



2026-2027 Welcome Packet

Welcome to Omaha!

From the House Officers Association Alliance
for UNMC and Creighton Medical Students, Residents, Fellows,
Attendings, and their Families.

Our group, HOAA, is meant to serve the spouses and significant
others of the medical students, residents, fellows, and
attendings. We share our welcome packet with you every year
and hope that it will serve you well as you transition into UNMC
or Creighton.

If you have a spouse or significant other who is looking for a
local group to join with other partners of medical professionals
in training and beyond, look no further! Have them reach out to
us at omahahoaa@gmail.com to get connected or find us on
Facebook under HOAA - Omaha Medical Resident and Fellow
Spouse Group.

Enjoy and Welcome to Omaha!

Dear Provider and Family,

Welcome to Omaha! We hope the information in this packet helps make your transition to medical school, residency, fellowship, or an attending role as smooth as possible.

This welcome packet introduces the House Officers' Association Alliance (HOAA). HOAA is a community led by spouses and significant others who support physicians and physicians in training, just like you. Our organization brings together the partners and families of UNMC and Creighton medical students, residents, fellows, and attendings to foster connection, friendship, and support.

We understand that being the partner of a medical provider comes with unique challenges and rewards at every stage of training and practice. HOAA aims to provide a welcoming and supportive community where members can build friendships, share experiences, and find encouragement throughout this journey.

Each month, HOAA hosts social gatherings for spouses and partners, as well as a children's playgroup for families. During times of transition or need, members also come together to support one another through meal trains and other acts of care. Event information is shared through our website calendar at www.omahahoa.com, our Facebook group (HOAA – Omaha Medical Resident and Fellow Spouse Group), and our monthly email newsletter. A tentative calendar of upcoming events and playgroups is also included in this packet.

We invite you to let HOAA become your community in Omaha, a place to meet others who understand the unique rhythm of life in medicine and to build meaningful friendships along the way.

Enclosed you will find a membership application for the 2026 to 2027 year. Please note that HOAA membership is intended for spouses and significant others of medical students, residents, fellows, and attendings. If both partners are in medicine, you are welcome to participate under a single membership.

We encourage you to join HOAA and take advantage of the opportunities to connect, build friendships, and find support during your time in Omaha. If you have any questions about our organization or about life in Omaha, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,
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HOAA President 2026-27
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2026-27 Tentative Calendar of Events

MEMBER EVENTS	
July	Welcome Picnic
August	Meet up at Sonny's
September	Family Pictures
October	Vala's
November	Smash Park
January	Kiewit Luminarium-Interactive Science Museum
February	Galentine's Event - Dundee Candle
April	Brunch or Pedicures
May	Lauritzen Gardens

PLAYGROUP EVENTS	
July	Splash Pad
August	Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo & Aquarium
September	Nelson Produce Farm
October	Trick or Treat at UNMC Halloween Party
November	Smash Park
December	Creighton Holiday Party
January	We Rock the Spectrum
February	Metro Stars Gymnastics
March	Fire Station Tour
April	Easter Egg Hunt at Elmwood Park
May	Schramm Education Center- Little Saplings
June	Closing social at Lake Zorinsky Park

Dates/ times subject to change based on weather or venue availability. You will receive calendar updates on our HOAA Facebook Page and via email. Please email omahahooa@gmail.com with questions.

Dues & Membership

***You, the spouse, are the member. The membership allows you access to all of our member events. If you have children and would like to attend playgroup events, please select the 'member + playgroup' pricing.*

Medical Student Spouses:

\$25/year for member

\$50/year for member + playgroup

Residents and Fellow Spouses:

\$50/year for member

\$100/year for member + playgroup

Attending Spouses:

\$100/year for member

\$125/year for member + playgroup

Become a Member

Step 1: Fill out the membership form: <https://www.omahahoaa.com/membership>

Step 2: Pay your membership dues:

You can pay the dues online via PayPal: paypal.me/hoaa (please select family and friends option) or email omahahoaa@gmail.com for an address to mail a check.

If for any reason you aren't able to pay dues this year, please reach out to us via email/Facebook and we have scholarships and volunteer opportunities available. We are serious about supporting you!

Step 3: Join the Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/UNMC.HOAA>

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Member Recommendations

Auto Care

- **Atchley Ford:** 3633 North 72nd St., Omaha - 402-574-2600
- **Charlie Graham Body & Service:** 4206 Leavenworth - 402-551-6000 - Near UNMC- so convenient for car pickup. They have a courtesy shuttle and are always wonderful.
- **Don's Auto Repair:** 125 E. 1st Papillion– 402-331-0897 – most honest shop I've worked with!
- **Excellence in Auto-Repair:** 8401 Blondo - 402-399-0934. Great family run company that has helped us out in so many ways.
- **Exclusive Repair: Honda and Acura Auto Repair:** 4420 Leavenworth – 402-551-3015 excellent work if you happen to own either type of car.
- **Gregg Young Chevy:** 17750 Burt Street - 402-572-8080. Awesome customer service. Free loaner when your car is in the shop. Great service, providing regular updates.
- **Jensen Tire and Auto:** 8200 Park View Blvd, La Vista, NE
- **Kings Fast Oil Change:** 8506 Maple - (531) 772-0895. They give a 10% discount to healthcare workers and have snacks for the kids!
- **Marion Tire:** 5028 NW Radial Highway -402-553-9393. They do an AMAZING job fixing a flat or will give you honest, low prices on new tires. The only downfall-they don't set appointments, but typically have a short wait.
- **Midtown Auto Service:** 3322 Leavenworth – 402-342-6220 – treats everyone with respect!
- **Midwest Tire:** 13th and Pacific -402-342-2248. They've been family owned since 1944. I went for new tires on the van with the kids and they were the nicest guys! It was a busy day so we were there for a while-but they turned on PBS for my kids.
- **Omaha Car Care on Center and 58th:** They are very honest and knowledgeable 402-556-6708
- **Toyo Techs for Toyotas:** 10184 L. St, 531-329-4663. All toyota-fair prices!
- **Yeck's Auto Repair:** 203 Fort Crook Road, North Bellevue - 402-293-1200. Excellent customer care and fair prices.

Beauty and Spa Services

- **Ascension Barbershop:** Aaron Skouge and Frank Moscoso 2580 S 90th St Suite 110 and 120 402-916-9151
- **Alchemy Salon Studios:** Chase's Fades Barber/men's haircut 17925 Barker Ct 402-657-6356
- **Blue Door Salon and Spa:** 3152 Leavenworth St. 402-551-4408 Near UNMC!
- **Cookie Cutters Hair Salon:** 7302 Giles Rd. (La Vista) (531) 229-8696 Fantastic place for children's hair cuts.
- **Creative Hair Design:** 12025 Pacific. Specifically, Janae Henry 402-330-5660.

