

Norfolk City Outlook

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Mayor Adams Discusses His Many Civic Duties

By Diane Becker
City of Norfolk Staff Writer

Mayor Gordon Adams has been retired for three years but hasn't had a lot of time to sit and enjoy it.

He started serving his first term as mayor of Norfolk in 2000. At that time he was still working as a surgeon at Faith Regional Hospital. He continued working at the hospital part time until 2002 when he retired from his medical duties.

But Mayor Adams hasn't been idle those last three years. Besides serving as mayor, he is involved in many organizations.

One position he has taken on has been head of the Lutheran High School Foundation that

raises long term support for the school. He organized the foundation and continues to help it grow.

"It's more of a challenge than I thought. It's hard to educate people about the reason to have it," Mayor Adams said.

He was also appointed to the Chief Elected Officials Board for the U.S. Department of Labor. That board discusses and makes recommendations on employment and work force issues.

Mayor Adams is also on the Nebraska Board of Medicine which is a regulatory board through the Department of Health and Human Services that meets monthly.

He was also appointed to the Behavioral Health Commission, a board that meets monthly and was organized as part of LB1083, the 2004 Mental Health Reform Bill.

Governor Johanns also appointed him to the Nebraska Inter-Governmental Data Communications Advisory Committee.

"We're trying to coordinate different information technology systems of government. This will help in tracking mental health patients and solve problems of communication in government entities," Mayor Adams said.

Besides attending meetings across the state, Mayor Adams also

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Mayor Gordon Adams tends to his flowers at his home in Norfolk. His fruit trees are in full bloom in the background

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takes time each month to drive veterans to the veterans hospital in Omaha for their medical appointments. An officer with the Disabled American Veterans mentioned to Mayor Adams the need for a driver using a Windstar van purchased for that purpose.

“I really don’t mind driving. It’s kind of a neat thing to do and I enjoy it,” Mayor Adams said.

His duties as the mayor and official representative of the city of Norfolk also keep him quite busy.

Besides the city council meetings that are held twice a month, Mayor Adams also attends finance committee meetings every Monday morning unless there isn’t any business for the committee that Monday. He also attends council committee meetings once or twice weekly with city staff and city council members.

Mayor Adams said he also attends “a lot of ceremonies” in his job as mayor. He may be at a reception honoring people over 100-years-old one day and cut a ribbon at a new business on the next. As mayor he regularly attends open houses, groundbreaking ceremonies and other events like greeting new students at the beginning of the school year.

“Once or twice a week I usually have some sort of ceremony to attend. I always say a few words at these events,” Mayor Adams said.

As mayor, he is also an ad hoc member of the Norfolk Area Chamber of Commerce which meets monthly. He also goes to Elkhorn Valley Economic Development Council monthly meetings.

Mayor Adams is on the executive board of the Nebraska League of Municipalities. He also is called on to give media interviews and to testify to legislative committees in Lincoln.

“It’s a crazy job, really. You may have a one hour meeting at 9:00 am and one hour at 3:00 p.m. and then attend a noon luncheon. It’d be hard to do and hold a full-time job. I am into it more than I have to be but I really enjoy it.”



Mayor Gordon Adams is shown signing a newly passed ordinance for City Clerk Beth Deck. This is one of his many official duties.

His wife, Gloria, attends some events with Mayor Adams and is his “right hand helper” when it comes to answering the phone when he isn’t available. And when Mayor Adams is not doing official and volunteer duties, he loves to garden, golf, read, and ride his horse.

“I like the socializing. It wouldn’t be fun if you didn’t like to meet and greet people,” Mayor Adams said.

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Region 11 Reorganization

The City of Norfolk has joined the Region 11 emergency management agency to provide coordinated emergency management services to the region.

Previously the city was on its own when it came to applying for governmental emergency grants. Now, the city has partner with Antelope County, Pierce County and Madison County to make up Region 11. Formerly, the counties were set up in Region 11 apart from the city.

