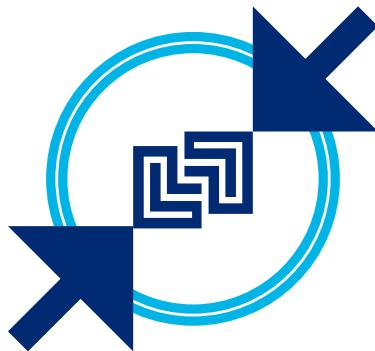


# LA VISTA

## COMMUNITY *Guide*

SPRING/SUMMER 2023





# Come together.

Whether La Vista is your home, or you come here to work and play, you're welcome here. There are community events and activities happening all across the City this spring and summer, and you're invited to come be part of the excitement.

This Community Guide puts all the information you need about City happenings at your fingertips. Dive into this resource and learn about the celebrations, events, recreation and library activities planned in the community. Then, make plans to come together with your friends and neighbors to have fun and make memories in La Vista.

**Love, La Vista**



## YOUR GUIDE TO LA VISTA

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## GET SOCIAL

Stay connected to the City of La Vista on social media! We regularly post information about upcoming events and new programming, as well as updates on our projects.



@CityofLaVistaGovernment  
@LaVistaPolice

@cityoflavista  
@lavistapolice

@cityoflavista  
@lavistapolice  
@lavistalibraryyouth

YouTube.com/CityofLaVista

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# ELECTED OFFICIALS

## Mayor



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## City Council Ward 4

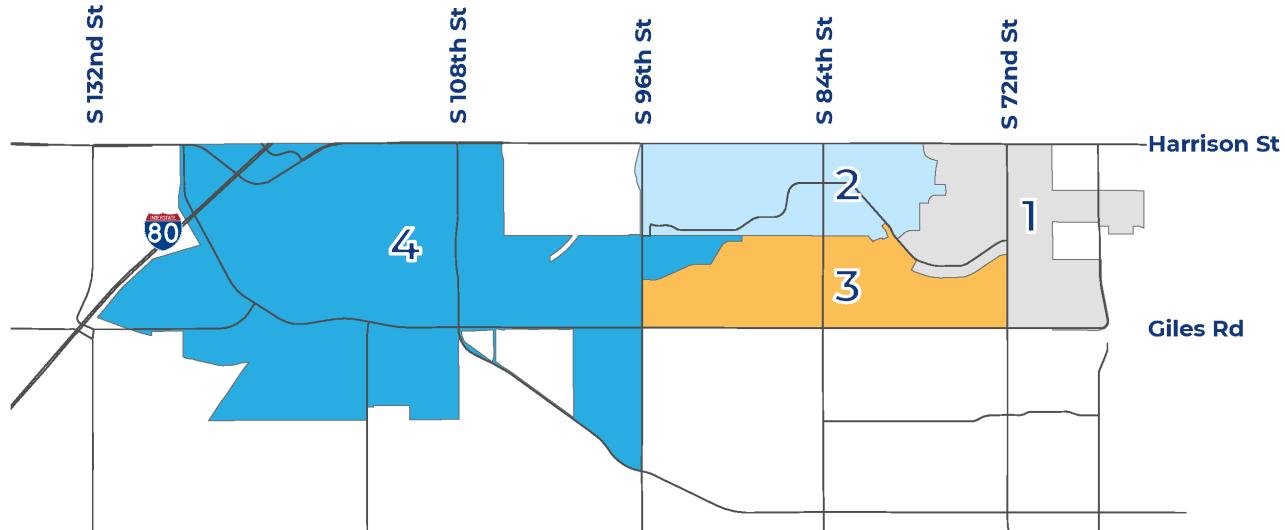


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## City Council Ward Map



## Council Meetings

City Council meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at City Hall in the Harold "Andy" Anderson Council Chambers at 6 p.m. All meetings are open to the public, and residents are encouraged to attend.

The meeting agenda can be found at [CityofLaVista.org/Agenda](http://CityofLaVista.org/Agenda) after 4 p.m. the Friday prior to the meeting. City Council Ward Maps can be found at [CityofLaVista.org/WardMaps](http://CityofLaVista.org/WardMaps).



# GENERAL INFORMATION

## **City Hall**

**8116 Park View Blvd. | 402.331.4343**  
Monday–Thursday: 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
1st & 3rd Tuesdays: 8 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
Friday: 8 a.m. - Noon

## **Community Development**

**8110 Park View Blvd. | 402.593.6400**  
Monday–Thursday: 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
(Closed Noon - 1 p.m. for lunch)  
Friday: 8 a.m. - Noon

## **Human Resources**

**8116 Park View Blvd. | 402.331.4343**  
Monday–Thursday: 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Friday: 8 a.m. - Noon

## **Library**

**9110 Giles Road | 402.537.3900**  
Monday–Thursday: 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
Friday–Saturday: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Sunday: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

## **Police Department**

**7701 S. 96th St.  
402.331.1582 (Business Line)  
911 (Emergencies)**  
Monday–Friday: 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

## **Public Works**

**9900 Portal Road | 402.331.8927**  
After-hours Emergencies: 402.593.4111  
Monday–Friday: 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

## **Recreation Department & Community Center**

**8116 Park View Blvd. | 402.331.3455**  
Rainouts: 402.697.7756  
Monday–Friday (year-round): 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
Saturday (September–April): 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Saturday (May–August): 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Sunday (September–April): 1 - 9 p.m.  
Sunday (May–August): CLOSED

# 2023 HOLIDAY OBSERVANCES & CLOSURES

The City observes the following holidays. Check our social media for more information.

- New Year's Day
- Independence Day
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Labor Day
- President's Day
- Columbus Day
- Memorial Day
- Thanksgiving
- Day After Thanksgiving
- Christmas Day



## COMMUNITY RESOURCES

<i>Black Hills Energy</i> .....	888.890.5554
<i>Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)</i>	
<i>Driver Licensing</i> .....	402.292.0141
<i>Diggers Hotline of Nebraska</i> .....	811
<i>Garbage Service</i>	
<i>Abe's Trash</i> .....	402.468.5434
<i>Deffenbaugh Industries</i> .....	402.731.3333
<i>Gretna Sanitation</i> .....	402.332.4710
<i>Papillion Sanitation</i> .....	402.346.7800
<i>Waste Management</i> .....	402.731.0138
<i>La Vista Community Foundation</i> .....	402.960.9625
<i>Metro Community College Sarpy County</i> .....	531.622.3850
<i>Metropolitan Utilities District (MUD)</i> .....	402.554.6666
<i>NE Humane Society, Licensing</i> .....	402.444.6716
<i>Omaha Public Power District (OPPD)</i> .....	402.536.4131
<i>Papillion La Vista Community Schools</i> .....	402.537.6200
<i>Sarpy County</i>	
<i>Assessor</i> .....	402.593.2122
<i>Attorney</i> .....	402.593.2230
<i>County Clerk</i> .....	402.593.2105
<i>Health Department</i> .....	402.339.4334
<i>Human Services</i> .....	402.593.4414
<i>Register of Deeds</i> .....	402.593.5773
<i>Sheriff</i> .....	402.593.2288
<i>Tourism</i> .....	402.332.5771
<i>Treasurer</i> .....	402.593.2143
<i>Vehicle Titles, Registration</i> .....	402.593.2148
<i>Sarpy County Chamber of Commerce</i> .....	402.339.3050
<i>Special Services Bus</i>	
<i>Information</i> .....	402.331.3455
<i>Reservations</i> .....	402.657.3550
<i>United States Postal Service</i>	
<i>Papillion – La Vista Branch</i> .....	402.331.4978



## DIGITAL MEDIA POLICY

SMILE! You could be on the next cover! The City of La Vista reserves the right to use images, videos and/or photographs of anyone in any activity, park, library or public place in present and/or future printed publications, videos, the City's website, or social media for promotional and/or informational purposes—unless told otherwise at the time the image, video or photograph is taken. If you prefer that you or your child not be photographed or filmed, please notify the photographer in advance.

## SECTION 504 / ADA NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

The City of La Vista is committed to making reasonable accommodations for disabled persons, as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. Requests for accommodations must be made at least five (5) business days prior to the activity.

The City of La Vista does not discriminate on the basis of disability with regard to programs, services or activities. The City of La Vista also does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices.

This notice is provided as required by Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Questions, complaints or requests for additional information or accommodation regarding the ADA and Section 504 may be forwarded to the designated ADA and Section 504 compliance coordinator at [CityClerk@CityofLaVista.org](mailto:CityClerk@CityofLaVista.org) or **402.331.4343**.

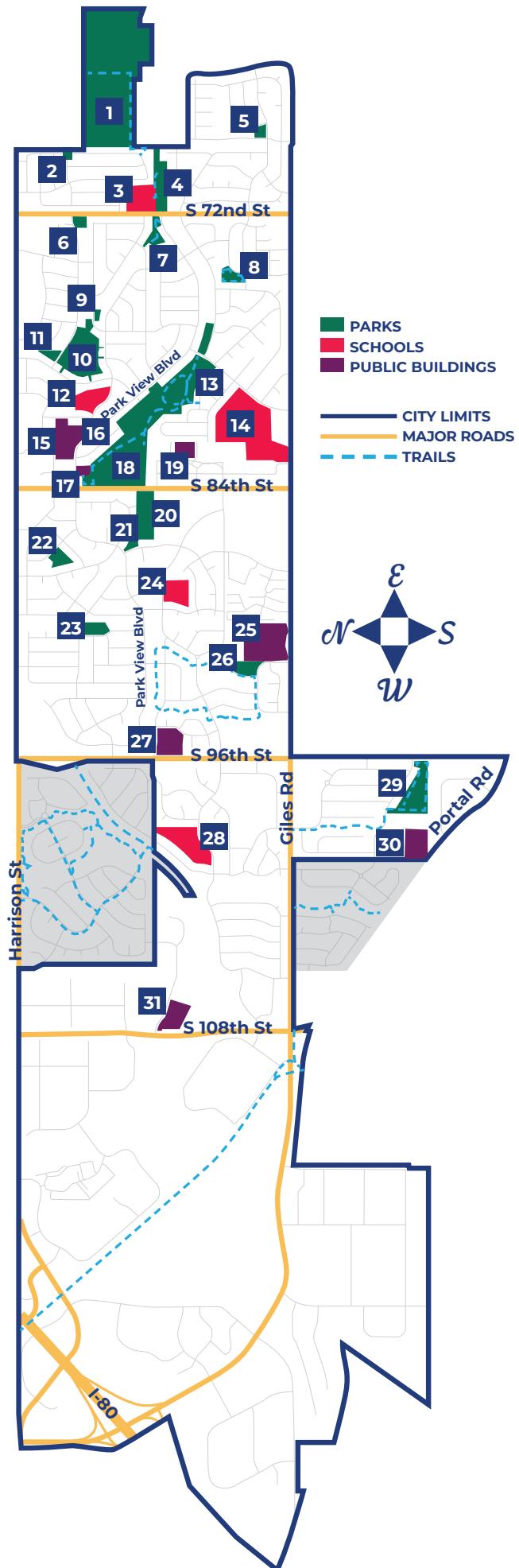
### Did we goof?

The programs in this guide were scheduled several months in advance. The City of La Vista reserves the right to change program schedules to accommodate demand or for facility use conflicts. We will correct any changes in locations, times, dates and fees online at [CityofLaVista.org/EventGuide](http://CityofLaVista.org/EventGuide).



