

Fun Spring / Summer Activities

Walk the Bob- the Bob Kerrey Bridge enjoy a summer concert

This stunning, 3,000-foot long walkway stretches across the Missouri River, giving pedestrians a spectacular view of Omaha's skyline and an almost airborne experience. On the Nebraska side, enjoy the 3-acre Omaha Plaza with an interactive water jet fountain, River Critters Environmental Play Area and access to the National Park Service Visitors Center. The bridge is connected to more than 150 miles of nature trails – visitors love to bike and walk on Bob. Enjoy live music in the Plaza area on Fridays during May and June. The plaza is surrounded by a large amphitheater-like grass seating. Guests are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and/or blankets. More info at: www.BridgeBeats.com.

Midtown Crossing Monday movies

Join us every Monday for a family friendly movie night in Turner Park! Grab your blanket, enjoy some popcorn, sit back and relax as we laugh, cry and have fun all summer long!

- All movies are **FREE** and open to the public. Free 3 hour [parking](#) is available.
- Tents, tarps, stakes, open flames and hard liquor are **NOT ALLOWED**.
- You may bring your own food and beverages - as noted above, hard liquor is not allowed.

Midtown Crossing -Yoga Rocks the Park

SUNDAYS

Registration: 3:30 pm

Live Music & Yoga: 4 pm

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Omaha yoga lovers are kicking off their shoes for the fifth season of the weekly wellness, yoga and live music festival!

Now in its fifth season, the gathering has blossomed into a full-blown wellness festival attracting hundreds each week, complete with integrative therapy exhibitions, vendor booths, organic food and drink vendors, and even more live music, along with yoga teacher-lead classes for adults and children.

Omaha Area Farmers Markets 2016

Where local vendors sell fresh, locally grown produce, baked goods, and flowers. A perfect opportunity to “Buy local and eat fresh!”

[Bellevue Farmers Market / Flea Market](#) – Saturdays, 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

- May 14 – September 24; Washington Park on Franklin Street at West 20th Ave., Bellevue, NE

[Benson Farmers Market](#) – Saturdays, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

- May 7 – September 24; Omaha Home for Boys, 4343 N. 52nd St. (at Ames Ave) – New Location

[Charles Drew Health Center Market](#) – Wednesdays, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.

- TBA; 2915 Grant St., Omaha, NE 68111

[Florence Mill Farmers Market](#) – Sundays, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

- June 5 – September 25; 9102 N. 30th St., Omaha, NE 68112 (I-680, exit 13).
- The market is held both inside and outside of the historic [Florence Mill](#), Nebraska’s oldest business site, having origins in 1846 as the Winter Quarters gristmill. It is an agricultural structure that houses a historical museum on the first floor and an art gallery on the second floor – the ArtLoft. The Florence Mill is open from 1 – 5 p.m. Wed.-Sun., May 1 through October 1. Admission to the mill is \$2 per adult and \$1 per child.
- **Opening Day (Sunday, June 5):** Starts with presenters Alpacas of the Heartland and live music with Ring of Flutes
- **Every Sunday:** live music, “Country School” presenters and healing massage
- **Fourth Sundays:** Family Fun-day with Pony rides, giant bubbles, and kid’s crafts (June 26, July 24, August 28 and Sept 25)

[Main Street Farmers Market Council Bluffs](#) – Thursdays, 5 – 8 p.m.

- Opening May 5; Historic 100 Block of W. Broadway (between First and Second Streets), Council Bluffs, IA

[Omaha Farmers Market in Aksarben Village](#) – Sundays, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

- May 8 – October 16; Aksarben Village Parking Garage, S. 64th St., Omaha, NE 68106

Omaha Farmers Market in the Old Market – Saturdays, 8 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

- May 7 – October 15; Jackson St. & S. 11th St., Omaha, NE 68102

Papillion Farmers Market – Wednesdays, 5 – 8 p.m.

- June 1 – September 7 (Market Extension Dates: Wednesday evenings September 14, 21, 28, and October 5 from 4:30 p.m. – 7 p.m. or until sunset); City Park on the corner of Washington (84th) St. and Lincoln Rd., Papillion, NE 68046
- Special Events:
- June 22 – Library Night (5:30 – 7:30 p.m.)
- July 13 – Parks & Recreation Celebration (5:30 – 7:30 p.m.)
- August 10 – Back to School Bash (5:30 – 7:30 p.m.)
- June 8, June 22, July 13, July 27, & August 10 – Story Time and Crafts (6 – 7 p.m.)
- Enjoy local musical entertainment from 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. in City Park.

Village Pointe Farmers Market – Saturdays, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

- TBA; 168th & Dodge

Joslyn Art Museum

Museum Hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, 10 am - 4 pm

Thursday, 10 am - 8 pm

Sunday, 10 am - 4 pm

Closed Mondays and major holidays*

Hours may change for special exhibitions.

*New Year's Day; Memorial Day; Independence Day; Labor Day; Thanksgiving Day; and Christmas Day.

General Museum Admission: Free

Free general admission at
Joslyn Art Museum supported by



Joslyn's KickstART Program

Presented six times per year, these FREE events will entertain and engage families with hands-on activities, performances, and demonstrations that complement Joslyn's exhibitions. Depending on the theme, you could hear a storyteller, see dancers in motion, listen to live music - or try those things yourself! And there will always be a chance to explore the galleries and create art of your own. All ages are welcome.