- **Dark Horse Salon:** 807 N. 50th 402-344-4336. Ask for Sela. I go for everything-hair, nails, even kids' cuts. Aveda salon. Always mentioned in our HOAA surveys!
- **Faces Spa:** 2605 S 84th St 402-384-8400. They have a great maternity massage.
- **Garbo's Salon:** 120 Regency Pkwy #176 402-391-2333
- **Hip Hip Hair-ay:** 10812 Prairie Hills Dr. 402-991-6500. Great children's hair salon. Ask for Erica or Claudia.
- **Kontempo:** Kirby 1150 Sterling Ridge Dr #105, Omaha 402-714-3888
- **Kristin Gentry:** 17672 Welch Plaza Suite 120 402-926-6940
- **Mint Salon Studio:** 20324 Veteran's Dr. (Elkhorn) 531-233-1220
- **Mod Studio:** 6307 Center 402-932-1110 (Private beauty salon) Ask for Nicole Bouwens
- **Nails of Grace:** 15450 Ida St Ste 200, Bennington 531-867-7519
- **Novel Hair Salon and Spa:** 1032 S 74th Plaza 402-399-9100
- **Oasis Massage & Spa:** 689 N. 132nd St. 402-964-2267
- **Oliver & Tate:** 3852 Farnam St. 531-222-8939
- **Sharkey's:** 17940 Welch Plaza - 402-315-9014. A little more expensive, but the kids get to sit in a car and get a lollipop, balloon, and nail polish. Little extras to help them stay still!
- **The Hair Place:** 1716 Charleston Dr. Unit B, Papillion 402-205-1128
- **The Salty Blonde:** Ask for Sarah 1118 Howard St 402-708-5505

Childcare/Preschool

- **Amazing Days Childcare Center:** 6704 S 167th St 402-932-8003
- **Beautiful Savior Preschool:** located in La Vista. Infant-Preschool.
- **Elkhorn Hills Methodist Preschool:** located near 204th and Dodge. Enroll/waitlist in early springtime.
- **Family Ties Child Enrichment Center:** Full day, faith and play based daycare from 6 weeks through 5 years. Wonderful school!
- **Gingerbread House Preschool:** Always recommended. A wonderful preschool. Also offers Parent's Day Out!
- **HappyFace:** Preschool in Westside Church
- **Heart & Minds Early Childhood Program:** Great for daycare/ Parent's day out
- **Ivybrook West Omaha:** Great half day preschool for ages 2-5.
- **Kindernook Preschool at Countryside Community Church:** They have preschool and also a 2's program. Phenomenal! Best Teachers! Always mentioned in our HOAA surveys!
- **La Petite Academy:** Full service daycare and preschool. Can transport elementary age children. Several locations throughout Omaha and Papillion. Live stream parent app.
- **Legacy School:** Private school for pre-K through 5th grade. Great summer and winter break camps with an emphasis on STEM.
- **Little Lights Preschool:** At Trinity Church in Papillion at 370 & 96th.

- **Montessori Co-Op School:** Great for preschool and has summer camps for older kids.
- **Omaha Christian Academy:** Preschool and continues through 12th grade.
- **St. Andrew's Beginnings Preschool:** In NW Omaha at 150th and West Maple. Ages 18 months through age 5. Offers Parent's Day Out.
- **St. Pius:** on Blondo- begins with preschool and enrolls children up through 8th grade.
- **The Curious Child Montessori Preschool.** Two locations.
- **The Hills Montessori.** Infant-preschool age care.
- **The Wonder Place:** at Dundee Presbyterian Church. Preschool only. Options for MWF, TTh, or full week preschool.
- **UNMC's Child Development Center:** Located on UNMC's campus on the backside of the administration building at 40th & Dewey. www.unmc.edu/unmcchildcare
- **Westgate Elementary:** Has options for full time, or morning-only. We have loved it.
 - Check out all of the WECC programs <https://www.weccomaha.com/>
- **YMCA:** (check website, not all branches have preschools). They do tuition based on income.

Churches

- **Archomaha.com:** a listing of the Catholic Churches in the Omaha Archdiocese with links to individual church websites for mass times and bulletins.
- **Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church:** 7706 S 96th Street, La Vista
- **Christ Community Church:** Campuses in Bellevue and Omaha 402-330-3360
- **Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints:** Find locations on their website
- **Coram Deo Church:** 8787 Pacific St, Omaha - 402-505-4111
- **Dundee Presbyterian Church:** 5312 Underwood Ave, Omaha
- **Heritage Church of the Nazarene:** 6909 Cornhusker Rd., Papillion 402-331-8900
- **St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church:** 6116 Dodge St, Omaha, NE. 402-558-2255.
- **St. Mary's Catholic Church:** They have lots of active ministries including perpetual adoration. 2302 Crawford St., Bellevue - 402-291-1350
- **St. Patrick's Catholic Church:** in Elkhorn- very involved parish! Lots of ongoing activities for children and families! 402-289-4289

Dining

American

- **Au Courant** - Elevated and thoughtful menu (yet somewhat casual). Has a great wine and cocktail list!

- **Dinker's:** Dinker's is so serious about serving the city's best burgers, the little dive boasts an entire flat top grill devoted to crisping buns. The local favorite is the haystack burger, topped with ham, cheese, and a fried egg, paired with a domestic beer in a frosty bottle. Bring cash.
- **Goldberg's:** Great family restaurant with locations in Dundee and West O. Excellent burgers and other homestyle comfort food like bread pudding.
- **Harold's Koffee House:** Old school diner located in Florence. Been family run for over 50+ years. Amazing donuts, homemade rolls and pies and comfort food. 8327 N 30th St, Omaha
- **Mouth of The South:** Barbecue, steak, seafood, po boys, burgers, gumbo, soups, salads, bar drinks, patio seating & more for everyone in the family to enjoy! 2 locations.
- **Sauced by Alfaro:** chicken sandwiches, burgers and THE BEST fries around. Small inside, so do takeout if you can't wait. 115 N Washington St, Papillon.
- **Twisted Fork Grill & Saloon:** 1014 Howard Street Omaha – in the Old Market
- **UNMC Friday macaroni and cheese bar** for \$5.99 at the UNMC cafeteria. Huge portions and great if you want to meet your spouse for lunch and have your kids. Fridays only 11a-2pm.
- **V. Mertz:** In the Old Market. The best for anniversaries – romantic ambiance! Entrees are \$30. 1022 Howard St, Omaha, NE 68102 402-345-8980

Bakery

- **International Bakery:** Latin bakery with several locations.
- **Le Quartier Baking Company:** 5026 Underwood Ave, Omaha, NE 68132, 402-933-3595, amazing bakery with the best bread and croissants and homemade soups.
- **Olsen's Bake Shop:** 1708 S 10th St, Omaha, NE 68108. Best donuts in town.
- **Rotella's Bakery:** Factory store-has incredibly inexpensive bread and rolls that are excess of what is distributed to your local grocer. Buy fresh bread for 1/3 of the price. 6949 South 108th Street La Vista – 402-592-6600
- **Sugar Coma Custom Treats:** Specializes in Cakes, Cookies, Cupcakes & more to make your celebration special.
- **Sweet Magnolia's Bake Shop:** Best cinnamon rolls ever. 813 N 40th St, Omaha, NE 68131, 402-934-6427
- **Wheatfields:** Huge amounts of good food from breakfast through dinner. Family-friendly. Also good for carry-out bakery items. Our family members like to come here when they visit. One Pacific Place, 1224 S 103rd St, Omaha, NE 68124 and 1224 S 103rd St., Omaha; 7775 Olson Dr. Ste 101, Papillion - 402-955-1485

Breakfast/Bruch

- **Bagel Bin:** A west Omaha staple for more than 40 years and the city's only kosher bakery. Serves New York-style bagels using the Brezack family's Polish recipes. The menu also includes bagel sandwiches, a few side dishes, and a rotating soup option, making it a popular spot for both breakfast and lunch.

