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MINUTE WITH THE MAYOR



We are fortunate to enjoy a high quality of life in La Vista, partly because so many people across the City regularly volunteer their time and talents.

I see people giving and investing in La Vista every single day. Parents coach their children's sports teams. Residents serve on boards and commissions. Employees from local businesses volunteer at City events. Church groups and organizations collect to support community drives. I even heard recently that a La Vista family organized a toy drive for children during the holidays.

We owe thanks to the individuals and groups whose contributions have enhanced our city, so I'm pleased to share that La Vista is planning a Volunteer Recognition event this spring to express our gratitude to the difference makers in our community who give through volunteerism. Read about the event on page 6 of this Viewpoints newsletter and join us on April 16 to help celebrate La Vista's volunteers.

If you're looking for ways to give back, I invite you to learn more about some of the opportunities in La Vista.

First, La Vista residents can serve on citizen advisory boards. Serving on a board or commission is a rewarding way to share your talents and give back to your community. To see a list of citizen advisory boards and complete a Form of Interest, visit CityofLaVista.org/Boards.

Also, La Vista Gives is organizing a citywide week of service April 21-27. The week of giving—called **La Vista Gives Back**—will be the first-ever event of its kind in the City. All businesses and residents are welcome to perform acts of kindness and volunteerism that week. See page 4 to learn more about La Vista Gives Back. I look forward to seeing the impact we can make together.

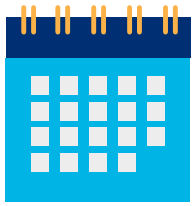
Lastly, the City is recruiting volunteers for its spring and summer events. You can register at CityofLaVista.org/Volunteer.

Volunteering strengthens community connection. So do La Vista's community events. I'm proud that the City provides distinctive experiences throughout the year that bring people together and shape La Vista's identity.

City employees are currently working to organize La Vista's largest annual event—our summer festival. I'm excited to announce that the festival is growing into a two-day event this year, AND it will once again be called **La Vista Days**. While we're bringing back the traditional name, we're moving the festival off Memorial Day weekend and adding something completely new: a free community concert in The Astro Amphitheater. Watch for more announcements soon about La Vista Days 2024.

MAYOR

Douglas Kindig



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All meetings held in the Harold "Andy" Anderson Council Chambers unless otherwise noted.

February 2024

- 1 Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- 6 **City Council, 6 p.m.**
- 15 Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- 19 **Offices closed for Presidents Day**
- 20 **City Council, 6 p.m.**
- 21 Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, 6 p.m.

March 2024

- 5 **City Council, 6 p.m.**
- 7 Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- 14 Library Advisory Board, 6 p.m., Library
- 14 Citizen Advisory Review Committee, 6 p.m.
- 19 **City Council, 6 p.m.**
- 20 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, 6 p.m.
- 21 Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- 30 **Easter Egg Hunt, 10:30 a.m.,
La Vista Sports Complex**

April 2024

- 2 **City Council, 6 p.m.**
- 4 Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- 16 **City Council, 6 p.m.**
- 16 Volunteer Recognition, 5:30-7 p.m., City Hall
- 17 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, 6 p.m.
- 18 Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- 21-27 **La Vista Gives Back, All week, Across La Vista**
- 24 **Yappy Hour, 4-7 p.m., City Centre**
- 24 Volunteer Recruitment Drive, 5:30-7 p.m., City Centre
- 26 **Arbor Day Celebration, 1 p.m., Val Verde Park**

For more information about the special events listed on this calendar, visit **CityofLaVista.org/2024Events**.



A NEW TAKE ON TRADITION

New weekend for 2024
May 31-June 1

MORE DETAILS ON PAGE 7

LaVistaDays.org

COUNCIL CLIPS

Highlights of recent City Council action.

- Approved a new contract with the La Vista Fraternal Order of Police.
- Authorized purchase and installation of new flooring in the Community Center's meeting rooms.
- Authorized resurfacing of the Community Center's basketball court.
- Awarded a contract for Central Park East access road reconstruction.
- Approved an interlocal agreement to allow the Cimarron Woods SID to cover the cost of non-resident Library memberships for SID residents.
- Approved expansion of the City's Extraterritorial Jurisdiction, and amended La Vista's Future Land Use Map and the official Zoning Map.

A YEAR IN REVIEW

The past year was about enriching experiences, enhancements to La Vista's quality of life, and the exploration of new opportunities. Below are a few examples of work done by the City's departments throughout the year, which highlight some of the many ways the City serves residents and strives to improve our point of view in La Vista.

EXPERIENCES

The City provided enriching experiences for residents of all ages. The defining experiences were the opening of The Link and completion of projects in City Centre.

