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Community Involved in Streetscape Project

The Corridor 84 Streetscape Project, which focuses on transforming the space within the right-of-way along 84th street, has been a community-centered process.

Approximately 200 citizens attended the project's first public meeting in November, where they provided feedback through live polling and a question and answer session. Gathering information from that meeting and online surveys, Design Workshop, the City's consultant, developed a preferred streetscape design - the Sculpted Walk.

The preferred design includes feature walls, trails to be shared by a variety of users as well as groupings of trees and plantings. Plaza spaces, which will provide key links to nearby development, will

feature lighting and furniture to establish gathering places along the corridor. Also featured is an iconic bridge-like structure that will be an important opportunity to connect the east and west sides of 84th Street.

The design was presented to citizens at a second public meeting in January where again they participated in live polling, this time indicating their preference for more specific design elements - paving, furniture, lighting, landscaping and bridge options.

A full recording of the second meeting, digital copies of the materials from the meeting and a survey are available on our website at Corridor84.com/Streetscape.

The Mayor's Youth Leadership Council has participated all along the way in the planning process, offering their own perspectives and vision for the corridor. Members have completed two design activities with a focus on prioritizing the best viable uses for the expansive green space available on either side of 84th Street.

The youth council provided feedback on desired design elements and, through a budgeting simulation, priority ranked those elements. Results and findings from those activities were presented by the Youth Council at public meetings in November and January. Among the priorities (*continued, page 3*)



Key to our successes at the City of La Vista has been a tradition of ambitious, yet intentional, strategic planning. Through this planning we move the City forward connecting our long-range aspirations with short-term goals and actions.

I'm pleased to tell you the City has a new Strategic Plan, which the City Council adopted in January.

The new plan establishes the framework that will guide the City's work for the next three years. Within the plan are five strategic priorities: **1. Quality of Life and Community Identity; 2. Economic Vitality; 3. Infrastructure Investment; 4. Safe Community and Thriving Neighborhoods; 5. Governance and Fiscal Responsibility.**

For each strategic priority there are indicators to track progress towards the plan's success. The next step will be to align this plan with department operational plans as well as the budget. This will ensure that we are using resources and spending time on what matters most for the long-term benefit of the community.

For more information and to read the full plan, visit our website, www.cityoflavista.org/strategicplan.

– Mayor Douglas Kindig

La Vista City Calendar

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

February 2018

- 4 Country Music Jam Session, 2-4 p.m., Community Center
- 6 **City Council**, 7 p.m.
- 12 **La Vista-Metropolitan Community College Condominium Owners Association**, 4 p.m.
- 15 **Planning Commission**, 7 p.m.
- 20 **City Council**, 7 p.m.
- 21 **Park and Recreation Advisory Board**, 7 p.m.

March 2018

- 4 Country Music Jam Session, 2-4 p.m., Community Center
- 6 **City Council**, 7 p.m.
- 8 **Library Advisory Board**, 5:30 p.m., La Vista Public Library
- 8 **Citizen Advisory Review Committee**, 7 p.m.
- 15 **Planning Commission**, 7 p.m.
- 20 **City Council**, 7 p.m.
- 21 **Streetscape Project Public Meeting**, 6 p.m.
- 21 **Park and Recreation Advisory Board**, 7 p.m., Community Center
- 31 Easter Egg Hunt and Food Drive, 10 a.m., La Vista Sports Complex

April 2018

- 1 Country Music Jam Session, 2-4 p.m., Community Center
- 3 **City Council**, 7 p.m.
- 14 Omaha Bead Affair, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Community Center
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- 17 **City Council**, 7 p.m.
- 18 **Park and Recreation Advisory Board**, 7 p.m.
- 19 **Planning Commission**, 7 p.m.
- 26 Arbor Day Celebration, 10 a.m., Community Center
- 27-28 Clean-Up Days, 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Public Works

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Registration now open for Hometown Heroes Banner Program

Registration is now open for the fourth 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.



