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**Welcome to the City of Alliance Activity Report**

The Alliance City Council has formally adopted a Community Vision: **“To Build the Best Hometown in America!”** The vision is easy to remember, but at the same time powerful and thought provoking. It can provide the rallying point for the entire community to build around. We can begin to build the best hometown in America while embracing the motto of “Open Alliance” – Open for Business, Open for Opportunity, Open for Living! Limitless possibilities and opportunities exist in our community and we challenge you to join us in brainstorming, cooperating and communicating to start Building the Best Hometown in America!

Today is the deadline for pre-registration for the Knight Museum and Sandhills Center Civil War Genealogy and History Conference to be held on July 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. Please contact the museum at 762-2384 for more information.

The City of Alliance is currently accepting applications for the position of Tourism Director and Public Safety Dispatcher. For complete job descriptions, please contact Workforce Development or access the City of Alliance website at [www.cityofalliance.net](http://www.cityofalliance.net).

The annual Central Park Fountain Festival will be held on Thursday, June 30<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. in Central Park located at 10<sup>th</sup> and Niobrara. You are invited to pack a picnic, bring your lawn chairs and enjoy an evening of entertainment. The Green Valley Homesteaders will perform at 5:00 p.m. followed by the United States Air Force Heartland of America Band, Brass in Blue at 6:30 p.m. Raffle tickets for a rain barrel, bird bath and DVD player will be sold by Alliance Park Foundation members during the festival. Proceeds from the sales will be used to enhance our parks!

Skyview Golf Course will be hosting the Chamber of Commerce Farmer/Rancher tournament tomorrow beginning at 7:30 a.m. The course will be open for after tournament play at approximately 1:00 p.m.

The Alliance Swim Team will be hosting a swim meet on Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at Big Blue Bay. Due to the swim meet, the pool will be closed all day on Saturday. Please contact the Cultural and Leisure Services Department at 762-2384 for additional information.

In accordance with state regulations, fireworks may be legally discharged from June 25<sup>th</sup> until July 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. and July 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. until 12 midnight. Fireworks may not be discharged after midnight on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Please practice safety while discharging fireworks and remember that the use, purchase or possession of fireworks by any person under 12 years of age is prohibited unless direct supervision is provided by a person 18 years of age or older.

The annual Jaycees fireworks display will be held on Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> at Laing Lake beginning at approximately 8:30 p.m.

Central Park and the Snake Creek Trail have been chosen to participate in the Great Park Pursuit sponsored by the Nebraska Recreation and Parks Association and the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission! Nature impressions are located at 20 Great Park Pursuit sites throughout Nebraska. The challenge is to visit as many of the selected park areas as you wish by September 5, 2011. Simply register online at [www.negpp.org](http://www.negpp.org) and start exploring today!

Work has begun on the removal of the islands on Box Butte Avenue. The 200 block of Box Butte Avenue is closed to thru traffic while street crews remove the islands and resurface the area with concrete and brick overlay. The pedestrian crosswalk areas will be reconstructed with the brick patterns being alternated to clearly define the crosswalks. The first island area is anticipated to be completed by Heritage Days. For more information regarding the project, please contact Eric Lenz at 762-1907.

This concludes the Activity Report brought to you by the City of Alliance and KCOW, working together to **“Build the Best Hometown in America!”**

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