40
COMMUNITY & RECREATION EVENTS

Our City's Event teams took full advantage of these new spaces with first-ever events, the La Vista Loop 2K Fun Run on the new trails in Central Park, and Fall Fest on Main Street in City Centre. Other experiences included an unforgettable fireworks and drone show at the Salute to Summer Festival and a theatrical tree lighting event in November.

RECREATION

New recreation experiences also abounded with increased participation in youth sporting events and senior activities.

71%

YOUTH PUNT, PASS, KICK FOOTBALL SKILLS

52%

MARCH MADNESS BASKETBALL SKILLS COMPETITION

54%

SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

12%

POOL VISITORS

4
NEW OFFICERS

POLICE

The Police Department did its part to ensure the City's distinctive experiences were safe. When new concerts and events came to The Astro Amphitheater and City Centre, LVPD responded proactively to evolving public safety needs for parking and crowd management. LVPD even hosted a few key experiences of its own, including its annual Youth Police Academy and National Night Out.

5
LIFESAVING AWARDS

LIBRARY

The Library welcomed 2,014 more visitors in 2023 than in 2022 and offered programming nearly every day it was open. Storytimes for children, game nights for teens and book clubs for adults were just a few of the experiences the Library regularly provided last year.

65,203
LIBRARY VISITORS IN 2023



ENHANCEMENTS

The Public Works Department delivered enhancements across La Vista that improved the community's quality of life. The Applewood Creek Trail and Underpass project was completed, resulting in a more connected trail system for residents. New playground equipment was installed in Jaycee Park, along with basketball hoops in Central Park East. Public Works also completed two extensive street improvement projects in 2023.

RESURFACED

11
STREETS

3.5
LANE MILES

EXPLORING NEW OPPORTUNITIES

Beyond assisting with construction oversight activities for Central Park and City Centre projects, the Community Development team completed planning and zoning review processes for new developments such as the Residence Inn and Holiday Inn Express hotels and Panda Express in the Southport area, Tommy's Car Wash, and Sagebrook Apartments.

In 2023, the City also advanced projects that will drive new progress in La Vista, including work on various processes that will allow for the Phase 1 construction of the Corridor 84 Streetscape Plan and securing grant funding for the City's Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan.



IMPROVE YOUR POINT OF VIEW IN 2024

New experiences are on the horizon in 2024. Central Park East will receive a new playground, restrooms, shelter and a concrete road replacement. Also, watch for the addition of lighting in Central Park as well as a stacked schedule of community events, including an expanded and renamed community festival! Join us in '24 for new experiences you'll be sure to adore!



**LA VISTA
GIVES BACK:**
**A Week of Citywide
Service** APRIL 21-27

Did you know that April is National Volunteer Month in the United States? This April, all La Vista residents and businesses are invited to spread kindness by participating in La Vista Gives Back, the first-ever citywide week of service in La Vista. The giving possibilities across our community are endless.

Can your business donate to a local charity or arrange a volunteering event for employees?

Is your household able to do a kind deed for a neighbor?

Are you part of a group that could provide volunteers to support a local non-profit organization?

We challenge you to get creative and find your own way to give back by volunteering your time, talents or resources.

Because one act of kindness can inspire others to take action, everyone is encouraged to flood social media with their good deeds during La Vista Gives Back and share how they are giving back using **#LaVistaGives**.

For more information about La Vista Gives Back or to find ways to volunteer, visit CityofLaVista.org/LaVistaGivesBack.

RETIREMENTS

Four City of La Vista employees have retired recently, representing more than 80 years of service to the community. We asked each of them about the highlights of their careers in La Vista and their plans for retirement.



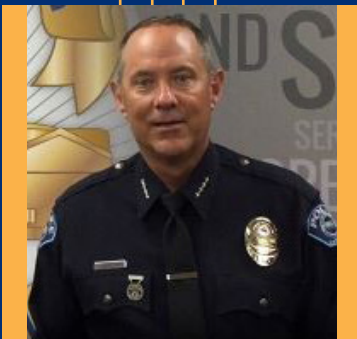
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT **MARCIA GUSTAFSON**

Administrative Assistant Marcia Gustafson is retiring after nearly 10 years of service at City Hall. Gustafson came to the City as an accounting temporary worker and was soon added to the full-time staff.

Marcia has kept an eagle eye on the City's accounts payables and receivables as well as payroll and she says one

of her proudest accomplishments was discovering the City had been overpaying on a copier lease and then working to get a refund from the vendor.