From page 1: Streetscape Project Design Moves Ahead

identified in their work were multi-use pedestrian paths accessible for bike and foot traffic and community gathering spaces.

Their contributions have helped to make this a truly community based plan, reflecting the views of various segments of the community.

A third public meeting will be held on March 21 at 6 p.m. at City Hall to present the final design concept.

For more information about this and other Corridor 84 projects, visit Corridor84.com.

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Lucas Tiberi

Meet Your New Neighborhood Police Officers

There are three new additions to the Police Department.

Officer Lucas Tiberi was hired in October and is currently in the final phase of field training. Officer Tiberi came to La Vista after more than two years as a police officer with the St. Louis County Police Department in Missouri.

In December Officers Brian Straw and Tanner Reiss graduated from the Police Academy in Grand Island. Both are currently in the Police Department's Field Training Program and will be assigned to the Uniform Patrol Bureau upon successful completion of training.



Brian Straw & Tanner Reiss

Training Director Named for Sarpy-Douglas Law Enforcement Academy

Scott Wagner, a 26-year veteran of the Douglas County Sheriff's Office, was recently announced as the training director for the Sarpy-Douglas Law Enforcement Academy.

The Sarpy-Douglas Law Enforcement Academy will train new officers and deputies for the La Vista, Bellevue and Papillion police departments and the Douglas and Sarpy County Sheriff's offices.

Instead of sending officers to the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center in Grand Island, the agencies' recruits would be trained together, rotating through classroom space and training facilities at the various departments.

The SDLEA will help the agencies recruit, build teamwork within the agencies and provide an opportunity to localize and expand on the state curriculum. Wagner is tasked with combining efforts of the five agencies into one entity.

Wagner will work out of the La Vista Police Department and the first group of recruits is planned for summer 2018, with its first graduating class this fall.



Scott Wagner

Cooking Classes at the La Vista Community Center!

**Big Chef, Little Chef
Adult Cooking Club
Date Night in the Kitchen**

For more information, turn to Community Center Happenings
in the middle of this newsletter, or visit our website

www.cityoflavista.org/cookingclasses



'Twas the Lights Before Christmas Merry and Bright with Events



Once again the former golf course clubhouse was transformed into Santa's Workshop, where children and their families could visit with Santa on many occasions throughout the month of December. Young and old alike enjoyed the atmosphere at Santa's Workshop.



Two of the Santa's Workshop events featured live reindeer.

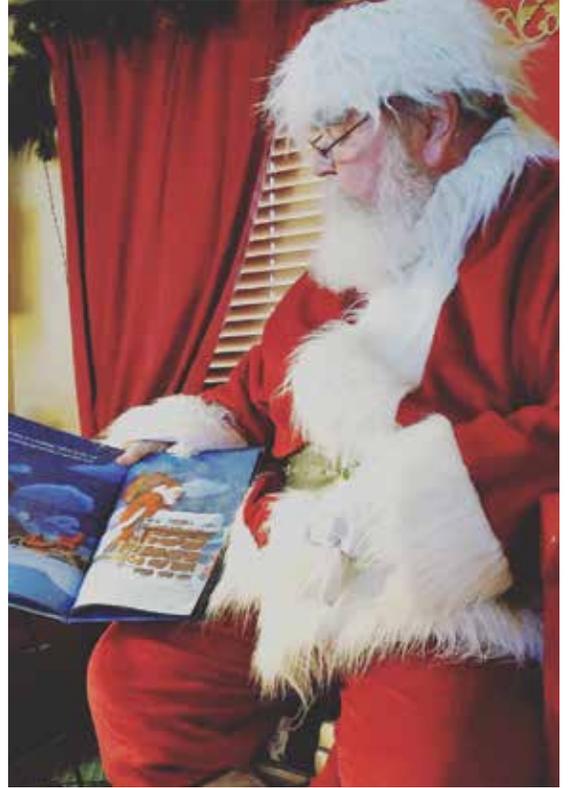


Santa's Workshop featured a model train, which mesmerized the kids!



