



Destination Development Planned for Southport West

On January 24, The Cordish Companies announced plans to build an upscale destination outlet retail center and entertainment district in Southport West, adjacent to Cabela's and the John Q. Hammons hotel and conference center complex. Phase one of the project would include 300,000 square feet of outlet shopping and a 60,000-square-foot entertainment district. Phase two could potentially be another 100,000 square feet of shopping outlets, restaurants and/or entertainment venues.

The synergy of the proposed Cordish development, with Cabela's, the hotels and the La Vista Conference Center will provide benefits to all and represents the essence of the City's vision for Southport West.

"We couldn't be more excited about the possibility of a development like this coming to La Vista," said Mayor Douglas Kindig. "This project is consistent with the City's long-held vision for Southport West to be a top quality regional tourism destination development."

The Baltimore-based developer is one of the largest and most respected developers in the world and their extensive expertise in almost every discipline of the development industry supports the City's confidence in their ability to deliver a top-notch project.

On February 1st, the City Council approved a non-binding terms sheet, which provides that The Cordish Companies would build the outlet center and entertainment district, and the City would construct public infrastructure including public parking and streets.

The preliminary estimate of the cost of proposed public improvements is in the range of \$40-46 million, to be financed by City bonds repaid from general revenue sources including a general business occupation tax levied within the area of the development.

"There is no question that this project is significant for La Vista," said Mayor Kindig. "However I want to assure our residents that we have not lost sight of our long-term goals for revitalization along our 84th Street corridor. We continue to actively work on plans for 84th Street, and are committed to making Vision 84 a reality."

84th Street Signal Changes

If you have driven on 84th Street recently you may have noticed changes in traffic signal functions.

In an effort to improve the flow of traffic and reduce the number of stops on 84th Street, the City of La Vista along with the cities of Papillion, Ralston, Omaha, the Nebraska Department of Roads, and Metro Area Planning Agency (MAPA) have embarked on a study to examine what changes can be made.

HDR Engineering of Omaha was hired to conduct a study of the 84th Street corridor from Center Street in Omaha to Lincoln Road in Papillion and make recommendations for improvements. Early on in the study it was discovered that numerous intersections on the corridor no longer warranted left turn arrows per national engineering standards.

As a result, numerous intersections had bags placed over the left turn arrows for a 30-day trial period. In most cases the intersection continued to function properly and in some cases turn movements were improved.

The next phase of the project will involve evaluating Adaptive Traffic Control Systems that can be used to improve traffic flow and reduce the number of stops. Adaptive Traffic Control Systems monitor traffic patterns and make automatic adjustments to signal timing as needed. The public can voice their opinions on the project at an e-mail address set up by MAPA 84thstreet@mapacog.org.

A MINUTE WITH mayor kindig



By now you have likely heard the exciting news of the upscale destination outlet center and entertainment district development proposed for Southport West. The realization of the City's vision that this area would be a regional tourist destination has taken time and patience. Work on the Southport area originally began in 2000, and by the time this project becomes a reality, it will have been more than a dozen years since La Vista established its vision for the area.

We have also worked very hard to create Vision 84, our long-term vision for the 84th Street corridor. The Southport project does not mean work will stop on the 84th Street redevelopment effort. City staff are establishing design guidelines for the corridor and will be working on a master park plan for the La Vista Falls Golf Course (Vision 84 calls for this area to become a civic park space this year). Throughout the process the public will be invited to participate and offer feedback.

We will also be discussing our swimming pool facility as well as any necessary infrastructure improvements including an underpass connecting the new civic park with the west side of the City.

People have asked why the Southport West project didn't come to 84th Street. First and foremost, a regional tourist destination needs interstate access and visibility and that is what attracted Cabela's, John Q. Hammons and The Cordish Companies to Southport. Second, there is still a great deal of planning and preparation work that needs to be done regarding 84th Street. The vision for this area is something completely different—a place for people to live, work and play—the downtown La Vista has never had. I assure you we remain committed to making that vision a reality, as well.

— Mayor Douglas Kindig

Trash Survey Response Very Strong

In the last edition of CityWise, residents of La Vista were asked to express their opinions about the residential trash hauler/recycler they are currently using as well as their thoughts on how services could be improved.

Through the months of November and December, more than 600 surveys were returned. Thank you for your response, La Vista!

City staff is currently working to tabulate the results. Because the rate of return was so good, the Mayor and City Council will have reliable data to review when they consider whether any changes should be made regarding trash hauling services in the City.

Watch the next edition of CityWise for details on the results of this survey.



La Vista City Calendar

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

February 2011

- 1 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 14 La Vista/Metropolitan Community College Condominium Owners Association, 4 p.m., La Vista Library
- 14 Senior Valentine Lunch, La Vista Community Center, 11:30 a.m.
- 15 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 16 Park and Rec. Advisory Board Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 17 Planning Commission Meeting, 7 p.m.

March 2011

- 1 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 8 Citizen Advisory Review Committee Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 10 Library Advisory Board, 5:30 p.m., La Vista Library
- 15 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 16 Park and Rec. Advisory Board Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 17 Planning Commission Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 17 Senior St. Patrick's Day Lunch, La Vista Community Center, 11:30 a.m.

April 2011

- 5 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 19 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 20 Park and Rec. Advisory Board Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 21 Planning Commission Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 23 Annual Easter Egg Hunt, La Vista Sports Complex, 10 a.m.
- 29 Arbor Day Tree Planting, 10 a.m., Mayor's Park



CITIZEN'S FIRE ACADEMY

The La Vista Volunteer Fire Department will once again offer residents and those thinking about joining the department, an opportunity to see firsthand what it takes to become a firefighter and EMT.