When Nick Brekenfeld resigned as the Emergency Management Coordinator for Region 11 in August 2004 the city looked into the merger. The agreement was finalized in January 2005. Faythe Petersen was named the new Region 11 emergency management coordinator. She was formerly head of the city's Emergency Management operations. The City of Norfolk currently provides office space for Petersen who works out of the Norfolk Fire Division.

Deputies of Region 11 are Al Worley from Madison County, Dale Clipston from Pierce County and Darrell Hamilton from Antelope County. The agency's board includes members of the Norfolk City Council and county commissioners from each of the three counties.

As the emergency coordinator, Petersen will work with each of the counties on updating their emergency operations plans. She has also applied for funds that will be distributed as part of the 2005 Homeland Security Grant. Region 11 recently partnered with Stanton and Wayne counties to apply for the grant. Together they make up the Northeast Nebraska Interoperable Communications (NENIC).

"There are a wide variety of different emergency radio frequencies just in Madison County.

If you multiply that by five counties, there are a lot of first responders at emergencies that need to communicate," Petersen said. "We needed to get everyone organized to cover the needs of a large contingent of people."

It was decided that providing better communications between emergency providers was the biggest need in applying for the Homeland Security Grant.

The grant can only be requested through a county emergency manager so Petersen worked with emergency care providers to write a grant that would fund a unified communications system for the area.

The City of Norfolk administers Region 11's budget which is currently \$96,000. Using population as a guideline, the City of Norfolk is responsible for 40% of the Region 11 costs; Madison County for 23%; Antelope for 20%; and Pierce County for 17%. The federal government then matches up to 50% of those costs. For a budget of \$96,000 the federal government may match up to \$48,000. The Region 11 board then assesses

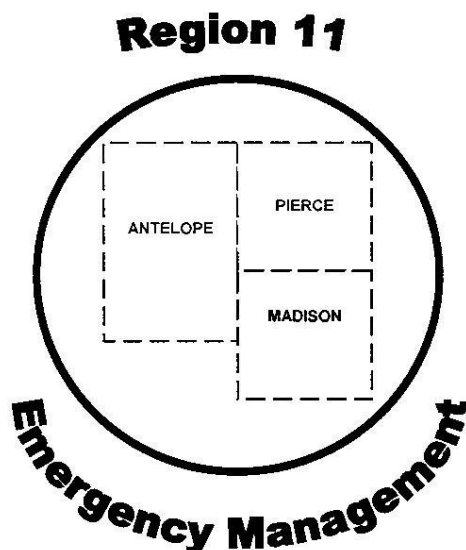
the needs of the area and distributes those funds to the public safety agencies in the three county area.

Before the City of Norfolk joined, Region 11's emergency management budget was \$60,000 with a federal match of up to \$30,000. Increased federal funds may now be available through the city's merger with Region 11.

Some of those extra federal funds may be used for bunker gear, radios, safety equipment and breathing apparatus.

Shane Weidner, City of Norfolk Fire Chief, and the Region 11 administrator, said the merger will benefit the city of Norfolk and the surrounding areas.

"This merger makes emergency management a regional effort and everyone benefits when all the emergency agencies are working together," Weidner said.



A Variety of Trails Beckon Area Citizens

By Diane Becker
City of Norfolk Staff Writer

It's "Happy Trails" for people in Norfolk who like to walk, bike, jog, or skate on the variety of trails available in the area.

The Cowboy Trail, the new Levee Trail and the sidewalk around Skyview Park provide great opportunities for people who like to walk or bicycle but who want to be off public streets and highways.

A couple of groups are taking advantage of the trails to encourage people to enjoy exercise and the great outdoors.

Cheryl Johnson of Norfolk is president of the Elkhorn Valley Trails Network (EVTN) which promotes trail use.

According to the Elkhorn Valley Trails Network website, "EVTN is a non-profit organization

formed by interested citizens to support trails in Northeast Nebraska. These trails might be used by walkers, runners, bike riders, roller-bladers, bird watchers, horseback riders, or cross country skiers, depending upon the trail's location and surface. We are pleased to have the Cowboy Trail connected to Ta-Ha-Zouka Park, and hope that it will eventually connect to a system of trails throughout Norfolk. We want to be of help to all communities in our corner of the state in development of trails, including our state parks and recreation areas."