Photo by Don Labrie

The annual Tree Lighting Celebration and Soup Supper featured entertainment from La Vista Middle School.



The Library hosted a special program this year for little children, ages birth through preschool, which included a story time with Santa in his office!



Photo by Don Labrie

For the 25th year, the holiday season kicked off with Santa's Sleigh Ride on the Sunday after Thanksgiving. Families lined sidewalks throughout the City to greet Santa as he traveled across the community.



Heeere's Neptune!

A big THANKYOU to Karl Meister for his donation and allowing the library to be Neptune's new home. Neptune is a Red Eared Slider. Yes, turtle, also known as a terrapin! Neptune is seven years old and semiaquatic. She is among the most popular pet turtles in the United States and is also popular as a pet in the rest of the world. Most live 20-50 years but are known to live up to 70 years. Welcome, Neptune!

B.U.I.L.D. Collective

The library has received a grant from the American Library Association for the Loleta D. Fyan Tween and Teen B.U.I.L.D. Collective. B.U.I.L.D. stands for Building to Uphold Imagination and Learning Daily. This grant will provide tweens and teens with educational tools based around a common theme of building that will foster their sense of imagination and help them become more creative.



Past programs have included robotics, coding, Architecture Madness, Construction Camp, the construction of an obstacle course, mini golf course and life-sized games. Most recently the B.U.I.L.D. items have been used during outreach programs for teens in the community who cannot make a trip to the library.

In the near future B.U.I.L.D. kits will be added to the library's catalog for check-out so items can be utilized in the community, especially at home.

Check the library, or our website, www.cityoflavista.org/library, for a current list of B.U.I.L.D. Collective programming.

Movers and Shakers Grant

The library has received a grant from the Nebraska Library Commission's Youth Grant for a program called Movers and Shakers.

This programming will ensure that each child (babies, toddlers, and children ages 3 and above) who participates is able to explore a variety of appropriate musical instruments and other things like scarves designed for their young age.

Check the library, or our website, www.cityoflavista.org/library, for a current list of programming.

LIBRARY NOTES

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

OnePlay for Libraries offers a gaming service that enables patrons to download and play unlimited app-based games for free. Choose from more than 1,500 PC-app games and 500 Android-app games (new games added weekly). Enjoy no holds and no waiting - games are always available. Play anytime, anywhere with PC apps and Android apps.

Technology Classes - Library cardholders have access to technology instruction to provide skills in specific areas, including: basic computer skills, Internet, Microsoft Word, digital cameras, job searching on the Internet, and resume writing classes. For a list of all classes available, contact Jean Hurst at the Library.

Storytimes - The Library offers a variety of storytimes throughout the week, geared toward young and old alike! The **Tiny Tots storytime** for children three years old and younger meets every Tuesday at 10 a.m. Enjoy a story, songs, and finger plays with your child. The **Book Time for Grown Ups** meets at the Community Center on Fridays at 10 a.m. Sit back and relax while listening to a book read out loud. Afterwards, stay for a lively discussion about books and other topics.

Tween/Teen Programming - The Library offers programs for tweens and teens in fifth grade and up, including Teen Advisory Board (TAB), Homework Hotspot, Media Club, Teen Storytime, and more. Calendars listing all the programs are available at the library!

Annual Clean-Up Days to Include Electronics Recycling

La Vista’s annual Clean-Up Days will be held on **Friday, April 27 and Saturday April 28**.

All residents, including residents 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, televisions, 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 accepted but must be free of debris. All types of batteries will also be accepted.

Electronic recycling will be available this year

Items that will be accepted include: computers, computer monitors, mouse, stereos, speakers and printers. Computer hard drive erasing and destruction is also offered. Television sets will not be accepted for recycling, but can be disposed with other debris on site.