This year's Citizen's Fire Academy weekend will be held on April 9 and 10 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Bellevue Fire Department Training Facility, 3100 Cornhusker Road.

The La Vista Volunteer Fire Department is comprised of many volunteers with different backgrounds and skill sets that create a very diverse group who are proud to call themselves professional

volunteers. LVFD members can serve on both the fire and EMS side or choose to do EMS only.

Many past Academy participants have gone on to join the department after the two days of intensive hands-on training and job exploration.

Applications are available at the District 1 Fire Station, 8110 Park View Blvd. or on the City's Web site, www.cityoflavista.org, under the Fire Department tab.

For more information contact Austin Brake, Public Information Officer, at 331-4748 ext. 122 or 578-8579 or via e-mail at abrade@cityoflavista.org.

LVFD OFFICERS NAMED

The La Vista Voulnente Fire & Rescue Department recently named officers for 2011. The promotions are an opportunity for the members to take on more responsibility and pass on their experience to the community and newer members. Please help us congratulate our new officers on their promotions.

2011 Fire Department Officers

District 1

District Chief: Adam Vail

Fire Captains: Ty Ebel and Andy Bierbrauer

Fire Lieutenant: Jerad Henderson

Rescue Lieutenant: Aaron Peth

District 2

District Chief: TJ Markowsky

Fire Captains: Andy Brewer, Bob Bierman

Fire Lieutenant: Troy Little

Rescue Lieutenant: Steve Leighton

Department Wide

Assistant Chief: Rory Froehlich

Rescue Captain: Rob Witt

Fire Training Officer: Mark Stevens

Medical Training Officer: Melanie Smith

Public Information Officer/Parliamentarian:

Austin Brake

LVFD STATION TOUR INFORMATION

Scheduling: Please visit the fire department page on the City's Web site, www.cityoflavista.org to fill out a request form for a station tour. Those without Internet access may call 331-4748 x122. Tours must be scheduled at least three weeks in advance. Tours are conducted at the District 2 station located at 108th Street and Chandler Road. Birthday parties are welcome, however, due to space limitations, we cannot host parties. Tour groups must have some affiliation to the City of La Vista.

Group Tours: For safety reasons groups may not be larger than 30 people, including children and chaperones. You must provide an adequate number of chaperones to maintain control of your group. We suggest one adult chaperone for every five children.

For individual tours, please contact us at the above number.

Age Level: Ages 3 and above.

Length of Tour: Approximately 45 to 60 minutes.

Times Available: Station tours are available Wednesdays and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Even with a scheduled tour, the possibility exists the crew could be called out on an emergency and the station closed either before your arrival or during your tour. If that occurs, the Public Information Officer will be happy to reschedule your tour.

Preparation: Since our station personnel are in service during tours, please prepare the children for the possibility of loud noises. Equipment should not be touched unless permission has been given from the firefighters conducting the tour. Should the fire engines and medic units need to respond to an emergency during your tour, please follow the directions of the firefighters conducting the tour to ensure the safety of all visitors.

Steps to a Safer, Stronger Deck

Decks are popular gathering spots and as a result they can develop signs of stress and instability only a few seasons after being constructed, or at anytime if they are not constructed correctly.

Here are some tips for ensuring your deck is properly secured to your house and that it is ready for spring and summer gatherings with friends and family:

1. KNOW THE SIGNS OF STRESS

Missing or loose connections, corrosion, rot and cracks are all signs that your deck is under stress and may not be safe. (See the graphic regarding the variety of connections that are critical to your deck's stability and safety.)

A quick visual overview of your deck could give you a good idea of whether or not you will need to strengthen and/or replace parts of it. Look for things like loose boards or protruding nails. To help prevent weakening of the structure, be sure to seal all wood surfaces against water and sun damage, or use composite products designed for outdoor decks.

2. CARRY THE WEIGHT

There are a number of forces placed on your deck at any one time, including:

