ward 2	Jim Frederick, Ward 4
Terrilyn Quick, Ward 2	Kelly Sell, Ward 4

City Administrator

Brenda Gunn

Management Team

Rita Ramirez, *Assistant City Administrator*
Kevin Pokorny, *Director of Administrative Services*
Joe Soucie, *Director of Public Works*
Bob Lausten, *Police Chief / Director of Public Safety*
Pam Buethe, *City Clerk*
John Kottmann, *City Engineer*
Ann Birch, *Community Development Director*
Cindy Miserez, *Finance Director*
Mandy Garrod, *Human Resources Manager*
Rose Barcal, *Library Director*
Scott Stopak, *Recreation Director*



Thank You, IBEW Local 22

No doubt you noticed the thousands of lights adorning our facilities during the holiday season the past two years. This group deserves special recognition for their role in helping the City get ready for Christmas. Nearly 40 employees of IBEW Local 22 **donated** an entire day of labor this fall to assist with the installation of lights on all our facilities. This was a huge help and we thank you!

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Arbor Day Celebration

Thursday, April 27, 10 a.m. Join us for an outdoor story time and Arbor Day tree planting followed by Preschool Play Time in the Community Center gym. There will be a special gift to all children who attend.

Free Tax Help

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

Preschool Playtime

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10-11 a.m., Community Center gym. **FEE:** Free. Preschool ages and under. Zip around the gym on our tricycles and cozy coupe cars, play preschool sized basketball, kick balls or just run, jump and play with others! It's a great play date for kids and parents! (Please do not bring your own bikes, tricycles or scooters.)

Special Preschool Playtime Dates:

- Family Valentine Cookie Decorating, Thursday February 9, 10 a.m. Free while supplies last.
- Easter Egg Dying Thursday, April 13, 10 a.m. Free while supplies last.

- May Day Craft Tuesday, May 2, 10 a.m. Free while supplies last.

Omaha Bead Affair

Saturday, April 8, and Sunday, April 9, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. **FEE:** \$3 admission, Community Center. An event for jewelry makers and designers of all skill levels. Featuring vendors from all over the United States with an enormous selection of merchandise. Browse through gemstones, beads, jewelry findings, seed beads and more. There will be many local lampworking artists who create imaginative pieces of art demonstrating and selling their work. In addition, classes will be available for all levels of jewelry making and lampworking. Visit www.OmahaBeadAffair.com for a current list of classes and vendors, and remember your coupon for \$1 off admissions!

Model Airplane License and Field Times

Flying times will be posted on the City's website, www.cityoflavista.org and Hobby Town U.S.A. La Vista Soccer Complex, 1/4 mile south of Harrison on 66th street. **FEE:** \$30, non-residents \$40, includes 1 year license and Midwest Performance Flyers Club membership. Model airplane flying licenses may be purchased at the Hobby-Town, U.S.A. store. A.M.A. card required to purchase a license.

Indoor Remote Control Model Airplane Flying

Mondays, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Community Center gym. **FEE:** La Vista seniors free, adults \$3, non-residents senior \$2, non-resident adult \$4. Watch at no cost or bring your indoor plane and pay a small drop-in fee to fly. These lightweight planes will amaze you, as will the individuals who fly them.

Country Music Jam Session

Fourth Sunday of the month through April, 2-4 p.m., Community Center. Bring your instruments, voices and enthusiasm for a down home good time! Just sit back and listen or join the band.



Register & Pay Online www.cityoflavista.org/active



HEALTH AND WELLNESS

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

Indoor Walking

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 8-10 a.m., Tuesday, Thursday 8-9:30 a.m., Community Center. **FEE:** Free. It is open to any La Vista residents and seniors in the surrounding areas. Time is set aside for walkers, so there will be no interference of other programs.

Zumba

Saturdays, 10-11 a.m., Community Center. **FEE:** \$6 per class or \$30 punch card. Zumba is a total workout, combining all elements of fitness: cardio, muscle conditioning, balance and flexibility, boosted energy and a serious dose of awesome each time you leave class. Ditch the workout and join the party! For more information contact April Clark via e-mail at aprilc01@yahoo.com.

