

**RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
PROGRAM INFORMATION
NOVEMBER 2016**

SPECIAL EVENTS/PROGRAMS AND SENIOR CENTER
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Special Events/Programs

Preschool Playtime met 9 times in October, with 188 preschoolers and 119 adults attending. This was an average of 21 preschoolers and 13 adult attending each session.

Ms. Jen from the Library hosted her monthly **Preschool Story-time and Sing Along** on the first Thursday of the month and had 16 preschoolers and 9 parents attend.

Our Preschool Playtime hosted its first **Halloween Costume Day**, the event was a great success with over 42 kids attending our playdate in costume. At the end of the event, we lead the kids on a costume parade where they were able to get treats along the way from our Recreation Department staff. The parade took them outside to the grassy area at the end of the parking lot where the kids were able to participate our first “Halloween Egg Hunt”.

The La Vista Library and Recreation Departments **Discover Home School** program hosted a **Discover Art** program which had 50 kids grades K-4 and 19 adults participate in learning how to draw using artist Ed Emberley style of teaching. Emberley is best known for his children's book work, particularly instructional drawing books. Emberley believes that everyone can learn to draw. His drawing books for children feature clear step-by-step instructions employing numbers, letters, and shapes.

The La Vista Library and Recreation Department also hosted the annual **Halloween Storybook Walk**. The event had 132 kids, 6 teens with 95 adults attending.



The Tween Adventure Series held a **Frogwarts School of Wand-Making** class. 14 young wizards made their own wands to cast spells with.



Halloween Safe Night drew a crowd of over 1,200 people. This years event had 40 businesses participate in handing out candy in the gym. The trick or treaters were also able to enjoy free hot dogs from the Fire Department and a hayrack ride provied by Public Works.



Senior Center

Throughout the month, for a small donation, Seniors are able to enjoy a wonderful lunch catered by Valley Food Services on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. They also play **Bingo** on Mondays and Fridays, **Coloring Book Club** on Monday morning, **Chair Volleyball** on Wednesdays and Fridays, participate in **Tai Chi** on Tuesday's and Thursday's, and play **Pinocchle** on the first and last Wednesdays of the month. Seniors may also join in on the **Quilting and Sewing** group on Wednesdays from 9am–11am. On the 2nd Wednesday of each month, the Sarpy/Cass Department of Health & Wellness **Senior CARE Clinic** is at the Center, providing foot care and other miscellaneous health care to seniors for a minimal fee.

On Wednesday October 5th Mayor Doug Kindig hosted a Potluck lunch for the Seniors. During the lunch, the Mayor gave a presentation on the City Centre development, the Nebraska Multi-Sport Complex and the opening of our new Costco. Following lunch, **Merrymakers** performer **Joe Taylor** performed hits from the 40's and 50's to a group of over 35 seniors.

October 19th twelve seniors went on a trip to the movies to see "Ghostbusters II".

YOUTH AND ADULT SPORTS

Submitted by Ryan South, Program Coordinator

Current Programs

Youth Volleyball for boys and girls grades 3rd – 6th had their first games on November 5th. They are really enjoying the BJSA volleyball league so far.

Women's Fall Volleyball is in week 6 of a 12-week season.

Youth Basketball League for grades 3rd – 8th registration is still open. Registration will run through November 19th. We will once again be participating in the PRO Basketball League this season. Practices will begin in late December with games starting early January.

Youth Basketball Clinic for grades 1st & 2nd registration is open. We will take registrations for the clinic until December 31st. The clinic will run for 5 weeks on Saturday morning's beginning on January 10th.