- **Early Bird:** ‘Omaha's best brunch restaurant’ serving breakfast, lunch, cocktails, and donuts. Totchos are really good. Located in the Blackstone district.
- **First Watch:** Multiple locations, delicious food!
- **Good Lookin’:** 4919 Underwood Ave. Great brunch! Located in Dundee, fresh seasonal and hip atmosphere.
- **Le Peep:** Voted best breakfast in Omaha many years in a row. Multiple locations in town. Really good bacon! lepeepomaha.com
- **Lisa’s Radial Cafe:** excellent breakfast diner frequented by Creighton students and alumni. 817 N 40th St, Omaha, NE 68131, 402-551-2176
- **Saddle Creek Breakfast Club:** located in the middle of the charming Dundee neighborhood. Locally sourced ingredients and has a delicious rotating menu. Vegan and carnivore options available. On a nice day, their outside patio is packed, but well worth the wait. Check their facebook page for their hours/specials
- **Shirley’s Diner:** 13838 R Plaza, fun atmosphere for breakfast and delicious food
- **Summer Kitchen:** 3 locations in the metro area. Our favorite is the LaVista location.

Brewery

- **Blatt Beer & Table:** Modern atmosphere and fresh comfort food. Highly recommend the chicken and waffles! 10000 California St, Omaha - 402-932-9993
- **Crescent Moon:** Great stop during Oktoberfest, located in the Blackstone district. Will do takeout with beers to go.
- **Scriptown Brewery:** In Blackstone, walking distance to great food, frequented by lots of young professionals.
- **Upstream Brewery:** located in the Old Market 514 S. 11th Street and West Omaha 17070 Wright Plaza Omaha. Also has a great brunch!

Chinese

- **Taipei:** 402-333-1991. 2859 S 168th St
- **Three Happiness:** 5107 Leavenworth St, Omaha, NE 68106. Not much to look at from the outside, but the takeout is incredible.

Coffee shops

- **Archetype:** located at 3926 Farnam St, Omaha, NE 68131
- **Scooters:** Founded in NE! Several locations. They have breakfast bites and smoothies as well.

Deli

- **Just Good Meat:** 4422 S 84th St, Omaha - 402-339-7474

- **Stoysich House of Sausage:** name says it all! Delicious selection of homemade sausages and hot dogs. 2532 South 24th Street, 68108

Ethiopian

- **Lalibela Ethiopian Restaurant:** Small Ethiopian restaurant. The owner/cook is very nice and helpful. The combo platter is the best deal; it's \$13/14 and will feed 2-3 people. Close to UNMC! 4422 Cass Street, Omaha.

French

- **La Buvette:** Wine Bar and Grocery for imported French wines, cheese and other complementary treats. Excellent outdoor patio and vibe in the Old Market. Great spot to catch up with a friend or to grab a bite between shopping.
- **Le Voltaire:** Serves traditional French dishes along with an extensive wine selection.
- **The Boiler Room:** 1110 Jones St, Omaha, NE 68102. Super fancy delicious French food. Go here to celebrate the end of residency!

Ice Cream Shops

- **Coneflower Creamery:** An Omaha staple. Always a long line but worth the wait. They source ingredients from a local dairy farm and the freshness and quality is spectacular. Voted best ice cream in the US. New location downtown.
- **Dairy Chef:** Delicious Ice Cream and Burgers/Fries 3223 N 204th St, Elkhorn - 402-289-4414
- **E-Creamery:** Located in Downtown Dundee. Delicious ice cream and gelato with rotating flavors. Discounted on Tuesdays!
- **Graley's Creamery & Confections:** Old-fashioned is the theme here. Go back in time for an unique Victorian experience and get an ice cream flight! At any given time, there are 24 different ice cream flavors at Graley's Creamery and Confections. We create all of them using only fresh and natural ingredients. Located in Papillion.
- **Ted and Wally's:** Their ice cream is made from scratch using all natural ingredients from local producers. Located in the Old Market downtown and the Benson district.

Indian

- **Kinaara:** The menu reflects fresh cooking from the southern Indian State of Kerala. Very tasty!
- **Taste of India:** Small and family owned. The mom seats you, the dad takes your order, and the kids bus tables. It is great Indian food with a quaint atmosphere. Close to UNMC! 3572 Leavenworth St., Omaha - 402-763-2880

Italian

- **Avoli Osteria:** Amazing Italian food in the heart of Dundee. 5013 Underwood Ave

- **Mio Italiano:** Close to VA and University Hospitals. 3001 S. 32 Ave., 402-345-5656
- **Sgt. Pepper's:** Super quick and easy Italian food – they have a drive through window for take out orders! They are a local favorite (The grilled chicken salad is delicious!) and now have 2 locations (midtown and Millard).
- **Spezia:** Upscale Italian with lots of seafood options. Good happy hour menu.

Japanese

- **Blue:** Downtown hotspot serving delicious sushi! They serve takeout as well.
- **Hiro 88:** Japanese Cuisine, three locations
- **Ika:** Ramen shop located in Benson known for classics like tonkotsu and a verdant Mary Jane ramen served with chicken.
- **Kobe Steakhouse:** In Regency Parkway, upscale. 120 Regency Pkwy # 13, Omaha - 402-391-1755.
- **Yoshimoto:** Sushi bar that offers fish that is fresh, aged, pickled, smoked, and/or blow torch-seared. Located in Benson.

Latin American

- **SalMex:** Tiny Salvadorian spot located in South Omaha off of 24th St. Pupusas for only \$2. Burritos, tacos and other items available for takeout or delivery.

Mexican

- **La Mesa:** A Mexican favorite. Multiple locations. 11002 Emmet St. Ste 112, Omaha; 156th & Q St., Omaha - 402-496-1101
- **Mula:** Mexican Kitchen and Tequileria – Amazing street style tacos and margaritas! 40th and Farnam, Omaha.
- **Rusty Taco:** A favorite of ours for takeout.
- **Taqueria Tijuana:** Small little taco place in South Omaha. Great authentic tacos and salsa. ONLY TAKES CASH! 5139 S 24th St. Omaha

Mediterranean

- **Amsterdam Falafel and Kebab:** Delicious kebabs and falafel and curry fries! 620 N 50th St, Omaha, NE 68132, open late on weekends. Located in the heart of Dundee.
- **El Basha:** Mediterranean staples with careful touches and generous doses of fresh cilantro, parsley, and other bright herbs. Located off of Pacific at 74th St.
- **Legacy Gyros:** Rated 'Best in Omaha' for Gyros many years in a row. Located in Wright Plaza.

Pizza

- **Grace Pizza and Shakes:** Incredible pizza & over the top shakes! 136 N Jefferson St. Suite 107, Papillon

- **Mama's Pizza:** Delicious and family-friendly! 715 N Saddle Creek Rd., Omaha 402-553-9270
- **Noli's Pizzeria:** 4007 Farnam St, Omaha, NE 68131, 402-359-1802
- **Pitch:** 5021 Underwood Ave Omaha & 17808 Burke St (near 180th and Dodge) – Delicious coal-fired pizza!
- **Pizza West:** Great for picking up after a busy day.
- **SPIN! Pizza:** Fresh and authentic neapolitan style pizza. Gluten free and vegan options.
- **Tasty Pizza:** Traditional and unique pizzas in a large 16" or smaller 8" size. Delicious popular neighborhood spot in central Omaha.