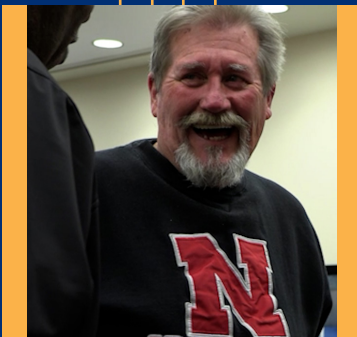
Marcia has enjoyed working in Santa's Workshop each year as the Elf in Charge and she said she will always remember the tree the City planted in honor of her late husband. In retirement she's looking forward to sleeping in, organizing her house and other adventures as well.



POLICE CHIEF **BOB LAUSTEN**

Police Chief Bob Lausten is retiring after 33 years of service to the City. He came to work in La Vista after working as a police officer in the Los Angeles area and worked as a patrol and crime prevention officer before being promoted to Lieutenant and eventually to Chief in 2002.

Lausten was responsible for bringing Santa's Sleigh Ride to La Vista, a tradition he first saw in California. He says one highlight he'll also remember was in 1992 when the Police Department created "Safety City", which was a kindergarten and first grade safety program with little houses he built.



CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER **COLIN "LUCKY" RUPPERT**

Code Enforcement Officer Colin "Lucky" Ruppert is retiring after 14 years of service in the Police Department. Lucky served the community in both property and evidence as well as the Code Enforcement Officer.

Lucky is perhaps as well known for his role as Santa Claus at many Christmas events over the years, which he says was one of the highlights of his time working in La Vista. Lucky and his wife, Debbie, are planning a few little trips, and he says he's hoping to finally get his garage in order.



CHIEF BUILDING OFFICIAL **JEFF SINNETT**

Chief Building Official Jeff Sinnett is retiring with 26 years of service to the community. Sinnett came to the City of La Vista from the City of Plattsmouth and served as La Vista's building inspector as well as planning and zoning administrator until his promotion to Chief Building Official in 2002.

Sinnett says he's proud of the fact that the City was able to finally clean up

the corner of 72nd and Harrison, and more recently he has been integrally involved in the ongoing development of Southport on La Vista's western edge as well as the City's redevelopment efforts along 84th Street.

Sinnett and his wife, Debbie, are planning to travel a bit in retirement, including to see New England in the fall, some national parks as well as visit their children and grandchildren around the country.

FREE EVENTS

FROM THE HEART

Thursdays, February 8, 15, 22, 6-8 p.m.

La Vista Library (9110 Giles Rd.)

Open your heart this February and help craft fabric Valentines (small fleece blankets) for adoptable dogs and cats living in shelters and foster homes!

All items will be provided and volunteers will tie the blankets, which will be donated to local animal rescues and shelters, who will also be onsite to provide education about adoptions. Adoptable dogs and cats will be available on select dates. Advance registration is required to participate.

Sign up at CityofLaVista.org/FromTheHeart.

Participants are also encouraged to bring donations of pet food and towels, which will be given to the local animal organizations. Donations can be brought to these events or dropped off at the La Vista Public Library or Community Center from February 1 to 22.



The La Vista Public Library will also grant amnesty for overdue fees to participants at this event!



EASTER EGG HUNT & FOOD DRIVE

Saturday, March 30

Gates open 9:30 a.m., All ages start at 10:30 a.m.

La Vista Sports Complex (7346 S. 66th St.), Soccer Fields 1-4

Over 20,000 eggs will be spread out between the four soccer fields. This event draws a large crowd, so come early to allow time to park and walk to the fields.

FIELDS #2 & #3	FIELD #4	FIELD #1
Ages 4 and under	Ages 5-7	Ages 8-10

All age groups will start at the same time to keep each field age appropriate and safer for all the children. Enjoy photo opportunities with the Easter bunny before the hunt begins.

Don't forget your cans or cash! **La Vista Gives will be collecting food and/or cash donations for the NeighborGood Community Pantry.**

Volunteer Recognition and Recruitment

The City of La Vista is celebrating volunteerism during the month of April with a Volunteer Recognition Event at City Hall and a Volunteer Recruitment Drive to recruit volunteers for spring and summer events, including La Vista Days.

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

Tuesday, April 16, 5:30-7 p.m.

La Vista City Hall (8116 Park View Blvd.)

In celebration of our community volunteers and the upcoming National Volunteer Week, come learn about volunteer opportunities within La Vista. Stay for the City Council meeting where we will recognize community volunteers.

Mayor Kindig will proclaim this day "Volunteer Day in La Vista." Before the start of the Council meeting (6 p.m.), come to the lobby of City Hall for a chance to win City swag and meet others who give back.

VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT DRIVE

Wednesday, April 24, 5:30-7 p.m.