The EVTN was organized in June of 1999 and is a member of the Nebraska Trails Council. Fifty families currently pay dues to the EVTN.

Last year some members of the EVTN

would get together every Tuesday night and ride on the Cowboy Trail.

"It was informal. We would ride out a half an hour and then start back. Whoever would show up would get a long ride in. We try to raise awareness of trails so that funding is available to develop more trail systems," Johnson said.

"Last year for our Trail Trek 2004, we met at Ta-Ha-Zouka for breakfast and then biked, walked, and ran on the Cowboy Trail. We had 60 participants," Johnson said.

She said the EVTN plans to sponsor a Trail Trek

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Shown above is the "Levee Trail" which extends along the flood control project for two miles and goes under Norfolk Avenue.

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2005 this fall on Saturday August 27. It would start at the trailhead of the Cowboy Trail.

"Every year we do something different. We try to include walks and trail users in general for a Trail Trek," Johnson said.

A new trail in eastern Norfolk was completed last year. The "Levee Trail" extends along the flood control project for two miles and goes under Norfolk Avenue. Funding for the projects came from the Nebraska Department of Roads, Lower Elkhorn NRD, Nebraska Game & Parks Commission and the City of Norfolk. The trailhead is located on Omaha Avenue.

Johnson said that she and her husband and other bikers like to ride from the Cowboy Trail to First Street then to Omaha Avenue and then get on the Levee Trail.

"It makes for a nice loop. A lot of people are utilizing that trail," Johnson said.

She said they enjoy riding on trails rather than on the public roadways.

"Once you ride on trails, you don't feel as safe on streets. On trails you don't have to worry about crossroads. For safety reasons we'd rather ride on trails. It's more relaxing that way," Johnson said.

She said a city trail plan provides for a continuous trail system all linked together. The Levee Trail would be extended north to the Vishay Corporation with no underpasses or overpasses needed. The trail plan is on the organization's website at <http://www.evtn.org>.

Another opportunity for people to get together for a trail event is on Memorial Day weekend. The 2005 Nebraska United Methodist Cowboy Trail Bike, Ride or Walk will be held May 28. Bikers are to meet May 27 at Ta-Ha-Zouka Park-Woodland Cabin at 8:00 pm for a rider meeting and registration. Breakfast will be served at 7:00 am on May 28 and the main departure is at 8:00 a.m.

Walkers or riders can choose to start at the



Shown above is the trailhead for the Cowboy Trail at Ta-Ha-Zouka Park.

trailhead at Ta-Ha-Zouka in Norfolk and go to Battle Creek which is ten miles away, Meadow Grove which is 17 miles or Tilden which is 22 miles out.

Rocky Plettner is the registrar and ride coordinator. For more information or an application form contact him at: 1202 Bel Ridge Rd., Norfolk, NE 68701-2588 or call 402-379-9656.

Plettner said registration for bicyclists is \$50 per rider which goes to help the Nebraska United Methodists Men Mission Programs.

Skyview Park also has a trail that's popular for walkers and joggers but may be a bit crowded for bicyclists. Still, walkers and those with strollers or inline skates can enjoy a nice trail throughout the park.

"Since the city had Pasewalk Avenue redone, the north side has an eight foot sidewalk which is wide enough for bicycles, too," Johnson said.

On Tuesday, May 10 the Annual EVTN General Membership Meeting will be held. Friday, May 20 is the National Bike-To-Work Day. Saturday, June 4, is the National Trails Day.

The weather is getting nicer and it's time to get the bicycle chains oiled and tennis shoes at the ready. The trails are beckoning.