Seafood

- **Herbe Sainte:** New Orleans inspired cocktail bar in the heart of Aksarben Village that serves Cajun and Creole fare. Floor to ceiling windows and casual decor creates a very inviting vibe to grab cocktails and a snack with friends. Excellent, high quality cocktails!
- **Shucks Fish House and Oyster Bar:** Near downtown Omaha – 1911 Leavenworth Street Omaha

Steakhouse

- **Brother Sebastian's Steakhouse-** on 119th and Pacific. On the pricey side, go for a celebration. Not much to look at from the outside but a really cool interior!
- **Fleming's:** Prime Steakhouse and Wine Bar. 140 Regency Pkwy, Omaha - 402-393-0811. Delicious steak and seafood options.
- **Gorat's:** 4917 Center St, Omaha, NE 68106, old school steak house. Warren Buffett likes it:)
- **Talus Spirits & Sustenance:** 10914 Cumberland Drive, Papillon. Nicer restaurant in Papillon, chef-driven menu and patio!
- **The Drover:** An Omaha Favorite, with cowboy vintage charm. Best Steak in Omaha. Also has a great salad bar with cold metal plates.

Thai

- **Salween Thai:** great prices, GREAT Thai food – always packed! Several locations around town, all equivalent quality! Attendings treat the residents with Salween often.
- **Khao Naio Thai-Lao Restaurant:** Family owned Thai-Lao restaurant, with homestyle cooking.

Vietnamese

- **Banh Mi Shop:** Banh mi sandwiches as well as bubble tea and traditional Taiwanese drinks. In Bellevue
- **Vietnamese Restaurant in La Vista:** Easygoing choice for pho, banh mi & other classic Vietnamese eats, plus a variety of bubble teas.

Entertainment/Activities

- **Aksarben Village:** Dining and shopping – Stop by Sunny’s for Friday night summer concert series.
- **Alamo Dine in Movie Theaters**
- **Arbor Day Farms**
- **Bob Kerrey Pedestrian Bridge:** 705 Riverfront Drive, Can walk across the bridge to Iowa. Has a small splash pad/fountain area and concert venues and food trucks in the summer.
- **Bounce U:** Indoor bounce house arena. 11144 Q Street Omaha.
- **CHI Health Center:** Great concert venue with regular headliners, and where Creighton basketball plays
- **Children’s Museum:** Can get an annual membership, or free day passes with your library card. 500 S 20th St, Omaha, NE 68102, [402-342-6164](tel:402-342-6164)
- **Cimarron Splash Park:** One of several great splash areas for those hot days!
- **Durham Museum:** Families get in for FREE with Resident ID!!! Great Museum for the family with Nebraska history and Trains. Also has traveling Smithsonian Exhibits. 801 S 10th St.
- **Farmer’s Markets:** Open May-October. Old Market location- Saturday from 8am–12:30pm. Aksarben Village- every Sunday from 9am–1pm. Holiday Market in Aksarben Village December 5-6 10am-5pm
- **Felius Cat Café:** Come have your coffee with rescue cats ready for adoption.
- **Fontenelle Forest:** One of Nebraska’s oldest conservation organizations and largest private nature centers. 1111 Bellevue Boulevard North, Bellevue, NE. They have a great early childhood program called Mud Pies.
- **Henry Doorly Zoo:** One of the nation’s best zoos (always top ranked, if not #1) and has lots of indoor areas to view animals in the winter! Also has an aquarium and IMAX theater which are both free with zoo membership/admission. Amazing splash pad is open in the summer. The season pass is the cheapest way to go if you plan to go more than once. 3701 S. 10th Street, Omaha - 402-733-8400
- **Joslyn Art Museum:** Free entrance, great kid area called Artworks in basement and outdoor sculpture garden. 2200 Dodge Street Omaha.
- **KIPP:** Indoor play park with cafe. 14445 W Center Rd Ste 101
- **Lake Zorinsky:** 3808 S 156th Street. Beautiful park with hiking and bicycling trails. A new inclusive playground opened in 2025!
- **Maplewood Lanes:** Clean bowling alley-need we say more? 3030 N. 101st Street, Omaha - 402-572-9393
- **Midtown Crossing:** offers a wide variety of delicious restaurants with a great atmosphere. 333 Farnam St., Omaha - 402-934-8860

- **Motto McLean Ice Arena**
- **Moylan Iceplex:** 12550 West Maple Road Omaha.
- **Papillon Landing Rec Center:** gym/indoor playground/indoor pool.
- **Prairie View Lake:** (In Bennington) is a great place to fish. The kids catch small fish about every 5-10 minutes. Located 2 miles West of Bennington, 180th & Hwy 36.
- **Prehistoric Putt:** Indoor Mini-golf with a fun theme.
- **Spielbound:** Board game Cafe, great for date nights!
- **Standing Bear Lake:** (of Omaha Parks and Rec) is a great place to go for walks or runs and has a lot of open sidewalk for the kids to ride bikes. 6404 North 132nd Street, Omaha - 402-444-5955
- **Strategic Air and Space Museum:** 28210 W. Park Highway, Ashland, NE.
- **The Mark:** 20902 Cumberland Drive – Bowling, laser tag, arcade, full dinner menu!
- **Top Golf:** Off of Dodge-you can't miss it.
- **Unity Moves:** indoor play with coffee and snack bar! 20275 Honeysuckle Dr, Elkhorn
- **Urban Air:** Indoor Trampolines, Climbing Walls, Playgrounds, Go-Karts & more. Great space for birthday parties or groups.
- **Vala's Pumpkin Patch:** The "Disney World " of pumpkin patches! This place is HUGE and a must for fall family fun! Tickets are less expensive if you go on a weekday. Come join HOAA for our event in the fall.
- **Wildlife Safari Park-** You can add this on to your zoo membership! It's a drive-through safari park.
- **Zorinsky Pool:** Has a zero entry and slides for all ages, a favorite summer stop with the kiddos.

Grocery and Specialty Foods

- **Absolutely Fresh Seafood Market :** The name speaks for itself. 1218 S 119th St, Omaha, NE 68144, 402-827-4376
- **Aldi:** A no frills, value packed grocery store. The quality is great and the money saved is substantial. You need your own grocery bags or Aldi sells good ones cheaply or you can gather boxes as you go because items are in boxes and on pallets. The carts are locked together outside and require a quarter to unlock (return cart to get money back). Aldi will also give a double your money back guarantee if you are not satisfied with their products.
- **Bakers:** Several locations, big and clean with a large variety and good produce. Some even have those car carts for kids. Great bakery and deli with pharmacy, floral, and photo depts. Watch their flyers for prices. Make sure to get a Baker's saving card.
- **Costco:** 2 locations in Omaha at 12300 W Dodge Rd and at 12515 Westport Pkwy in La Vista. Costco is a membership warehouse, carrying brand name merchandise at substantially lower prices than typical stores. It has much more than just groceries. They also have

cheaper gas prices and 1 hour photo. Worth the membership just for household goods and if you have a large family (or a large freezer).

- **Hy-Vee Supermarkets:** Several locations, employee-owned, great customer service. Has “car carts” for the kids and postal services inside some stores. Very friendly and good selection with great catering departments and good pizza and Chinese food. Make sure to get a fuel saver card to save on groceries and gas. Also, kids can eat free fruit in the store while you shop! Also has a curbside delivery service and home delivery service.
- **Jacobo's:** Hispanic specialty, fresh tamales and salsa. 4621 S. 24th St. 402--733-9009. Cash only, closed Mondays.
- **La Guera:** Hispanic specialty market. 4233 S. 24th St. 402-733-9194.
- **Sam's Club:** Membership required; large quantities. 120th and L (Note: owned by Walmart). Also have 1 hour photo and many household items besides food.
- **Trader Joe's:** “great food + great prices = Value” grocery store. Regency, 10305 Pacific Street, Omaha - 402-391-3698. Cult following for some of their products.
- **WalMart-** various locations around Omaha. Also offers curbside delivery service on groceries. Walmart Neighborhood Markets are smaller stores with a pharmacy that just sell grocery and some household items and can be very convenient with lower prices on produce and other packaged goods.
- **Whole Foods:** natural, organic, and specialty foods. The prices are quite high, but you can't beat their selection of produce, seafood, meats, and cheese. 10040 Regency Circle. Excellent to-go food options and eat-in cafe.