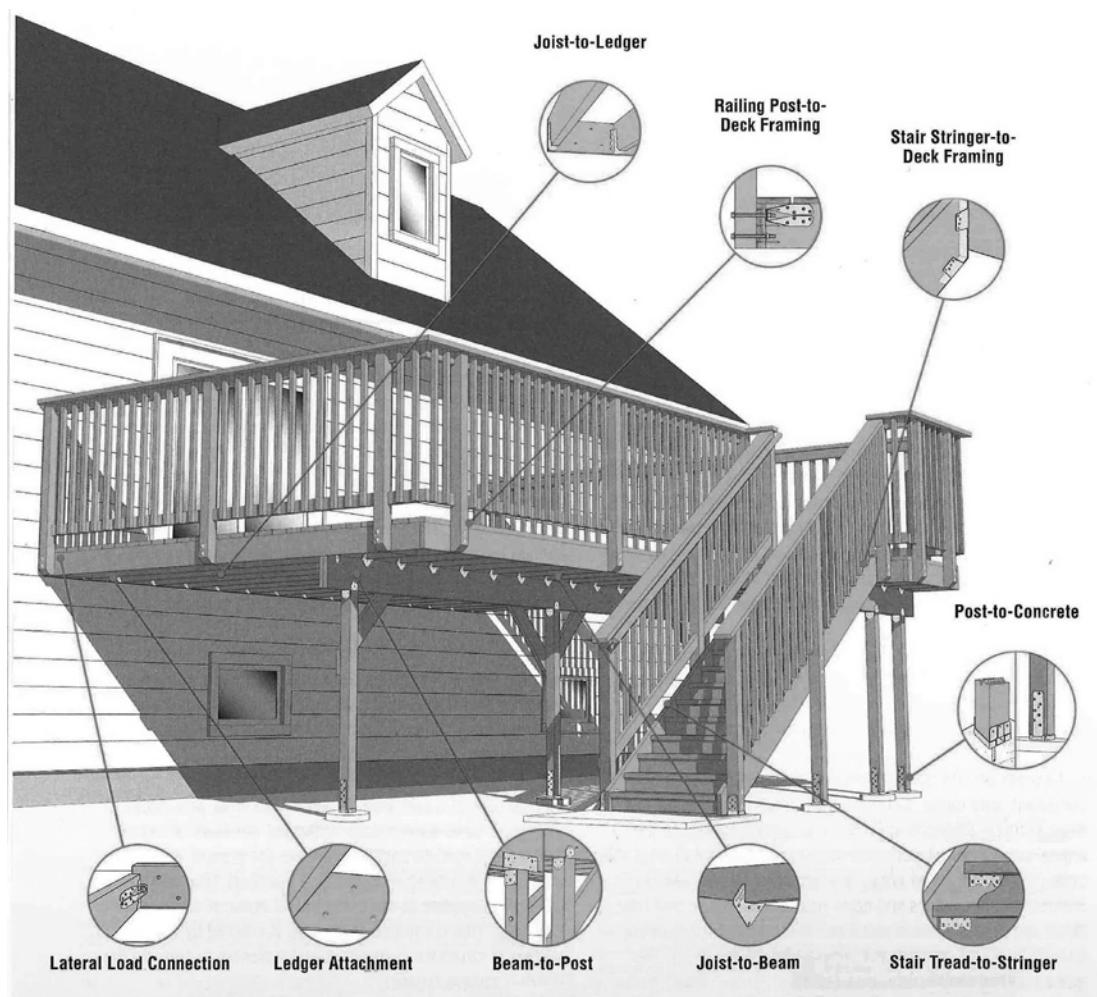
Gravity – downward pressure typically caused from people standing on the deck or from snow and ice.

Lateral – a back and forth motion caused by people walking on the deck and/or leaning on a railing. Wind can also create lateral movement.

Uplift – wind flows under the deck creating a lifting effect. People standing on the overhang of the deck also creates an upward pressure on the connection between the deck and your home.

3. COMBAT CORROSION

The metal brackets, nails and screws that connect various parts of your deck to the support structure can become weakened over



time as the result of corrosion. Using metal materials made from stainless steel is the best way to combat corrosion. If metal brackets are corroded, there are a variety of retrofit options available.

The three most common deck defects are:

- Missing or inadequate number of lag bolts securing the ledger board and deck to the home.
- Loose handrail post connections on the deck structure.
- Improper baluster spacings.

Also, La Vista's ordinance requires all column support posts to be 6"x 6".

If you're not sure about the safety of your deck, call City Hall and ask to schedule a deck inspection with a La Vista Building Inspector who will assess all parts of your deck and make a recommendation to you.

Community Development Department

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church - A permit has been approved for a 16,200 s.f. parking lot expansion. Location: 7706 S. 96th Street.

Cimarron Terrace - Construction has started on phase one of this apartment development which will include five three-story buildings, garages, a clubhouse, pool and playground. Location: 99th & Harrison Street.

Gateway Collision Center - Construction is underway on a 15,000 s.f. building to be used as an auto body shop. Location: 10936 Harrison Street.

Harrison Heights Apartments - Construction of 112 units of market rate senior housing, totaling 111,884 sq. ft., is underway. Location: 7544 Gertrude Street.

Orchards at Wildwood - Construction has started on 48 units of affordable senior housing, totaling 46,005 s.f. Location: 7454 Gertrude Street.

PayPal Storm Shelter - Construction is nearing completion on this 5,920 s.f. addition to PayPal's Building #1. The addition will be used by employees in the event of a storm. Location: 12312 Port Grace Blvd.

Performance Toyota - An addition to this car dealer's service bays and shop area is under construction. Location: 7204 S. 124th Circle.

Profit Advantage Building - A building permit has been issued for a 3,200 s.f. tenant finish for suite 2 of this building; the business name has not been announced. Location: 9826 Giles Road.

Rotella's Italian Bakery - Construction has started on a 2,016 s.f. addition to the distribution center. Location: 10608 Gertrude Circle.

Yahoo! - Construction is continuing on phase two of this data center project. Location: 10917 Harry Watanabe Parkway.

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MEET YOUR NEW NEIGHBORHOOD POLICE OFFICER

On January 3, 2011, new La Vista Police Officer Caleb Clark began his law enforcement career. Clark will undergo 14 weeks of police academy training in Grand Island followed by another 16 weeks of field training once he graduates from the academy. Upon successful completion of training, Officer Clark will be assigned to the Uniform Patrol Bureau. Clark has spent the past 4 years as a Code Enforcement officer with the City of Bellevue.



WHEN DEALING WITH NUISANCE ISSUES, our police officers are sometimes asked, "Don't you have anything better to do?" The simple answer is yes, there are a number of other problems our officers could be devoting their time and energy to solve. However, to the residents who live next to or near unkept (and sometimes) dangerous properties, the issue is very important. Spring signifies a time of renewal and offers us the chance to return to the great outdoors to perform those tasks that we've put off throughout the winter. It is also the time of year that we typically receive the greatest number of complaints regarding nuisance issues. Although a few of these violations are defined within and regulated by Nebraska statute, the vast majority are outlined in and enforced through the La Vista Municipal Code. Nuisance processing and prosecution is time consuming for our officers and expensive for our taxpayers.