Yoga

Saturdays, 1-2 p.m., Community Center. **FEE:** \$7 per class (upfront fee of \$28.00 for four classes). Cash only. This class is designed for beginner and intermediate students focusing on breathing and relaxation techniques, stretching, joint and gland exercises, Hatha Yoga postures and stress management techniques. For more information contact Frank via e-mail at frankpferrante@gmail.com.

Racquetball and Volleyball

The La Vista Community Center has two courts. To reserve a court time call 402-331-3455. **FEE:** La Vista residents \$7 per hour, non-residents \$14 per hour.

DANCING

Adult Ballroom Dance Lessons

Mondays, 7-8 p.m., Community Center, ages 16 and older. **FEE:** \$40 per 4 week session. Join as a single or couple, minimum of 6 people per class. In each four-week session, 2-3 dances will be taught. For more information, contact Terry Vargas, 402-639-2209.

Adult Belly Dancing Classes

Tuesdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m. for beginners, 7-8 p.m. for advanced, Community Center, ages 16 and older. **FEE:** \$20 per month. This is a continuing class where you will learn an art form and musical instrument (finger cymbals). Enjoy this form of dance that brings out your unique self-expression! For more information, contact Wren Newman, 402-596-1397.

Square Dance Lessons

Sundays (Feb. 21 - March 20), 2 p.m., Community Center. **FEE:** \$50 per 5 week session. Square dancing is a great low impact aerobic exercise that burns a lot of calories while having fun dancing. For more information, contact Ken Young at 402-690-3020.

Fitness Center

The fitness center is equipped with dumbbells up to 50 pounds, and a Hoist multi-gym weight machine. For cardiovascular, our fitness room offers some of the finest, user-friendly, aerobic equipment available, including: treadmills, Airdyne bike, Precor upright bike, Nautilus recumbent bikes, a Cybex Arc cross trainer, Precor and Matrix cross trainers, and a Reebok Bodytrek cross trainer.

Hours of Operation

Monday - Friday:

Year-round 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Saturdays:

September - April 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

May - August 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Sundays:

September - April 1 p.m. - 9 p.m.

May - August Closed

Fees for the Fitness Room:

Resident adults (19+) \$3 per day
Non-Resident Adults \$4
(8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., M-F only)	
Senior resident (55+) Free
Senior non-resident \$2 per day

Punch cards:

Resident: \$50 for 20 punches

Non-Resident: \$35 for 10

Non-Resident senior: \$20 for 10

Resident Membership:

\$27 per month (includes exercise room, gym, racquetball/volleyball)

Our fitness room is for adult ages 19 and older. Anyone under the age of 19 years is not allowed in the fitness room to work out or observe.

YOUTH & ADULT SPORTS

Fees listed for residents then non-residents

BASEBALL

Season begins in April

Early Bird Registration Ends: February 25
Registration Deadline: March 11
 *Practices will tentatively begin the week of April 3. Practices are held at coach's discretion during the week. Games will begin in May. Game days and locations vary and can be held during the week and on weekends. *Start date is subject to change.

Pony Baseball League

Ages: Boys ages 13/14 as of April 1

Fees: February 25: \$85, non-residents \$105
 After February 25: \$95, non-residents \$115

Bronco Baseball League

Ages: Boys ages 11/12 as of April 1

Fees: February 25: \$75, non-residents \$105
 After February 25: \$85, non-residents \$115

Mustang Baseball League

Ages: Boys ages 9/10 as of April 1

Fees: February 25: \$65, non-residents \$85
 After February 25: \$75, non-residents \$95

Pinto Baseball League

Ages: Boys ages 7/8 as of April 1

Fees: February 25: \$50, non-residents \$65
 After February 25: \$60, non-residents \$75

SOFTBALL

Season begins in April

Early Bird Registration Ends: March 11
Registration Deadline: March 25

*Practices will tentatively begin the week of April 10. Practices are held at coach's discretion during the week. Games will begin in May. Game days are Friday evenings and Saturday mornings/afternoons. *Start date is subject to change.