# PUBLIC FACILITIES

1. La Vista Sports Complex	7346 S. 66th St.
2. Eberle-Walden Park	7215 S. 69th St.
3. G. Stanley Hall Elementary	7600 S. 72nd St.
4. Mayor's Park	7651 S. 72nd St.
5. Ardmore Park	6830 Michelle Ave.
6. Children's Park	72nd and Josephine St.
7. Apollo Park	7206 Park View Blvd.
8. Giles Corner Park	7514 Michelle Ave.
9. Hollis Park	7525 Joseph Ave.
10. City Park	7629 Josephine St.
11. Triangle Park	7636 Josephine St.
12. La Vista West Elementary	7821 Terry Dr.
13. Central Park East	7702 Edgewood Blvd.
14. La Vista Middle School	7900 Edgewood Blvd.
15. City Hall/Community Center	8116 Park View Blvd.
16. Fire Station #4/Community Development	8110 Park View Blvd.
17. Santa's Workshop	8305 Park View Blvd.
18. Central Park	8305 Park View Blvd.
19. City Centre Parking Garage #1	8121 City Centre Dr.
20. Swimming Pool	7529 S. 85th St.
21. Central Park West	7601 S. 85th St.
22. Camenzind Park	7120 Wood Lane Dr.
23. Jaycee Park	7105 Harvest Hills Dr.
24. Parkview Heights Elementary	7609 S. 89th St.
25. Public Library/MCC Sarpy Center	9110 Giles Rd.
26. Southwind Park	8120 S. 92nd St.
27. Police Department	7701 S. 96th St.
28. Portal Elementary	9920 Brentwood Dr.
29. Val Verde Park	9807 Centennial Rd.
30. Public Works	9900 Portal Rd.
31. Fire Station #1	10727 Chandler Rd.



## Did You Know?

You can rent one of our park shelters or fields for special events! If interested, please visit our online reservation site at [CityofLaVista.org/Active](http://CityofLaVista.org/Active) or contact the Recreation Department at **402.331.3455**.

# PARK AMENITIES

PARK	AMENITY	BASEBALL FIELD	BASKETBALL COURT	BENCHES	COMMUNITY GARDEN	CONCESSIONS	DOG PARK	ELECTRICITY	FOOTBALL FIELD	GAGA BALL PIT	GAZEBO	GREEN SPACE	HORSESHOE PIT	OFF-STREET PARKING	LAKE	LITTLE LIBRARY	PICKLE BALL COURT	PICNIC TABLES	PICNIC SHELTER	PLAYGROUND	PLAYGROUND SOFT SURFACE	POOL	REMOTE AIRPLANE FLYING FIELD	RESTROOMS	SAND VOLLEYBALL COURT	SOCCER FIELD	SOFTBALL FIELD	TEENNIS COURT	TRAILS/WALKING PATHS	WATER FOUNTAIN
APOLLO PARK 7206 PARK VIEW BLVD.																														
ARDMORE PARK 6830 MICHELLE AVE.																														
CAMENZIND PARK 7120 WOOD LANE DR.																														
CENTRAL PARK 8305 PARK VIEW BLVD.																														
CENTRAL PARK EAST 7702 EDGEWOOD BLVD.																														
CENTRAL PARK WEST 7601 S. 85TH ST.																														
CHILDREN'S PARK 72ND AND JOSEPHINE ST.																														
CITY PARK 7629 JOSEPHINE ST.																														
EBERLE-WALDEN PARK 7215 S. 69TH ST.																														
GILES CORNER PARK 7514 MICHELLE AVE.																														
HOLLIS PARK 7525 JOSEPH AVE.																														
JAYCEE PARK 7105 HARVEST HILLS DR.																														
MAYOR'S PARK 7651 S. 72ND ST.																														
SOUTHWIND PARK 8120 S. 92ND ST.																														
SPORTS COMPLEX 7346 S. 66TH ST.																														
SWIMMING POOL 7529 S. 85TH ST.																														
TRIANGLE PARK 7636 JOSEPHINE ST.																														
VAL VERDE PARK 9807 CENTENNIAL RD.																														



YAPPY HOUR

# FAMILY-FRIENDLY EVENTS

## MARCH MADNESS BASKETBALL SKILLS CHALLENGE

Tuesday, March 7

Community Center

Registration: 5:30-6 p.m.

Competition starts at 6 p.m.

Must register on day of event ONLY!

**Boys Divisions:** 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th grades

**Girls Divisions:** 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th grades

We're bringing a bit of March Madness to La Vista with a youth basketball skills competition! Boys and girls in grades 3-8 are invited to show off their skills in a three-part challenge that includes:

**1) OBSTACLE COURSE**

**2) HOT SHOT**

**3) FREE THROW CONTEST**

An overall champion from each age division will be crowned based on the combined scores from the three events. Join us at the La Vista Community Center and give it a shot! **Cost: Free**



## EASTER EGG HUNT AND FOOD DRIVE

Saturday, April 8

La Vista Sports Complex (Softball/Baseball Fields)

**Gates Open 9:45 a.m.; Start 10:30 a.m.**

More than 16,000 eggs will be spread out between four fields! This event draws a large amount of people, so plan to come early to allow time to park and walk to the fields. We will also be collecting food and cash donations for the NeighborGood Community Pantry. **Cost: Free**

**New this year, all age groups will start at the same time to help keep each field age appropriate and safer for all the kids. All fields will start at 10:30 a.m.**

**FIELDS #2 & #3** Ages 4 and under

**FIELD #4** Ages 5-7

**FIELD #1** Ages 8-10



## ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

Thursday, April 27, 10 a.m.

Southwind Park

Bring your children to enjoy a storybook walk in the park followed by a tree planting and a sit-down storytime with a La Vista librarian. Afterwards, take home free saplings and special gifts for the children while supplies last. **Cost: Free**

## SPRING KITE FESTIVAL

Sunday, May 7, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

La Vista Soccer Complex (7346 S. 66th Street)

Let's go fly a kite! Families are invited to join us for a free afternoon of kite-flying fun. You will see some of the world's largest and most creative kites. Bring your own kites to fly and a bag to collect candy from the kite candy drops, which take place throughout the event. **Cost: Free**

## HOMETOWN HEROES

Thursday, May 25, 6 p.m.

Blue Star Memorial outside City Hall

Join us as we honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our great country. On hand to help celebrate will be Mayor Douglas Kindig, American Legion Post 32, Papillion-La Vista High School musicians, special guest speakers, the La Vista Police Department and Tri-City Police Chaplains. **Cost: Free**



## SALUTE TO SUMMER FESTIVAL

Saturday, May 27, 12 p.m.-12 a.m.

La Vista City Hall Campus & Community Center

La Vista's lively one-day celebration is free for the entire family! Start your Saturday off at noon with the annual parade along Park View Boulevard. Then join us for the community cookout. Free activities, fun challenges and entertainment will take place outdoors and indoors all day. Live music, food trucks, beer gardens, a car show and a unique drone and fireworks display will round out the evening. It's going to be 12 hours of fun you don't want to miss. Make plans to kick off your summer with us!



## YOUTH TALENT COMPETITION

The Omaha Mobile Stage will host a talent show during Salute to Summer for youth ages 3-19. Register now at [omahamobilestage.org](http://omahamobilestage.org).



[SalutetoSummer.org](http://SalutetoSummer.org)

# Want to volunteer?



Love our City events? Become part of our volunteer crew and get a closer look at the action.

Visit [CityofLaVista.org/Volunteer](http://CityofLaVista.org/Volunteer) and sign up to volunteer (14 and older) at one or more of our spring and summer events. You'll score some cool La Vista gear for volunteering your time, and you'll have an insider's view of our events.

## DINO-MANIA!

Thursday, June 15, 2-3 p.m.

La Vista Public Library

Families and dinosaur enthusiasts are invited to join us and learn all about dinosaurs. **Cost: Free**

# BUY SELL

## MINGLE WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS

FREE EVENT

### COMMUNITY GARAGE SALES

Saturday, June 10, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

Citywide

Back by popular demand! The City of La Vista will host a Community Garage Sale event again this June. All La Vista residents are invited to host a garage sale at their home on Saturday, June 10. The City will advertise the sales, provide free garage sale signs and design a printable map of all participating residences.

Register by May 29 to have your address included on the City map on our website.

City-made signs will be available for pickup at the La Vista Public Library during normal operating hours on June 8 and June 9. Please return your yard sign after your garage sale is complete. **Cost: Free**



FREE EVENT

### TRIVIA NIGHTS

Wednesdays June 14, July 12, August 9; 6 p.m.

Heights Draft Room (7861 Main St., Suite H)

Grab your friends and join us on the 2nd Wednesday of the summer months to test your wits and try to win prizes playing trivia. Santiago's Mexican Food Truck will be on site selling tasty food, and the Heights will offer a full range of beverages for purchase. Teams can be made up of 2-4 people, and pre-registration is not required. **Cost: Free**

FREE EVENT

### YAPPY HOUR

Wednesday, June 28, 4-6 p.m.

La Vista's Dog Park at Southwind Park (8120 S. 92nd Ave.)

Bring your favorite furry little buddy for a family-friendly happy hour outing to meet other besties and their dogs! Complimentary lemonade and donuts will be provided for humans by Sweet Treats Mini Donuts Food Truck. Dogs can enjoy special treats from Long Dog Fat Cat and City of La Vista swag items. **Cost: Free**



FREE EVENT

## SPLASH BASH

Sunday, July 9, 1-4 p.m.

La Vista Municipal Swimming Pool (7529 S. 85th St.)

Enjoy some sun and a fun-filled day at the pool with a live DJ, door prizes and free hot dog lunches (while supplies last) provided by the Mayor and members of the La Vista City Council. **Cost: Free**

FREE EVENT

## YOUTH POLICE ACADEMY

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday,

July 11-13, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

La Vista Police Department

The Youth Police Academy (YPA) is designed to provide middle school students with a better understanding of law enforcement practices. The academy introduces participants to the field of law enforcement and provides an opportunity for youth and police officers to connect. Students attend a mock police academy involving lectures, role-playing, topical demonstrations and team-building exercises.

The academy includes structured activities designed to highlight four cardinal work principals: teamwork, leadership, communication and problem solving/conflict resolution. There is no cost to attend the academy. Class size is limited to 20 participants. Lunch and a t-shirt will be provided.

Topics include: How to Become a Police Officer, SWAT, CSI, K9, Juvenile Justice Center, 911 Call Center, Stop the Bleed training and other interactive learning activities oriented around law enforcement.

Registration opens May 1 at [LaVistaPolice.org](http://LaVistaPolice.org).

**Cost: Free**

**Ages: 12-14, La Vista Residents Only**

FREE EVENT

## HYDRANT PARTY

Thursday, July 13, 3 p.m.

City Hall Campus

Come cool off with the giant sprinkler provided by our local firefighters. Water toys and squirt guns will also be available for your enjoyment. **Cost: Free**

FREE EVENT

## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Tuesday, August 1

*Time and Location TBD*

Make plans to join us for a fun evening of community togetherness and friendly conversation with members of our La Vista Police Department. This is a great chance to get to know the men and women who work hard to make La Vista a safe place. **Cost: Free**



# LA VISTA LIVE & LOCAL OUTDOOR CONCERTS

*Fourth Friday of  
June/July/August, 5 p.m.*

Enjoy free live music from local favorites and up-and-comers on the 4th Friday of the month during the dog days of summer. Lawn chairs, blankets and dancing shoes are encouraged. Bring your own picnic dinner or buy something tasty from the visiting food truck.

Each La Vista Live & Local concert will start with an acoustic opener at 6 p.m. Main acts begin around 7 p.m. Food trucks open at 5 p.m.

## MOONLIGHT MOVIES

*Second Friday of June/July/August at dusk*

Join us outdoors for free movies on the big screen. Blankets, chairs, and picnics are encouraged. Supporting community partner Alamo Draft House Cinema will provide prizes for raffle drawings before each show.

