

**RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
PROGRAM INFORMATION
JANUARY 2016**

SPECIAL EVENTS

Submitted by David Karlson, Asst. Recreation Director

The month of December was a blizzard of events starting with the Tree Lighting ceremony being snowed out, and then rescheduled from Monday November 30th to Thursday December 3rd. The event drew a record breaking crowd with the unveiling of our new 8ft. tall tree totem (made from our old Christmas tree), and the first ever lighting of City Hall/Community Center building, the lighting of the south campus and the lighting of our new Christmas tree. Over 1,000 bowls of soup were served while people enjoyed the holiday entertainment and a vista to Santa's Village and each family was given a Christmas tree ornament made from the branches of our old Christmas tree.



Santa Claus was busy again this year making dozens and dozens of calls to children in La Vista over a three day period.

30 preschool age children and 26 of their family members enjoyed a special Preschool Playtime Holiday Story time with Ms. Jen from the La Vista Library.

38 kids along with 28 of their family member joined us for our annual Christmas Cookie Decorating in Santa's Village.

18 preschoolers and 15 adults joined us for our Holiday Preschool Craft where we made Christmas cards and Christmas tree ornaments.

We finished up our holiday season with our annual Afternoon Holiday Family movie viewing which drew in 38 kids and 20 adults. This year's movie was "The Rise of the Guardians".

YOUTH AND ADULT SPORTS

Submitted by Ryan South, Program Coordinator

Current Programs

Women's Volleyball concluded their fall season on December 30th. The winter season began on January 6th and will run for 12 weeks.

Youth Basketball League is in full swing. Teams began practicing on December 14th and had their first games on January 8th. The regular season will conclude on February 28th with an end of season tournament beginning the following week.

Youth Basketball Clinic for grades 1st and 2nd began on January 9th. This is a parent participation clinic where the basic fundamentals of basketball are the focus. We have 23 boys & girls participating in the clinic this year.

La Vista 4/5 Youth Soccer Academy & 6/7 League registration is now open. We will once again partner with the Phoenix Futbol Club to provide academy training and games to youth's ages 4 & 5 and 6 & 7.

3 Year Old Soccer Clinic registration is now open. Five, one-hour sessions, will be held on Saturday mornings at the La Vista Community Center beginning in April.

Spring Flag Football League registration is now open. The La Vista Flag Football teams will play in the Sarpy County Flag Football league again this spring.

Youth Softball for ages 7-18 registration is now open. All of our youth softball teams will once again play in the Rainbow Softball League.

Youth Baseball for ages 7-12 registration is now open. All of our youth baseball teams will play with Ralston Area Baseball Association in a cooperative league for all games.



Round Ball Reindeer Shootout took place on Saturday, December 12th at the Community Center. Boys & girls in grades k-4th and 5th-8th competed in our first ever free throw shooting contest! This contest was for children and their parent/guardian or grandparent to compete together as a team. Each team member shot 15 free throws for a chance to win a prize. Eileen's Cookies of Papillion sponsored the event and provided us with 18 half dozen delicious cookies which we awarded to the top finishers in each age group. We had 46 total participants for this event.

LA VISTA FALLS GOLF COURSE

Submitted by Denny Dinan, Golf Course Services Manager

Golf Rounds December 2015	= 235 (+113 rounds from December 2014)
FootGolf Rounds December 2015	= 0 (0 rounds in December 2014)
Total Rounds December 2015	= 235 (+113 rounds from December 2014)

Golf Rounds Fiscal Year 15/16 thru December	= 2,123 (+169 golf rounds from fiscal 14/15)
FootGolf Rounds Fiscal Year 15/16 thru December	= 104 (+104 footgolf rounds from fiscal 14/15)
Total Rounds Fiscal Year 15/16 thru December	= 2,227 (+273 total rounds from fiscal 14/15)

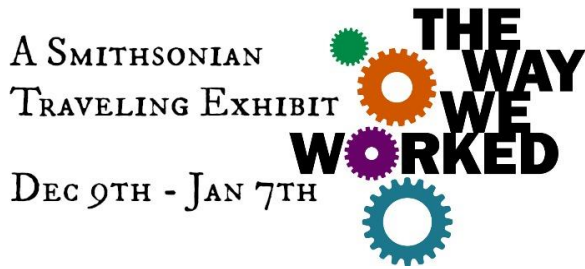
There was good stretch of weather from December 4th through December 12th that allowed us to have our second best December in 15 years as temperatures were between 51 and 61 degrees. After that, the temperature dropped and the cold and snow took over for the rest of the month.