Most nuisance-type code violations address the maintenance and/or condition of a dwelling, surrounding property and motor vehicles in and around the property. With relatively little effort, property owners can help free up some of our officer's valuable time to pursue more important matters and also save valuable tax dollars, while at the same time, improving the quality of life for themselves and their neighbors.

What can you do to help avoid having your property identified as a potential nuisance? Here are some suggestions:

1. Take time to review the applicable La Vista Municipal Codes. If you don't know a code exists, it's hard to comply with its requirements. Visit the La Vista Public Library to review a hard copy of the code or go to the City's Web site, www.cityoflavista.org.

2. Take a look at the condition of motor vehicles parked on or near your property. The codes specifically state that any unregistered vehicle, located on private or public property, is a nuisance. In addition, the vehicle must be operable and intact. This means it is prohibited to have a vehicle on blocks in your driveway, awaiting repairs for weeks or even months. Under some conditions, a tarp permit may be obtained to cover the vehicle from view while it awaits parts or repairs. Contact the Police Department, 331-1582, for further details.

3. Take time to clean up and de-clutter the outside of your residence or business. A property nuisance is defined as anything which injures or endangers the comfort, health or safety of others; offends decency or is offensive to the senses; interferes with the comfortable enjoyment of life and property, or tends to depreciate the value of the property of others. If you leave "stuff" lying around the exterior of your home or business, you are probably violating one of our codes.

Failure to comply with city codes may result in criminal vehicle impoundment, prosecution, fines, court costs, and even jail time. In addition, the city may recoup costs for any cleanup it has to perform through special assessments on the property.

Please take some time to learn and abide by city codes. A little effort and common sense will assure the high quality of life in La Vista is maintained.

For questions and answers, please contact the Code Enforcement Division of the La Vista Police Department at 331-1582.

Overdrive

Did you get an e-reader for Christmas? The La Vista Public Library has expanded its services with digital audiobooks and eBooks, available to download from the library's Web site.

Library card holders can check out and download digital media anytime, anywhere by visiting <http://nebraska.lib.overdrive.com>. Users may browse the library's Web site, check out with a valid library card and telephone number, and download to PC, Mac®, and many mobile devices.

Some audio titles can also be burned to CD to listen on-the-go. Titles will automatically expire at the end of the lending period. And better yet, there are no late fees! Contact the library for instructions.

Computer Classes

Computer classes are offered to library cardholders to provide skills in specific areas. A monthly calendar of classes and their content is posted at the library and on the web page. For more information, call the library.

Interested in the Spring Craft Program?

Spring Craft Days are after school from 3:30-4:00 for school aged children in kindergarten through fifth grade. Craft days will be held on February 18th, March 11th, and April 8th. Registration is not required for craft days.

Teen Events

Teen Advisory Board (TAB) Meetings at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, February 1st; Thursday, March 3rd; and Tuesday, April 5th – earn Book Bucks and have your voice be heard. Each meeting is an exchange of ideas among teens for future activities in the library. Snacks provided. Call or email Lindsey for more details: ltomsu@mccned.edu.

Thursday, February 10th is the 2nd Annual Teen Anti-Valentine's Day Party beginning at 5 p.m. Earn Book Bucks. Join your friends at the library to play games, win prizes, and decorate cookies. End the evening with snacks and soda during a classic Johnny Depp movie with a non-“happy” ending. See teen calendar for more details.

Every week teens are invited to Homework Hotspot (see calendar for exact dates during each month). Homework getting you down? Come relax at the library with other teens and work on assignments, get papers proofread, get help studying for a test or researching for a paper in a quiet environment. Snacks provided. Earn Book Bucks. See teen calendar for more details.

Tax Season is Coming!

Here are some helpful Web sites:

<http://www.irs.ustreas.gov> Internal Revenue site offers forms, publications, regulations, and online assistance.

<http://www.taxsites.com/state.html> State and Local Taxes has links to tax departments, tax forms, and tax codes for all 50 states.

<http://www.fourmilab.ch/ustax/ustax.html> U.S. Tax Codes On-Line: A good site for serious tax questions.

<http://www.revenue.state.ne.us/tax/forms.htm> **State of Nebraska tax forms are not being sent to any libraries this year!!** Get state forms, e-file, check on your return and more at this site.

Read the FAQs sections. The library still carries a large assortment of Federal tax forms.

It Was a Very Good Year.

More than 105,000 people passed through the library gates this year, which is 1,263 more visitors than last year, and 138,065 items were checked out. Thank you La Vista!

Donations to the La Vista Public Library totaled 9,832. Magazines, DVDs, audio books, music CDs, fiction and non-fiction titles are just a sampling of items received in 2010. These items help make the library's collection broader in scope and a true reflection of our wonderful community. Thank you from your library staff. You continue to amaze us.

Read Across America and Dr. Seuss' Birthday

On Wednesday, March 2nd the library will be celebrating Read Across America and Dr. Seuss' Birthday. More information about

events happening on this special day will be available on our Web site or by contacting the library.

2011 Summer Reading Program at the La Vista Public Library

The Summer Reading Program Kick-off will be held on Friday, June 3rd from 2 to 3:30 p.m. This year's theme is One World, Many Stories. Children, birth to fifth grade, will receive their reading packets when they register for this special 10-week program.

The Teen Summer Program theme is "You Are Here". Teens in sixth to 12th grade will be able to register for this program at the library's teen kick-off party. Watch the library's Web site for information about this event.

Storytimes

...enrollment is in progress!

