

# LA VISTA citywise

## La Vista's First Economic Development Program Application Approved

The groundwork was laid in September of 2003 when the Mayor and City Council proposed the establishment of an Economic Development Program (EDP) and the citizens of La Vista approved the proposal at a special election. The EDP gave La Vista the authority to invest sales tax dollars and other sources of local revenue in various economic development endeavors.

The goals of the EDP as outlined on the ballot are to increase the overall community tax valuation within the La Vista area, attract new investment capital to the community, create jobs, develop tourism opportunities, broaden the tax base, support or capitalize on La Vista's existing or future commercial developments, rehabilitate residential neighborhoods, expand industrial development, and increase economic stability, diversification and vitality for La Vista and the surrounding area.

With the Economic Development Program in place, the City now had the tools to be proactive with regard to development opportunities. In 2004 a request for proposals was issued to develop a concept for a destination center in Southport West. The Mayor and Council had long envisioned the Southport area as the gateway not only to La Vista, but to the entire metro area, and wanted to make it something special.

John Q. Hammons, a very well known and extremely successful hotel developer, responded to the RFP and he and the City began the process of working toward the development of a full service hotel and conference center in Southport West. In 2005, knowing that the City was in negotiations with Hammons, Cabela's announced they would be constructing a destination superstore in Southport West. That store opened in the fall of 2006.

Three years and a great deal of negotiating later, the official application to the Economic Development Program for funding assistance on the hotel/conference center project was received. It was approved by the La Vista City Council in February 2007. The application calls for the City of La Vista's EDP to provide a \$3 million grant for land for the conference center and parking and an \$18 million loan to finance and pay part of the actual cost (estimated at \$23-\$24 M) for designing, developing, constructing, equipping, furnishing and acquiring the conference center and



*Artist Rendering of the Embassy Suites, Conference Center and Marriott Courtyard Complex.*

parking. This loan will be fully repaid by Hammons (with interest) in ten years. Additionally, Hammons will construct without any assistance from the EDP, a full service Embassy Suites Hotel with 257 guest suites and an adjacent Marriott Courtyard Hotel with 243 guest rooms. Total cost of the project for Hammons is estimated to be \$110 million.

Development in the Southport area is booming and is a direct result of La Vista's planning and forethought regarding economic development. Public-private partnerships are becoming increasingly more common as cities across the country compete to bring retail stores and tourist attractions to their locations. The vision and leadership of La Vista's Mayor and City Council has ensured that this community will not only survive, but will thrive long into the future.



*Construction is progressing on the Embassy Suites.*

A MINUTE WITH  
**mayor kindig**



As Mayor of La Vista I have the privilege of representing the City at a variety of events/receptions, open houses, ribbon cuttings, etc. Last month, however, I attended a "Topping Out" ceremony, a first for myself and for the City. The new Embassy Suites Hotel under construction in Southport West was "topping out" and apparently tradition calls for a celebration.

"Topping out" is the term ironworkers use to indicate that the final piece of steel is being hoisted into place on a building. The project is not completed, but it has reached its maximum height. To commemorate this first milestone, the final beam is usually hoisted into place with a small evergreen tree and an American flag attached. The beam is typically painted white and signed by the ironworkers and visiting dignitaries.

While there is much folklore and history surrounding the "topping out" traditions, it certainly marks a transition period for the ironworkers. It is a time for them to reflect on what has been accomplished while looking ahead to the next job. The satisfaction of the job well done is tempered by the prospect of an uncertain future and the recognition that this job is almost over.

This is also a perfect time for the City to reflect on the four-year journey that has taken us from the dream of developing Southport into a destination location to the reality of the Embassy Suites Hotel and Conference Center and Cabela's. It is definitely a time of transition for La Vista. The new and exciting development that will ultimately ensure the City's financial future provides the foundation for dealing with other challenges such as the redevelopment of the 84th Street corridor.

Looking ahead to the next job while reflecting on the accomplishments of the past-the "topping out" ceremony was a reminder of the importance of doing just that, whether you are constructing a building or constructing the future of a City.

Douglas Kindig, Mayor

## Annual Fall Leaf Collection Day

The City of La Vista will again be offering a free dump site for leaves and yard waste. All residents, including residents in the City's Extra-Territorial Zoning Jurisdiction, can bring their leaves, grass clippings, and tree branches to the Public Works Department on Saturday, **November 10, 2007** between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Tree branches can be any length but no larger than 6-inches in diameter. Leaf and yard waste material must be removed from plastic bags. A dumpster will be available for disposal of discarded plastic bags. Citizens must have proof of residency, either a valid driver's license or a copy of a utility bill. Used motor oil, anti-freeze and vehicle batteries will also be accepted. The Public Works Facility is located at 9900 Portal Road. For more information call 331-8927.