15-18 Year Old Softball League

Ages: Girls ages 15-18 as of April 1

Fees: March 11: \$110, non-residents \$140
 After March 11: \$120, non-residents \$150

Pony Softball League

Ages: Girls ages 13/14 as of April 1

Fees: March 11: \$85, non-residents \$105
 After March 11: \$95, non-residents \$115

Bronco Softball League

Ages: Girls ages 11/12 as of April 1

Fees: March 11: \$75, non-residents \$105
 After March 11: \$85, non-residents \$115

Mustang Softball League

Ages: Girls ages 9/10 as of April 1

Fees: March 11: \$65, non-residents \$85
 After March 11: \$75, non-residents \$95

Pinto Softball League

Ages: Girls ages 7/8 as of April 1

Fees: March 11: \$50, non-residents \$65
 After March 11: \$60, non-residents \$75

COED T-BALL

Season begins in June

Early Bird Registration Ends: April 29

Registration Deadline: May 13

*Practices will tentatively begin the week of April 3. Practices are held at coach's discretion during the week. Games will begin in May. Game days and locations vary and can be held during the week and on weekends. *Start date is subject to change. Ages: Boys and Girls ages 5/6 as of April 1. **Fees:** April 29: \$45, non-residents \$60. After April 29: \$55, non-residents \$70

YOUTH SOCCER

Season begins in April

Early Bird Registration Ends: March 4

Registration Deadline: March 18

Coed Soccer Clinic

Ages: Boys and Girls age 3 as of April 1

Fees: Before March 4: \$17, non-residents \$22
 After March 4: \$27, non-residents \$32

The soccer clinic is comprised of 5 one hour sessions to be held on Saturday mornings from 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM at the La Vista Community Center starting on April 1 and ending on April 29. This is a parent participation clinic designed to teach the basic fundamentals of soccer while having fun. *Clinic is limited to 15 participants.

Soccer Academy and League

Focusing on different soccer skills to develop each player with individual attention and maximum ball touches. Sessions are twice a week for five weeks - academy training/practices Tuesdays with games on Saturdays, beginning on Tuesday, April 4, and ending on Saturday, May 6. All sessions will take place at the La Vista Sports Complex.

Academy

Ages: Boys and Girls ages 4 and 5 as of April 1.

Fees: Before March 4: \$33, non-resident \$53. After March 4: \$43, non-resident \$63. Tuesday 5-6:30 p.m.; Saturday 10-11 a.m.

League

Ages: Boys and Girls ages 6 and 7 as of April 1.

Fees: Before March 4: \$33, non-resident \$53. After March 4: \$43, non-resident \$63. Tuesdays 6:30-7:30 p.m., Saturdays 10-11 a.m.

SPRING FLAG FOOTBALL

Season begins in April

Early Bird Registration Ends: March 4

Registration Deadline: March 18

*Practices will tentatively begin the week of April 3. Practices are held at coach's discretion during the week. All games will be played on Saturday mornings/afternoons at the La Vista Sports Complex beginning on April 15 and ending on June 10. *Start date is subject to change. Ages: K-6th grade as of spring 2017.

Fees: March 4: \$33, non-residents \$53. After March 4: \$43, non-residents \$63

ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Games tentatively start on April 9

Leagues: Coed, Coed Open, Men's and Double-Header. **Fees:** Coed & Men's: \$215 (separate \$40 check, forfeit deposit fee)

Double-Header: \$420 (2 separate \$40 checks, forfeit deposit fee)

Registration Deadline: Registration will run February 1 through March 25 or until leagues are full. Coed League will be held on Sunday & Friday evenings; Coed Open Competitive League will be held on Thursday evenings; Men's League will be held on Sunday, Tuesday & Friday evenings; Double-Header League will be held on Thursday evenings.

MARTIAL ARTS

Aikido

Mondays and Thursdays, 6-7 p.m. for children (ages 5-11), 7-9 p.m. for adults.