We offered discounted Holiday Golf packages again this year. We sold 11 packages which brought in over \$650. In comparison, we only sold 3 packages last year. In addition to these packages this year, we sold over \$225 worth of gift certificates during the holidays.

The Club House was rented out on December 26th for a Christmas party which brought in over \$250. Currently we have the clubhouse rented out for a birthday party on Jan 16th and a graduation party on Saturday, May 14th.

LA VISTA SENIOR CENTER

Submitted by Rich Carstensen, Program Coordinator

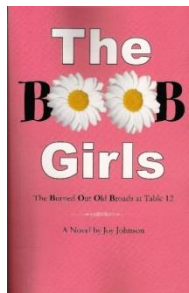
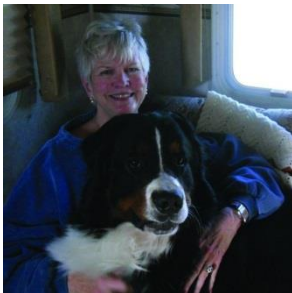


Wednesday, January 6th we had 10 seniors go to the Sarpy County Museum in Bellevue to see the travelling exhibit “The Way We Worked” from the Smithsonian Institution. This exhibit is sponsored by the Humanities of Nebraska. The display has already been to the Nebraska cities of Gering, Aurora, and now Bellevue. It will next head to Norfolk, Hastings, North Platte, and then finish up in Columbus, Nebraska.

Wednesday, January 13th we are planning a trip to the movies.

Tuesday, January 19th we are going on a lunch outing to China Star. At this time we have 12 seniors signed up to go eat.

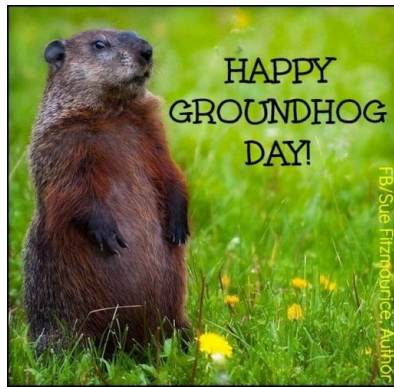
Wednesday, January 20th we are happy to have a musical performance of *Prairie Sound*, who come from the Norfolk area. They will perform during lunch at 11:30 am.



Friday, January 22nd we are excited to have Omaha’s Joy Johnson come talk to the Senior Center group. Since her retirement seven years ago, Joy writes a comedy book series called the “BOOB Girls” which stands for “Burned Out Old Broads”. She gives presentations and loves to visit senior centers to give a humorous look on the lighter side of life. At this time, we have over 25 seniors planning to attend her presentation.

Wednesday, January 27th The *Links* from the Merry Makers will be performing for us at 12:00 noon.





Our Grillin-N-Chillin New Year's celebration on December 29th was postponed due to the weather. We have rescheduled it for Tuesday, February 2nd...Ground Hogs Day! We are asking the seniors to wear their best Summer/Hawaiian clothing to help wish away the winter, and hopefully spring weather will be near! We will be grilling hamburgers and hotdogs, and serving chili. Along with the great food, we will have the popular JR's Band come perform for us during our party!



Senior Activities for the month of February 2016:

Friday, February 5th Tim Javorski from the Merry Makers will be performing for us at 12:00 noon.



Wednesday, February 10th **The Annual Senior Valentine's Day Luncheon** will be held at the La Vista Community Center. The La Vista and Papillion Recreation Departments will be hosting the event for Senior's in the surrounding communities. Doors open and entertainment starts at 11:00 am, with lunch being served at 11:30 am. Purchase your ticket(s) at the front desk for \$5.00 per person. Deadline for purchasing tickets is Wednesday, February 4, 2016.

Friday, February 19th the La Vista Senior Center has been invited to the Shrine Circus at the Mid-America Center. The performance is free for seniors through the funding efforts of the local Shriners.



Monday, December 21st we had over 40 kids participate in our Winter Hot Wheels races. Parents and kids have another chance to participate in more upcoming Spring Fling Hot Wheels Races on Monday, March 28th and Wednesday, April 20th.