City Administrator Marks Twenty-five Years of Service to Norfolk

By Diane Becker
City of Norfolk Staff Writer

In his twenty-five years as Norfolk's city administrator, Mike Nolan has had to become an expert at many diverse subjects including waste disposal methods, property tax valuations, broadband technology and emergency communications systems. It's a job that he says is demanding but, to him, has proven to be more than just a vocation but a passion for the community.

For twenty-two years of the twenty-five Nolan has been administrator, the city municipal budgets have been adopted with no dollar increases in General Fund property taxes. In addition, local sales tax receipts have been allocated on a dollar-for-dollar basis, to replace municipal property taxes by more than \$5.2 million.

Nolan first worked as an assistant city administrator under Bellevue mayor Bob Haworth in 1976. In 1980 he became Norfolk's city administrator and, since then, has worked under seven mayors and innumerable city council members.

Dr. Gordon Adams, current mayor of the city of Norfolk, has worked with Nolan for four and a half years.

"Mike is a very intense individual who has great love for the city of Norfolk. He works hard to advance the interests of the city in any way he can.," Dr. Adams said.

Nolan's accomplishments over the years have been phenomenal.

One of the first actions taken after his hiring was to reorganize the city government so that the city engineer would be the public works director with reporting relationships from streets, park maintenance, engineering, and water and wastewater services. When the city clerk/treasurer resigned, a certified public accountant was hired as finance officer, and the city clerk accounting, utility billing and purchasing functions were assigned to that position. A professional purchasing agent was hired and saved the city more than his salary his first year on the job.

"I have the enormous benefit of working with a very talented and dedicated staff. They are my family. I would fall on a sword for them," Nolan said.

In 1998, Nolan and information staff persuaded elected officials to authorize a high speed wide area network that links all the city offices. Twenty-five miles of 100 strand fiber optic cable later, the city is able to efficiently communicate policy developments and provide citizens access to high speed internet at the city library. Laptops were purchased for council members and the mayor to be able to communicate more effectively also.

Under Nolan's direction, the city's building, plumbing, electrical, property maintenance, fire and life safety inspections have all been consolidated within the Norfolk Fire Division. This has assured a coordination of inspection efforts, effective pre-planning for fire suppression and cross training of inspectors.

In May 2003, the City of Norfolk received a Class 2 fire rating from the Insurance Services

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(ISO). The ISO ratings range from 1 at the highest to 10 at the lowest. Only .7 percent of the cities in the United States are rated a Class 2 and most cities range between a Class 4 to 6. ISO calculates its ratings on the capabilities of the fire department, water department, water distribution system and dispatcher communication system. Millard is the only other Nebraska community that has such an excellent ISO rating.

One of Nolan's most impressive accomplishments has been to lead the city in the direction of sound fiscal management. The City of Norfolk has received the Government Finance

scrutiny that occurs with new programs or services. Each department or division submits its request in four service level options, two that reduce expenditures and services and two that either maintain or improve services. The "zero-base" format provides the mayor and council with a more systematic process for reviewing, evaluating and prioritizing municipal operations. The elected officials have the option to eliminate entirely a given service or operation.

For twenty-two years of the twenty-five Nolan has been administrator, the city municipal budgets have been adopted with no dollar increases in General Fund property taxes. In addition, local sales tax receipts have been allocated on a dollar-for-dollar basis, to replace municipal property taxes by more than \$5.2 million. Since the inception of the sales tax in 1985, over \$59 million of sales tax has been used for property tax relief.

"This is a very efficiently run city. People don't appreciate as much as they should that our tax levy is the lowest of Class 1 cities in Nebraska. It's a credit to his budgeting expertise," Dr. Adams said.

One of Nolan's recent challenges has been to prevent the closure of the Norfolk and Hastings Regional Centers. Extensive lobbying and meetings prevented the legislature from closing either facility. He was one of the leaders who were successful in adding an amendment to Governor Johanns' LB 1083 stat-

ing that the centers would not close until the occupancy of any regional center reaches 20 percent or less of its licensed capacity.

