

**RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
PROGRAM INFORMATION
DECEMBER 2016**

SPECIAL EVENTS/PROGRAMS AND SENIOR CENTER
Submitted by David Karlson, Asst. Recreation Director

Special Events/Programs

Preschool Playtime met 8 times in November and had 145 preschoolers and 100 adults with an average of 18 preschoolers and 12.5 adults attend each session.

Ms. Jen from the La Vista Library hosted her monthly **Preschool Story-time and Sing Along** at the Community Center on the first Thursday of the month, and had 30 preschoolers and 16 parents attended.

For Preschool **Thanksgiving Craft Day**, 20 preschoolers and their parents made colorful turkeys.

The Recreation Department and La Vista Library and the Discover Home School Program hosted **Discover Story Telling**, which had 30 kids grades Kdg. through 4th grade. They learned about the “Art of Story Telling” by creating their own story, then drawing their story on five small rocks with metallic markers.

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 **Pinochle** 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, November 9th, nursing students from Methodist joined our seniors before lunch to provide blood pressure and general health screenings.

The Methodist nurses returned on November 30th, and gave an in-depth presentation to 28 seniors on Alzheimer's and dementia.

On November 23rd, a Merrymakers group the “Links” performed for 30 seniors.

On November 22nd, 12 seniors joined us for our **Movie Outing** to see the movie “The Magnificent Seven.

YOUTH AND ADULT SPORTS/SPECIAL EVENTS

Submitted by Denny Dinan

Current Programs

Youth Volleyball for Boys and girls grades 3rd through 6th: League play ended on December 17th. There is a single elimination tournament for 5th/6th grade starting Dec 19th. La Vista had 3 – 3rd/4th grade teams and 2 – 5th/6th grade teams.

Adult Women's Fall Volleyball is in week 11 of a 12-week season. The fall session will end December 28th. We have 9 teams signed up for the winter session that begins January 4th.

Youth Basketball League for grades 3rd through 8th have been formed and we have a total of 12 teams. The coaches' meeting was held on December 12th. Practices will begin the week of December 19th and games will start in early January. We will once again be participating in the P.R.O. Basketball League this season.

Team Breakdown:

Boy's 3 rd /4 th grade:	25 players = 3 teams
Girl's 3 rd /4 th grade:	11 players = 1 team
Boy's 5 th /6 th grade:	50 players = 5 teams
Girl's 5 th /6 th grade:	10 players = 1 team
Boy's 7 th /8 th grade:	22 players = 2 teams

Youth Basketball Clinic: Registration is open for grades 1st & 2nd. We will take registrations for the clinic until December 31st. Currently we have 24 kids signed up, which is approximately the same as last year. The clinic will run for 5 weeks on Saturday morning's beginning January 10th.

Special Events

Roundball Reindeer Shootout is a free throw contest for Kdg. through 8th grades, and was held on Saturday, December 3rd. This event was co-sponsored by the City of La Vista and Sarpy County Tourism. This event involves the kids shooting 15 free throws as well as a parent, grandparent, etc. also shooting 15 free throws. The winners have the highest combined total of free throws made. We had a total of 35 - 2 person teams for a total of 70 participants. This beat last year's total of 23 – 2 person teams for a total of 46 participants. Thanks to David Karlson and those Recreation Supervisors who volunteered to help with this event.

Santa's Workshop: Santa's workshop opened for the first time after the Holiday Tree Lighting Celebration on November 28th, and was open from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 pm. A total of 193 people visited the workshop to see the decorations, and to see Santa Claus. They also enjoyed some hot chocolate and cookies while they waited.

The second day Santa's Workshop opened was Saturday, December 3rd between 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 225 people visited the workshop on a chilly, but beautiful snowy Saturday! On Thursday, December 8th, we had 400 people at the workshop! That night, Santa's Workshop had 2 live reindeer and a sleigh where pictures could be taken. Unfortunately, due to the bitterly cold weather, the Papillion-La Vista school choir had to cancel, as they were supposed to sing outside on the deck. On Saturday, December 10th, we had 238 people visit. A grand total through December 10th was 1,056 people, with 2 dates remaining for the workshop. The remaining dates for Santa's Workshop are Thursday, December 15th from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. and pm Saturday, December 17th, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Along with the Santa's Workshop committee we have had many volunteers, such as Sue Tangeman and many other City employees that have helped this event become a huge success.