FEE: children \$20; non-resident children \$25; adults \$30, nonresident adult \$35. For more information, contact Ron Christenham, 402-339-6124.

Ninjutsu

Wenesdays, 5:30 - 7 p.m.; Saturdays, 9-11 a.m., Community Center. **FEE:** \$40 per month. This class covers Taijutsu (unarmed combat), Kenjutsu (sword combat), Bojutsu (staff combat), as well as improvised weapons. For more information, call 402-305-9210, or send an e-mail to info@sakuraomaha.com.

Kendo "Japanese Sword Fighting"

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

Women's Self Defense Class

The self-defense classes are designed to instruct practical self-defense to women of all ages, sizes, and skill level. We will dispel common self-defense myths as well as teach you basic tips and techniques on how to avoid becoming a victim. Self-defense classes are a practical and easy approach to safety and empowerment. For more information, contact Claudia Brown-Jackman, 402-630-3169 or visit www.shurindojo.com.



La Vista Senior Activity Center

The La Vista Senior Activity Center, located in the Community Center, offers friendship, food, fitness, field trips and many more fun activities. Bring a friend or come join others for a homecooked meal on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. The suggested contribution amount for the meal is \$3.50 for adults over 60 years of age. To participate, call or sign-up at the La Vista Community Center to reserve your meal by noon the business day before you intend to join us for lunch. Be sure to look at the other activities. You may want to come early or stay late! The meal program is sponsored by ENOA, and catered by Valley Food Service. Visit our website, www.cityoflavista.org/seniorcenter, for the monthly senior newsletter, and to look at scheduled activities/trips and lunch menus. For more information contact David Karlson, 402-331-3455.

Special Services Bus

Available for senior citizens age 60 and older and all special needs/handicapped residents residing in the cities of La Vista and Ralston. The service operates Monday-Friday, 7 a.m.- 4:30 p.m., including a second bus Tuesdays and Thursdays. The service does not operate on City of La Vista declared holidays or when Papillion-La Vista or Ralston schools are closed due to weather conditions. For questions about service, fees, etc., please call the La Vista Recreation Department at 402-331-3455 or visit us online at www.cityoflavista.org. For reservations, call 402-657-3550 at least 48 hours in advance. We make every effort to accommodate, but due to prior scheduling, we may not be able to help everyone at their requested times.

Senior Color Book Club

Mondays, 10:30-11:15 a.m. Join us to explore your creative side.

Drop-In Quilting Group

Wednesdays, 9-11:30 a.m., Community Center. Come quilt with us! Beginners are welcome, including those who have quilted before and/or anyone who is interested in learning how to quilt. If you have quilted in the past, bring your unfinished projects! Other sewing projects are always welcome as well!

Red Hat Club

Second Wednesday of the month, 1-3 p.m., Community Center. For more information, contact Bobette, 402-290-0478.

Foot Care and Blood Pressure Clinic

Second Wednesday of the month, 8:45-10:45 a.m., provided by the Sarpy/Cass Department of Health & Wellness. Appointments are required and space is limited.

Community Center hours of operation

(please note: hours are different for adult and youth):

Mon. - Fri.: 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Sat. (Sept. - April): 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Sun. (Sept. - April): 1 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Adults Only

Mon. - Fri. (School year): 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Adults and Youth

Mon. - Fri. (School year): 3 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Mon. - Fri. (Sched. days off): 1:30 - 9 p.m.

The Community Center will be closed on all major holidays.

FEES:

Resident Adults: \$3.00 Drop-In

Non-Residents Adults: \$4.00 Drop-In

**Resident Youth (Under 19): Free

Resident Seniors (55+): Free

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

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

ATTENTION PARENTS: Snow days, not included in the above schedule, are considered the same as school days for youth (3 p.m.).



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

Please Note: The La Vista Recreation Department sends youth and adult sport registration information via e-mail only. If you have provided us with your e-mail address, you will receive a message each season when we open registrations. This information is also available by visiting the City's Web site, www.cityoflavista.org/sports and by visiting the La Vista Community Center.