## La Vista City Calendar

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

### August 2007

- 7 City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 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.
- 25 Tire collection, Public Works, 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

### September 2007

- 3 Most City Offices will be closed for Labor Day
- 4 City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 11 Citizen Advisory Review Committee, 7:00 p.m.
- 13 Library Advisory Board, 5:30 p.m. in Library Conference Room
- 18 City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 19 Park and Recreation Advisory Board, 7:00 p.m.
- 20 Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m.

### October 2007

- 2 City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 8 Most City offices will be closed for Columbus Day
- 14 Fire Prevention Week Open House, District 2 Station, 1:00-4:00 p.m.
- 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.
- 31 Halloween Safe Night, Community Center, 6:00 p.m.



The Spring 2007 Citizen's Police Academy Class

## La Vista Citizen's Police Academy Accepting Applications

Applications are now being accepted for the 2007 Fall class of the "La Vista Citizen's Police Academy". The Citizens Academy is an eleven-week course that will cover a wide variety of police work and fire services. The classes will be held every Wednesday night beginning September 5 from 6:30 to 9:30 P.M. and will be taught by officers from the La Vista Police and Fire departments. Applications are now available at the La Vista police station, 7701 So. 96th Street or on-line at [www.ci.la-vista.ne.us](http://www.ci.la-vista.ne.us). For further information please contact Officer James Thompson at 402-331-1582 or email [jthompson@ci.la-vista.ne.us](mailto:jthompson@ci.la-vista.ne.us)

## Community Policing

The Community & Youth Services Unit of the La Vista Police department is committed to the safety and welfare of our citizens and dedicated to maintaining a strong bond between police, citizens, schools and merchants. Help us, help you! Start a Neighborhood Watch group or join our Citizen's Traffic Watch. Call Ofc. James Thompson at 331-1582 or e-mail at [jthompson@ci.la-vista.ne.us](mailto:jthompson@ci.la-vista.ne.us).



Jimenez



Loyd

## Meet Your New Neighborhood Police Officers

Officers Pablo Jimenez and Mike Loyd are La Vista's newest police officers. Both officers worked for other law enforcement agencies in Nebraska before coming to La Vista. The officers have completed the police department's 14-week Field Training Program and are now assigned to the Uniform Patrol Bureau.

## Communities Partner to Control Erosion

Eleven local communities including La Vista, Bellevue, Gretna, Papillion, Ralston, and Omaha have joined together to fight erosion and control sediment within the Papio Creek Watershed district. This partnership was created to facilitate compliance with state and federal requirements implemented by the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan. ([www.pcwperosioncontrol.org](http://www.pcwperosioncontrol.org))

Proposed construction projects must be reviewed to determine whether they will obstruct flood flows and cause an increase in flood heights upstream or adjacent to the project site.

Developers/SIDs, contractors and sub-contractors are required to accept responsibility to comply with erosion controls on

their job sites. A \$500 fine per day can be assessed to any contractor found to be the source of run off dirt on the streets in a construction area.

You may report dirt on the streets in construction areas within La Vista's jurisdiction to Public Works, 331-8927. A Papio Creek Watershed Partnership inspector will post a sign at the site of the dirty street, take a photograph and a re-inspection will be done within 24 hours.

Our communities are working together to fight erosion and control sediment for a better future.

# Community Development Department

## **Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church**

- Construction is nearly complete on a 49,000 s.f. religious facility that will include sanctuary space (seating for 750), classrooms, a social hall, meeting rooms, administrative offices, an outdoor basketball court for church members, and a licensed day care facility. Location: 96th & Melissa Streets.

## **Embassy Suites Hotel & Conference Center**

- Construction is underway on a 248,000 s.f. seven story hotel with 257 rooms. The hotel will have a full height atrium with dining and lounge seating, and full height trees. Amenities at the hotel will include an indoor pool with a hot tub, health and exercise facility and an outdoor sun deck. The atrium will be connected to a conference center by a wide concourse, which will include a restaurant and coffee shop. Construction has also started on the conference center which will have a capacity of 5,000-6,000 people with a full kitchen, and be marketed for conventions, corporate meetings, trade shows, fund raising dinners, wedding receptions, etc. Location: 12520 Westport Parkway.