Health Clubs

- **Anytime Fitness:** Multiple locations (downtown, near Children's, Papillion, etc) all open 24/7. Fantastic gym!
- **Barre Code Dundee:** 5002 Dodge St #301, Omaha, NE 68132, 402-884-1667
- **Bhadra Yoga:** 5020 Leavenworth St, Omaha, NE 68106, Great restorative and prenatal class.
- **Blush Boot Camp:** 3525 N 147th St, Omaha. Women only gym with childcare.
- **DiVentures:** For diving and swim lessons for infants and kids of all ages. 4303 S 121st Plaza Omaha.
- **Genesis Health Clubs:** Multiple locations.
- **Heartland Conservatory of Dance and Pilates:** Beautiful, huge ballet and Pilates studios. All classes taught by former professional ballet dancers. Pilates reformer and dance classes for kids 2 years to adults! 2502 S. 133rd Plaza Omaha, NE 68144 402-237-8801

- **Lotus House of Yoga:** 3 studio locations around town. Great variety of classes. The Aksarben studio also has a barre fitness room and juice bar.
- **Mick Doyle's Kickboxing and Fitness Center:** Pricey, but the staff is really personal. 10801 Blondo Street, Omaha - 402-498-9592
- **Papillion Landing:** Great gym with an indoor playground and indoor pool. Has childcare in the morning, afternoon or evening!
- **Salvation Army Kroc Center:** Aquatic center, fitness center, education center, rental facilities, programs for adults and children, fellowship hall. 2825 Y St., Omaha - 402-905-3500
- **Swimtastic:** For swimming lessons. They do a great job of teaching kids of all ages the basics of swimming in a very small class environment. If you do lessons there, you get free use of the heated 80 degree pool on the weekends. 2920 N 118th St, Omaha, NE 68164. 402-496-7946
- **YMCA:** Armbrust and Maple locations. Great facilities, wonderful childcare, zero-entry pool. Maple has a great Terrific 2's program, pre-school, and great group exercise classes. Papillon location is newer and has a great preschool program and great children swim lessons. The downtown location also has a full time day care.

Household/Home Repairs/Cleaning

Basement, Foundation, and Concrete Repair

- **Thrasher Basement:** 1-888-822-4553

Electrician

- **Superior Electric** 402-706-3261

Remodel/Repair/Maintenance

- **Mevela:** Mike Eveland (531) 213-9127. Professional, thorough and fairly priced all-around home handyman.

Fencing

- **Ty the Fence Guy:** 1591 Trumbull Terrace, Plattsmouth - 402-510-8159

Heating & Cooling

- **AAA Residential Heating and Cooling:** 402-551-1000
- **Aksarben ARS:** 7070 S 108th St, La Vista, NE 68128, 402-234-8170
- **Brasch Heating and Cooling, LLC:** Shane Brasch, owner. 402-591-1838

- **Rosewood HVAC:** Ask for Tony-honest, prompt service. He'll do a great job for you, and come check that everything is running properly if you ever have concerns.
- **Xtreme HVAC:** 402-932-2656

Home Inspections

- **Foundation-2-Rooftops:** Home inspections. Greg Wayman. 402-330-1701.

Kitchen Bath & Flooring Resurfacing

- **Renew Resurfacing:** Candy and Jim at 402-500-0669

Landscaping

- **AJ's Landscaping:** 402 (706) 0036. Have been in business for decades, but happy to do any project, large or small.
- **Orlando:** landscaper. 402 321-7033.

Painting

- **Brink Painting Services:** 402-575-7878
- **Painting:** Terry O'Doherty at 402-334-7934

Plumbing

- **Aksarben ARS:** 7070 S 108th St, La Vista, NE 68128, 402-331-1233
- **B&B Plumbing:** Brian Bales, Owner. 402-330-5660
- **Backlund Plumbing:** 402-341-0450
- **Integrity Plumbing:** 402-657-6494

Roofing

- **A&P Construction, Inc:** Roofing specialists: 402-740-0800.

Window & Gutter Cleaning

- **Affordable Window and Gutter Cleaning:** 402-706-7374.

* Be sure to ask your real estate agent for local vendor recommendations as well!

Legal, Taxes, & Home Insurance

Attorneys

- **Eric W. Tiritilli:** Attorney at Law, Gross & Welch, P.C., L.L.O. Specializes in contract negotiations. Phone: 402-504.1300 or etiritilli@vwattys.com

Accountants

- **Brian Csipkes:** with Seim Johnson- 402-330-2660
- **Nicole Snow:** at Bland and Associates- 402-397-8822

Home and Auto Insurance

- **Brady Wilson:** Independent Agency, SafeCo- 402--350-7502
- **Charlie Weston:** Farmer's Insurance- 402-896-6565
- **Debbie Williams:** Farmer's Insurance - 402-614-4633
- **Devan Kennington:** Allstate- 402-496-5315

Medical Services

Urgent Care Centers for Children:

- **Children's Care Today** 402--955-8300
 - **Council Bluffs** 1022 Woodbury Avenue
 - **West Village Pointe:** 110 N. 175th St.
 - **La Vista:** 10705 Hillcrest Plaza

Urgent Care Centers for Adults:

Clarkson Family Medicine affiliated with UNMC operates four urgent care clinics in four locations around the city with evening, weekend, and holiday hours.

[Immediate Care | Nebraska Medicine Omaha, NE](#)

- **Chalco** 8343 S. 168th Ave., Omaha
- **Family Medicine at Bellevue Health Center** 2510 Bellevue Medical Center Drive, Suite 200, Bellevue
- **Fontenelle** 5005 Ames St., Omaha
- **Midtown** 139 S. 40th St., Omaha

Emergency Rooms

Omaha

Nebraska Medicine-4305 Dewey Ave	402-559-6637
Children's Hospital - 8200 Dodge Street	402-955-5400
CHI Health Creighton University Medical Center- 7500 Mercy Rd.	402-398-6060
Immanuel Medical Center - 6901 North 72nd Street	402-572-2225
Methodist Hospital - 8303 Dodge Street	402-354-4000
Methodist Women's Hospital- 707 N. 190th Plaza	402-815-4000

Council Bluffs, Iowa

Mercy Hospital - 800 Mercy Drive,	712-328-5000
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Methodist Jennie Edmundson Hospital- 933 E Pierce St Papillion	712- 396-6000
Midlands Hospital - 11111 South 84th Street Bellevue	402-593-3000
Bellevue Medical Center - 2500 Bellevue Medical Center Drive	402-763-3000