Saturdays, 10 am-noon:

Save the dates for these upcoming KickstART Saturday events:

June 11 - *Marla Frazee*
August 13 - *Sheila Hicks**

*KickstART Saturday activities are free. General public adults receive \$5 discounted tickets to the exhibition on this day.

KickstART Saturday is sponsored by Joslyn Art Museum Association.

Free Outdoor Concerts

[Saturdays at Stinson in Aksarben Village](#) – Saturdays, May 2 – August 29, 7-10 p.m.

- There will be food and drink vendors, face painting, and balloon artists. Kids can play in the fountain and on the playground equipment. These concerts are family-friendly so be sure to bring your chair and/or blanket.

[Loessfest in Council Bluffs](#) – May 23 – 31

- Concerts including Chicago, Recaptured: A Tribute to Journey, Imagination Movers, Mini Maha, plus fireworks, Disney Day, free outdoor movie, and Taste of Omaha.

[Sounds of Summer Concert Series at Shadow Lake Towne Center](#) – Fridays, May 29 – August 21, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

- Live outdoor music at Nebraska Medicine – Bellevue Amphitheatre. Kids can enjoy free face painting or balloon art each week, in addition to a special giveaway for each child during the concert. Blankets and chairs encouraged.

[Vibes at Village Pointe](#) – Saturdays, May 30 – August 22, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

- Kids can enjoy free face painting or balloon art each week. Blankets and chairs encouraged.

Music and Movies in Bayliss Park, Council Bluffs – Concerts: Wednesdays, June 3 – September 2, 6:30-8 p.m.

- Concerts will be held every Wednesday evening at 6:30 to 8 pm from June 3rd to September 2nd.

Summer Kickoff Concert Series at Midtown Crossing – June 4 and 11, 7 p.m.

- Part of Midtown Crossing's Thursdays in the Park Series, the Summer Kickoff Concerts welcome two home-grown favorites to the Pavilion at Turner Park stage. Blankets/chairs welcome; food & beverages available for purchase. First three hours of garage parking is free.

Bellevue Music in the Parks – Thursdays, June 4 – July 9, 7 p.m., Washington Park, 20th & Franklin Streets

- Music in the Parks will be performed every Thursday evening at 7 p.m. Concerts are approximately one hour long.

Friday Night Concerts in Rockbrook Village – June 5 – August 28, 7 p.m.

- Local musicians entertain families every Friday night throughout the summer. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy a delightful evening for the whole family.

Bridge Beats Friday Night Music Series – Every other Friday, June 12 – September 18, 6 p.m., Bob Kerrey Bridge Plaza (Omaha's side)

- BRIDGE BEATS is a free Friday night music series presented by the City of Omaha Parks & Recreation Department. Guests are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blankets for seating.

La Vista Concerts & Movies – June 12, July 10, August 14; 7 p.m.

- Held at the La Vista Public Library, 9110 Giles Road.
- June 12 – Charm School Dropouts followed by "Big Hero 6", 7 p.m.
- July 10 – Blue House followed by "Pitch Perfect", 7 p.m.
- August 14 – The Grease Band followed by "Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day", 7 p.m.

Music on the River at Tom Hanafan's River's Edge Park – June 13, July 11, August 8, September 12, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

- Free and open to the public. Bring a lawn chair or blanket.

Playing with Fire at Midtown Crossing – June 18 & 25, July 2, 5:30 p.m.

- Playing with Fire gives fans the best in blues, soul, funk, R&B, and rock. Blankets/chairs welcome; food & beverages available for purchase. First three hours of garage parking is free.

Bank of the West Celebrates America – June 26, 6 – 10 p.m., Memorial Park

- Enjoy this annual celebration featuring Joan Jett & The Blackhearts and Eddie Money, with a Fireworks Grand Finale.

Jazz on the Green at Midtown Crossing – Thursdays, July 9 – August 13, 7:30 p.m.

- Park opens for seating at 5 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Free Parking.

Cox Music and Movies at Holland Center Courtyard – Fridays, July 10 – 24

- Venue opens at 7:00 p.m., Music starts at 7:30 p.m., Movies begin at dusk (8:45 p.m.)
- This is a rain or shine event. Event will move to the covered arrival plaza (directly next to the courtyard) in the case of rain.
- Friday, July 10: Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory (G) and Michael Lyon and the Steve Thornberg Trio
- Friday, July 17: The Lego Movie (PG) and Clark & Co.
- Friday, July 24: The Amazing Spider-Man (PG-13) and Blue House

End of Summer Concert Series at Midtown Crossing – Thursdays, August 20 – September 3, 7 p.m.

- Pre-concert entertainment by musicians and performers from the University of Nebraska at Omaha. 6:30 pm.

Have fun enjoying all of these Free Summer Concerts!

Great Links for Summer Fun!

Omaha Kids Calendar <http://familyfuninomaha.com/calendar/>

Kids Eat Free or Cheap; <http://familyfuninomaha.com/kids-eat-free-or-cheap-in-omaha/>

Things to do with Kids in Omaha <http://familyfuninomaha.com/ultimate-guide-of-things-to-do-with-kids-in-omaha/>

Free Family Activities <http://familyfuninomaha.com/omaha-attractions/free-family-activities-in-omaha/>

Free Kids Programs <http://familyfuninomaha.com/omaha-attractions/kids-programs/>