## **Fantasy's Convenience Store**

- Construction is underway on a 6,400 s.f. gas station and convenience store. Footings are completed. Location: 7828 S. 123rd Plaza.

**Shell Building** - Construction has started on this new building, currently in the footing stage. Location: 7826 S. 123rd Plaza.

**Hampton Inn & Suites** - Construction is completed and this 4-story hotel with 120 rooms is now open. The hotel provides a complimentary breakfast, and has an enhanced indoor pool and whirlpool. Location: 12331 Southport Parkway

**Industrial Buildings** - Construction is underway on several industrial buildings at various locations including:

Lavigne Building A & B - 132nd & Centennial Road.

Omaha Valve - 125th & Cary Circle.

Papio Valley Condominium Warehouse - 121st & Centennial Road.

Portal Road flex buildings - 115th & Portal Road.

Pote-Stinn - 122nd & Cary Circle.

Rainbow Play Systems - 8842 S. 135th St.

Rasaja Building - 8719 S. 135th St.

T.S.I. Mechanical - 122nd & Cary Circle

Weitz Co. - 8715 S. 121st St.

**Judson Baptist Church** - Construction is nearly completed on a church expansion project which includes a new 16,000 s.f. building to be used as a fellowship hall. Location: 8517 Park View Blvd.

**Oriental Trading Company** - Construction is complete on a 137,000 s.f. warehouse and office addition to their facility. Location: 11201 Giles Road.

**Productivity Inc.** - A 38,000 s.f. warehouse and office facility for this machine tool distribution company is under construction. Location: 8402 S. 117th St.

**Securities America** - Construction of a 3-story 86,791 s.f. office building is underway. Securities America is an SEC registered investment advisory firm. Location: 12325 Port Grace Blvd.

## **Southport Professional Building #2**

- Construction has started on a second office building on an adjoining lot. Both buildings are 2-stories and have 24,000 s.f. of office space. Cornerstone Energy, one of the largest independent non-utility affiliated natural gas companies in the U.S. will be locating in building #2. Location: 12110 Port Grace Blvd.

**Turnkey Solutions** - Construction is underway on this 56,760 s.f. industrial building. This software manufacturer produces CD's, DVD's, VHS tapes and audio cassettes. Services include printing and packaging, fulfillment and distribution. Turnkey is the largest duplication facility of its kind in the country. Location: 12001 Cary Circle.



## Requirements for Sidewalks

City regulations require property owners to maintain the sidewalks abutting their property for the safety of pedestrians. Any concrete sections with cracks one inch or wider or sections having a one inch or larger rise must be replaced. Vegetation should not be growing through any cracks. To the left is an example of a non-compliant sidewalk section.

When repairing or replacing any portion of a sidewalk, the new or repaired section must be even with the existing concrete to ensure safe passage for all pedestrians. Additionally, sidewalks should always be kept clear of any substances such as mud, ice or snow and obstructions that could block pedestrian passage should be removed.





**Thank You**

The resurfacing work on 84th Street was recently completed and we want to thank La Vista residents for their patience during this project. The construction went extremely well with minimal problems. We understand that a project of this magnitude on one of the City's major thoroughfares creates disruption and slows traffic. The end result however, is a much improved roadway with some new and longer turn lanes that will better accommodate the growing numbers of vehicles using 84th Street each day. Again, thank you for your patience and cooperation during this project.

**Diggers Hotline - 811  
- New National Number**

If you are digging for construction or gardening, call before you dig to have utility lines marked. A new national number has been established; dial "811" and your call will be routed to the Nebraska One-Call

Center. Be prepared to provide your name, address, phone number, city and county, the type of work being done, depth of the excavation, and location of the excavation on the property. Having this information ready will expedite the call process. If you are having trouble with the "811" number, the local number is 402-344-3565.

**Tire Collection**

On Saturday, August 25, 2007, La Vista residents can bring old tires to the Public Works Department for free disposal between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. All La Vista residents, including those who live in the City's extra-territorial zoning jurisdiction, can participate in this event. Citizens must have proof of residency, either a valid driver's license or a copy of their utility bill. The Public Works facility is located at 9900 Portal Road. Used motor oil, anti-freeze and vehicle batteries will also be accepted. For more information call 331-8927.

**Residential Sewer Drain Cleaning**  
Residents are asked to notify the Public Works Department at 331-8927 when home sewer lines are 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 sewer line and causing a backup problem. The Public Works Department will check and service the main sewer line for proper flow.

**Information on Building Permits in La Vista**

**Q. What is a Building Permit?**

A. A building permit gives a homeowner legal permission to start construction of a building project in accordance with approved drawings and current specifications.