Nolan and city staff mediated and negotiated a 320 acre commercial development known as the Southwest Norfolk Project that involved 28 property owners, the Nebraska Department of Roads and Federal Highway Administration. The process achieved agreement on a plan for

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Councilman Ivan Van Dyke (center) and Mayor Gordon Adams (right) were present with City Administrator Mike Nolan when the League of Nebraska Municipalities honored Nolan at their Mid-Winter Conference this year for his 25 years of service to Norfolk.

Officer Association certificates of Conformance for financial reporting each of the last 15 years and the GFOA's Award for Budget for Excellence for each of the last ten years--a record unequalled by any other Nebraska state or local agency. With a population of 24,000, the city budget for 2004-2005 is \$42,457,035.

Under Nolan's guidance the City of Norfolk uses "zero base" budgeting. All budget activities and expenditures are subject to the same intense

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roads and drainage that eventually attracted a Wal-Mart superstore, a Menards store, three hotels and numerous retail and service businesses. Norfolk, which is not located on an interstate highway, consistently has the fifth or sixth highest net taxable sales of Nebraska communities and provides retail services to a trade area exceeding a population of over 150,000 people.

Another significant project for the city has been a lease agreement between the city and Nebraska Public Power District. All of NPPD's lease communities, except Norfolk, receive 12% of the electric system's adjusted gross revenues as a lease payment. NPPD pays the City of Norfolk 10% of adjusted gross revenues and rebates the additional 2% to the city's ratepayers as a credit on their bills. In the last ten years, the city has returned \$4,334,745 to customers. Since 1991, the first year of the credit, the city has returned \$5,558,489 to customers.

Nolan was also instrumental in obtaining support for use of tax increment financing to site a 53,000 square foot HyVee superstore in downtown Norfolk. The financing helped to defray the development in an area deemed blighted and substandard. Subsequently, HyVee announced the company's intention to site a second store of the same size in southwest Norfolk. The city provided no defrayal of costs for the second store. The result was \$16 million in capital investment and 50 new fulltime jobs.

Nolan also helped negotiate the purchase, build out costs and tenant leases for the Norfolk One Stop. Tenants in the 32,000 square foot former HyVee store include the Nebraska Department of Labor and several of its mandated partners, SNARE, Bethpage, and Curtis and Associates.

In 1999 Nolan received the Nebraska Rural Development Network's Public Service Award. That same year he was initiated into Pi Alpha Alpha, the National Honor Society for Public Affairs and Administration by the University of Nebraska at Omaha. He also received the first LEAD Award from the League of Nebraska Municipalities at the League's annual conference.

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The inscription read: "In recognition of his years of dedicated public service to the City of Norfolk as well as his longstanding commitment to the mission of the League of Nebraska Municipalities to empower cities and villages across the state."

Nolan earned a masters degree of Public Administration from the University of Nebraska. He is certified as an Economic Finance Professional by the National Development Council. Nolan has also attended five different negotiation programs for lawyers at the Harvard Law School. He served in the U.S. Army Special Forces (Airborne) from 1971 to 1974 and in the Nebraska National Guard from 1976 to 1978.

Just last year a new National Guard Maintenance Shop and Crash Rescue Facility was dedicated at the municipal airport. The City of Norfolk conveyed 13.6 acres of airport property to the Guard. The city staff had negotiations by phone with Congressman Bereuter's staff and the Federal Aviation Administration to obtain approval of the property conveyance without cost. The city staff was able to accommodate the National Guard's interests while avoiding liability to the city that the nominal lease of the property might have created.

Nolan and other city staff have also been involved in much of the problem solving related to the ethanol site near Norfolk and this year continue working with property owners to develop a design for reconstruction of Oak Street.

It took four years but Nolan was the primary negotiator on the successful siting of a 100,000

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population regional landfill. Working with area residents and federal and state agencies made the task especially challenging.

“One of my mentors, a professor named David Scott who was at one time the mayor of Springfield Missouri, said there was only one criterion to evaluate a successful city manager: “Does he or she survive?” Nolan says with a smile.