**Friday, June 9 (Central Park)**  
**Top Gun: Maverick (PG-13)**

**Friday, July 14 (Central Park)**  
**Black Panther:  
Wakanda Forever (PG-13)**

**Friday, August 11, (La Vista Public Library)**  
**Dungeons and Dragons:  
Honor Among Thieves (PG-13)**



**Friday, June 23 (Central Park)**  
**7 p.m. - Finding Dixie**  
**6 p.m. - Guitars for Vets**  
**5 p.m. - Pulled BBQ food truck**

**Friday, July 28 (Central Park)**  
**7 p.m. - Tyler Anthony Band**  
**6 p.m. - Johnny Rod Acoustic**  
**5 p.m. - Hawk's Pizza food truck**

**Friday, August 25  
(La Vista Public Library)**  
**7 p.m. - Funk Trek**  
**6 p.m. - David Downing**  
**5 p.m. - BVM the Fries Guys food truck**

*Central Park events held at 8305 Park View Blvd.  
Library events held at 9110 Giles Rd.*



PRESCHOOL PLAYTIME



**RECREATION**

# FROM THE DIRECTOR



**Scott Stopak,  
Recreation Director**

## RECREATION CONTACTS

**DIRECTOR**

Scott Stopak

**ASST. DIRECTOR**

David Karlson

**YOUTH & ADULT SPORTS MANAGER**

Denny Dinan

**SENIOR SERVICES MANAGER**

Kaily Stanley

**COMMUNITY EVENTS COORDINATOR**

Brian Allen

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

Sue Tangeman

## LA VISTA COMMUNITY CENTER

8116 Park View Blvd., La Vista, NE 68128  
402.331.3455 | [CityofLaVista.org/Recreation](http://CityofLaVista.org/Recreation)  
[Recreation@CityofLaVista.org](mailto:Recreation@CityofLaVista.org)



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Welcome to the La Vista Recreation Department, where we strive to provide enjoyable recreational experiences for people of all ages and abilities through a variety of programs, activities and services.

La Vista's park and recreation system offers a wonderful network of community and neighborhood parks, natural areas and open spaces, pathways and trails, recreation facilities and year-round leisure activities.

Whether you're a resident or visitor, we invite you to take advantage of the many recreational opportunities in the City. Get active by walking or biking on our trails, joining a fitness class at the Community Center, visiting the swimming pool with your family or participating in activities at the Senior Center. Boost your mental and physical wellness by taking a class, enjoying a picnic at a park, growing vegetables in one of our community gardens or enjoying an outdoor concert with friends on a summer night. There are options for everyone to enjoy right here in La Vista.

It's easy to neglect health and wellbeing in today's fast-paced world. The La Vista Recreation Department is committed to making it easier to prioritize both health and wellness by ensuring that every resident has opportunities to experience outstanding recreational activities and park facilities that enhance quality of life. We constantly work to help foster health and fitness, relationships with family and friends and a sense of pride within our community.

We aim to give our patrons the very best we have to offer in recreation, parks and cultural arts opportunities. We encourage all members of the community to join us and participate in parks and recreational activities. Now is a great time to get started – we have so many recreation opportunities available this spring and summer.

## WHAT IS A RECREATION DEPARTMENT?

The Recreation Department enhances the quality of life in our community by providing leisure and wellness programs, activities, events and gathering places for people of all ages.



## HOURS

**Monday-Friday (year-round):** 8 a.m.-9 p.m.

**Saturday (September-April):** 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

**Saturday (May-August):** 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

**Sunday (September-April):** 1-9 p.m.

**Sunday (May-August):** CLOSED

**Adults only (Monday-Friday):** 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

**Youth 8-18 (Monday-Friday):** 3-9 p.m.

**Youth 8-18 (Monday-Friday  
on scheduled school days off)** 1:30-9 p.m.

*Does not include days off for inclement weather.*

# FACILITIES

## DROP-IN FEES

These costs are for use of open gym, the fitness center and the game room.

- Resident adult (19+): \$3
- Non-resident adult (19+): \$4
- Resident youth (under 19): Free
- Resident senior (55+): Free
- Non-resident senior (55+ for fitness room): \$2
- A.M. Walking Club (gym only): Free



## LA VISTA CITY FIELDS

The City of La Vista has baseball, softball, flag football and soccer fields available at La Vista Sports Complex, City Park and Central Park West. The fields open the first week of April and close on October 31, weather permitting. These fields are available through permit only from the Recreation Department. The fee for obtaining a permit is \$40 per two hours per field. Tournament rates vary.

To request a field or if you are interested in hosting a tournament, please contact Denny Dinan at **402.331.3455**. All field requests must be submitted at least 24 hours in advance. *Please note: We do not begin accepting field requests for the following year until October of the current year.*

For more information, visit [CityofLaVista.org/Fields](http://CityofLaVista.org/Fields).

For updates on field conditions and rainouts (updated and available after 3:30 p.m. Mon-Fri & after 7:30 a.m. Sat & Sun), please call **402.697.7756**.

## FITNESS CENTER

Our fitness center offers state-of-the-art weight equipment, such as a free-motion dual-cable cross station, Hoist multi-gym, Smith Machine, and dumbbells up to 50 pounds. We also offer exercise mats and a multi-purpose pull-up bar. For cardiovascular exercise, you will find some of the finest aerobic equipment available, including treadmills, Air-dyne bike, Precor upright bike, Nautilus recumbent bikes, Cybex Arc cross trainer, and Precor and Matrix cross trainers.

## HOURS

Monday - Friday (year-round) 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Saturday (September-April) 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Saturday (May to through August) 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Sunday (September-April) 1-9 p.m.

Sunday (May through August) Closed

La Vista Residents, \$3, Non-Residents \$4, Senior Residents (55+) Free, Non-Resident Seniors (55+) \$2.

Non-resident adults are only allowed in the fitness center Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Youth are not allowed in the fitness room, must be 19 and above.

## Punch Cards

Resident: \$50/20 punches

Non-resident: \$35/10 punches

Non-resident Senior: \$20/10 punches

## Monthly Memberships

Resident (19+): \$27/month

*Includes exercise room, gym, racquetball/wallyball*

## RACQUETBALL/WALLYBALL

The La Vista Community Center currently has one court available that can be reserved for racquetball or wallyball. To reserve a court time, call **402.331.3455**.

**Cost:** Resident: \$7/hour; Non-resident: \$10/hour

**Ages:** Must be 18 and out of high school to rent

## OPEN GYM

Shoot hoops, run off some energy or take a relaxing walk around the gym. Grab the kids or bring a friend and enjoy! Due to daily activities in the gym, please call **402.331.3455** before you arrive to ensure the gym is available.

## INDOOR WALKING CLUB

### Weekdays, 8-9 a.m.

The Community Center gym is open for all La Vista residents and seniors in the surrounding areas for walking. There may be other activities happening in the gym during this hour, but walking is still allowed most days.

**Cost:** Free

**Age:** Adults 19+

## OVER 35 ADULT DROP-IN BASKETBALL

### Wednesdays & Fridays, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

**Cost:** Residents—\$3, Non-residents—\$4

**Age:** Adults 35+

## PICKLEBALL

This fast-growing sport can be played both indoors and outdoors in La Vista.

### OUTDOOR COURTS

The three tennis courts at Central Park are multipurpose courts that can be used to play both tennis and pickleball. Different colored lines were added to the tennis courts for pickleball, and the existing tennis net can be used for either sport. Please note that the nets were taken down during the winter months and will be put back up in the spring.

### INDOOR COURTS

Two courts are in the Community Center gymnasium. If you don't have your own equipment, we have paddles and balls you can check out at the front desk. Please call for times, availability and fees, or visit

[CityofLaVista.org/Recreation](http://CityofLaVista.org/Recreation).

## COMMUNITY GARDENS

The City of La Vista offers space in three City parks for residents to rent garden plots. Community garden plots are rented on an annual basis from February 1 through October 31.

Garden plots are available for rent in the following parks:

**Camenzind Park**  
7120 Wood Lane Drive

4'x12' plots

4'x8' plots

**Hollis Park**  
7521 Joseph Street

4'x12' plots

4'x8' plots

**Jaycee Park**  
7323 Harvest Hills Drive

4'x12' plots

La Vista residents should visit the Community Center to reserve a garden plot. To register for a plot, residents must complete a rental contract, read and acknowledge that they have read the entirety of the La Vista Community Gardens Rules and Guidelines.

**Cost:** \$20

## REFUND POLICY

### Youth Sport Leagues/Special Events/Activities

Requests for refunds must be received prior to the FIRST scheduled game, swim lesson, activity or special event, and may be subject to a \$10 service charge. Equipment and/or clothing fees may be assessed.

Request for refunds due to illness or injury will be refunded a partial credit and subject to a \$10 service charge. Equipment and/or clothing fee may be assessed. Written verification by a physician is required. No refunds will be made for illness or injury after the midpoint of the season.

No refunds for pool passes or resident tags will be issued.

### Adult Sport Leagues

Requests for refunds must be made at least two weeks prior to the beginning of the scheduled activity and may be subject to a \$50 service charge. No other refunds will be issued.

### Facility Rental

Request for refunds must be made at least 10 days prior to the reservation date and may be subject to a 20% service charge. No other refunds will be issued.





# POOL TO OPEN MAY 27

The City of La Vista is working to open the La Vista Municipal Swimming Pool for all patrons this summer. The pool is scheduled to open on May 27 and close on September 4 (Labor Day). Memberships, passes and swimming lesson registrations will be sold beginning May 1. There will be no pre-registration or reservations taken in advance of this date. For more information, contact the Community Center at **402.331.3455**.

## 2023 POOL HOURS

Open May 27-September 4

May 27-August 6: Open daily 1-9 p.m.

The pool will close Tuesday & Thursday evenings 5:45-7 p.m. July 5-28 for swimming lessons.

August 7-September 4:

Mon. thru Thurs.:	Closed
Fri., Sat., & Sun.:	Limited hrs
Labor Day (Sept. 4)	Limited hrs

## DAILY ADMISSION FEES

Youth 5 yrs. & under: Free

Youth resident (6-17) with Tag: \$2

Youth non-resident: \$4

Adult resident with Tag: \$3

Adult non-resident: \$4

## TAGS & PASSES

Resident tag (one-time purchase): \$2

Youth resident season pass: \$65

Youth non-resident season pass: \$95

Adult resident season pass: \$75

Adult non-resident season pass: \$105

Family resident season pass: \$105

Family non-resident season pass: \$165

Daycare season pass: \$275

30-day pass booklet (resident): \$55

30-day pass booklet (non-resident): \$85

*Season passes and resident tags must be purchased at the Community Center. Tags and/or passes may be purchased beginning on May 1.*

## SWIMMING LESSONS

SESSION	DATES	TIMES
Day	Session 1: June 5-17 Session 2: June 19-30 Session 3: July 10-21	Pre-beginner: 11 a.m., Noon Level 1: 11 a.m., Noon Level 2: 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Level 3: 10 a.m., Noon Level 4: 10 a.m. Level 5: 9 a.m. Level 6: 9 am.
Evening	July 5-28 Tues. & Thurs. only	Pre-beginner: 6-6:45 p.m. Level 1: 6-6:45 p.m. Level 2: 6-6:45 p.m. Level 3: 6-6:45 p.m.

**COST:** Resident—\$30 Non-resident—\$55

Day sessions are held Mondays through Thursdays. Fridays are rainout days. Minimum age for pre-beginners is 4 years old. All classes are 45 minutes.

Evening sessions are held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-6:45 p.m. and are for pre-beginners through level 3 only.

Registration begins May 1. Register online at [CityofLaVista.org/SwimmingLessons](http://CityofLaVista.org/SwimmingLessons) or call the Community Center at **402.331.3455**.