Paint, tires, hazardous waste 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 with either a valid driver’s license or a utility bill. For more information contact the Public Works Department, 402-331-8927.



Council Clips

The following items are highlights of recent City Council action:

- Awarded the contract for construction of a parking structure in Offstreet Parking District No. 2 in the 84th Street Redevelopment project area.
- Approved the acquisition of demolition and site preparation rights for Chili’s Bar & Grill in the 84th Street Redevelopment project area.
- Approved the purchase of five battery back-up traffic light systems to allow traffic signals to continue functioning during power outages.
- Swore in three new police officers, Lucas Tiberi, Brian Straw and Tanner Reiss and a new police sergeant, Mike Czarnick.
- Approved interlocal agreement with Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District and the City of Omaha for construction of the West Papio Trail extension from Giles Road to Millard.
- Approved the creation of a neglected building registration program.

2018 Construction Projects

The following projects are anticipated to begin during the 2018 construction season. For more information regarding any of the projects, contact the Public Works Department at 402-331-8927.

- **108th & Chandler Road Drainageway Stabilization** - Repair erosion and damaged storm sewer pipe.
- **Portal Drainageway** - Storm sewer pipe repair and channel rehabilitation from Portal Road south to Papillion Creek. This is a joint project with the City of Papillion and the Papio NRD.
- **132nd & West Giles Road** - North to south connections were completed in 2017. The leg of Giles Road west of 132nd Street should be completed in the spring of 2018.
- **84th Street Adaptive Signals** - Install upgraded communications, controllers and software to enable traffic to be monitored and move more efficiently.
- **66th Street Reconstruction** - Design roadway improvements for 66th Street from Harrison Street to Giles Road.
- **Giles Road Widening** - Study the feasibility of widening Giles Road to six lanes from Eastport Parkway to the Interstate.
- **96th & Brentwood Traffic Signal** - Installation of fully signalized intersection with additional turn lanes.

Mayor

Douglas Kindig

City Council

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 Rose Barcal, *Library Director*
 Scott Stopak, *Recreation Director*



Fourth Annual Cops and Kids Event

This past December, the Police Department participated in the fourth annual Cops and Kids program, which was organized by Officer Jamie Brown. 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. Other sponsors of the event were Baxter Auto, Edge Body Boot Camp and Eyman Plumbing. Officer Amanda Eby assists one of the children in selecting a gift.

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Easter Egg Hunt and Food Drive

Saturday, March 31, La Vista Sports Complex Softball fields, 1/4th mile south of Harrison on 66th Street. Please come early to allow time to park and walk to the appropriate field. Staggered starting times. Ages 4 and under without parents (watch from the sidelines, kids only on the field), 10 a.m. Ages 4 and under with parents helping on the field, 10 a.m. Ages 5, 6 and 7 at 10:10 a.m. Ages 8, 9 and 10 at 10:20 a.m. Children may only participate in one age group. We will be collecting food and or cash donations for the Tri City Food Bank.

Arbor Day Celebration

Thursday, April 26, 10 a.m. at the La Vista Community Center. 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 17, 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.

Omaha Bead Affair

Saturday, April 14, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday, April 15, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. **FEE:** \$3 admission at the door, Community Center. An event for jewelry makers and designers of all skill levels, from beginner to expert! Featuring vendors from all over the United States with an enormous selection of merchandise for you to choose from. Browse through gemstones, beads, jewelry findings, seed beads and more. There will be many local lampworking artists who create imaginative pieces of art that will be 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!

Preschool Play Time

NEW HOURS Tuesdays, Thursdays, 10 a.m.-noon, 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.)

Model Airplane License & 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, ¼ 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.

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 aprilc0113@yahoo.com.

Yoga

Saturdays, 11 a.m.-noon, Community Center. **FEE:** \$7 per class (upfront fee of \$28 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 Walleyball

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.