Preschool Storytime is geared towards three- to five-year-old children who are not in kindergarten. The aim of storytime is to introduce children to the library and to develop social skills needed for school. Preschool Storytime starts on Monday, January 24th and ends on Friday, April 29th. It is available on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays from 10 to 10:45 a.m. There is also an afternoon Preschool Storytime on Thursdays from 2 to 2:45 p.m.

Toddler Storytime is for children eighteen months to three years accompanied by Mom, Dad, or a caregiver. Toddler Storytime is offered on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays. Class runs from 10:10 to 10:40 a.m. It will run from Monday, January 31st to Friday, April 29th.

Lapsit is a fun, hands-on program that introduces young children to the library and the joy of reading. This program is offered to children from six to eighteen months and only on Thursdays from 10:10 to 10:40 a.m. Lapsit starts on Thursday, February 3rd and ends on April 28th.

50TH ANNIVERSARY STREET BANNERS

The street banners that graced the City's roadways during the 50th anniversary are now available free of charge to any La Vista resident.

The banners are available on a first-come, first-served basis from City Hall, 8116 Park View Boulevard, during regular business hours (Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m., Friday 8:30 a.m.-noon).

For more information, call City Hall, 331-4343, or e-mail Community Relations Coordinator, Mitch Beaumont, at mbeaumont@cityoflavista.org.

SPRING CLEAN-UP DAYS

The City's Annual Clean-up Days will be held on Friday, April 15 and Saturday, April 16, 2011. Free document shredding services will be available on April 16 from 10 a.m. to noon.

All residents, including those in the City's extra-territorial zoning jurisdiction, are

encouraged to take advantage of this free disposal service by bringing discarded items to the Public Works Facility, 9900 Portal Road.

Hours of operation will be 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Examples of items that will be accepted include major appliances, lawn and household furniture, toys, bikes, lawn mowers, grills and mattresses.

There will be a separate dumpster to collect yard waste, leaves and grass clippings. Tree branches will be accepted if their diameter is less than 6 inches. Motor oil and anti-freeze will be accepted but must be free of debris. Household batteries and car batteries will also be accepted.

Paint, tires and hazardous waste will not be accepted.

Proof of residency will be required; either a valid drivers license or a utility bill.

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

Council Clips

The following items are highlights of recent City Council action:

- Approved the purchase of a new motorcycle for the Police Department with grant proceeds.
- Approved the bid for repairs to the Harrison Street bridge over Eastport Parkway.
- Approved policies and procedures regarding credit card payments at some City facilities.
- Continued approval of Thompson Creek property purchases and advertised bids for demolition of vacant homes.
- Approved the appointment of Fire Department officers and new recruits as well as the purchase of new bunker gear.

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2010 Construction Project Wrap-up

The City of La Vista again had a very active construction season in 2010. Even with the unusually wet spring and early summer, numerous projects were undertaken.

Golf Course Cart Paths – new cart paths were added along fairways #4, #8 and #9.

Storm Sewer Pipe Lining – rehabilitation of an existing 36-inch storm sewer pipe located at Park Crest Drive and Harrison Street. This project was completed in November 2010.

Giles Road Retrofit – pavement rehabilitation project that include the installation of a drainage system, dowel bar retrofit and diamond grinding the pavement. Project was completed in November 2010.

108th & Chandler Road Warning Lights – installed warning lights on 108th Street at Chandler Road to notify traffic that emergency vehicles are entering the roadway from District 2 Fire Station. Project was completed in November 2010.

Hell Creek Channel Stabilization – repair damaged stream bank and storm sewer system. Work was completed in April 2010.

72nd Street Overpass – cleaned, prepped and repainted the existing pedestrian overpass structure on 72nd Street. Project was completed in August 2010.

132nd & West Giles Road – improvements to the intersection. Work continues on design and right-of-way purchase for intersection improvements.

La Vista Link/Keystone Trail – a trail link starting on south 69th Street and continuing through the sports complex and stopping at Harrison Street and 66th Street was delayed when it was placed under full federal oversight associated with stimulus funding. It is anticipated that work will begin in mid-late summer 2011.

Quiet Zone at Southport West – railroad signal upgrades and road reconfiguration to eliminate the need for a train to blow its whistle. This project has been carried forward to 2011.

LA VISTA cityofficials

Mayor

Douglas Kindig

City Council

Brenda Carlisle, Ward 1
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Terrilyn Quick, Ward 2
Mark Ellerbeck, Ward 3
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Sheila Lindberg, Finance Director
Rich Uhl, Fire Chief
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Bob Lausten, Police Chief
Joe Soucie, Public Works Director
Scott Stopak, Recreation Director



To The Nines Concludes 50th Anniversary

The La Vista Community Foundation helped the City conclude La Vista's 50th anniversary with a New Year's Eve celebration, "To the Nines", which was held at the La Vista Conference Center. Approximately 370 people enjoyed a five-course meal, music from Taxi Driver and a champagne toast at midnight. The event, emceed by Dave Webber, was also a fundraiser for the Foundation and Special Olympics Nebraska. (Photo by Trenton Albers).

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY LUNCHEON

The La Vista Senior Center will host a St. Patrick's Day luncheon of corned beef and cabbage and all the fixings on Thursday, March 17, at 11:30 a.m. Purchase your tickets by Tuesday, March 8 at the La Vista Recreation Office. Fee is \$8. No refunds will be given.

LA VISTA ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

When? Saturday, April 23, 2011 (Rain or Shine!) **Where?** La Vista Sports Complex Softball Fields, 1/4 mile south of Harrison on 66th Street. Ages 4 and under with/without parents: 10 a.m. Field #1. Ages 5 and 6 years old: 10:10 a.m. Field #2. Ages 7, 8 and 9 years old: 10:20 a.m. Field #3. Ages 10, 11, and 12 years old: 10:30 a.m. Field #4.