## PRESCHOOL PLAY TIME

**Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.**

Zip around the gym on our tricycles and Cozy Coupe cars, play preschool-sized basketball, kick balls or just run, jump and play with others! It's a great playdate for kids and parents! Please do not bring your own bikes, tricycles or scooters. Special preschool activities are planned during the following dates/times:

**March 9, 10 a.m. - Follow the Leader**

**April 13, 10 a.m. - Musical Chairs**

**May 11, 10 a.m. - Balloon Party**

**Cost:** Free

**Ages:** Preschool (with Adult)

## KIDS CAN RUN

**Summer session details coming soon**

Omaha Kids Can Run Club is a running and empowerment program for children of all fitness levels. We transform traditional running games and drills into powerful life lessons that help children unleash their growth mindset. Parents, know when children are with us, they are getting a great workout and building strength of character. No equipment is necessary, just comfortable clothes and shoes suitable for running and playing.

More details about the summer dates/times and registration will be released this spring. Please watch the monthly newsletter for updates or contact Tiffani Frost at **402.881.0137** for more information.

## KINDERDANCE

**Wednesdays 5:30-6:30 p.m.**

Kinderdance of Omaha offers developmental dance, motor skills, gymnastics, music and fitness programs, blended with academics, specifically designed for young boys and girls. All programs are developmentally designed curriculums that teach to the total child. Kinderdance level 1 is offered at the La Vista Community Center. Class registration is available online at [kinderdanceomaha.com](http://kinderdanceomaha.com).

**Cost:** For fees & more info., contact Tiffany Banks at **531.281.9306** or email at [kinderdanceofomaha@gmail.com](mailto:kinderdanceofomaha@gmail.com).

**Age:** 3-5

## AIKIDO

**Monday & Thursday Nights**

The Sarpy Aikido Club is a Nebraska-based dojo teaching Aikikai style of Aikido under the organization of Aikido of Hawaii International (AHI). The school was founded by Ronald Christenham and has been serving the La Vista and Omaha area since 1991. For more information and to register, email Jeff Christenham at [j.a.christenham@gmail.com](mailto:j.a.christenham@gmail.com).

**Cost:** Beginner (Resident): \$25/month  
(Non-resident): \$30/month

Advanced (Resident): \$40/month  
(Non-resident): \$45/month

**Age:** Beginner (5-11): 6 - 7 p.m.  
Advanced (12+): 7 - 8:30 p.m.

## ZUMBINI WITH TYLER LAWRENCE

**Wednesdays, 9:30-10:15 a.m.**

**Next Session: March 29 - May 17**

Zumbini combines music, dance and educational tools for 45-minutes of can't-stop, won't-stop bonding and fun. Tap your toes, sing along and get lost in the only program to combine early-childhood development with the magical joy of Zumba® Fitness. Register at [Zumbini.com](http://Zumbini.com), or contact Tyler at [zumbiniwithtyler@gmail.com](mailto:zumbiniwithtyler@gmail.com) for more information.

**Cost:** First child is \$94.50, additional children \$45.50/each.  
Fee includes classes and take-home music so you can continue the fun and learning at home!

**Age:** 4 and under

# CHILDREN'S SPORTS

## FLAG FOOTBALL

The Recreation Department offers a youth flag football program for boys and girls grades K-6 in the spring and fall. The flag football program is part of the Sarpy County Flag Football League, which is dedicated to improving youth sports by teaching and developing skills promoting maximum participation and providing a fair, safe environment. All games are played on Saturdays at the La Vista Sports Complex, Papillion Landing, BJSA and/or Spirit Monarch flag football fields.

### REGISTRATION DETAILS

#### SPRING GAMES: APRIL 22-JUNE 10

**Grades:** Boys & Girls K-6 as of April 1, 2023

**Registration:** February 21-March 6

**Cost:** Resident—\$43, Non-resident—\$63

#### FALL GAMES: AUGUST 12-OCTOBER 7

**Grades:** Boys & Girls K-6 as of August 1, 2023

**Early-bird registration:** June 1-June 21

**Early-bird cost:** Resident—\$33, Non-resident—\$53

**Final registration:** June 22-July 5

**Final registration cost:** Resident—\$43

Non-resident—\$63

## VOLLEYBALL

The purpose of the Coed Youth Volleyball program is to provide a fun, safe league in an instructional environment where the youth of the community can enjoy sports. Our teams participate in the Bellevue Junior Sports Association Youth Volleyball League. Practices are held at the Community Center, and games are played on Saturday mornings/afternoons and some Mondays beginning in November at the Bellevue Junior Sports Association Center (1001 High School Drive, Bellevue).

### REGISTRATION DETAILS

#### GAMES BEGIN IN THE FALL

**Grades:** Boys and Girls 3rd-6th as of Fall 2023

**Early-bird registration:** August 1-September 12

**Early-bird cost:** Resident—\$55, Non-resident—\$65

**Final registration:** September 13-September 26

**Final registration cost:** Resident—\$65, Non-resident—\$75

## T-BALL

Coed t-ball is offered for children ages 5 & 6 in the summer of each year. This parent-participation t-ball program is designed to teach the basic fundamentals of baseball while having fun. Practices will tentatively start May 8th and are held at coach's discretion. Games are played on Saturday mornings beginning June 3 and ending July 15.

### REGISTRATION DETAILS

**Ages:** Boys and Girls 5-6 as of April 1

**Early-bird registration:** February 1-April 10

**Early-bird cost:** Resident—\$45

Non-resident—\$60

**Final registration:** April 11-April 24

**Final registration cost:** Resident—\$55,

Non-resident—\$70



## At Your Service

### Meet Jay Failla Recreation Attendant

As a Recreation Attendant for the City of La Vista, Jay Failla is one of the first people you'll see when you visit the Community Center. Learn more about Jay and his experience as a member of the Recreation Department.

#### LV: How long have you worked for the City of La Vista?

**Jay:** My first day working for the City of La Vista's Recreation Department was June 19, 2008.

## SOCER ACADEMY AND LEAGUE

La Vista offers Academy and League soccer programs in the spring and fall for boys and girls ages 4-7. This program focuses on different soccer skills to develop each player with individual attention and maximum ball touches in a fun environment. Sessions are twice a week for five weeks — Academy training/practices are on Tuesdays with game situations/scrimmages on Saturdays.

## SOCER CLINIC

This is a parent-instructed clinic designed to teach the basic fundamentals of soccer to 3-year-old boys and girls while having fun. This clinic is comprised of 5 one-hour sessions to be held on Saturday mornings from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The 3-year-old Soccer Clinic is offered in the spring and fall.

## REGISTRATION DETAILS

### SPRING CLINIC: APRIL 15-MAY 13

**Ages:** Boys and Girls 3 as of April 1  
**Early-bird registration:** Jan 2-March 6  
**Early-bird cost:** Resident—\$17,  
                           Non-resident—\$22  
**Final registration:** March 7-March 27  
**Final registration cost:** Resident—\$27,  
                           Non-resident—\$32



## REGISTRATION DETAILS

### SPRING SESSION: APRIL 11-MAY 13

#### SPRING ACADEMY

**Ages:** Boys and Girls 4-5 as of April 1  
**Early-bird registration:** Jan 2-March 6  
**Early-bird cost:** Resident—\$33, Non-resident—\$53  
**Final registration:** March 7-March 27  
**Final registration cost:** Resident—\$43,  
                           Non-resident—\$63

#### SPRING LEAGUE

**Ages:** Boys and Girls 6-7 as of April 1  
**Early-bird registration:** Jan 2-March 6  
**Early-bird cost:** Resident—\$33, Non-resident—\$53  
**Final registration:** March 7-March 27  
**Final registration cost:** Resident—\$43,  
                           Non-resident—\$63

### FALL SESSION: SEPT. 12-OCT. 14

#### FALL ACADEMY

**Ages:** Boys and Girls 4-5 as of August 1  
**Early-bird registration:** June 1-July 18  
**Early-bird cost:** Resident—\$33, Non-resident—\$53  
**Final registration:** July 19-August 8  
**Final registration cost:** Resident—\$43,  
                           Non-resident—\$63

#### FALL LEAGUE

**Ages:** Boys and Girls 6-7 as of August 1  
**Early-bird registration:** June 1-July 18  
**Early-bird cost:** Resident—\$33, Non-resident—\$53  
**Final registration:** July 19-August 8  
**Final registration cost:** Resident—\$43,  
                           Non-resident—\$63

### LV: What is your favorite part of your job?

**Jay:** One of the things I enjoy most is mingling with the seniors who regularly visit the Community Center.

### LV: How does the Recreation Department help bring the community together?

**Jay:** I think our seasonal community events really encourage community togetherness. We offer a full schedule of summer events. Our Halloween events are always popular, too. Especially our Halloween Safe Night when my alter ego Zorro shows up to work for me.

### LV: What are your favorite programs or activities offered by the Recreation Department?

**Jay:** Definitely our Salute to Summer Festival!

### LV: What is something about La Vista's Recreation Department that the community might not know?

**Jay:** That there is an entire Recreation Department working hard inside the Community Center to offer a wide range of recreational opportunities and experiences. Occasionally, people who have lived in La Vista for a period of time come in and say they didn't know the Recreation Department was here within the Community Center.

### LV: What is one thing you like to do when you're not at work?

**Jay:** I like to garden, it's my summer passion. I also love to cook.

# TEEN & ADULT CLASSES

## Health & Wellness

### YOGA

Saturdays, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Sundays, 3-4:30 p.m. (September-April)

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 6-7:30 p.m.

This class is designed for beginner and intermediate students. The class format focuses on breathing & relaxation techniques, stretching, joint & gland exercises, Hatha Yoga postures and stress management techniques. For more info, contact Frank at [frankpferrante@gmail.com](mailto:frankpferrante@gmail.com).

**Cost:** \$7/class

**Age:** All ages

### OMAHA METRO ARMED COMBAT ACADEMY

Thursdays, 6-8:45 p.m.

Saturdays, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

The Omaha Metro Armed Combat Academy (OMACA) is a fencing school that provides instruction and sparring for Olympic-style fencing, classical style fencing, HEMA and lightsaber fencing for people with all levels of interest and skill. For more information, contact Cat Souliere at [omacagreenknights@gmail.com](mailto:omacagreenknights@gmail.com).

**Cost:** \$20/month    **Age:** All ages

### KENDO JAPANESE SWORD FIGHTING

Thursdays, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Saturdays, 9-11 a.m.

Kendo is a modern Japanese martial art, descended from Kenjutsu. This class uses two swords: the wooden Bokken and the bamboo Shinai. For more information, contact Mark Porter at **402.715.0500** or [learningkendo@cox.net](mailto:learningkendo@cox.net).

**Cost:** \$50/month    **Ages:** 10+

### WOMEN'S SELF-DEFENSE CLASS

Last Tuesday of selected months, 6-8:45 p.m.  
(Please call/email for dates)

These classes are designed to instruct women of all ages, sizes and skill levels in practical self-defense. We will dispel common self-defense myths, as well as teach basic tips and techniques on how to avoid becoming a victim. For more information, contact Claudia Brown-Jackman at **402.630.3169** or visit [shuurindojo.com](http://shuurindojo.com).

**Cost:** \$80/session    **Age:** All ages

### AIKIDO

Monday & Thursday Nights

The Sarpy Aikido Club is a Nebraska-based dojo teaching Aikikai style of Aikido under the organization of Aikido of Hawaii International (AHI). The school was founded by Ronald Christenham and has been serving the La Vista and Omaha area since 1991. For more information and to register, email Jeff Christenham at [j.a.christenham@gmail.com](mailto:j.a.christenham@gmail.com).

**Cost:** Beginner (Resident): \$25/month  
(Non-resident): \$30/month  
Advanced (Resident): \$40/month  
(Non-resident): \$45/month

**Age:** Beginner (5-11): 6 - 7 p.m.  
Advanced (12+): 7 - 8:30 p.m.





## MORNING INDOOR WALKING

Monday-Friday, 8-9 a.m.

The Community Center gym is open to all La Vista residents and seniors in the surrounding areas. Walking may be available beyond the scheduled times based on activity schedules.