**Q. When is a Building Permit Required?**

A. The best way to find out if you need a permit is to call your city building department at 331-4343.

The building department in La Vista is located at City Hall and is open M-Th from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on Fri. 8 a.m. to noon. You can discuss your plans with an inspector before you begin construction to determine whether you need a permit. If a permit is not needed, the inspector will answer your construction questions and may provide valuable advice.

**Q. What Good Does a Permit Do?**

A. Your home or business is an investment. If your construction project does not comply with the codes adopted by your community, property insurers may not cover work done. If you decide to sell a home that has had modifications without a permit, you may be required to tear down the addition, leave it unoccupied or be directed to do costly repairs.

A property owner who can show that code requirements were strictly and consistently met, as demonstrated by the building inspectors carefully maintained records, has a strong ally if something happens to trigger a lawsuit.

By following code guidelines, your completed project will meet minimum standards of safety and will be less likely to cause injury to you, your family, your friends or future owners.

**Q. How Do I Apply for a Building Permit?**

A. Building permit applications are now available on-line. Access the City's website at [www.ci.la-vista.ne.us](http://www.ci.la-vista.ne.us), click on Departments and choose Community Development. Highlight Permits/Licensing/Forms and choose Permits. Click Document Center. Open the drop-down list for Community Development, and choose Permit Applications. Now you can easily locate the form best suited to your project from the list.

Print the form, complete and submit to the City for review and fee payment. Permit applications are also available at City Hall. Please phone 331-4343 if you have any questions.

## Fall Craft and Activities

The fall craft and activities are after school fun for school age children in first through sixth grade. Mark your calendar for October 17th. This is a "Drop In" session so registration is not required. The session will run from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

## Reminders

**Family Tree** - Feel free to stop any time for genealogy assistance. Our experienced staff is here to help you.

**Computer Classes** have resumed at the library. These basic computer classes are offered free to library cardholders. Come and find out how to use the scanner at the library! Call the library for more information.

The library has two **monthly book clubs**. One club meets the third Wednesday of the month during the afternoon. There is also an evening club that meets on the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. The August title is "A Walk in the Woods" by Bill Bryson. The September book is "Singing and Dancing Daughters of God" by Timothy Schaffer. The October book is "Something Wicked This Way Comes" by Ray Bradbury and November's title is "Sense and Sensibility" by Jane Austen.

The library's collection has a number of **CD audio books** for your traveling needs or for an alternative to listening to the radio in your vehicle. The library has cassette books-on-tape as well. Harry Potter and the Series of Unfortunate Events are just a couple of CD series the library has. If you are too busy to read or travel, these are ideal for you.

If you are looking for a quiet place to play chess or checkers, come to the library and use our **new Game Table!**

## Highlighted Magazines for the Fall

Car and Driver, Family Handyman, and Fitness are the latest featured magazines. You can check out these magazines from the library as we keep the current edition of the magazine "in house" so everyone has an opportunity to see what's new.

## Online Databases

Don't forget that the library has wonderful online databases for your informational needs. The Auto Repair Reference Center database covers some makes and models back to 1945 under the Vehicles section. Find a wiring diagram or see the service bulletins and recalls. There is an Auto IQ section which provides information regarding fuel management, engine management, heating and AC, ignition system, brakes, suspension and steering, and engine mechanical. The third area in this database is Care & Repair Tips and covers 33 categories of automotive care and maintenance plus provides a glossary of automotive terminology. The fourth section is Troubleshooting and covers engine, drive train, brakes, wheels, suspension, accessories, instruments, and climate control. Stop by the library to utilize this great resource

## children



## Preschool & Toddler Story Times

New Fall Story Time classes will be starting in September and ending November 16th.

**The Preschool session** starts Tuesday, September 4th. Preschool classes will be held Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10:00-10:45 a.m. Preschool Story Time is geared for children who will be between the ages of 3-5 in September.

**The Toddler sessions** start Monday, September 10th. Toddler classes will be held on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 10:10 a.m. Toddler Story Time is for children who will be 18 months - 3 years of age in September, along with Mom or Dad, a grandparent or care givers.

**The Lapsit class** is for children from 6 to 18 months of age who are accompanied by Mom or Dad, a grandparent or care givers. These fun, hands-on programs introduce young children to the library and the joy of reading. Lapsit class will begin on September 13th.