“I have to deal with situations where a portion of the citizens are angry. It’s the nature of civic life,” Nolan said.

He added that if 100 people were asked to rank 20 priorities for the city, there would be 100 different ways to prioritize them. Managing that in a budgetary context is challenging.

“There’s some people who don’t care a thing about economic development and are not futuristic. They don’t want anything to change. There are others who understand that if we don’t

have an economy that aligns with economic trends in labor and transportation, we’ll suffer for it,” Nolan said.

Nolan has more than survived; he has become committed to the people of Norfolk.

“Norfolk is my home. The closest relationships I have other than my family are here. My job is something I feel sacred about. I love the community,” Nolan said.

Ivan Van Dyke has served on the Norfolk City Council for 11 years and says Norfolk has been very fortunate to have Nolan as its city administrator.

“Mike is recognized as one of the most outstanding city administrators in the state of Nebraska. We have a real advantage in that we have the continuity from year to year on city policy and procedures. Mike’s greatest strengths are his organizational skills, his ability to use technology and his ability to mediate disputes. He also has a great work ethic,” Van Dyke said.

Those strengths were evident in March when Nolan, while on vacation, found himself sitting with his laptop in the Dallas International Airport watching the live proceedings of the Nebraska Unicameral where LB217 was being discussed. The bill authorizes collaborative financing of building projects by two or more local government subdivisions and authorizes cooperating libraries to issue debt for computer technology. As he was watching the first round debate on the bill, Nolan was using his cell phone to advise bill sponsor State Senator Mike Flood and lobbyists of the League of Nebraska Municipalities about questions from other senators.

“The first round of LB217 debate was an incredible event, and an example of what frequently occurs in municipal administration. It is a fascinating experience that I enjoy continually. This isn’t a job for me. It is a mission!” Nolan said.



City Administrator Mike Nolan is shown in the Dallas International Airport watching the live proceedings of the Nebraska Unicameral on his laptop as Senator Flood’s priority bill LB217 is being debated.

Street Problem to Report?

Have you ever had a question for the Street Division while setting at your computer. Well now you can do something about it. The Street Division web page has a new link to report problems ranging from potholes to snow removal with signs, traffic signals, storm sewer drains, paint markings, alleys, etc. in between .

The Street Division would appreciate your name as a means of reaching you. An e-mail address speeds up the process. A location and de-

scription of the concern is needed to understand the remedy. You may be brief or give a detailed message. Dates and times help. The link has been on line since March 23, 2005. Subjects covered thus far include green light out on traffic signals, sunken streets, potholes, alley blading and gravel, stop sign needs and street lights not working. The goal is to provide the public another means of communicating their needs. You may still contact the Street Division via telephone, personal visit, mail or e-mail. Tell your friends and neighbors how to reach us. Shown below is a sample of the web page found at www.ci.norfolk.ne.us and clicking on the Streets link beside City Divisions.

City of Norfolk Street Problem Report Form

Street Main Office
1010 South 8th Street
Norfolk, NE 68701

Phone: 402-844-2180 Fax: 402-644-8719

Please complete the form below to inform the Street Division of a problem with a street, alley, storm sewer, traffic signal, crossing light, street sign or road obstruction, within the City of Norfolk. Please provide as much information as possible to help us find and correct the problem. We may use your daytime phone or E-mail address (if included) to contact you if we need additional information. You may also contact us by mail, email, fax or phone.

Note: To report a problem with the street lights please call **1-877-ASK-NPPD (275-6773)**.

Complete the following, then click "Submit", at the bottom, to send the report the Street Division.