Cost: Free    Age: 19+

## SAFE HANDS HEALING HANDS

Last Wednesday of selected months, 6-9 p.m.  
(Please call/email for dates)

This class is designed to teach compassionate self-defense and self-protection to caregivers and educators. Gentle techniques are taught to escape from hair grab, front and behind grabs, as well as choke holds and strikes. For more information, contact Claudia Brown-Jackman at **402.630.3169** or [claudia@safehandshealinghands.com](mailto:claudia@safehandshealinghands.com).

Cost: \$100    Age: 19+

## Fun for All

### MINIATURE CLUB

Third Sunday of the month, 1:30-3 p.m.

Miniature enthusiasts meet at the Community Center! Guests are always welcome. For more information contact Edna Bonney at **402.426.4626** or Lois Andres at **402.315.7280**.

Cost: Free    Age: All ages

## MODEL AIRPLANE LICENSE AND OUTDOOR FIELD TIMES

Take flight at the La Vista Soccer Complex, 1/4 mile south of Harrison on 66th Street. Flying licenses can be purchased at Hobby Town, USA. License includes one-year license and Midwest Performance Flyers Club membership. A.M.A. card required to purchase a license. Flying times posted at Hobby Town.

Cost: \$30 (resident), \$40 (non-resident)



# Dancing

## BALLROOM DANCE LESSONS

Wednesdays, 7 - 9 p.m. (Group Class)  
Private lessons by appointment

For more information, contact Terry Vargas at **402.639.2209**.

## BEGINNER BELLY DANCING

Tuesdays, 6-7 p.m.

Learn the basics of Raqs Sharqi style Belly Dance, or traditional dances from Egypt, Turkey and Greece. Learn fundamental hip, torso and arm movements in a low-impact and fun way! Combinations, choreography, and props such as veil and cymbals can be taught based on the group, and no experience is required. All ages and ability levels are welcome! Come shimmy and connect with this beautiful global dance form.

## INTERMEDIATE BELLY DANCING

Mondays, 6-7 p.m.

Move beyond the basics with adding layering techniques, prop work and group formations to foundational belly dance movements. Class is appropriate for those with at least one year of regular belly dance class experience, and combinations will be tailored to the technical level and interests of participants. It is suggested you attend several monthly sessions of beginner belly dance prior to enrolling in this class. Prop work such as cane, veil and finger cymbals will be taught, layering and specialty topics including folkloric and cultural/regional styles are approached in this class.

## PERFORMANCE TROUPE REHEARSAL

Tuesdays, 7-8 p.m.

This class requires instructor approval to join. At least two years of regular weekly belly dance/dance experience required. Please attend several of Elianae's intermediate sessions and discuss placement with her to decide if committing to the performance troupe is right for you.

Danielle "Elianae" Stone has over 20 years of experience in traditional Raqs Sharqi style Belly Dance and is Level 2 certified in the Salimpour School of Dance, as well as certified in Yoga, Barre and Fitness for older adults and special populations. She holds a BA in Dance and an MA in Health and Physical Activity and is excited to see you in class!

**Cost:** \$40 per month, or \$15 drop-in per class (if unable to commit to attending monthly class)

Please reserve your spot with Elianae on her website at [accelerationbellydancefitness.com](http://accelerationbellydancefitness.com), call **402.370.9021** or email Elianae at [elianaethebellydancer@gmail.com](mailto:elianaethebellydancer@gmail.com).

## BELLY DANCING

WITH DANIELLE "ELIANAE" STONE

### BEGINNER

Tuesdays, 6-7 p.m.

### INTERMEDIATE

Mondays, 6-7 p.m.

### PERFORMANCE TROUPE REHEARSAL

Tuesdays, 7-8 p.m.



# ADULT SPORTS

## SOFTBALL

Adult softball leagues are offered in the spring and fall. All games are played at the La Vista Sports Complex.

**Coed:** Friday

**Men:** Friday

### REGISTRATION DETAILS

**Spring Season:** April 14–August 4  
(Dates are subject to change)

**Fall Season:** August 25–October 13  
(Dates are subject to change)

### COST

**Spring Season Team Registration:**

Coed/Men—\$215

February 1–March 24 (or until league is full)

**Fall Season Team Registration:**

Coed/Men—\$120

June 1–August 1 (or until league is full)

**Forfeit Deposit Fee:**

Coed/Men—2 separate \$44 checks are required

**Umpire Fees:**

Coed/Men—\$22 per team/per game

Cash only, paid directly to the umpire prior to the game.

## WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Our Women's Volleyball League is offered on Wednesday nights in the spring, fall and winter at the Community Center. First game starts at 6 p.m., and the last game starts at 8:15 p.m. The spring session plays a 7-game schedule, and the fall and winter sessions play a 12-game schedule.

### REGISTRATION DETAILS

**Spring Season:** March 29–May 10

**Fall Season:** September 20–December 13

### COST

**Spring Season:** Team Registration—\$60  
February 1 – March 14  
(or until league is full)

**Fall Season:** Team Registration—\$120  
August 1 – August 29  
(or until league is full)

**Umpire Fees:** \$11 per team/per game, cash only, paid directly to the referee prior to the game.





# SENIORS

# SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER

## AGES 55+

The La Vista Senior Center, located in the Community Center, is a gathering place for an active group of seniors who meet to share friendship, food, fitness, field trips and other fun activities.

The Eastern Nebraska Office on Aging (ENOA) is sponsoring the Congregate Meal Program Monday-Friday at 11:30 a.m. which is catered by Treat America. The suggested contribution amount for the meal is \$4.25 for adults over 60 years of age. For those younger than age 60, the lunch cost is \$11.

To make a lunch reservation, either call the Center or sign up at the Center by noon on the business day before. Please visit [CityofLaVista.org/Seniors](http://CityofLaVista.org/Seniors) for the monthly senior newsletter and to look at scheduled activities/trip and lunch menus. For more information, contact Kaily Stanley, **402.331.3455** or [KStanley@CityofLaVista.org](mailto:KStanley@CityofLaVista.org).

### 55 AND UP ONGOING ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITY	DAY	TIME	FEES
<b>Bingo</b>	Fri	1p.m.	\$1 total for 4 games
<b>Chair Volleyball</b>	Wed, Fri	10:15-11:15 a.m.	Free
<b>Tai Chi For Balance</b>	Tues, Thurs	11-11:45 a.m.	\$1 suggested/week
<b>Movie Showings</b>	Every other Tues	1p.m.	Free
<b>Drop-In Quilting</b>	Wed	9-11:30 a.m.	Free
<b>Hand &amp; Foot (Cards)</b>	Wed	1p.m.	Free
<b>Pitch (Cards)</b>	Fri	1p.m.	Free

#### BINGO

**Fridays, 1 p.m.**

Unless noted, there will be no bingo on days when there is a scheduled speaker or other entertainment. Please see our monthly newsletter for more details.

#### DROP-IN QUILTING GROUP

**Wednesdays, 9-11:30 a.m.**

Come quilt with us! Anyone who is interested in quilting is welcome to join, whether already skilled with a needle or a first-time beginner. Other sewing projects are always welcome as well!

#### CHAIR VOLLEYBALL

**Wednesdays & Fridays, 10:15-11:15 a.m.**

Fun and fast-paced game played with a beach ball while sitting in a chair.

#### TAI CHI

**Tuesdays & Thursdays, 11-11:45 a.m.**

Tai Chi is a series of rhythmic, slow, coordinated, and gentle movements. Tai Chi means great energy, because it helps the energy to flow through your body. It strengthens your heart, lungs and circulatory system, and can improve balance, coordination, breathing, mood and calmness. This Tai Chi class is Moving for Balance Tai Chi or Tai Chi 8, with eight different movements.

## AFTERNOON OUTINGS

Join us for a trip to various places around the metro area. Whether it's a free trip to the zoo, grabbing a bite to eat or taking a free tour of one of the many local museums, you're sure to have a great time! Space is limited, and pre-registration is required.

**Day/Time:** Varies    **Cost:** Varies



## SENIOR OLYMPICS

**Wednesday, May 10**

Hosted by the La Vista Senior Center and Papillion 55+ Club.

The La Vista Senior Center and Papillion 55+ Club will host an exciting day of friendly competition.

More details will be released this spring. Watch the monthly newsletter for times and additional information about this fun event.

## MOVIE SHOWINGS

**Every other Tuesday, 1 p.m.**

Various classic and new movies shown on the big screen and served up with popcorn, candy and soda. Find the movie listings in the monthly newsletter.

# SENIOR CENTER EVENTS

## ST. PATRICK'S DAY LUNCH

**Friday, March 17**

La Vista Senior Center (8116 Park View Blvd.)

**Doors open at 11 a.m.**

**Lunch served at 11:30 a.m.**

Includes lunch, live entertainment and fun activities. All seniors 55+ are invited. Registration deadline is Thursday, March 9 at the La Vista Senior Center front desk or Papillion Landing.

**Menu:** Corned beef and cabbage, carrots, potatoes, cookie and drink.

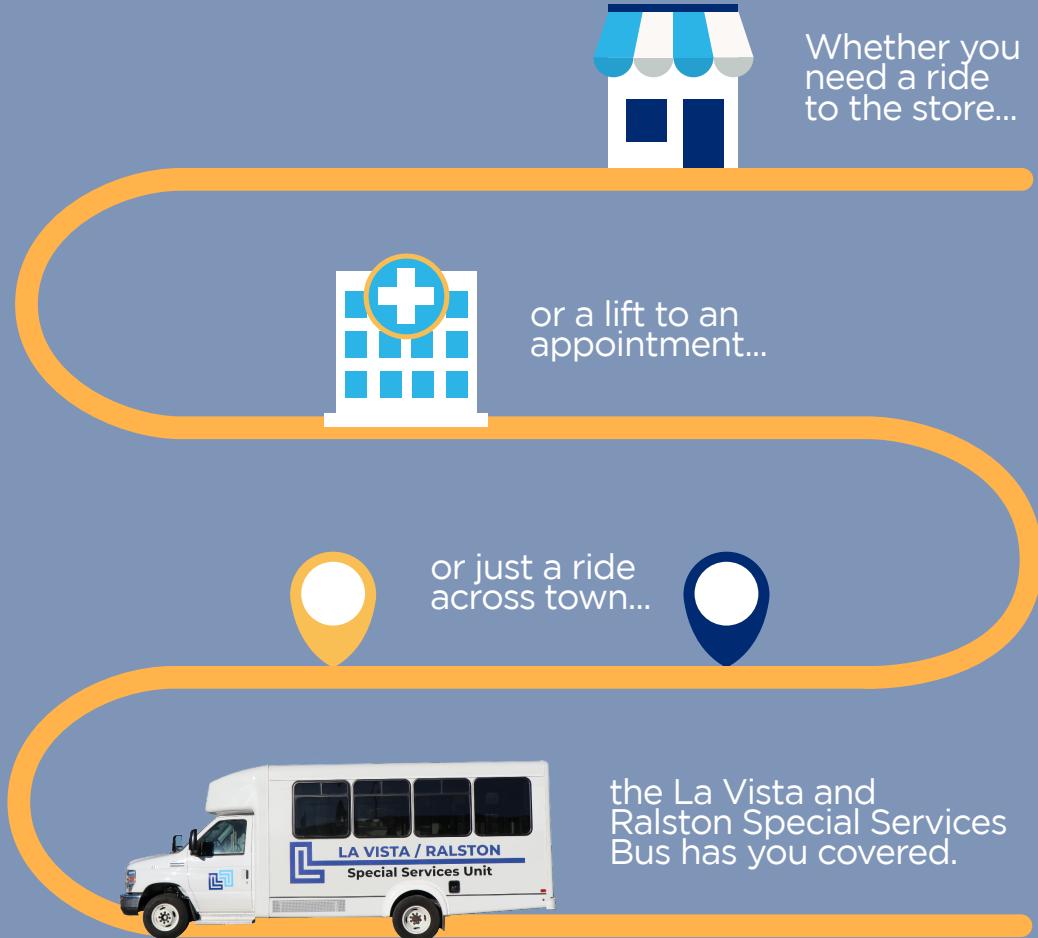
**Cost:** \$8 per person. Payment due at time of registration. No refunds.