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

First Sunday of the month through April, 1-4 p.m., Community Center. **FEE:** Free. Bring your instruments, voices and enthusiasm for a down home good time! Just sit back and listen or join the band.



Easy Breezy Fitness Class

Mondays, 9:30 a.m., Community Center. **FEE:** \$6 per class or purchase a punch card, 10 classes for \$50.

This class will work on strength, endurance, flexibility and balance. For more information and to register, contact certified fitness instructor Angi Herrik, 402-659-6854 or email aherrick7406@gmail.com.



Core DeForce Live

Wednesdays and/or Fridays, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Community Center. **FEE:** First session free, individual sessions \$7, loyalty cards available - \$40 for eight sessions. Core DeForce Live is a mixed martial arts fitness class. The training consists of three, 11-minute blocks consisting of three, 3-minute segments each. Each segment alternates with one minute of exercise and a 30-second spike to get your heart rate up. You do not have to be experienced in martial arts or have a high level of fitness and it is self-paced so everyone can adjust to their own fitness level. For more information, contact Brian Keller via e-mail at brian.keller.bu@gmail.com.

Register & Pay Online
www.cityoflavista.org/active



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

Saturdays, 9-11 a.m., Sundays, 4:30-6:30 p.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"

Thursdays, 10 a.m.-noon 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

Fourth Tuesday of each month, 6-9 p.m., Community Center. **FEE:** \$50 per session. 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.shuurindojo.com.

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 Renee Patchin, 402-403-8943.

Square Dance Lessons

Sundays, 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/walleyball)

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.





COMMUNITY CENTER PROVIDES GATHERING PLACE FOR RESIDENTS

The La Vista Community Center, located at 8116 Park View Boulevard adjacent to City Hall, provides a variety of services and amenities for La Vista residents.

Built in 1995, the Community Center is home to the City's Recreation Department and offers amenities such as a fitness room, gymnasium, game room, meeting rooms and full kitchen, all of which can be reserved for special functions. La Vista residents receive special pricing on rentals of any of these spaces.

The Community Center is also home to the La Vista Senior Center as well as numerous special events throughout the year, including Halloween Safe Night and the Tree Lighting Celebration.

For more information about the La Vista Community Center, visit our website, www.cityoflavista.org/communitycenter, give us a call at 402-331-3455, or stop by for a tour!

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.

YOUTH & ADULT SPORTS

Fees listed for residents then non-residents

BASEBALL

Season begins in April

Early Bird Registration Deadline: Feb. 24

Final Registration Deadline: March 10

*Practices will tentatively begin the week of April 2. 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: Before 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: Before 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: Before February 25: \$65, non-residents \$85. After February 25: \$75, non-residents \$95

Yearling (Coach Pitch) Baseball League

Ages: Boys ages 7/8 as of April 1.

FEES: Before February 25: \$50, non-residents \$65. After February 25: \$60, non-residents \$75

COED T-BALL

Season begins in June

Early Bird Registration Deadline: April 28

Final Registration Deadline: May 12

*Practices will tentatively begin the week of May 28. Practices are held at coach's discretion during the week. Games will be played on Saturday morning's beginning in June at the La Vista City Park ball fields.

***Start date is subject to change.**

Ages: Boys and Girls ages 5/6 as of April 1.

FEES: Before April 28: \$45, non-residents \$60. After April 28: \$55, non-residents \$70

SOFTBALL

Season begins in April

Early Bird Registration Deadline: March 10

Final Registration Deadline: March 24

*Practices will tentatively begin the week of April 9. 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.**



13-18 Year Old Softball League

Ages: Girls ages 13-18 as of April 1.

FEES: Before March 10: \$110, non-residents \$140. After March 10: \$120, non-residents \$150

Bronco Softball League

Ages: Girls ages 11/12 as of April 1.

