

## Spring and Summer Mentor/Mentee Fun in Omaha

Take a look at this Facebook page for the latest; <https://www.facebook.com/FamilyFuninOmaha/>

### 1. Joslyn Art Museum

Joslyn Art Museum has been a premier center for the visual arts for over 80 years. With art from ancient times to the present, with an emphasis on 19th- and 20th-century European and American art and Art of the American West, there's something for everyone. Families can check out an Art Pack to take into the galleries . . . it will be your guide as you explore a theme of your choice, from architecture to Impressionism. The outdoor garden galleries, including the kid-friendly Discovery Garden, offer a welcome view of over 20 artworks in the fresh air. Young visitors will love the exhibitions of original art by children's book illustrators in the Mind's Eye Gallery. Major temporary special exhibitions are offered annually, along with concerts, lectures, events, classes, mobile and guided tours, and more. The Museum features a café and shop and is fully accessible. General admission to Joslyn is free to everyone during all public hours. Additional charge for some special exhibitions.

<https://www.visitomaha.com/listings/joslyn-art-museum/58115/>

### 2. Go Bobbing on the Bob Kerry Pedestrian Bridge



Go Bobbing on the [Bob Kerrey Pedestrian Bridge](#). Bobbing is taking a picture while standing in two states at once. Share photos with #ItHappensOnBob. Make sure that you post the photos to your Program Coordinator to insure that we have photo releases on your kids. 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](http://www.BridgeBeats.com).

### 3. Visit the Trains and Lauritzen Gardens



Walk up to [Kenefick Park](#) and visit the Centennial No. 6900 and Big Boy No. 4023 – two of the most powerful locomotives ever built. Check out the model railroad garden at [Lauritzen Gardens](#). A favorite among lil’ engineers with G-scale model trains travel twiggy trestles. Please note there is an entrance fee for the gardens.

### 3. Rent a B-Cycle



Rent [Heartland B-cycles](#) and go for a ride mentor and mentee style through an Omaha city park (for ages 12 and up). Fee associated with this

**4. See the ball of stamps at Boys Town**

Visit the world's largest ball of stamps at [Boys Town](#) and pick out stamps to take home from the "penny bin."



**5. Visit Heartland of America Park**

Visit [Heartland of America Park](#) and go for a gondola ride similar to those found in Venice, Italy. Fee with the gondola ride.



**6. 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.

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## 8. Midtown Crossing -Yoga Rocks the Park

**SUNDAYS** starting May 7<sup>th</sup>

**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 sixth 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.

## 9. Omaha Area Farmers Markets 2017

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

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

- May 6 – September 30; 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. beginning July 5<sup>th</sup>

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

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

- Through the end of September; 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.

[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.

- May 31 – August 23 ( NO market 6/14 due to Papillion Days)

City Park on the corner of Washington (84th) St. and Lincoln Rd., Papillion, NE 68046

[Village Pointe Farmers Market](#) – Saturdays, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

- TBA; 168th & Dodge

## **10. Free Outdoor Concerts**

[Saturdays at Stinson in Aksarben Village](#) – Saturdays, May 6 – August 12, 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 26– 29

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

Vibes at Village Pointe – Saturdays, May 27 – August 19 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

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

Summer Concert Series at Midtown Crossing

Playing with Fire-June 14<sup>th</sup> 5:30 and June 15<sup>th</sup> 4:30

Jazz on the Green July 6-August 10<sup>th</sup> Park opens at 5:30 Concerts start at 7:30pm

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.

Bridge Beats Friday Night Music Series – Every other Friday, June 17 – July 28, 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 9, July 7, August 11; 7 p.m.

Held at the La Vista Public Library, 9110 Giles Road.

Bank of the West Celebrates America – June 30, 6 – 10 p.m., Memorial Park Enjoy this annual celebration featuring Kool and the Gang, with a Fireworks Grand Finale.

*Have fun enjoying all of these Free Summer Concerts!*

**11. 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/>

**For more ideas check out [Things to Do in Omaha](#) and [Omaha Calendar of Events](#).**