# SPECIAL SERVICES BUS ALL ABOARD.

**NEED A LIFT? HOP ON THE LA VISTA/RALSTON  
SPECIAL SERVICES BUS.**

Available Monday-Friday, 7 a.m.-4:30 p.m.



The bus is designated for senior citizens ages 60 and older and all disabled residents residing in the cities of La Vista and Ralston.

For more information, visit [CityofLaVista.org/Seniors](http://CityofLaVista.org/Seniors) or call **402.331.3455**.

## FARES

**\$1**

**ZONE 1**  
(within La Vista and Ralston and designated locations)

**\$3**

**ZONE 2**  
(outside La Vista and Ralston city limits)

**\$10**

**ZONE 3**  
(outside city limits)

*Multiple stops are an additional \$1 (prices subject to change). Bus punch cards are available for \$30 (each punch is worth \$1). Check or cash only.*



# LIBRARY

## FROM THE DIRECTOR



### WHAT IS A LIBRARY?

A library is a place to connect people, resources and experiences. It's a place where ALL people are welcome to learn through reading, discovering, socializing, and creating. A library is a community of empowered learners, enthusiastic readers and engaged citizens.

What goals did you set for 2023? Whatever you want to accomplish this year, the La Vista Public Library is here to support you!

The Library offers information and resources on physical and emotional health and wellness, as well as exercise and fitness. The Library also offers groups and events geared toward a variety of hobbies such as fly tying, cake baking and decorating, astronomy and more. Of course, you can always find books for leisure reading and research, and even cookbooks for wellbeing or fun. Our electronic collection continues to grow with new titles in our book collection, magazines and movies.

If you're looking to learn some new technology skills or study for your GED, the Library offers that assistance, too. Our Library's team (with more than 200 years of combined experience) is eager to help you find the information you need. They have developed and planned a variety of spring and summer programs as you will see in this guide. The Library doesn't have everything – but we have something for everyone!

**Rose Barcal, Library Director**



### LA VISTA PUBLIC LIBRARY

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### HOURS

**Monday-Thursday:** 8 a.m.-9 p.m.  
**Friday-Saturday:** 8 a.m.-5 p.m.  
**Sunday:** 1 p.m.-5 p.m.



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# LIBRARY LOAN INFORMATION

ITEMS	LOAN PERIOD	OVERDUE FEE
Books	3 weeks	5¢ per day
Adult New Books	2 weeks	5¢ per day
Audio Books	2 weeks	10¢ per day
CDs	2 weeks	\$1 per day
DVDs	7 days	\$1 per day
Playaways	3 weeks	\$1 per day
Board Games	3 weeks	10¢ per day & \$5 if returned to book drop
Cake Pans	7 days	10¢ per day & \$5 if returned to book drop

Any person who resides within the City limits of La Vista, pays property taxes to the City of La Vista or is a La Vista business owner may apply for a library card. In addition, any person who is an employee of the City of La Vista, a member of the Papillion Fire Department, a teacher or faculty member in a La Vista Public School, or a current student, staff, or faculty member of Metropolitan Community College may apply for a library card at no charge. Non-residents (those living in a Sanitary Improvement District or outside the city limits) may obtain a membership by paying a fee as set forth in the City's Master Fee Ordinance. There is no charge for a library card for active military personnel who live in Sarpy County.

New patrons requesting a library card will be required to show identification with proof of address at the time of request. Library cards can be issued to all who are 16 years of age and older, and minors ages 5-15, with parental consent.

## BORROWING PRIVILEGES

Use of all materials within the La Vista Public Library is open to the public. Service will not be denied or abridged because of religious, racial, social, economic, political or age status. The use of the Library or its services may be denied for due cause including, but not limited to, failure to return books or pay fees, destruction of property or failure to abide by stated policies.

## COMPUTERS & WiFi

Computers, high-speed internet, free Wi-Fi, wireless printing and Microsoft Office are available to the public. Black and white printouts cost \$0.10 per page/side, and color printouts cost \$0.50 per page/side.

## iPADS

Library card holders, who are in good standing, can borrow an iPad to use within the Library. To check out an iPad, cardholders must be at least 18 years old, and they must fill out the iPad Usage Agreement form. iPads can be borrowed for 60 minutes with time extension options available.

## GABBIE: A TEXT-A-LIBRARIAN SERVICE

Text **402.204.1537** to text-chat with a librarian. You can easily renew your books, receive notification whenever items are overdue or ask a reference question. For privacy reasons, titles of books and personal information will not be shared through Gabbie.

## DIGITAL RESOURCES

The La Vista Public Library offers databases, electronic books, magazines, and streaming media and music that can be accessed from any computer with an Internet connection. The ability to access information for those databases that require a username and password is also available at the Library. Contact the Library or visit our website for a complete list of digital resources.

## TECHNOLOGY HELP

Need help using your laptop, phone or tablet? Book a free one-on-one technology help session with Jean Hurst. She can assist you with:

- Using eLibrary eBooks, audiobooks & magazines
- Computer basics
- Using an iPad, Kindle, Android device, iPhone or smartphone
- Creating accounts (email, Facebook, Zoom)
- Searching for jobs online
- Submitting a resume online
- Organizing files, photos and music
- Microsoft Office basics (Word, Excel, PowerPoint)
- Saving files using a USB flash drive
- Scanning
- Addressing other specific questions

To sign up call **402.537.3900** or email Jean at [JHurst@CityofLaVista.org](mailto:JHurst@CityofLaVista.org).

*Please note: The Library does not do setup or repairs.*



## UNATTENDED CHILDREN

Children ages 10 and under must always be supervised by a parent or adult caregiver. Please be aware that this is a public facility, and the safety and security of children are the responsibility of the parent or adult caregiver.



## LASER CUTTER

# MAKERSPACE

A makerspace is a place dedicated to creating, individual thinking and open-ended learning. Community members use a variety of tools, various art supplies and building materials to create. This is a hands-on discovery area.

Equipment available includes:

### 3D Printer

The Library owns a MakerBot Replicator + 3D Printer for use by the public who have been trained to print items in PLA filament. Before being permitted to use the printer on their own, users must undergo training and meet general safety guidelines as well as fill out the 3D Printer Usage Agreement form. Makers ages 12-15 may use the 3D printer with non-staff direct adult supervision, and those over the age of 16 can use the 3D printer unsupervised. It is required to use the Library's filament. Prints cost 10¢ per gram of PLA filament. By appointment only.

### Tinker Boxes

A tinker box is simply a box filled with a variety of supplies that encourages Library users to free build, create, and problem solve with little to no guidance. All supplies are in each box and can be played with at the Library.

### AccuCut Die-Cutting Machine & Dies

A hand-operated machine combined with a steel-rule die allows users to cut through anything that can be cut with scissors. Bring your own paper and use our machine and dies to create different patterns.

### Button Maker

Create your own button to show off your favorite character, advertise your business, use as party favors or to promote a campaign. Fees apply when creating buttons. Reservation required.

### COMING SOON HEAT & MUG PRESS

A heat press is a machine engineered to imprint a design or graphic on a substrate, such as a t-shirt. There will also be a specially designed press that can be used to imprint designs on mugs.

### Laser Cutter

The Library owns a Universal Laser System for use by the public who have been trained on all aspects of the equipment. Before being permitted to use the laser cutter on their own, users must undergo training and meet general safety guidelines as well as fill out the Laser Cutter Usage Agreement form. Makers ages 12-17 may use the laser cutter with non-staff direct adult supervision, and anyone over the age of 18 can use the laser cutter unsupervised. Cost varies and depends on consumables purchased from the Library. Makers may bring their own consumables, but they must meet the guidelines of the laser cutter and be preapproved by Library staff before using. Laser cutter use is by appointment only.

### Other Supplies and Tools

In addition to the big makerspace tools, the Library offers a variety of smaller tools too. These include stencils, rubber stamps, crinkle cut scissors, paper hole punchers and more! Neither paper nor ink will be provided.

### Lamination Machine

The Library has a laminating machine available for your laminating needs. Fees apply when laminating. You will need to contact the Library at least 30 minutes in advance so the laminator will have time to warm-up. Laminating will be done by Library staff.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Public libraries are often called the hub of the community. We play an important role in supporting education and literacy, but our additional resources, study rooms and knowledgeable staff are also needed in the community. Read about our resources available to the community besides books and computers.

## TELESCOPE

Explore the night sky with your library card.

Did you know you can borrow a telescope from the La Vista Public Library? It's as easy as checking out a book. Thanks to a partnership with the Omaha Astronomical Society, cardholders (with an account in good standing and at least three continuous months of membership) can check out an easy-to-use, high-quality telescope with a user guide and star maps. The telescope can be checked out for two weeks at a time. Whether you're a first-time stargazer or an astronomy buff, ask about the telescope on your next visit to the Library.



## STAFF SPRING BOOK PICKS

### CHILDREN



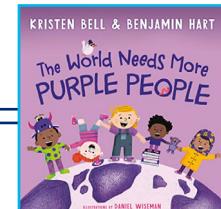
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**Real Superheroes**  
by Julia Seal



**Not All Heroes**  
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**The World Needs More Purple People**  
by Kristen Bell and Benjamin Hart



**Nurse, Soldier, Spy: The Story of Sarah Edmonds, a Civil War Hero**  
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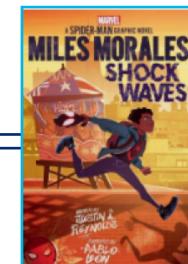
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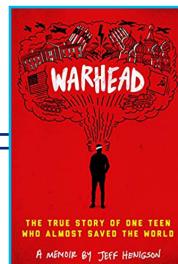
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**Miles Morales:  
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by Justin A. Reynolds

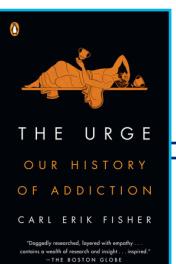


**Code Name Badass: The True Story of Virginia Hall**  
by Heather Demetrios



**Warhead**  
by Jeff Henigson

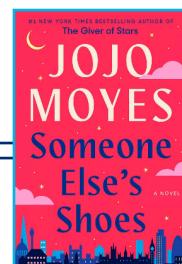
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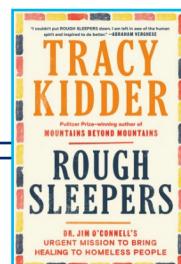
**The Urge: Our History of Addiction**  
by Carl Erik Fisher



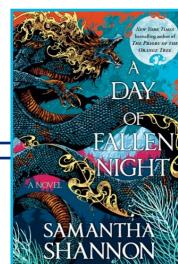
**Vera Wong's Unsolicited  
Advice for Murderers**  
by Jesse Q. Sutanto



**Someone Else's Shoes**  
by Jojo Moyes



**Rough Sleepers**  
by Tracy Kidder



**A Day of Fallen Night**  
by Samantha Shannon

## THINK, MAKE CREATE TRAILER

The Library brings  
learning to YOU!

The La Vista Public Library has an innovative STEAM station that comes straight to you! The Think, Make, Create Trailer is equipped for 10 pre-planned activities that teach through hands-on activities. Since it is a trailer, it can come to you! Fees may apply. Contact Rachel Bachman, [RBachman@CityofLaVista.org](mailto:RBachman@CityofLaVista.org), if you are interested in this fantastic resource or want to learn more about the activities.



## ONYX MAGNIFIER

Providing visual aid to all.