FREE TAX HELP!

For taxpayers with low/middle income, with special attention to those 60 and older. No appointments, walk-ins only. February 1-April 14; Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and Wednesday 3 p.m.-7 p.m. Please see instruction sheet online at www.cityoflavista.org/recreation prior to your visit.

KANSAS CITY BBQ SOCIETY CERTIFIED BBQ JUDGING CLASS

Saturday, March 26. 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. La Vista Community Center, 8116 Park View Blvd. Learn how to judge world-class barbecue! This judging program is designed to train barbecue judges in basic objective standards for judging barbecue meat in KCBS-sanctioned cooking contests. Fee: \$80 for Non-KCBS Members (includes 1 year membership to KCBS), \$45 KCBS members. To register, contact Nena, 658-9948 or via e-mail nena.cooney@gmail.com.

KITE FLYING FESTIVAL

The American Kite Fliers Association and the La Vista Recreation Department invite you to "Go Fly a Kite in 2011!" The Spring Kite Festival will be held on Sunday, May 1 from noon to 5 p.m. at the La Vista Soccer Complex. Come see some of the world's largest and most creative kites at our upcoming festival. Bring the whole family and enjoy a day of kite flying!

LA VISTA LUGGAGE TRAVEL CLUB

The La Vista Community Center has teamed up with Elite Tours to provide great trips and travel opportunities. There are two trips planned for this spring:

Nebraska Prairie Museum in Holdrege, Nebraska. This is a one-day trip on Saturday April 16. The Nebraska Prairie Museum contains collections of period clothing, antique toys, farm equipment, tools and household items, a unique WWII German POW exhibit room and much more! Lunch is included. The price is \$72 per person. To register or for more information contact Elite Tours at 402-342-4585 or go to their Web site at www.elitetours.us.

Pella Tulip Festival is a one-day trip on Thursday May 5. The trip includes a professional escort on a luxury motor coach with on board entertainment and restroom. Highlights: quilt show, Dutch dancers and street scrubbers, who will clean the streets prior to the parade in authentic Dutch costumes. During the parade, watch as the Dutch dancers, beautiful floats and bands go by. Lunch is included! Also see Grandstand shows, Dutch architecture and more! The price is \$99 per person. To register or for more information contact Elite Tours at 402-342-4585 or go to their Web site at www.elitetours.us.

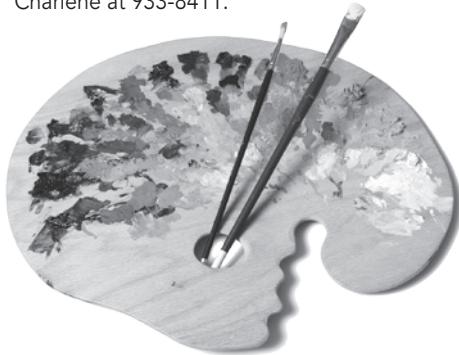
SENIOR ART CLASSES

Seniors, join us for art class on Thursdays from 1 to 3 p.m. with instructor Charlene Potter,

teaching several different art mediums. Here is your opportunity to be creative! Call Charlene at 933-8411 for information and fees.

CHILDREN'S MIXED MEDIA ART CLASS

Ages 6 and up. Discover your creativity by joining us for this mixed media art class, beginning with drawing. This is a 4-week session beginning January 13. **Fee** is \$36, plus \$7 for materials. Class is limited, so sign up early! For further information and fees, please call Charlene at 933-8411.



BALLROOM DANCE LESSONS (ADULT)

Ballroom Dancing with Instructor Terry Vargas, who has been dancing since 18 years of age, with continual studies and competitive dance competitions. In 2007, Terry was voted Top Student Award in the Nebraska Invitational, and also has earned three top teacher awards

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with the Arthur Murray Dance Studios. While still taking advanced training, Terry would like to give others the opportunity to enjoy dancing as he does. Two or three dances will be taught each four-week session. Ages 16 and up only. May join as single or couple. **FEE:** for each session is \$40 per person. Leather-soled shoes preferred (no gym shoes, please). Call 639-2209 for further information, dates for sessions and to register for class. Minimum of 6 people per class.



ZUMBA

Zumba is an easy-to-follow aerobic exercise with movements that are mainly derived from Latin/international music. The routines feature aerobic interval training with a combination of fast and slow rhythms. Participants do not have to know how to dance. This is a fun way to burn some calories. Class Schedule – Fridays: 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Saturdays: 9 to 10 a.m. **FEE:** \$6 per individual class or \$35 for seven classes. To register contact instructor Leilani at (720) 281-0355 or email lanilei_75@hotmail.com.

BATON CLASSES

Discover the fun you can have twirling! Not only will you learn to twirl, but also you will make friends and build confidence. Ages 5 and up. Beginners on Monday 4:15-5:15 p.m. Advanced on Monday from 5 to 6:15 p.m. and Wednesday from 4:15 to 5:15 p.m. To register contact Vicki, 612-1479.

YOUTH BALLET/TAP CLASSES

New ballet classes for youth on Thursday evenings. Contact Katherine Hogston, 612-3712, for information and fees.

BELLY DANCING CLASSES!

For all ages and 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. Tuesday evenings with class times for children and adults, beginners and advanced. For more information, registration and class times, call Wren Newman, 596-1397. **FEE:** \$20 per month.

WOMEN'S SELF-DEFENSE CLASS!