**Call the library to register your children.**

**Library Web Page is located at <http://www.ci.la-vista.ne.us/library>. Click on "Card Catalog" to search the library's book collection. The library has gobs of Halloween tales for your ghostly pleasure. Don't be scared: type "Halloween" to see how ghoulish we can get!**

# firedepartment news

The La Vista Volunteer Fire Department has had a busy spring and summer. In April the new District 2 fire station was opened at 10727 Chandler Road. The station is a 22,700 sf facility that provides five drive-through apparatus bays with an in-floor heating system, office, training and day room space, as well as sleeping quarters and equipment storage space. With the City's continued growth to the west and the development potential in the Southport area, this new facility will allow our volunteer firefighters to continue to provide excellent service to all of the citizens of La Vista.

## Meet the New Fire Chief

In May the City hired its first paid Fire Chief, Rich Uhl. While the department remains all-volunteer in terms of its firefighters, the growth of the City created the need for a full-time Fire Chief to administer the department on a daily basis. Uhl has over 25 years of municipal fire and rescue experience and most recently served as the Assistant Fire Chief in Sioux City, Iowa. He brings a broad base of experience, education and leadership to the position. Chief Uhl has local ties, having completed his master's degree at Bellevue University. His wife, the former Suzanne Yechout, is also from Bellevue. An open house was held at the new District 2 station on June 30, to allow residents an opportunity to see the facility and meet Chief Uhl.



*Fire Chief Rich Uhl sings the National Anthem at the La Vista Days community cookout.*

## Fire Prevention Week

The Fire Department will once again participate in events during Fire Prevention week in October. Volunteer firefighters visit each of La Vista's elementary schools during this week, (October 7 - 13), giving students an opportunity to view a fire truck up close and talking with them about fire safety. An open house will be held on Sunday, October 14, 2007 at the District 2 station, 10727 Chandler Road, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. This is a family event that gives citizens an opportunity to visit the fire station, see the emergency apparatus up close and meet with the volunteers who provide excellent emergency services throughout the year.

## Smoke Detector Program

If you are a La Vista resident and need a smoke detector installed in your home or want information about smoke detectors in general, please contact the La Vista Volunteer Fire Department at 331-4748 or visit us on the City's website at [www.ci.la-vista.ne.us](http://www.ci.la-vista.ne.us) and click on the Fire Department tab. You can now submit requests for smoke detector installation as well as schedule tours and visits for your group or organization on the website.

## Want to Volunteer?

As you can see, the La Vista Volunteer Fire Department has a lot of exciting things going on. The City continues to grow and we are always looking for people willing to volunteer their time to serve the citizens of La Vista. Being a volunteer firefighter is a time consuming but very rewarding endeavor. We provide flexible residency requirements and all of the required training. Recruit classes are established two times per year. If you are interested please contact Karen Fagin at 331-4343, ext. 186 or pick up an application at La Vista City Hall, 8116 Park View Blvd.



## Council Clips

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

- Awarded a contract for the 2007 Pavement Reconstruction Program
- Authorized the purchase of a new Special Services vehicle
- Viewed a presentation by the City Engineer regarding options to address erosion problems along the Thompson Creek Channel
- Approved the appointment of Karen Cahill and Valerie Russell to serve on the Library Advisory Board
- Approved a Solid Waste Management Agreement with Sarpy County
- Presented badges to five new firefighters who have completed a year of training and appointed a new firefighter recruit class
- Held three workshop meetings on the proposed 2008 municipal budget

LA VISTA  
**cityofficials**

**Mayor**

Douglas Kindig

**City Council**

Brenda Carlisle, Ward 1

Ron Sheehan, Ward 1

Robert McLaughlin, Ward 2

Terrilyn Quick, Ward 2

Mark Ellerbeck, Ward 3

Alan Ronan, Ward 3

Anthony Gowan, Ward 4

Kelly Sell, Ward 4

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Brenda Gunn

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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



The City of La Vista and the La Vista Community Foundation joined forces to participate in Sarpy County's 150th anniversary public art project. Over 40 benches created by area artists and depicting the theme "Plains to Planes" are on display throughout the County. "Conrad" can be seen roaming around the patio south of City Hall. A map showing the location of all of the artwork is available at City Hall.



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## LA VISTA FALLS GOLF COURSE

8305 Park View Blvd. The course will remain open during the fall and winter season. Hours will be dependent on weather and course conditions. Call Manager Denny Dinan at 339-9147 for daily updates, hours and fees. Fall is a great time to golf!