FEES: Before March 10: \$75, non-residents \$105. After March 10: \$85, non-residents \$115

Mustang Softball League

Ages: Girls ages 9/10 as of April 1.

FEES: Before March 10: \$65, non-residents \$85. After March 10: \$75, non-residents \$95

Pinto Softball League

Ages: Girls ages 7/8 as of April 1.

FEES: Before March 10: \$50, non-residents \$65. After March 10: \$60, non-residents \$75

ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Games tentatively start on April 8

Leagues: Coed, Men's and Double-Header Men's. **FEES:** Coed & Men's: \$215 (separate \$40 check, forfeit deposit fee). Double-Header: \$420 (2 separate \$40 checks, forfeit deposit fee). **(Registration Period)** Registration will run February 1 through March 24 or until leagues are full. Coed Leagues will be held on Sunday and Friday evenings. Men's League will be held on Sunday, Tuesday & Friday evenings. Double-Header Men's League will be held on Thursday evenings.

YOUTH SOCCER

Seasons begin in April

Early Bird Registration Deadline: March 3

Final Registration Deadline: March 17

Coed Soccer Clinic

Ages: Boys and Girls age 3 as of April 1.

FEES: Before March 3: \$17, non-residents \$22. After March 3: \$27, non-residents \$32

The soccer clinic is comprised of 5 one hour sessions to be held on Saturday

mornings from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the La Vista Community Center starting on April 7 and ending on May 5. 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.

The 4 & 5 Soccer Academy and 6 & 7 League will begin on Tuesday, April 3 and end on Saturday, May 5. The Academy will meet on Tuesdays 5:30-6:30 p.m. and the League 6:30-7:30 p.m. On Saturdays, the Academy will meet 9-10 a.m. and the League 10-11 a.m. 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 3: \$33, non-resident \$53. After March 3: \$43, non-resident \$63

League

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

FEES: Before March 3: \$33, non-resident \$53. After March 3: \$43, non-resident \$63

SPRING FLAG FOOTBALL

Seasons begin in April

Early Bird Registration Deadline: March 3

Final Registration Deadline: March 17

*Practices will tentatively begin the week of April 2. 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 14 and ending on June 9. ***Start date is subject to change.**

Ages: k-6th grade as of spring 2017.

FEES: Before March 3: \$33, non-residents \$53. After March 3: \$43, non-residents \$63



LA VISTA SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER

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 Monday through Friday. 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 Treat America. 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/JOY (Just Old Youth) Center Activities (55 and up)

Senior Color Book Club

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

Book Time for Grown ups

Fridays, 10 a.m., Community Center. Come and listen to an assortment of stories and poems.

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!

Tai Chi for Balance

Tuesdays and Thursday, 10:45 a.m., Community Center. **FEE:** under age 60 mandatory \$1 per week; age 60 and over \$1 per week suggested contribution. Tai Chi is a series of rhythmic, slow, coordinated and gentle movements. Tai Chi means great energy, because it helps the energy to flow through your body. It improves balance, flexibility, strength, posture, osteoporosis, strengthening your heart, lungs and circulatory system, coordination, deep breathing, mood and calmness. This Tai Chi class is moving for balance Tai Chi or Tai Chi 8, with eight different movements.

Bingo

Mondays and Fridays, 12:30-1:30 p.m., Community Center. **FEE:** 25¢ per card, four card max. Unless noted there will be no bingo on days when there is a scheduled speaker or other entertainment, please see our monthly newsletter for more details at www.cityoflavista.org/seniors.

Chair Volleyball

Wednesdays and Fridays, 10:30-11:15 a.m., Community Center. **FEE:** Free. Fast and fun paced game played with a beach ball while sitting in a chair.

Afternoon Movie Outings

Last Tuesday afternoon of the month. **FEE:** \$2 per movie. Join us for a trip to the Westwood Cinema 8 movie theater. Space is limited on the bus and pre-registration is required. Movie and departure times announced on the previous Friday afternoon.