Reading and studying are more convenient with the Library's new 20" ONYX Deskset HD CCTV (electronic video magnifier). The ONYX Deskset HD lets you read what you want, whether it's across the room or at your desk. The flexible camera provides document reading, distance viewing and self-viewing modes with versatile controls. It is user-friendly and a great tool to assist those that are low vision, blind or have learning disabilities. Thank you to the Nebraska Library Commission and the Nebraska Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired (NCBVI) for this amazing magnifier that can be used in the Library.

## BOARD GAMES

Get your game on  
at the Library.

Board games can be cooperative, competitive, strategic, and just plain fun! From classics like Connect Four to strategy games that can take hours or days to play, the Library has them all. Borrow one to take home or play at the Library. There has never been a better time to take a break, turn off electronics and have a game night. Game on!

## At Your Service

### Meet Lee Kerniskey, Circulation Clerk

Retired Police Sergeant, Lee Kerniskey, joined the La Vista Public Library family in May 2022. Read our interview with Lee and learn more about him and his experience working at the Library.

#### LVPL: Tell us about yourself.

**Lee:** I am originally from Cleveland, Ohio. I served in the United States Coast Guard for eight years and retired from the Omaha Police Department as a Sergeant in 2020. I am married with two kids, Peyton and Maris, and we live just a few blocks from the Library. My wife Kate is a teacher. The Library has always been a big part of our lives, and I am so thankful to have the opportunity to work there.

#### LVPL: What is your role at the Library and what inspired you to apply for this role?

**Lee:** I work as a circulation clerk. I assist patrons in finding and checking out books, and in doing research when I work the reference desk. I also shelve books after they are returned. As a retired police officer, I was looking for a slower-paced, relaxed work environment. Being an avid reader, the Library was the perfect fit.

#### LVPL: What do you value about the Library?

**Lee:** I value the Library's place and its importance to the community. I love the chance to meet and talk to our patrons and help people find the book they are looking for.

#### LVPL: Why is the Library an important part of the community?

**Lee:** The Library provides a free source of information and entertainment that is available to anyone. Everyone is welcome, and the value the Library provides to the community is immeasurable.

#### LVPL: What book are you currently reading?

**Lee:** I am currently reading two books, one non-fiction *The 12th Planet* by Zecharia Sitchin and one fiction, *No Plan B* by Lee Child. You may also catch me with my nose in a graphic novel as I love superheroes.

# ALL AGES SPECIAL EVENTS

**REGISTRATION:** Most programs are free or have a minimal fee for supplies only. Programs that require registration are labeled accordingly. To register for a program, contact us at **402.537.3900** or in person at the Library's circulation desk.

## SPRING BREAK TECHNOLOGY WEEK

Making plans for Spring Break? Add the La Vista Public Library to your list. Join us for an exciting week of experimenting and playing with technology.

### MAKERSPACE MONDAY

Monday, March 13, 2-6 p.m.

The Library's Makerspace provides hands-on opportunities for the entire community. Drop-in and learn about the equipment that is available for use including a 3D printer, laser cutter, button maker, sewing machine, laminator and more! We'll offer short presentations about our machines and technology with time for questions and answers. After receiving instruction on the equipment, you're invited to reserve a different time to come back and make your own creations. Everyone who attends Makerspace Monday will be entered into a raffle for free 3D printer items. **Ideal for ages 7+**

### VIRTUAL REALITY GROUP SESSIONS

Tuesday, March 14 & Thursday, March 16, Various Times

Virtual Reality (VR) programs are happening at the Library! Families or groups of four people or less can register for one-hour adventures/interactive experiences. All users must sign a consent form. Sessions are limited. Contact the Library for more information and to reserve a time. **VR use is strongly recommended for ages 13+ (Younger children may only participate with an adult.)**

### TECHNOLOGY PETTING ZOO

Wednesday, March 15, 1:30-3 p.m.

From coding and iPads to Makey Makey stations, you are invited to meet and play with the various Library technology toys. You can also ask questions about our online databases or get help using devices. **Ideal for ages 3+**

### FRIDAY FUN DAY

Friday, March 17, 1:30 p.m.

Play board games, make crafts, watch a movie and enjoy a root beer float. **All ages**

## ART SUPPLIES SWAP

May 6, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

La Vista Public Library

Attention all artists and crafters! Do you have supplies you never use? Or are you looking for something exciting and new? Then get ready for La Vista Public Library's Art Supplies Swap! We want your gently used or new paint brushes, drawing supplies, scrapbook paper, pompoms, and glitter. In exchange, you can find something new and exciting to create with! You must donate items to participate in the swap. Items must be donated in advance May 3-5. **All ages are welcome.**

## 3RD ANNUAL TINY ART SHOW

Use the materials provided or items you have at home to create a miniature masterpiece for entry into this year's show! Submission guidelines and kits will be available July 1-30. All art must be submitted to the Library no later than 9 p.m. on August 1 to be included. Voting will take place August 3-23 with winners announced the week of August 28. Prizes will be awarded to the top three artworks in both the adult and youth divisions. Artwork will be available for pickup at the close of the show.

TINY ART SH

August 3 Through

VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE PI

THE YOUTH & ADULT DIV

Ask for a ballot at the circula

Winners announced August 28

## POETRY CREATION STATION

April — All Month

April is National Poetry Month, and we want you to express yourself! Poetry Creation Stations will be setup throughout the Library. Create your own poem, with the materials provided, and give to a staff member. All poems will be displayed in the Library. Read the poetry board each time you visit and see the different creations.

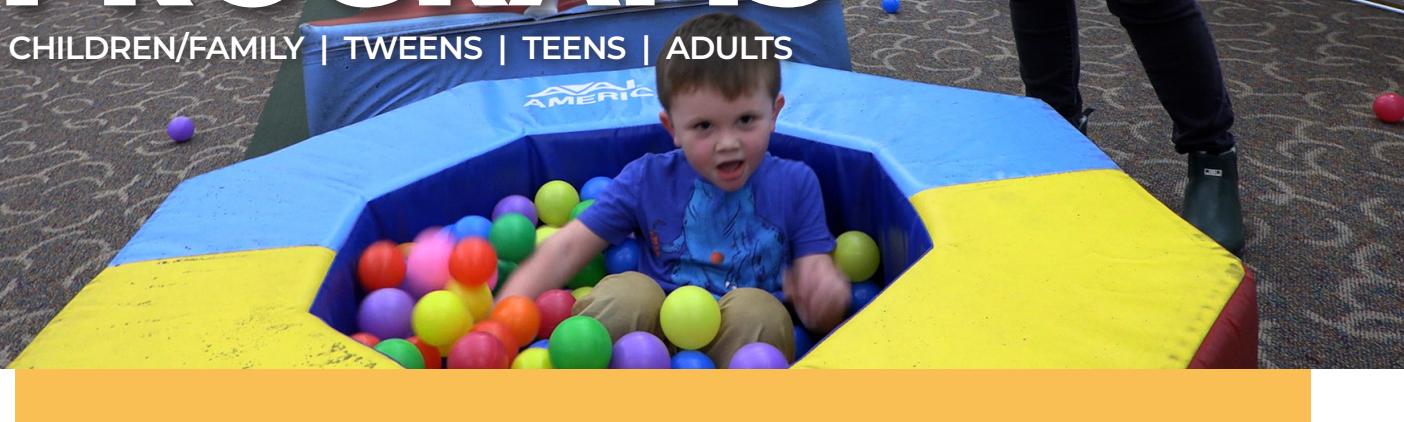
## MAY DAY BASKETS

May 1, 4 p.m.

Do you love leaving a May Day basket for a friend or relative? The Library has just the activity for you. Join us on May Day (May 1) and create your own basket complete with treats. **All ages are welcome.**

# LIBRARY PROGRAMS

CHILDREN/FAMILY | TWEENS | TEENS | ADULTS



## CHILDREN & FAMILY PROGRAMS

### LIBRARY STORYTIMES

Tuesdays, March 7 & 21, April 4 & 18, May 2 & 16, 10 a.m.

Learn early literacy skills and practice fine motor skills by joining us for fun songs, crafts and stories! Let's get ready to read! **Ideal for ages 0-6.**

### CREATIVE HANDS

Fridays, March 3 & 31, April 14 & 28, May 12, 10 a.m.

Parents/caregivers and children are encouraged to join us for a variety of creative activities. Each week, participants will use their hands to discover something new. Activities include Play-doh fun, shaving cream play, discovery bins, noodle necklaces, parachute playtime and more. **Ideal for ages 2-6.**



### CRAFTERNOON

Thursdays, March 9, April 13, May 11, 4 p.m.

Do you love to draw, paint or create? Then La Vista Public Library is the spot to be! We will meet once a month to make something amazing! Crafternoon is about letting out your creative energy as we make, build and create arts and crafts together. **Ideal for children ages 4+.**

### MUSIC AND MOVEMENT

Fridays, March 10 & 24, April 21, May 5 & 19, 10 a.m.

Get ready to move and groove with your little one at the La Vista Public Library! This is a great chance to play with other children and practice fine and gross motor skills. **Ideal for ages 0-6.**

### VIRTUAL LEGO CLUB

Mondays, March 20, April 17, May 15, 4 p.m.

Do you have building blocks? Here's your chance to hang out on Zoom with other builders and have fun building! We'll complete building challenges centered around a theme and share our builds. Don't like the theme or sharing? No worries! You can still join and build on your own. Each participant must use their own Legos or blocks from home. **All ages welcome.** Contact Ms. Jodi for the Zoom link at [JNorton@CityofLaVista.org](mailto:JNorton@CityofLaVista.org).

# TWEEN PROGRAMS AGES 8-12

## STEAM CLUB

Wednesdays, March 1, April 5, May 3, 4 p.m.

Get ready to explore science, technology, engineering, art and math with La Vista Public Library's STEAM Club! In this club we will practice coding robots. Make our very own circuits. Do science experiments. And SO much more! The club will meet the first Wednesday of every month from 4-5 p.m. Come ready to discover!



## PAINTED MASON JARS

Friday, April 7, 2 p.m.

Painted mason jars make cute room décor or awesome gifts. The design possibilities are endless. Fill them with candy, crayons, flowers, make-up brushes, markers or utensils. Wear old clothing for painting. Registration is required.

## READ ALOUD HOUR

Second & Fourth Tuesdays, 4 p.m.

Join Ms. Ashley for a new chapter book read aloud. This passive book club for young readers is great for students in grades 3-6. Popcorn, coloring and activity sheets are available for listeners to enjoy. Miss a meeting? Don't worry! We will catch you up on what happened in the story at the start of each read aloud.

## TINY FOOD PARTY

Friday, April 28, 2-3:30 p.m.

Is TikTok making you hungry from looking at all that tiny food? Satisfy that hunger and join the library staff for a Tiny Food Party. We will be serving itty-bitty pancakes, the tiniest servings of spaghetti, mini-ice cream sundaes and so much more. Get ready to feel like a giant as we chow down! Nuts and dairy may be used in this program.

# TEEN PROGRAMS AGES 13-17

Dates change monthly for the programs listed below.

## TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

This group of teens in grades 7-12 plans events, suggests materials for the Library, participates in community service projects and decorates the teen area. They also help provide feedback on how the Library can better serve young people. We are always looking for new members! TAB meets once a month, usually right before game club. **Ages 12+**

## TEEN GAME CLUB

Join Teen Game Club for fun all year long! We have a mix of in-person and online meetings. We play a wide variety of video and board games, have snacks and hang out. Meetings are arranged with club members to ensure as many as possible can come. Check the calendar for upcoming meetings. **Ages 13+**

## TEEN DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS CLUB

Interested in learning how to play D&D? Want to find a group to join? Talk to Ms. Ashley to see if there is room for new members in the Library's D&D club. **Ages 13+**

## TEEN CAFE CRAFT NIGHT

Teens can come to the Library for a special craft night just for them! During Café Crafts, we have fresh baked sweets such as cookies or cinnamon rolls. From painting to pottery, there are fun new crafts to try each month. **Ages 12+**

## SEASONAL TEEN EVENTS

We will be doing some fun things this spring and summer! Some of our upcoming activities include a murder mystery night, indoor mini golf, bookmark making and a chocolate party! Check out the Library's calendar to see what events are happening soon. Want to help plan teen events? Join the Teen Advisory Board! **Ages 12+**

# ADULT PROGRAMS AGES 18+

## COFFEE, COLORING & CROSSWORDS

Saturdays, March 4, April 1, May 6, June 3, July 1, August 5, September 2, 10 a.m.