City Centre (7865 Main St.)

Looking to lend a hand in La Vista? Visit our volunteer recruitment drive to learn about opportunities within the City and sign up to volunteer at spring and summer community events.

Individuals, families, local organizations, corporate teams and anyone else interested in volunteering are welcome.

It's easy to start giving back! Bring your whole family or send your high school-aged students. Volunteers 14 and older are welcome.

Look for our volunteer booth on Main Street during Yappy Hour.

Want to become a City of La Vista volunteer? Sign up at CityofLaVista.org/Volunteer.

YAPPY HOUR

Wednesday, April 24, 4-7 p.m.

City Centre (7865 Main St.)

Free entry

Food/drinks available for purchase

Fetch your dog (and its leash) and head to City Centre for Yappy Hour. Both people and pets are invited to enjoy fresh air and dog-friendly happy hour activities outside, as well as fun inside Heights Draft Room. Stroll along Main Street, grab some City-branded swag and a drink, play yard games, visit the community booths and socialize with other pet owners.



ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

Friday, April 26, 1 p.m.

Val Verde Park (9807 Centennial Rd.)

Learn more about planting and caring for trees while honoring Arbor Day, a national holiday that originated in Nebraska.

Enjoy a story followed by a special introduction and tree planting near the parking lot. Afterwards, take home free saplings and special gifts for children while supplies last.

NEW NAME. NEW WEEKEND. SAME FUN TRADITIONS.



Friday, May 31
& Saturday, June 1

The Astro Amphitheater
and City Hall Campus

FRI Free Concert
FRI Firework + Drone Show
SAT Parade & Family
Fun Festival

Mark your calendar for La Vista's biggest event of the year. This year's festival has a new (familiar) name and a new weekend. It is also growing from one day to two fun-filled days.

Watch for more details coming soon at

LaVistaDays.org

POLICE



La Vista police officers recognized for lifesaving actions.

Officers Seth Howard and Tommy Robb were recently presented the La Vista Police Department's Lifesaving Award at a City Council meeting. The officers received the award for actions they took to save the life of an individual suffering from a drug overdose.

The officers responded to a rescue call one evening while on duty, and they arrived to find a 22-year-old woman who was in medical distress and struggling to breathe. After determining she was likely experiencing a drug overdose, the pair worked rapidly to administer medication that stabilized her.

If the officers had not responded quickly and taken the actions they did, the woman most likely would not have survived.

Officers Howard and Robb are both relatively new to the La Vista Police Department. These officers and their lifesaving actions are very appreciated.



Meet the newest member of the La Vista Police Department.



Officer Trevor Johnson

Trevor Johnson came to Nebraska from South Dakota. He is excited about his new career as a police officer in La Vista.

Trevor grew up in Dell Rapids, South Dakota. He went on to graduate from South Dakota State University with a bachelor's degree in Wildlife and Fishery Science. Prior to joining the La Vista Police Department, Trevor worked for six years as a Conservation Officer with South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks.

In his free time, Trevor enjoys spending time outdoors hunting, fishing, hiking and camping. He also likes to complete woodworking projects.

We're happy to have Officer Johnson in La Vista!

RECREATION

8116 Park View Blvd | 402.331.3455 | Recreation@CityofLaVista.org | CityofLaVista.org/Recreation

Community Center Hours: Monday–Friday: 8 a.m.–9 p.m. Saturday: 8 a.m.–6 p.m. Sunday: 1–9 p.m.

Don't be bored during the spring break! Youth are welcome to visit the game room and open gym Monday thru Friday from 2–9 p.m.



Adult Drop-In Basketball

Wednesdays and Fridays,
11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

Community Center
Basketball Courts

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

Ages: 35+

Preschool Playtime

Tuesdays & Thursdays,
10 a.m.–12 p.m.

Community Center
Basketball Courts

Cost: Free

Ages: Walking–5 years old
(with adult)

Open free play is every Tuesday and Thursday morning. No registration is needed. Special activities are planned on these dates:

March 7, 10 a.m.: *Follow the Leader*

April 4, 10 a.m.: *Duck, Duck, Goose*

May 2, 10 a.m.: *Simon Says*

PROGRAMS & CLASSES

The Community Center offers a variety of social, fitness and leisure activities for all ages. Here's a look at a few of the activities offered at the Community Center. For a full list, visit CityofLaVista.org/Classes.

Learn more about the Community Center's classes and clubs by contacting the instructor.

