



Press Release

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La Vista's Salute to Summer Festival Kicks Off Summer

La Vista's annual celebration, the Salute to Summer Festival, is scheduled for Memorial Day weekend, May 26-29. The festival was renamed and rebranded last year to reflect the City's efforts to honor active-duty military and veterans as well as the fact that our festival kicks off summer for the metro area.

The festival will begin with the **Hometown Heroes Event, on Thursday, May 26**, at 6 p.m. at the Blue Star Memorial in the southeast corner of the City Hall parking lot. This event will include a special speaker from Offutt AFB, musical performances from students from Papillion-La Vista High School, ROTC demonstration from Papillion-La Vista South High School and the dedication of permanent flag poles for the five services flags and POW/MIA flag.

The carnival and vendor booths will open Thursday, May 26, at 5 p.m. in Central Park and Hot Wheels races will take place at 6 p.m. that evening in the Community Center Gym.

The annual **Community Cookout, car show, concert and fireworks display**, sponsored by the La Vista Community Foundation, Bank of Nebraska, La Vista Keno and Bellino Fireworks, will be held beginning at 6 p.m., **Friday, May 27**, at the City Hall Complex, 8116 Park View Blvd., and La Vista Keno, 7101 S. 84th St. This event will feature:

- Free hot dogs, hamburgers, chips and drinks beginning at 6 p.m., *while supplies last*.
 - Those who attend the Community Cookout are asked to bring a non-perishable food item for the Tri-City Food Pantry and a lawn chair for watching the concert and fireworks.
- Activities for the whole family including fun games, climbing wall, bounce houses, fun with chalk art, games for the whole family and free books.
- The car show will take place in the La Vista Keno parking lot and is open to all makes, models and classes. Advance registration is not required.
- The band "Blu Simon" will give a free concert from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- Fireworks display, provided by Bellino Fireworks, over La Vista Falls Golf Course at dusk. Tune in to the radio station Boomer 1490 AM, for music synced to the display.

The Beer Garden will be open on Friday and Saturday night at the Central Park Tennis Courts. The band "Charm School Dropouts" will be featured on Friday and "The Fools" and "Lemon Fresh Day" will be playing on Saturday.

The parade, sponsored by Bank of Nebraska, will begin at 1 p.m. on Saturday at 87th Street and Park View Boulevard, proceed across 84th Street on Park View and end at 75th Street. The grand marshal of the parade will be the family of United State Marine Corps Corporal Shane Kielion, who was killed in combat on November 15, 2004 in Iraq. Shane and his wife, April, were La Vista residents when he enlisted in the Marine Corps., and April now lives in Papillion.

The third annual **Glow Ball Golf Outing** will take place Saturday beginning at 9:30 p.m. at La Vista Falls Golf Course. Greens fees from the event will be donated to the La Vista Community Foundation.

The festival will close with the **Family Pool Party** Sunday, 1-3 p.m., at the La Vista Municipal Pool. Come for a free afternoon at the pool and enjoy a live DJ and music!

For more information about the Salute to Summer Festival, visit the Festival's website, www.salutetosummer.org.

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Note to editors and reporters: You are invited to cover any Salute to Summer Festival events. So that we can answer your questions in a timely manner, please notify Mitch Beaumont via cell phone, 402-980-2863.