Name:

Daytime phone

E-mail address

Location of problem

Description of Problem

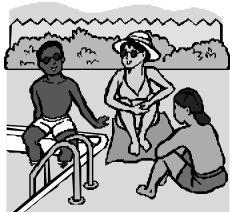
Date you noticed problem: (example 01/01/2005)

Time you noticed problem: (example 8:00 am)

If you have any questions please call the Street Division at (402) 844-2180, or email [Jim Koch](mailto:Jim.Koch@ci.norfolk.ne.us)

Submit

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City Swimming Pools Prepare for Season



Swimming Lessons

Four sessions will be offered this summer at Memorial Pool: **June 6 - June 16** (5:15 pm & 5:50 pm); **June 20 - June 30** (11:20 am, 12:00 noon, 5:15 pm & 5:50 pm); **July 11 - July 21** (11:20 am, 12:00 noon, 5:15 pm & 5:50 pm); **July 25 - August 4** (12:00 noon, 5:15 pm, & 5:50 pm). Classes are held Monday through Thursday for two weeks with Fridays reserved for make-up days in case of inclement weather.

Registration begins May 24 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the City Auditorium, 127 N 1st Street. Registration moves to Memorial Pool May 27.

You may register for two sessions for each child at this time. Cost is \$20.00 per student and is to be paid when registering. No refund after session begins.

There will be a \$5.00 fee for any refunds prior to the session beginning.

There will be absolutely no early registrations.

Pool Times and Rates

Memorial Pool and Liberty Bell Pool will open approximately May 27 through mid-August. Daily hours for both pools are 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Saturdays and 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Sundays.

Season tickets can be purchased at the Recreation Office at 127 N 1st Street after May 24. Prices are as follows: Family Pass - \$80.00 or Single Pass (includes youth, adult and Sr. Citizen) - \$40.00. Daily admission is \$2.00.

Children age 5 and under are free but must be accompanied by someone over 18 years of age.

Other Pool Activities

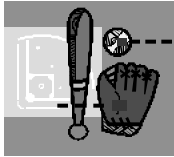
Central Park Wading Pools - Open June 1 through mid-August from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Children 54" tall or shorter will be admitted if accompanied by an adult. Free to the public.

Family Night Swim - No one under age 18 will be admitted without parent or guardian from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Thursday evening at Memorial Pool.

Lap Swim - Lap swimming will be permitted at Memorial Pool from 6:20 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Private Pool Parties - Parties may be arranged for any day of the week at Liberty Bell from 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. only. The fee is \$40 and must be paid when reserving. The party must be booked at least one week in advance.

Sign-up Scheduled for Norfolk Recreation Division 2005 Summer Programs



Girl's Softball & Boy's Baseball

Sign up for City Recreation Girl's Softball and Boy's Baseball ages 7-14, will be held on May 24 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the City Auditorium, 127 N 1st Street. Cost of the program is \$10.00 per child and must be paid at the time of registration.

Please register your child(ren) at this time. Anyone registering after this date will be charged \$12.00. Handouts pertaining to the program will be given out at this time. This year, both the boys and girls will play their games at Ta-Ha-Zouka Park. Game times will be Monday evenings and Wednesday mornings. There will be no refunds.



Kreative Kids

Two sessions of Kreative Kids will be offered through the Norfolk Arts Center this summer.

Session I is June 1 – 30. **Session II** is July 11 – August 4. For each session, ages 7 to 9 will meet Mondays and Wednesdays from 1:00-2:30 p.m. and ages 10 to 14 will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Cost is \$15.00 per participant per session. Each class is limited to 30 children. Registration is May 24 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Auditorium, 127 N 1st Street until classes are filled. **There will be no early registrations.** You may register for one or both sessions at this time.

Each session will experience different art media featuring various well-known artists from the Renaissance era to modern/contemporary artists.

Twisting



This program offers instruction of dance routines for young girls. It starts Monday, June 6 through Tuesday, July 19. Classes are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the afternoon at Central Park. Registration is Monday, June 6 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the City Auditorium. Ages 6 through 12 are welcome. First practice will be Tuesday, June 7 at Central Park from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. for all participants. Class times will be assigned on this day. This program is free.

Morning Tot-Lot



Starts June 6 and runs through July 8. It is held at Central Park, Monday through Friday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Children ages 3 through 6 are welcome to attend. Programs consist of arts and crafts, playground games and fun for the lower ages. This program is free. Register your child(ren) the first day of the program.