## PRESCHOOL PLAY TIME

Preschool Play Time is back on for the fall starting Tuesday, September 4, 2007. 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. Preschool Play Time will run throughout the school year and is for La Vista residents only. When: Tuesday and Thursday mornings, 10:30 am to 11:30 am. **FEE:** Free

## JANEL'S YOUTH DANCE CLASS

Several Dance styles, tumbling and pom offered for youth. Call Janel at 504-4357 for more information and to register for class.

## 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 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. **FEE:** \$20 per month.

## SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS

Senior exercise classes are back! This Senior Exercise Class is designed to make fitness invigorating, not intimidating. This 45-60 minute class pairs moderate aerobics with exercises that are designed to improve strength, balance, and flexibility using easy-to-follow movements. GREAT EXERCISE FOR SENIORS! You can't go wrong with this popular light exercise. Enrollment is open-join anytime! No contracts or membership fees! Contact Instructor Mary

Beth Brandeau at 935-0472 for class days, times and fees.

## OMAHA JITTERBUGS

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

## KIKAI FIGHTING METHOD AND A.S.A.P. METHOD

Adult Martial Arts Classes meet on Wednesday evenings 7:00-9:00 p.m. In Kikai, you will learn the core techniques of multiple martial arts. A.S.A.P. (Adrenal-Scenario-Based Awareness & Protection) develops the correct responses in pre-conflict stages. **FEES:** \$40 per month; \$20 for those already enrolled in LVCC martial arts class. For more information, please call 331-3455.

## 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 - 7:00 p.m. **FEES:** 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 & Friday 6-6:45 p.m. **FEE:** \$25 per month with a \$5 One-Time Sign Up Fee. For information, call Sensei Porter at 592-7771.

## TRADITIONAL JAPANESE SWORDSMANSHIP

Suio Ryu is one of the few ancient systems of martial arts practiced today. It encompasses a broad variety of techniques such as jojutsu (Suio Tyu), kumi-iai (paired sword forms), naginata-jutsu, pure kempo sword and wakizashi techniques. Classes are held on Wednesday, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, 12:00 - 3:00 p.m. Adults (ages 18 & older) only. Open enrollment. **FEE:** \$40 per month. For more information, email Britt Nichols at [Info@suioryu-usa.org](mailto:Info@suioryu-usa.org).

## INDIVIDUAL WEIGHT TRAINING CLASSES

This class is for adults age 18 and older and 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.

## 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 1:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

### 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 is 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 in La Vista. 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 Dept. and Hobby Town U.S.A.

### KITE FLYING FESTIVAL

The American Kite Fliers Association (A.K.A.) and The La Vista Recreation Department invite you to Kite in 2007! See some of the world's largest and most creative kites at our upcoming festival. Come fly kites on Sunday, October 14, 2007 as the A.K.A. invites everyone to participate in the Midwest Winds Kiteflyers Fall Kite Fly at the La Vista Sports Complex. Kids are encouraged to bring a bag or basket for the Kite Candy Drop. Bring the whole family and enjoy a day of kite flying!

### YOUTH VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

Registration Deadline: September 9, 2007. Grades 3/4 & 5/6. **FEE:** La Vista Resident \$30.00, Non-resident \$50.00

### WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

Registration deadline for Fall League is August 13, 2007; Winter League January 21, 2008. **FEE:** \$100 per team.

### AIKIDO LOCK-IN

Food, fun & games — Saturday, November 10, 2007. All ages welcome. Call Claudia Brown at 734-0424 for information on time, fees and rules!

### INDOOR REMOTE CONTROL MODEL AIRPLANE FLYING

Every Monday from 11:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m. you can 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 your indoor plane and pay a small drop-in fee!

### LA VISTA VIPERS WRESTLING

Registration: October 1 to November 29, 2007. Ages 5-14 as of January 1, 2008. **FEE:** La Vista Residents \$40.00, Non-residents \$65.00. There will be a separate \$50.00 deposit for the singlet. Deposit will be collected by the La Vista Vipers Wrestling Club.

### YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Registration deadline: November 11, 2007. Registration starts October 1, 2007. Boys & Girls Grades 3/4 & 5/6. **FEE:** La Vista Residents \$45.00, non-residents \$55.00. Uniform deposit fee (payable at registration): \$40.00.

### ADULT FALL SOFTBALL LEAGUES

Registration Deadlines: August 13, 2007 or until filled. (League may fill up before the deadline). Co-ed Leagues Fri/Sun, Men's League S/M/T/W/TH/F. Double Header Leagues W/Th **FEE:** Co-ed, Men's League \$110.00, Double Header League \$220.00. Umpire **FEES:** \$18.00 per game (paid directly to the umpires-cash only). Coaches meeting Wednesday, August 29, 2007 (6:00 pm). Games start September 4, 2007.