CLASS	INSTRUCTOR
 AIKIDO	Jeff j.a.christenham@gmail.com
 BALLROOM DANCE	Terry 402.639.2209
 BELLY DANCING	Elianae 402.370.9021 or elianaethebellydancer@gmail.com
 FIT-4-MOM STROLLER STRIDES®	Kiley 402.577.0111 or omahasouth@fit4mom.com
 KINDERDANCE	Tiffany 531.281.9306 or kinderdanceofomaha@gmail.com
 MINIATURES CLUB	Sandy 402.708.1177
 OMAHA METRO ARMED COMBAT ACADEMY	Cat omacagreenknights@gmail.com
 SQUARE DANCING	Ken 402.690.3020
 TABLE TENNIS	Matt 402.680.2937 or matthewziegler907@gmail.com
 YOGA	Frank frankpferrante@gmail.com

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**

COMMUNITY GARDENS

Spring through fall **Cost:** \$20/plot

New gardeners may register for a plot after February 1. Registrations taken at the La Vista Community Center.

Gardeners must read and sign a rental agreement to be assigned a plot.

PLANNING AHEAD FOR POOL SEASON



La Vista's Pool is scheduled to open May 25. Memberships, passes and swimming lesson registrations will be sold beginning May 6 at the La Vista Community Center.

For pool information, visit CityofLaVista.org/Recreation. Updated dates, fees, memberships and swimming lessons will be listed in La Vista's Spring/Summer Community Guide. **We're hiring now for pool positions! Apply at CityofLaVista.org/Jobs.**

MARCH MADNESS

Bringing excitement & friendly competition to the Community Center.

Cinderella stories, buzzer beaters and come-from-behind wins thrill basketball fans each March—and not just during the NCAA tournament. La Vista has its own piece of the action.

La Vista's Recreation Department and Sarpy County Tourism co-host a March Madness basketball skills competition annually for third through eighth graders. During the contest, boys and girls compete in three challenges: Hot Shot, an obstacle course and a free throw contest.

This year, La Vista's March Madness will span two days, with younger age groups competing on Monday, March 4 and older groups on Tuesday, March 5. Awards will be given to the winners of each challenge, and an overall champion will be named in each age division.

Denny Dinan, La Vista Recreation's Youth and Adult Sports Manager, explained that the new two-day format will help shorten contest wait times at the popular event.

"Last year's competition was our biggest yet," said Dinan. "More than 50 participants and their parents filled the gym," Dinan said. "We'd love to see even more young people join us this March."

Event organizers introduced "money balls" to the competition last year, and they have some additional surprises planned this year.



Alex Schiphoff, Sarpy County Tourism's Athletic Events Coordinator explained that this year's event will include some fun new updates to the three challenges. Schiphoff also stressed that March Madness is unique because it is welcoming to all participants across various age groups and skill levels.

"The atmosphere is extremely positive, and the competitors are really supportive of each other," said Schiphoff. "Anyone can participate and have fun." Dinan added that "It was incredible to see the sportsmanship last year as the boys and girls cheered for and encouraged one another."

MARCH MADNESS BASKETBALL SKILLS COMPETITION



March 4 (grades 3-4)
March 5 (grades 5-8)

Registration: 5:30-6 p.m. (day of event ONLY)

Competition starts at 6 p.m.

Cost: FREE

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

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

Each participant will compete in 3 challenges:

1. Obstacle Course
2. Hot Shot
3. Free Throw Contest

Winners will be awarded for each challenge and an overall winner for each age division.

Registration is going on now for
spring and summer sports!
CityofLaVista.org/Active

ATHLETICS

BOYS & GIRLS SOCCER ACADEMY/LEAGUE APRIL 9-MAY 11

AGE	COST		
	EARLY-BIRD JAN 2-MAR 4	FINAL MAR 5-25	
Boys and Girls 4-5	Resident: \$33 Non-resident: \$53	Resident: \$43 Non-resident: \$63	ACADEMY
Boys and Girls 6-7	Resident: \$33 Non-resident: \$53	Resident: \$43 Non-resident: \$63	LEAGUE



COED SOCCER CLINIC APRIL 6-MAY 4

BOYS & GIRLS AGES	COST	
	EARLY-BIRD JAN 2-MAR 4	FINAL MAR 5-25
3 (as of April 1)	Resident: \$17 Non-resident: \$22	Resident: \$27 Non-resident: \$32

COED FLAG FOOTBALL APRIL 20-JUNE 15

Practice starts April 1

AGE	COST	
	EARLY-BIRD JAN 2-FEB 19	FINAL FEB 20-MAR 4
Boys & Girls PreK-6 as of spring 2024 (Min. age is 4)	Resident: \$33 Non-resident: \$53	Resident: \$43 Non-resident: \$63