Dentists/Orthodontists

- **Dentistry for Health:** Dr. Kahn, 10365 Pacific St, Omaha - 402-932-0282
- **Dr. Lisa Strunk and Dr. Dana Carmen:** are wonderful pediatric dentists. Both are magical and so is the office staff. My kids practically run into the dentist! pedodonticspc.com 2521 S. 119th St, Omaha, NE 68144, 402-330-5913
- **Greder Dental:** 1113 North 72nd Street, Omaha - 402-558-6220
- **Ohana Smiles:** VERY kid friendly!! 11010 Prairie Brook Road Omaha 402-571-3415
- **Pediatric Dentist: Dr. Barry Webber** with Walnut Creek Pediatric Dentistry in Papillion. 11336 S 96th St Suite 111, Papillion - 402-590-2018 walnutcreekteeth.com
- **Pediatric Dentist: Dr. J. Bryan Hohenstein:** Smile Station Pediatric Dentistry- located at 180th & Q - highly recommend this office! Fantastic with kids and makes it a fun experience. 402-330-5535
- **Pediatric Dentist: Dr. Jane Bennett** - 72nd and Cornhusker Suite 400 - 545 Fortune Drive, Papillion 402-502-1256 (our kids LOVE her!) janebennettds.com
- **Schneider Family Dentistry: Dr. Kathryn Schneider** - Dr. Schneider and her staff are wonderful, kind, and makes anyone feel comfortable. Perfect place for the whole family to go! 402-493-2314, schneiderfamilydentistry.com/
- **Smith & Hascall Family Dentistry**
- **The Dentists at Hillsborough** 13808 W Maple Road, Suite 112, Omaha 402-445-4647
- **Today's Dental- Elkhorn:** 20211 Manderson St, Elkhorn - 402-505-1910
- **Weber Orthodontics:** 2422 S 179th St, Omaha - 402-896-4500

Dermatology

- **Dr. Joel Schlessinger:** 2802 Oak View Drive, Omaha - 402-334-7546
- **Dr. Melissa Darling:** two locations in Elkhorn and Midtown - 402-552-2555
- **Mod Dermatology:** 2953 S 168th St Suite 101, Omaha - 402-509-4812

Eye Care

- **Dr. Francisco Dozon:** Aksarben Eye Care- 6307 Center St #202, Omaha - 402-932-1366

Family Medicine

- **Dr. Elisabeth Backer:** 13325 Millard Ave 531-559-1050

Internal Medicine - Primary Care

- **Dr. Patrick Drazkowski (Med-Peds):** at Methodist Physicians Clinic -Gretna 11946 Standing Stone Dr. 402-815-4500
- **Dr. Josh Lallman (Med-Peds):** at Nebraska Medicine Eagle Run 3685 N 129th Street. 402-559-0220

OB/Gyn

- **Dr. Nahia Jean Amoura:** Office is at the Olson Women's Center at UNMC
- **Dr. Julia Bishop:** Methodist- Gynecology only. 717 N 190th Plaza, Elkhorn
- **Dr. Madeline Bruck:** Methodist- 717 North 190th Plaza, Elkhorn 402-815-1700
- **Dr. Jill Burke:** Omaha OB/GYN Associates at 16909 Lakeside Hills Court Suite 201, Omaha - 402-991-1900 and at 119 North 51st Street – Suite 200, Omaha 402-932-8020
- **Dr. Karen Carlson:** UNMC Physicians - 402-559-2719
- **Dr. Linda Collins:** Omaha OB/GYN Associates at 16909 Lakeside Hills Court Suite 201, Omaha - 402-991-1900 and at 119 North 51st Street – Suite 200, Omaha 402-932-8020
- **Dr. Laura Cudzilo:** Olson Center for Women's Health at UNMC, 402-559-4500 and Village Pointe, 402-596-4500.
- **Dr. Erin Evans:** 16910 Marcy St Suite 200, Omaha 402-697-7200
- **Dr Jennifer Hill:** Methodist
- **Dr. Carly Jennings:** UNMC
- **Dr. Mary Kinyoun:** UNMC
- **Dr. Sydney Randall:** UNMC
- **Dr. Sarah Schultz:** CHI
- **Dr. Jaime Seeman:** Midcity OB/GYN 402-397-6600
- **Dr. Roma Vora:** Midcity OB/GYN 402-397-6600

Pediatrics

- **Children's Physicians Dundee Clinic:** Dr. Erin Loucks, Dr. Jamie Drake, and Dr. Michael Moore 4825 Dodge Street 402-955-7676
- **Children's Physicians Eagle Run Clinic:** Dr. Katherine Anglim and Dr. David Kaufman 402-955-3000
- **Children's Physicians West Village Pointe Clinic:** Dr. Kari Krenzer and Dr. Melissa St Germain 110 North 175th Street 402-955-5437
- **Methodist Physicians Clinic - Hawthorne Court:** Dr. Rosann Nichols and Dr. Stephanie Neuhaus 17675 Welch Plaza 402-354-7600
- **Village Pointe Pediatrics:** All doctors highly rated here. HOAA families have recommended Dr. Mary Dek. 18018 Burke Street 402-573-7337 and Dundee Pediatrics 5018 Underwood Ave #200 402-991-5678

- **Dr. Jane Carnazzo:** Children's Physicians, Spring Valley, 4224 S 50th St, Omaha 402-955-7474
- **Dr. Michael Dulac:** Heartland Family First Medical Clinic 16850 Frances St. Suite 102, Omaha 402-884-6400
- **Dr. Caitlin Gillespie:** Boystown Pediatrics Maple Street Clinic 3838 N 167 Ct 531-355-1234
- **Dr. Rachael Schlueter:** Omaha Children's Clinic 19102 Q Street, Ste 102 402-644-1532
- **Dr. Amanda Votruba:** at the Methodist Women's Hospital campus. 402-815-1325
- **Dr. Patrick Drazkowski (Med-Peds):** at Methodist Physicians Clinic -Gretna 11946 Standing Stone Dr. 402-815-4500
- **Dr. Josh Lallman (Med-Peds):** at Nebraska Medicine Eagle Run 3685 N 129th Street. 402-559-0220

Other Specialties

- **Allergist- Dr. James Tracy:** Ste 210, 2808 South 80th Avenue, Omaha 402-391-1800
www.allergynebraska.com
- **Boys Town Pediatric Audiologist:** 555 North 30th Street, Omaha 402-498-6520
- **Lactation Support- Milkworks:** 10818 Elm Street Omaha, NE 68144 402-502-0617
- **Pediatric ENT- Dr. Ryan Sewell:** Children's West Omaha 20502 Roosevelt Street, Elkhorn 402-955-8000
- **Pediatric Dermatologist- Dr. Nicole Harter:** Children's Nebraska Specialty Pediatric Clinic – Cass East 8534 Cass Street 402-955-5400

Pet Care

- **Dr. Cory at VCA Animal Hospital:** off Center and 66th. He is a wonderful vet. Dr. Cory and the whole staff are so wonderful. 2323 South 64th Avenue Omaha, NE 68106 402-558-1522
- **Elkhorn Animal Hospital**
- **Harvey Oaks Animal Hospital:** 2706 S. 148th Circle, Omaha, Nebraska 68144, 402-334-0200
- **Heartland Pet Hospital**
- **Log Barn Stables:** Quality horse boarding. 11420 33rd Ave., Plattsmouth 402-296-5351
- **Pink Tuesday's Pet Salon:** They are great and have an online booking system!
- **Pittman Animal Hospital:** Friendly and affordable. In Midtown. 4629 Dodge Street, Omaha - 402-556-2535
- **Ralston Veterinary Clinic:** Multiple vets, longer hours. Nice staff, good & inexpensive boarding services, includes outdoor walks 2x a day. 6880 S. 78th St., Ralston - 402-331-6322
www.ralstonvet.com.