These classes will teach basic self-defense techniques to help defend and deter an attacker. It also will teach students how to be aware and remove themselves from difficult situations, either physically or verbally. This class is designed for women of all ages and any level of experience. The first Thursday of each month. **FEE:** \$10 per person. For more information, contact Claudia, 630-3169.

AIKIDO

Children (ages 5-11): Monday and Thursday, 6-7 p.m.; residents \$20 per month; non-residents \$25 per month. Adults (ages 12 and over): Monday and Thursday, 7-9:30 p.m.; residents \$30 per month; non-residents \$35 per month. For further information, call Ron Christenham, 339-6124.

KARATE

Children (ages 5-12): Tuesday and Friday, 6-6:45 p.m. Adults (ages 13 and over): Tuesday and Friday, 7-8:30 p.m. **FEE:** \$25 per month with a \$5 one-time sign-up fee. For more information, call Sensei Porter, 592-7771.

TRADITIONAL JAPANESE SWORDSMANSHIP SUIO RYU IAI KENPO

Wednesdays 7-9 p.m., Saturdays noon-3 p.m. **FEE:** \$40 per month. Must be 18 or older. To register contact Britt Nichols, info@suioryu-usa.org.

SOCHI-GO RYU SELF-DEFENSE CLASS!

Sochi-Go Ryu is the newest martial arts self-defense class at La Vista Community Center. Call Mike Benkis, 895-7841, for more information.

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 registrations, visit their Web site www.jitterbugs.org.

RELAXING YOGA

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

PRESCHOOL PLAY TIME

Come to the La Vista Community Center as we open the gym free of charge for parents and children preschool age and younger. Bring your child's favorite indoor toys and the Recreation Department will provide extra toys and games. Tuesday and Thursday mornings 10-11 a.m.

ADULT WEIGHT TRAINING CLASSES

For adults age 18 and older, this class 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, one-hour sessions. Body Fat Testing is included. **FEE:** \$25.

LA VISTA (INDOOR) WALKING CLUB

The La Vista Walking Club is a continual free program throughout the year. Keep a record of how far you walk each day and a tally will be recorded for you. Walking Club members may also record outside walking. Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10:30-11:30 a.m. with no interference from other programs. Walking is also available most weekdays, although adjustments may need to be made due to other programs.

INDOOR REMOTE CONTROL MODEL AIRPLANE FLYING

These lightweight planes will amaze you, as will the individuals who designed and fly them. Come watch at no cost, or come fly your own plane for a small drop-in fee! Mondays 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

MODEL AIRPLANE LICENSE & FIELD TIMES

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

LA VISTA SENIOR CENTER

The La Vista Senior Center is located in the Community Center, 8116 Park View Boulevard, and offers friendship, food, fitness, field trips and many more fun activities. Join us for lunch, exercise or join in for games and special events. A visiting nurse is at the Community Center on the first Friday of each month from 9 to 11:30 a.m. There is a sign-up sheet across from the front desk and walk-ins are welcome. Check out to the City's Web site, www.cityoflavista.org for our monthly newsletter and activities, or contact the Recreation Department, 331-3455, for more information.

THE SPECIAL SERVICES BUS

Available for senior citizens age 60 and older and all special needs/handicapped residents residing in Ralston and La Vista. The van operates Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The bus does not operate on City of La Vista declared holidays or when the Papillion-La Vista or Ralston schools are closed due to weather conditions. Call 657-3550 48 hours in advance to schedule a ride time. We make every effort to accommodate, but due to prior scheduling, we may not be able to help everyone on their requested times. Call the La Vista Recreation Department, 331-3455, for any questions about this service, or look online at www.cityoflavista.org.

SPRING FLAG FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Age groups: 6/7/8 and 9/10 as of April 1. Early-bird registration by February 20 and the registration deadline is March 6. Weather will determine exact start dates, but practice typically begins in March and games in early to mid-April. **FEES** before February 20: residents, \$30; non-residents, \$50. After February 20: residents, \$40; non-residents, \$60.

COED THREE-YEAR-OLD SOCCER CLINIC

This is a parent participation clinic designed to teach the basic fundamentals of soccer while having fun. This clinic is comprised of five, one-hour sessions to be held on Saturdays beginning in mid-April. Early-bird registration by March 13. Registration deadline is March 27. **FEES** before March 13: residents, \$15; non-residents, \$20. After March 13, residents, \$25; non-residents, \$30.

YOUTH SOCCER ACADEMY

The new La Vista Soccer Academy takes the place of the La Vista soccer league for 4-7 year-olds. This new program is designed to introduce the young soccer player and family to the wonderful game of soccer. The Soccer Academy is coordinated by National Youth licensed trainers that have years of experience playing, teaching and enjoying the game. The academy curriculum is designed to encourage player development by maximizing fun and



LA VISTA FALLS GOLF COURSE

La Vista Falls Golf Course is open year round, weather and course permitting. Call the clubhouse, 339-9147, for updates, hours and fees. If the weather isn't nice enough to play golf, you can begin thinking of spring by organizing a group outing or league play. La Vista Falls is now accepting applications for the 2011 golf leagues and outings. Below are the leagues offered for men, women, seniors, coed groups, and juniors of all skill levels:

Men's:

Tuesday night: Two-man teams, sign up as individuals or twosomes. Flag prizes and end of league party. Tentative start date is April 26 and the league runs for 17 weeks. **FEE:** \$195 Friday morning senior men's league: call for more information.

Women's:

Tuesday morning women's league: call for more information. Wednesday early evening women's league: begins at 4:45 p.m. Call for more information. Wednesday night women's league: sign up as individuals, twosomes, threesomes or foursomes. Flag prizes and end of league party. Tentative start date is April 27 and the league runs for 17 weeks. **FEE:** \$195.