Studies have shown that coloring can be just as relaxing for adults as it is for kids. Come join us at the Library for fun, fellowship and delicious java. Don't want to color? Crossword puzzles will also be available. All coloring materials are provided.

## CRAFTER-DARK

Calling all adult crafters! Leave the kiddos at home and join the Library staff for crafts, games, laughter and more. Some holiday themed crafts will require registration due to the cost of supplies. Watch the Library's website and check our monthly calendar for specific dates and times. The Crafter-Dark group meets once each month.

## SEED EXCHANGE

DATE & TIME TBD

Do you love to garden? Have some seeds to share? Bring your seeds to exchange with fellow gardeners in the community. Individual participants responsible for exchange transactions.

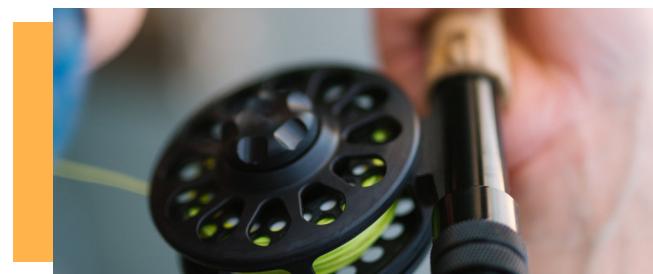


The La Vista Public Library, in partnership with other area libraries, will welcome New York Times Bestselling Author Alex Kava to the Papillion Landing. Come meet and listen to the author of *Whitewash*, *Fallen Creed*, *Before Evil* and other popular books.

## GED PROGRAM

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
Evenings: By appointment

GED classes are offered during the day and some evenings by appointment. This is a program where students can attend as needed in preparation for the official GED tests and receive basic computer training. Registration is required. Contact the Library for more information or to register, **402.537.3900**.



## FLY-TYING LESSONS

Thursdays, 6-8 p.m.

The Cornhusker Fly-Fishers are offering free lessons on fly-tying! They meet at the Library every Thursday evening. These lessons are available to anyone who is interested. This is a drop-in program, so there is no need to register. Whether you are looking to fly-fish for the first time or just want a refresher, you are welcome to stop by. Please note: The group does not meet in June or July.

## AUTHOR VISIT ALEX KAVA

New York Times Bestselling Author

May 11, 7 p.m.

Papillion Landing (1046 W. Lincoln St.)





# BOOK CLUBS

La Vista Public Library offers several book clubs to the community. Copies of each month's title will be available for book club attendees to borrow at no cost. Not able to attend but want to read along? Copies of our 2023 reading lists can be obtained in the Library or on our website. Library membership is not required to participate. If you are interested, contact Cedate Shultz at [CShultz@CityofLaVista.org](mailto:CShultz@CityofLaVista.org).

## HISTORY BOOK CLUB

Second Saturday of each month, 2 p.m.

Join us for spirited discussion of historical fiction and non-fiction books. **Ages 16+**

**MARCH 11:** *The Great Passion* by James Runcie

**APRIL 8:** *Black Birds in the Sky* by Brandy Colbert

**MAY 13:** *The Lost Apothecary* by Sarah Penner

**JUNE 10:** *Last Boat out of Shanghai* by Helen Zia

**JULY 8:** *In the Shadow of the Banyan Tree* by Vaddey Ratner

**AUG 12:** *The Trial of Lizzie Borden* by Cara Robertson

**SEPT 9:** *The Diamond Eye* by Kate Quinn

## EVENING BOOK CLUB

Second Monday of each month, 7 p.m.

A variety of genres are read throughout the year. **Ages 18+**

**MARCH 13:** *A Woman of No Importance* by Sonia Purnell

**APRIL 10:** *Around the World in 80 Days* by Jules Verne

**MAY 8:** *Home of the Brave* by Kathleen Applegate

**JUNE 12:** *West with Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge

**JULY 10:** *The Maid* by Nita Prose

**AUG 14:** *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus

**SEPT 11:** *The End of Your Life Book Club* by Will Schwalbe

## AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

Third Wednesday of each month, 2 p.m.

Our afternoon book club meets monthly in the Library's conference room. A variety of genres are read throughout the year. **Ages 18+**

**MARCH 15:** *Maisie Dobbs* by Jacqueline Winspear

**APRIL 19:** *Nemesis* by Philip Roth

**MAY 17:** *Yellow Bird* by Sierra Crane Murdoch

**JUNE 21:** *New York Dead* by Stuart Woods

**JULY 19:** *Breaking Creed* by Alex Kava

**AUG 16:** *The Italian Secretary* by Caleb Carr

**SEPT 20:** *The 6:20 Man* by David Baldacci

**COMING SOON:**

## PAGE-TO-SCREEN BOOK CLUB

Meeting times will be announced soon.

This new book club will read a variety of books that were made into movies. Watch for more information about this club to be released soon. **Ages 18+**

# SUMMER READING PROGRAM

June 1 — July 31

Summertime is reading time! All La Vista readers, big or small, are invited to participate in our annual summer reading program from June 1 to July 31. This year's theme is Community Heroes. Our activities, storytimes and special guests will center around friendship, kindness, positive people, support, love and more.

Summer reading calendars will be available starting May 8, and the reading logs will be available May 30.



## Community Heroes - Love One, Hug One, Be One!

### Doodle Daze

June 1, all day

Doodle, draw or color. Stop by anytime during Library hours to be creative and reduce stress. **Ideal for all ages.**

### Starburst Candy Sculptures

June 12, 2 p.m.

Edible sculptures are the best sculptures. What kind of hero can you create with Starbursts candy? Let's find out. On your mark, get set, eat and sculpt! **Ideal for all ages 7+.**

### Kid's Bingo

June 21, 6 p.m.

Enjoy playing bingo with family and friends while trying to win prizes. Registration is not required, but seating is limited. Ideal for elementary school children (6 grade and under) and their parents/caregivers.

### Library Bingo

June 28, 6 p.m.

Let's play B-I-N-G-O and win prizes! Registration is not required, but seating is limited. **Ideal for adults and those in middle school or high school (grade 7 & above).**

### 4th of July Crafts

June 29, 2 p.m.

Red, white, and blue—come make a holiday craft or two!

### “Not a Box” Family Storytime

July 10, 6 p.m.

Join us for a special storytime featuring *Not a Box* by Antoinette Portis, then use your imagination to transform a cardboard box into your own creation!

### Kindness Crafts

July 12, 2 p.m.

Get creative at the Library and help spread kindness through crafts. **Ideal for all ages.**

### Superhero Party

July 18, 2 p.m.

Grab your mask, put on a cape and fly into the Library for an afternoon of superhero fun. Come enjoy games, activities, snacks and more. **Ideal for all ages.**

### Teen Café Craft Night

July 31, 6 p.m.

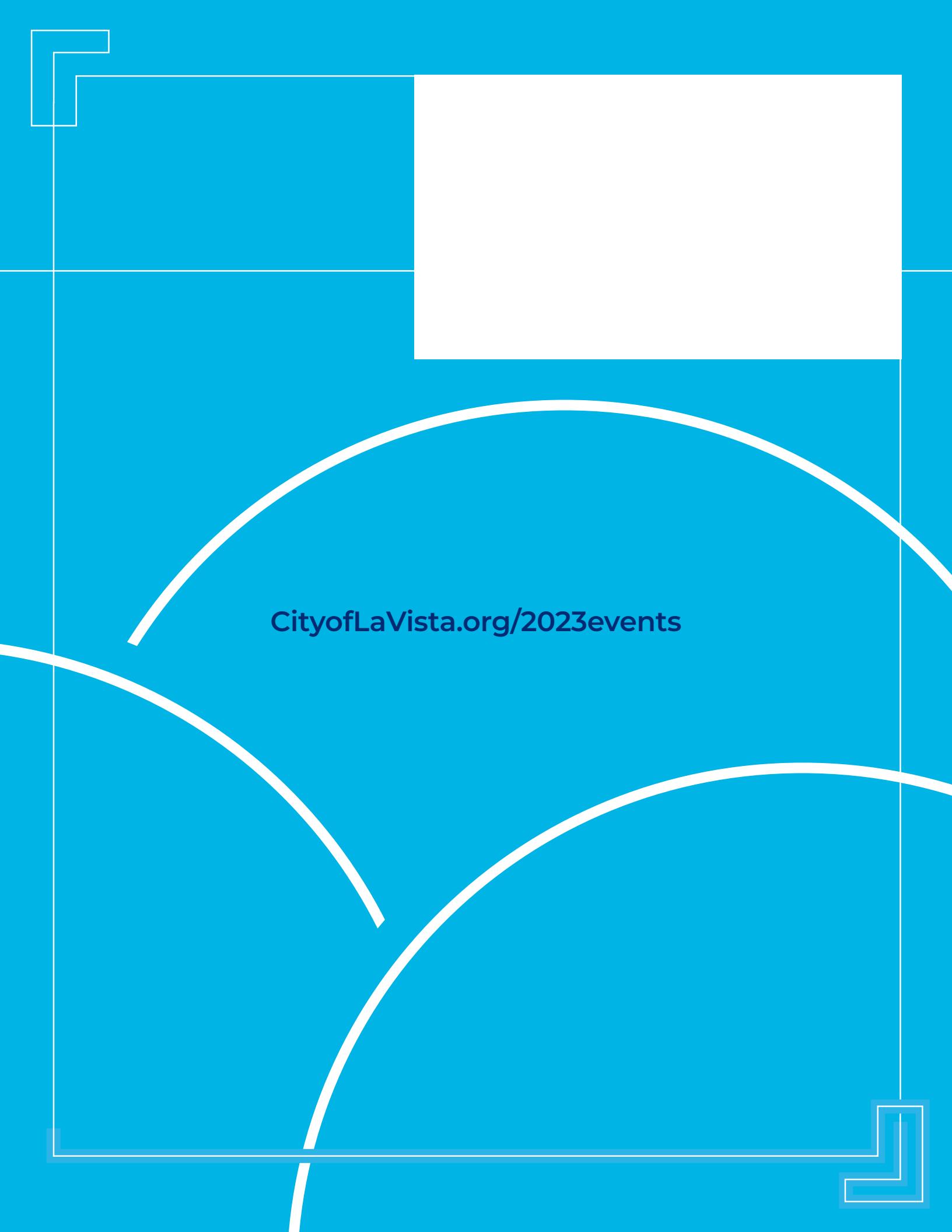
We will be creating pocket sized bookshelves using small tins. When complete, you can display your creation on your actual bookshelf, or carry it around in your pocket to show off!

### Summer Mini Camps

The La Vista Public Library is hosting three different mini camps this summer. Art Camp (ages 8-12), Cooking Camp (ages 10-16) and Spy Camp (Ages 4-7) will be held in June and July and serve different age groups. Cost is \$15 per camp per child. Each camp will last 2-3 hours. Registration, dates and times will be available on May 1. Registration is nonrefundable.

### 100 Acts of Kindness Challenge

We challenge you to be a hero in your community by completing 100 Acts of Kindness from June 1-July 31. Take treats to your neighbors, help your brother clean his room, leave a secret love note or give someone a hug! You decide the acts of kindness you'll give. Grab the Heart Challenge Sheet and color in one heart per act of kindness. Turn in your completed sheet by July 31 and be entered into a drawing for a special raffle basket. **All ages are invited to participate.**



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