### LA VISTA SENIOR CENTER

The La Vista Senior Center is located in the Community Center and offers friendship, food, fitness, field trips, and many more fun activities. Please contact the Recreation Department at 331-3455 if you would like your name placed on the mailing list to receive a monthly calendar. The Eastern Nebraska Office on Aging provides a hot lunch on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 11:30 a.m. Lunch reservations need to be made by noon one business day in advance by calling 331-3455. A suggested donation of \$2.50 (for ages 60 & over) is appreciated.

The Community Center has Senior walkers every morning (free of charge), and a fitness room with various exercise equipment for your use. There is no charge for La Vista Seniors to use the equipment; there is a small charge of \$2 for non-resident Seniors (age 55 & over).

Seniors go on several outings per month including restaurants, museums, movies or sight-seeing. In recent outings, the Seniors have gone to Mahoney State Park Dinner Theater, Rosenblatt Stadium for a Royals game, and of course there are the yearly trips to Nebraska City for apples and the Christmas Light Tour! Every Monday at 12:15 p.m. Bridge and other card games are offered, and on Wednesdays and Fridays after lunch cards, pitch, and other games are played.

Throughout the year, the Seniors have special events such as an annual Valentines Day party, which includes great food and entertainment. Pot-luck lunches are held frequently, and monthly birthday parties are held the second Wednesday of each month.

A visiting nurse is at the Community Center on the first Friday of each month from 9-11:00 a.m. There is a sign-up sheet across from the front desk, but walk-ins are welcome.

Transportation is available for La Vista and Ralston residents on the Ralston/La Vista Special Services Bus. Please call 657-3550 for further information.

To look at scheduled activities/trips and lunch menus, be sure to sign up for the monthly La Vista Senior Newsletter by calling the La Vista Recreation Dept. at 331-3455.

# Halloweenfun



## HALLOWEEN SAFE NIGHT

The La Vista Recreation Dept. and La Vista Volunteer Fire Dept. would like to invite all kids 12 and under, (accompanied by a parent), to Halloween Safe Night on Wednesday, October 31, 2007 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center. There will be food, drink, candy and lots of scary surprises! Join us for the biggest and scariest Halloween Safe Night ever! Businesses or organizations interested in being a part of Halloween Safe Night, should call Dave or Sue at 331-3455.

## 2007 HALLOWEEN 5K CROSS-COUNTRY WALK, RUN & RELAY

This is a fun but challenging cross country-course that loops through and around the La Vista Falls Golf Course for approximately 1.5 miles. Runners will do 2-laps for the full 5K, and walkers will do 1 lap for 1.5 miles. This year the race will be held on Sunday, October 28, 2007. Where: La Vista Falls Golf Course at 8305 Park View Blvd. La Vista, Nebraska. Start: 10:00 a.m. sharp. Pre-registration for the Walk, Run & Relay must be received no later than Friday, October 12, 2007. Pre-registration **FEE:** \$18 Run; \$30 2-Person Relay. Late and/or Race Day Registration Fee: \$22 Run; \$34 2-Person Relay. For more information pick-up a race flyer at the La Vista Community Center or go online at [www.ci.la-vista.ne.us](http://www.ci.la-vista.ne.us) or contact Rich Carstensen at [rcartensen@ci.la-vista.ne.us](mailto:rcartensen@ci.la-vista.ne.us).

## HALLOWEEN SAFETY

A reminder from your friends at the La Vista Police Department:

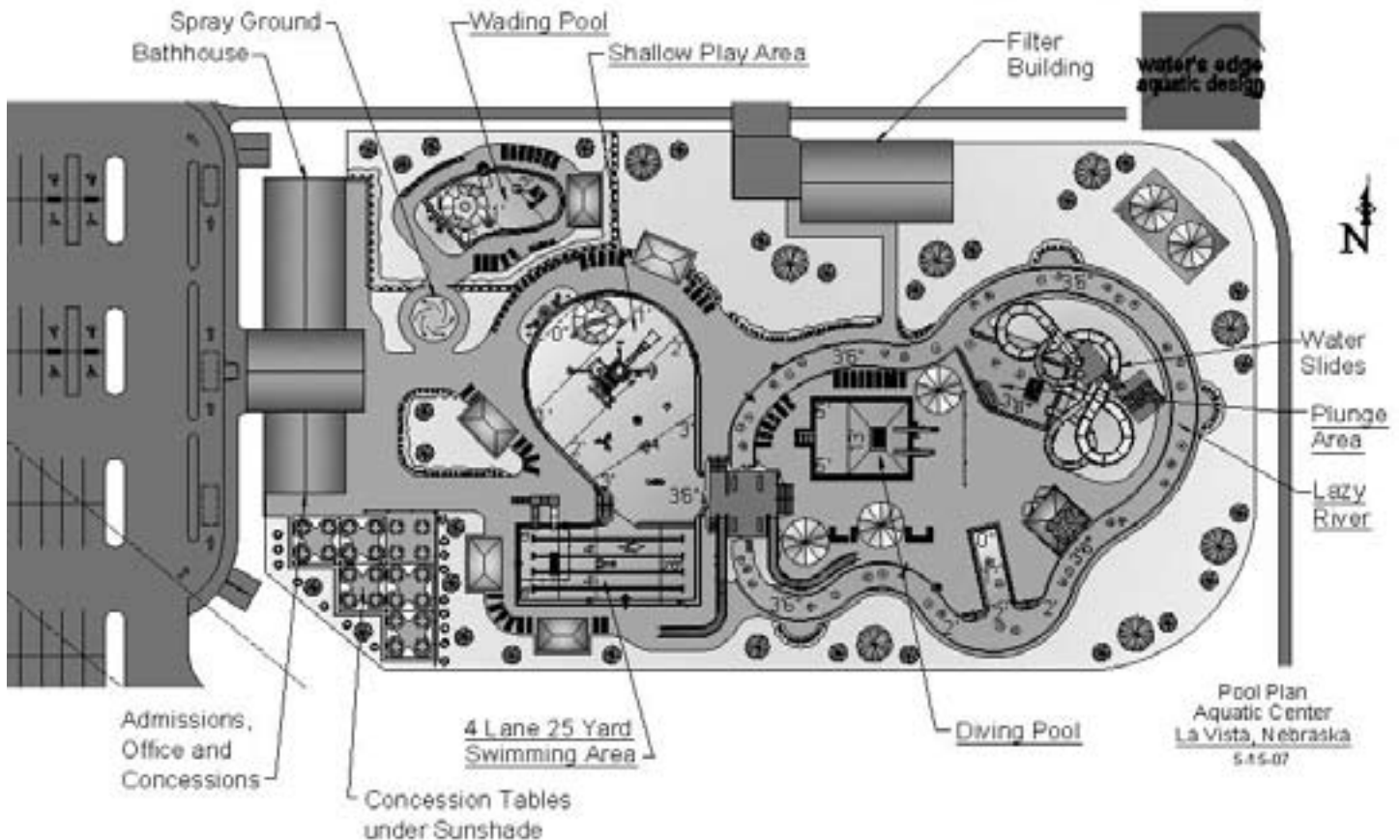
- Never trick or treat alone
- Tell your parents where you are going and who you will be with
- Wear a costume that you can see out of
- Don't eat unwrapped candy. Have your parents check the candy before eating
- Trick-or-treat in neighborhoods that you are familiar with
- If a house doesn't have a porch light on, pass on by
- Don't go inside people's houses when trick-or-treating
- Take a flashlight with you
- Watch for moving cars. The drivers may not see you
- Say "THANK YOU"
- HAVE FUN!!!!

# La Vista Days 2007



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## Swimming Pool Concept Unveiled

During the summer of 2005 the City utilized the consulting services of Water's Edge Aquatic Design to review and evaluate the City's existing pool facility (which was constructed in 1962) and provide recommendations for improvements. Their findings were presented to the City Council in early 2006 and identified several options. As a result the Mayor appointed an ad hoc committee of citizens and others to review the options and make a recommendation to the City Council. This committee took public input over the past year regarding features that citizens would like to see in a pool facility and has developed a conceptual

plan for a new aquatics facility to be located on the same site as the existing swimming pool. A public open house was held on May 30, 2007 at which time the conceptual plan was unveiled and citizens got their first look. The project, as proposed, carries a price tag of approximately \$8.5 million.

At this time the committee is continuing to receive input from the public regarding the concept. The committee will be analyzing the public's response and will be making modifications, if necessary, prior to making a recommendation to the City's elected officials sometime this fall. If

the City Council does decide to proceed with an aquatics project, it is anticipated that funding for such an endeavor would be through a voter approved bond issue. A rendering of the concept and site plan is shown above. If you have questions or comments we would like to hear from you. Please contact us at 331-4343.