Shopping Centers

- **Aksarben Village:** 67th and Center. Great outdoor shopping area with boutique shops and excellent restaurants. Home to Stinson Park which has a fountain, playground, and is home to a great summer concert series. Also hosts a holiday market with lots of local crafts. Also home to a movie theater and Spirit World, a great liquor/wine store.
- **B2B Last Chance:** It's owned by Big Wheels to Butterflies and it's their clearance center on gently used baby/children clothes. It's across the street from Big Wheels to Butterflies in Papillion. Everything is \$1 unless otherwise noted. Onesies are 2 for \$1 and socks are 4 for \$1. 11425 S. 72nd Street Papillion – 402-884-5010
- **Big Wheels to Butterflies:** Awesome selection of gently used infant and children's clothing, gear, toys, and more! Multiple locations around town. Their Papillion store also carries maternity clothes. bigwheels2butterflys.com
- **Crossroads Mall:** 72nd and Dodge. Sears, Target, Barnes & Noble
- **Countryside Village:** 84th and Pacific. Unique local shops, salons, galleries, and a few eating establishments.
- **Fat Brain Toys**
- **Garden Ridge:** Located at about 129th & W. Center. Lots of items at cheap prices. They have everything from furniture to underwear. <http://www.gardenridge.com/>
- **Lakeshore Learning:** kids toy shop
- **Midtown Crossing:** located at 333 Farnam St. Omaha, NE 68131 402-934-8860 www.midtowncrossing.com. Has a variety of stores and restaurants and lots of activities. Thursdays throughout the summer they host jazz on the green and free community yoga on Sunday afternoons.
- **Mulhall's:** Garden store, nursery, home decor. Gorgeous at Christmas time with fresh wreaths, trees, holiday decor, Santa, and live reindeer!
- **Nebraska Crossing Outlet Mall:** 21209 Nebraska Crossing Dr. C100 - Gretna, NE (15 minutes outside of downtown Omaha) Great selection of outlet stores including J Crew, Kate Spade, Nike, etc. www.nexoutlets.com
- **Nebraska Furniture Mart:** Huge furniture, appliance, and electronics store with hard-to-beat prices. 700 S. 72nd Street, Omaha - 402-397-6100
- **Oakview Mall:** 144th and Center. Bright and open. Lots of varieties of stores: Dillard's, Williams-Sonoma, Movie Theater nearby.
- **Old Market:** Unique trendy shops, galleries and restaurants. Summertime farmers market
- **Once-N-Again:** Gently used infant and children's clothing, gear, toys, and more! 11820 S. 25th Bellevue, NE 68123 402-905-2404 Once-n-again.com
- **One Pacific Place:** 102nd and Pacific. High-end chain shops in an upscale strip mall setting: Ann Taylor, Banana Republic, Eddie Bauer. Trader Joe's is also located here.

- **Regency Court:** remodeled Shopping Center offers a unique blend of upscale shopping and dining in the heart of Omaha. The quality is unmatched, the service is unbeatable, and the ambiance is one of a kind, very nice! Pottery Barn Kids has concerts and events. Excellent Santa Claus with fake snow at Christmas time for family photo opportunities.
- **Rockbrook Village:** 108th and Center. A large number of fun local shops, galleries, plus some restaurants and services. Hosts several events for families throughout the year.
- **Shadow Lake Towne Center:** an 880,000 sq. ft. open-air mall on 127 acres. Has a combination of home, fashion, grocery, discount and lifestyle retailing all in one. The center has vehicular access to the major and junior anchors, as well as shops at the center's core. The architectural elements reflect those of historic buildings across Nebraska for a unique shopping experience. Great variety of stores and restaurants.
- **Suite Child:** great childrens shop
- **The Bookworm-** great independent book store. 2501 South 90th Street, Suite 111, Omaha, NE 68124, 402-392-2877
- **Village Pointe Shopping Center:** 168th and Dodge. Great outdoor mall with higher-end stores such as Sephora, Janie and Jack, Athelta, and Banana Republic, as well as some good chain restaurants, a movie theater and the Apple Store. Beautiful Christmas decorations.
- **Westroads Mall:** 98th and Dodge. Dillard's, Von Maur, JCPenney, The Container Store, several chain restaurants, and a large amusement center on the lower level. Movie theater is very nice westroadsmall.com/en/flagship-commons-food-hall.html

Moving to Omaha Information

*Check out the Chamber of Commerce at www.omahachamber.org

Housing

The area of town you live in can make a big difference. Below you will find a list of the various sections of town. Hopefully this will save you some time and ultimately help you find a good place to live. In general, the further west you go, the newer the housing is and it's more of a "suburbia" setting. However, there are beautiful locations close to downtown and UNMC/Creighton, including, but not limited to Westgate, Aksarben/Elmwood.

**Make sure to investigate how traffic is along the route to UNMC/Creighton and the hospitals your partner will be working at, prior to selecting housing.*

- **Aksarben/Elmwood:** This is an up and coming area that has pockets of beautiful older homes. The older homes in Elmwood look like they are out of a storybook. It can be expensive for housing, but that is not always the case. In Aksarben there are many new apartments and shopping/restaurants. Close to Creighton University Medical Center - Bergan Mercy and UNMC. Elmwood park is walkable from certain areas and it is absolutely gorgeous. They have a playground with tons of toys. Great and safe location for families.
- **Bellevue:** Generally good neighborhoods and moderately priced housing, with a large diversity of acreages, condos and new housing developments. The commute to hospitals depends on traffic, but is usually about 20 min. Bellevue has a small town feel with the perks of a city nearby. It is also home to Offutt Air Force Base.
- **Central/Midtown:** (roughly between 30th and 72nd Streets): A little older housing with pockets of charming neighborhoods. Homes here are usually a good value for the price. The Dundee area within Midtown has a good reputation with past residents, being known for its unique two and three story homes. Morton Meadows and Field Club are neighborhoods within Midtown with great homes and very close to Creighton, The NE Medical Center, and the VA. The Benson area has retained its small town atmosphere and "main street" shopping district. Several residents who decide to buy a house purchase in this area because it is often affordable and close to area hospitals. Excellent elementary schools and parochial schools nearby.
- **Downtown:** Rental properties priced in resident/fellow budgets are often older, smaller, and typically more run down. A growing market of loft apartments and condominiums has recently emerged in and around an area downtown known as the Old Market, many of them are great! In general, housing downtown is generally more expensive than comparable

housing in other Omaha areas, but it is also popular among residents and fellows who enjoy nightlife and a more urban setting.

- **Millard/Southwest Omaha:** Nice housing and neighborhoods with an excellent school system, but housing is often more expensive and the commute is greater than 20 min.
- **North Omaha:** Older and very inexpensive housing. This area has great neighborhood pockets but is also home to much of Omaha's crime, so consider with caution.
- **Papillion, Ralston, La Vista, Gretna:** Nice housing and neighborhoods, with both established areas and new construction and excellent schools. The commute to UNMC and Creighton- Bergan Mercy depends on traffic but will be greater than 20 minutes.
- **South/Southeast Omaha:** Older housing in mostly working-class, diverse neighborhoods. Some areas are well kept and safe, while others feel more run-down. If you are looking to buy a more reasonably priced house, this may be a good area. It is close to the Zoo, Rosenblatt Stadium, and the Botanical Gardens. Also home to historic south 24th street where some of the city's best and most authentic Mexican restaurants and bakeries are located.
- **Benson:** Built around Maple and just east of 72nd street, Benson is one of the best priced areas and one of the most diverse areas in Omaha. It is a central location between many of the hospitals with some cool bars, and unique shops.
- **West/Northwest Omaha:** Larger, newer homes, which often have large yards. Nice, moderate housing along with several newer homes which are quite affordable. 15-20 minute commute to UNMC and 20-25 minutes to Creighton-Bergan Mercy. The nearness of the interstate allows for easy commuting to any part of the city from here. The city of Bennington is a very nice place to live with affordable homes that are on the newer side.
- **Westgate Neighborhood:** Beautiful, family-friendly older homes. Very safe for walking around in. 10 minutes from downtown, the zoo, 11 minutes from UNMC, 12 minutes from Creighton. 4 minutes away from Walmart. Scooters Coffee and gas stations are 2 minutes away. Westgate pool is in the neighborhood. However, membership is pricey. Pipal park is a 5-10 minute walk from anywhere in the neighborhood. You can get there using only neighborhood streets and then cutting through the community center parking lot. It is also a 6 minute drive from Elmwood Park, which is amazing. They have an awesome playground with tons of toys and it is very safe. Very good central location.