Couples (NEW FOR 2011!):

Monday night couples league: starts at 5:45 p.m. Call for more information. Flag prizes and end of league party. Tentative start date is April 25 and the league runs for 17 weeks. **FEE:** \$195 per person.

Juniors:

Monday and/or Wednesday, individuals or groups for this recreational league and accommodations can be made for car pooling. Tee times available from 11a.m. to noon. Sign up on a weekly basis with no long-term commitment. Must have playing ability and knowledge of golf course etiquette. **FEE:** \$12 per day which includes: green fee, hot dog and pop.

learning. All volunteer coaches and trainers are required to take free a mandatory youth certification class. (Volunteering to be a coach or trainer does not guarantee a coaching or training position.) Season begins in early April.

Registration deadline: February 27

Early-bird registration: February 13

FEES: Before February 13 – residents \$30, non-residents \$50. After February 13 – residents \$40, non-residents \$60

LA VISTA LANCER SOCCER CLUB

Sarpy County league for boys and girls ages 9-12. Early-bird registration by January 23. Registration deadline is February 13. **FEE** before

January 23: \$50. After January 23, \$60. **ENSA league** for boys and girls ages 13-15. Early-bird registration by January 23. Registration deadline: February 13. **FEES** before January 23: \$50. After January 23, \$60. Registration fees do not include a uniform. All competitive team uniforms must be ordered through the La Vista Recreation Department (using the form attached to the registration form). Uniforms can be used for multiple seasons.

BRONCO BASEBALL

Ages 11 and 12 as of April 30. Early-bird registration by February 20. Registration deadline is March 6. **FEE** before February 20: residents, \$50; non-residents, \$80. After February 20: residents, \$60; non-residents, \$90. Uniform deposit: \$50 (separate check). Deposits are returned at end of season when it is returned to the Recreation Department. Practice begins in late March and games take place from late April through June.

MUSTANG BASEBALL

Ages 9/10 as of April 30, 2011. Early-bird registration by February 20. Registration deadline is March 6. **FEES** before February 20: residents, \$40; non-residents, \$60. After February 20: residents, \$60; non-residents, \$90. Practice begins in late March, with games in late April through June.

PONY SOFTBALL

Grades 7 and 8. Early-bird registration by March 6. Registration deadline is March 20. Tryouts will be held if necessary. Players must be registered by deadline to attend tryout and be placed on a team. **FEES** before March 6: residents, \$65; non-residents, \$85. After March 6: residents, \$75; non-residents, \$95. Softball pants deposit: \$20 (separate check, returnable at the end of the season when pants are returned to the Recreation Department. Practice begins in April with games in late April through June.

BRONCO SOFTBALL

Grades 5 and 6. Early-bird registration by March 6. Registration deadline is March 20. Tryouts will be held if necessary. Players must be registered by deadline to attend tryout and be placed on a team. **FEES** before March 6: residents, \$50; non-residents, \$80. After March 6: residents, \$60; non-residents, \$90. Softball pants deposit: \$20 (separate check, returnable at the end of the season when pants are returned to the Recreation Department. Practice begins in April with games in late April through June.

MUSTANG SOFTBALL

Grades 3 and 4. Early-bird registration by March 6. Registration deadline is March 20. Fees before March 6: residents, \$40; non-residents, \$60. After March 6: residents, \$50; non-residents, \$70. Practice begins in April with games in late April through June.

PINTO SOFTBALL

Grade 1 and 2. Early-bird registration by March 6. Registration deadline is March 20. **FEES** before March 6: residents, \$30; non-residents, \$45. After March 6: residents, \$40; non-residents, \$55. Practice begins in April with games in May and June.

PINTO BASEBALL

Ages 7 and 8 as of April 30. Early-bird registration by April 10. Registration is deadline is April 24. **FEES** before April 10: residents, \$30; non-residents, \$45. After April 10: residents, \$40; non-residents, \$55. Practice begins in May with games in June and July.

COED T-BALL

Ages 5 and 6 as of April 30. Early-bird registration by April 10. Registration deadline is April 24. **FEES** before April 10: residents, \$30; non-residents, \$45. After April 10: residents, \$40; non-residents, \$55. Practice begins in May with games in June and July.

SUMMER ADULT SOFTBALL

Registration deadline March 13 or until filled. Coed leagues play Friday and Sunday; Men's leagues play Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; Double-header league plays Tuesday and Thursday. **Fee:** coed and men's, \$200; double-header, \$400. Umpire **FEES:** \$18 paid directly to the umpires, cash only. Games start week of April 10.



ATTENTION PARENTS: DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR (WHEN SCHOOL IS IN SESSION) SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN ARE NOT ALLOWED IN THE COMMUNITY CENTER UNTIL 3:00 P.M., WITH OR WITHOUT PARENTAL PERMISSION. CHILDREN WILL BE DENIED ACCESS DURING THESE HOURS.

Spring Break is April 18-22. Community Center is open to La Vista resident children (under 19) at 1:30 pm.

Community Center hours of operation

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

Mon. - Fri: 8 a.m.-10 p.m.

Sat. (May 1 - Aug. 31): 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Sat. (Sept. 1 - April 30): 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

Sun. (May 1 - Aug. 31): Closed

Sun. (Sept. 1 - April 30): 1 p.m.-10 p.m.

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

Adults Only

Mon.-Fri. (School Yr.): 3 p.m.-10 p.m.

Adults & Youth

Mon.-Fri. (Summer): 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Adults Only

Mon.-Fri. (Summer Sched. / No School)

1:30 p.m.-10:00 p.m. Adults & Youth

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