BOYS BASEBALL

APRIL 27-JUNE 30

Practice starts April 1

LEAGUE	AGE (as of April 1)	COST	
		EARLY-BIRD JAN 2-FEB 19	FINAL FEB 20-MAR 6
YEARLING/COACH PITCH LEAGUE	7-8	Resident: \$50 Non-resident: \$65	Resident: \$60, Non-resident: \$75
MUSTANG LEAGUE	9-10	Resident: \$65 Non-resident: \$85	Resident: \$75 Non-resident: \$95
BRONCO LEAGUE	11-12	Resident: \$75 Non-resident: \$105	Resident: \$85 Non-resident: \$115
PONY LEAGUE	13-14	Resident: \$85 Non-resident: \$105	Resident: \$95 Non-resident: \$115

GIRLS SOFTBALL APRIL 27-JULY 2

Practice starts April 1

LEAGUE	AGE (as of May 1)	COST	
		EARLY-BIRD JAN 2-FEB 19	FINAL FEB 20-MAR 6
MINOR/KID-PITCH LEAGUE	7-10	Resident: \$65 Non-resident: \$85	Resident: \$75, Non-resident: \$95
JUNIOR LEAGUE	11-13	Resident: \$75 Non-resident: \$105	Resident: \$85 Non-resident: \$115
SENIOR LEAGUE	14-18	Resident: \$110 Non-resident: \$140	Resident: \$120 Non-resident: \$150

COED T-BALL

JUNE 8-JULY 13

Practice starts May 6

AGE	COST	
	EARLY-BIRD JAN 2-APR 8	FINAL APR 9-22
Boys & Girls 5-6 (As of April 1)	Resident: \$45 Non-resident: \$60	Resident: \$55 Non-resident: \$70

ADULT SOFTBALL

APRIL-JULY

LEAGUE	GAME DAYS	COST	
		REGISTRATION FEB 1-MARCH 24	UMPIRE FEES (paid directly to umpire)
Men	Tuesdays or Fridays	\$215	\$22 per game
Coed	Fridays	\$215	\$22 per game

SENIOR CENTER



SENIOR SERVICES

SPECIAL SERVICES BUS

The Special Services Bus is available for senior citizens ages 60 and older and all special needs/ handicapped individuals residing in La Vista and Ralston.

Hours of operation:

Mon.-Fri., 7 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

For reservations call 402.657.3550 at least 48 hours in advance.

We make every effort to accommodate, but sometimes due to prior scheduling, we may not be able to help everyone at their requested times.

The Special Services Bus does not operate on City of La Vista holidays or when Papillion-La Vista or Ralston Public Schools are closed due to weather conditions.



Quilting for a cause.

On Wednesday mornings, friendly banter and bursts of laughter can be heard coming from a corner meeting room in La Vista's Community Center. These are the sounds of the Sew 'n' So's Quilting Club.

The Sew 'n' So's are a group of local seniors who meet to socialize, craft together and support one another.

Members arrive with fabric, yarn, sewing needles, scissors and other supplies to complete various quilting, crocheting, embroidery and crafting projects. They also bring their creativity and sense of humor.

Sew 'n' So's members say they enjoy the camaraderie and purpose the group offers. Much of what they create is given to charities.

Sharron Bailey—one of the group's original members—estimates she has been crafting

with the Sew 'n' So's for eight or more years. She said Sew 'n' So's have made fidget quilts for patients with Alzheimer's disease, blankets for teens in crisis situations, winter hats and scarves for the City of La Vista's coat drive and countless other items to donate.

Bailey, a 31-year cancer survivor, also enjoys sewing cancer quilts. What's her favorite part of the Sew 'n' So's?

"Everyone gets along," Bailey said. "And we tease one another."

New members are always welcome—there is no registration or cost required to join the Sew 'n' So's. The group meets at 9 a.m. on Wednesday mornings at the Community Center.

For more information about the Senior Center, its programs and special events, see the monthly Senior Newsletter at **CityOfLaVista.org/Seniors**, or contact Senior Services Manager Kaily Stanley at **402.331.3455**.

La Vista residents and non-residents who are 55 and older can join the Senior Center and **become part of its thriving community** free of charge. Visit the front desk at the La Vista Community Center to become a member.

SENIOR LUNCH PROGRAM

Monday-Friday, 11:30 a.m.

Enjoy a nutritious meal at the Senior Center, provided by Treat America, in cooperation with the Eastern Nebraska Office on Aging. Please call by noon the business day before you'd like to visit to make a reservation. After lunch, feel free to stick around for many of our other activities. View the monthly lunch menu at **CityofLaVista.org/Seniors**.