Getting Around Omaha

Getting around Omaha can be fairly easy if you remember a few hints:

- The streets are divided into north and south by Dodge Street, which runs from east to west starting downtown all the way out to west Omaha. Dodge is the main street through town. The city is divided from east and west by 72nd Street. Where Dodge and 72nd Street meet is considered the "crossroads."

- Typically, north/south streets are numbered (i.e. 55th Street) and east/west streets are named (i.e. Maple Street). Streets and Avenues are not the same; they are usually right next to each other though.
- The interstate system consists of I-80 going east-west, I-680 heads north off of I-80 in west Omaha, and I-480 heads north off of I-80 downtown.

Omaha's public transportation system, known as Metro Area Transit (MAT), is somewhat limited. Most residents drive to get where they are going.

Omaha has been nicknamed the "20 Minute City" because almost everything is within a 20-minute drive, although with the suburban sprawl to the west that nickname is really being *stretched!*

Auto Registration & Licensing

New residents in Omaha have 30 days after establishing residency to purchase license plates, register their vehicle and pay auto taxes. Automobiles are taxed as personal property. Titles and registrations can be processed at these Douglas County Treasurer office locations:

By mail at 1819 Farnam St, 402-444-7025

In person at:

North Branch - 7414 N 30th St

South Branch - 4202 S 50th St

Millard Branch - 5730 S 144th St

Maple Branch - 2910 N 108th St (drivers license only)

West Maple- 15335 W Maple Rd, Omaha, NE 68164 (title and registration)*

Midtown Branch - 411 N 84th St*

*No driver licensing services at this location.

Vehicles previously titled in another state must have their vehicles undergo a VIN number inspection, which is done at the Douglas County Sheriff's Vehicle Inspection Office located at 8338 Chicago Street, 402-444-7532 or 402-444-7536. The cost is \$10.00. (Make sure to do this first) Then you must bring your insurance and registration information to the County Treasurer's office (Douglas County, Omaha – 402-444-7103) (Sarpy County, Papillion 402-593-2143). To title your vehicle, you will need your out of state title and the inspection receipt. Licensing fees vary; there is a wheel tax and a motor vehicle tax which is based on your vehicle's value.

Driver's License

By law, you must get your Nebraska driver's license within 30 days of moving here. You will have to give them your current license in exchange for a new one. You can also register to vote while you get your license!

DMV Locations:

4606 N 56th St Ste 100, Omaha NE

17007 Burt St, Omaha, NE

Sarpy County DMV: 4502 Maass Rd (Hwy 370 at 48th St), Bellevue, NE

Voter Registration

- New residents living in Omaha can register to vote by mail or in person. You can register at the Election Commissioner's office located at 225 North 115th Street, Omaha, NE 68154, 402-444-VOTE, at any public library, or when renewing a driver's license.
- For Papillion residents, you can register at the Sarpy County Election Commission office located at 501 Olson Dr, Suite 4, Papillion, NE 68046, 402-593-2167.

Utilities

- **Omaha Public Power District (OPPD):** New customers 402-536-4131 for electric
- **Metropolitan Utilities District (MUD):** Serving the metro area including municipalities in 4 other counties. Located at 1723 Harney St. Call 402-554-6666 for gas and water connections.
- **Garbage, Recyclables and Yard Waste Collection:** within the **Omaha city limits** go to <http://www.wasteline.org/mybin/>
- **Garbage, Recyclables and Yard Waste Collection:** For **Sarpy County** residents see <http://www.bellevue.net/Information/Trash-Recycling> or <http://www.premierwastesolutions.com/>

*Residents outside the Omaha city limits, in unincorporated areas or sanitary improvement districts (SID), should make arrangements with private contractors for garbage collection.

Libraries

The Omaha Public Library system consists of 13 convenient locations, with a brand new location set to open in 2026 ! Your card works at all 13-so enjoy exploring them all! They host regular storytimes and events for children. If you live in Sarpy County, check out Sump Memorial Library!

Free Education

The University of Nebraska in Omaha offers 15 credits a year to the families of medical residents at UNMC. FREE classes up to a certain amount of credits per quarter. These can only be applied to undergrad classes. If there is anything we can help support you in your education, please reach out to a member of the presidency. For more information contact the registrar's office at <http://www.unomaha.edu/registrar/>

Information Centers

There are so many wonderful things to do in Omaha that it is hard to mention them all in this packet but here are some helpful links about the city of Omaha and things to do and see here.

Greater Omaha Convention and Visitors Bureau: Has flyers and brochures about area attractions, plus a knowledgeable and helpful staff. 1620 Dodge Street, 402-444-4660

Nebraska Game and Parks Commission: purchase hunting and fishing licenses at these locations.

Momaha: The family focused section of the Omaha World Herald.

Family Fun in Omaha: Posts monthly events and descriptions of things happening around the community for families.

Council Bluffs Area Chamber of Commerce-149 W Broadway, Council Bluffs, IA 51503, (712) 325-1000

Iowa Information Center: Council Bluffs, Iowa, Exit 1B on I-80, follow signs to the center. A unique drive to the center – through a prairie setting to a beautiful facility that serves as a tourism info center for Iowa.

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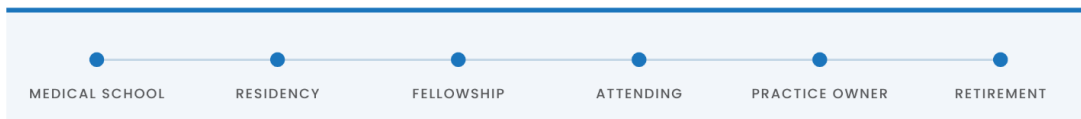


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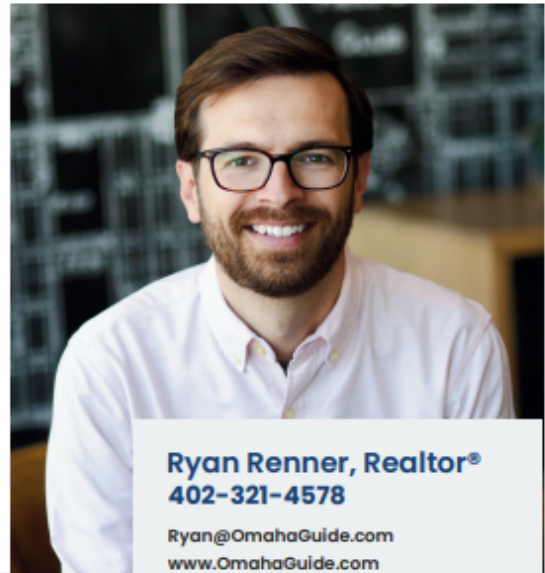
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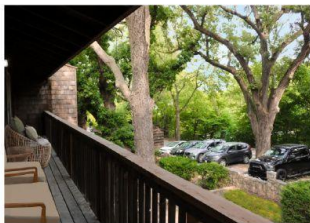
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