Suggested Donation: \$4.25 for those 60 and older

Required Fee: \$11 for those younger than 60

55 AND UP ONGOING ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITY	DAY	TIME	FEE
Bingo	Fridays	1 p.m.	\$1 total for 5 games
Chair Volleyball	Wednesdays & Fridays	10:15-11:15 a.m.	FREE
Tai Chi For Balance	Tuesdays & Thursdays	10:45-11:30 a.m.	Age 60+: \$0.50 suggested
Various Card Games	Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays	Tues: 12 p.m. or 2 p.m. Wed & Fri: 2 p.m.	FREE
Movie Showings	Every other Tuesday	1 p.m.	FREE
Drop-In Quilting	Wednesdays	9-11:30 a.m.	FREE
Hand & Foot (Cards)	Wednesdays	1 p.m.	FREE
Pitch (Cards)	Fridays	1 p.m.	FREE



ST. PATRICK'S DAY SENIOR LUNCH

Friday, March 15, Doors open at 11 a.m.,
event begins at 11:30 a.m.

La Vista Community Center

Entertainment provided by Paul Siebert.

Menu: Corned beef, cabbage, carrots, potatoes, cookie,
roll and beverage

Ages: All Seniors 55+ are invited

Cost: \$8 per person. Payment due at time of registration.
Sorry, no refunds.

Registration deadline: Wednesday, March 6, at La Vista
Community Center or Papillion Landing front desk



LIBRARY NOOK

9110 Giles Rd | 402.537.3900 | Library@CityofLaVista.org | CityofLaVista.org/Library

Library Hours: Monday–Thursday: 8 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday–Saturday: 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday: 1-5 p.m.



National Library Week

April 7-13

This annual celebration highlights the valuable role libraries and library workers play in strengthening our community and fostering a love of reading.

During National Library Week, we're asking the community to show your love for our library! Make and decorate a heart at home. Hearts can be made from any materials you have at home. Drop off your decorated heart for our "Love the Library" wall. Be creative and show us some LOVVVVVE!

One-On-One Tech Help

Would you like help navigating the Library's e-resources or setting them up on your laptop, iPad, smartphone or other device? Need help scanning, using the Internet, creating an email account or a refresher on using apps? Book a free personalized one-on-one session today!

The La Vista Public Library offers computer and other personal electronic device assistance in the form of one-on-one help sessions. Scheduled sessions run 30 minutes to 1 hour. To reserve a session with our Technology Librarian, Jean Hurst, call **402.537.3900**, email **JHurst@CityofLaVista.org** or stop by the circulation desk.



City Flag Check-Out

There's no place like home—or La Vista. Check out a La Vista flag from the Library and take a piece of home with you on your next trip. If you take a travel photo with one of our flags, you'll receive a free gift.

City flags are available at the Library's circulation desk and can be checked out for three weeks at a time. Flags come with instructions for submitting photos and how to claim your gift. There's also a map at the Library to track where the flags travel.

Stop by and check out a flag before your next trip. It's a fun way to show your love for La Vista.

Grab and Go Activity/Craft Kits

The La Vista Library offers monthly grab and go craft kits for all ages! Pop by each month to pick up a FREE craft kit to be enjoyed by all. These kits are available on a first-come-first-served basis, while supplies last. All needed supplies are included except for items you likely have at home such as scissors, crayons, tape and glue.

The grab and go activity bags will be displayed at the front desk and will change monthly. Only one bag per person per visit will be allowed. **Ages: All**



Video Game Days

March 13-14, 1-4 p.m.

Race to the finish line, practice your cooking abilities or start building a castle all on screen! Bring your own Nintendo Switch to the Library and hop on an online game with others. Some game consoles will be available for players to use. Space is limited to the first 20 players.

Ages 7-12: Wed., March 13, 1-4 p.m. (Games rated E)

Ages 13+: Thurs., March 14, 1-4 p.m. (Games rated E or T)



Magna-Tiles Mania

**March 15,
10 a.m.-4 p.m.**

Make friends and build together with Magna-Tiles! Learn about shapes and patterns or build grand structures, houses or small castles with these fun magnetic shapes.

This all-age self-guided program will be available 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Friday, March 15. Parent participation required.

Ages: All



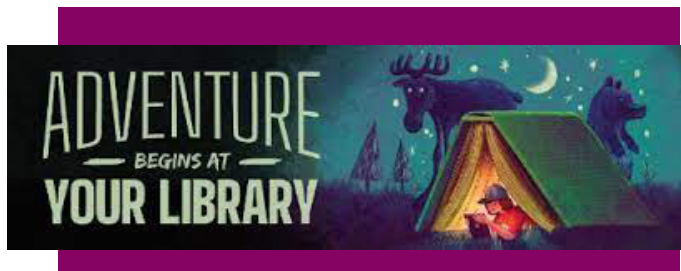
New Book Clubs Alert!

COFFEE HOUSE BOOK CLUB & SILENT BOOK CLUB

Starting this spring, the Library will host a Coffee House Book Club each month on a Friday night. This book club will meet in the evening at a coffee house and read Young Adult (YA) titles. Teens are especially invited to join. Check in with the Library or contact Ashley Wemhoff, AWemhoff@CityofLaVista.org, for more information. **Ages: 13+**

Also starting in the spring, the Library will host a Silent Book Club. Bring whatever book you happen to be reading at the time. Attendees will spend the first 30 minutes chatting with one another about what they are reading before spending an hour reading silently. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet fellow readers and hear about a variety of different books.

Watch the Library's calendar for an official start date. For more information, contact Cedate Shultz at CShultz@CityofLaVista.org. **For Ages 16+.**



Summer Reading Program

May 23-July 19

Summertime is reading time, which jump starts the imagination and opens doors to new places!

All La Vista readers, big or small, are invited to participate in our annual Summer Reading Program from June 1-July 19. This year's theme is adventure! Whether you're an avid thrill seeker, nature lover, or simply seeking an escape from the routine, LVPL has another exciting journey planned for this summer.

Summer Reading calendars will be available May 1 and the reading logs will be available June 1.

PUBLIC WORKS ZONE

9900 Portal Rd | 402.331.8927 | PublicWorks@CityofLaVista.org | CityofLaVista.org/PublicWorks

La Vista Public Works Hours: Monday–Friday: 7 a.m.–3:30 p.m. Saturday–Sunday: Closed



Street resurfacing project slated to start this spring.

Streets in La Vista's Briarwood neighborhood (west of Edgewood Blvd. between La Vista Middle School and Central Park) will soon be resurfaced using a street maintenance method called the Ultra-Thin Bonded Asphalt System or UBAS.

The project, which is scheduled to begin this spring and run into early summer, will involve grinding the top layer of concrete off the neighborhood's streets and installing an asphalt layer over the remaining concrete.

By using the UBAS resurfacing method, the City is able to proactively maintain streets in La Vista that are in good condition and save money.

The cost to complete a UBAS resurfacing project is typically a fraction of the cost of traditional mill and overlay resurfacing.

The City completed a UBAS project in the Giles Corner neighborhood in 2022, and finished a UBAS project in Crestview Heights in 2023.

The asphalt overlay project for Edgewood, Greenleaf and Valley is currently out to bid and the City hopes to have a contractor on board by the end of February. Residents will receive letters to notify them of work schedules and street restrictions.

Please contact the Public Works Department at **402.331.8927** with any questions.

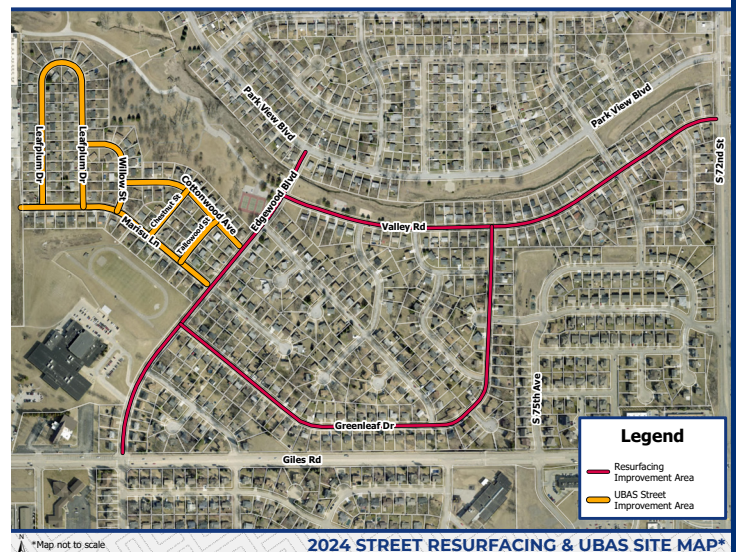
Central Park road reconstruction update.

Road improvements will continue in Central Park East this spring.

Work will begin soon on the section of road that connects from Edgewood Blvd. through the park to the new Park View Blvd. access road.

In the coming months, construction crews will work to remove the asphalt on the road and replace it with concrete, parking stalls and the tennis court parking lot. This project will also provide pedestrian and utility connections to the bathroom and shelter amenities that will be installed later this year.

The road reconstruction project could be completed by late spring, weather dependent.



2024

SPRING CLEANUP DAYS

APRIL 15-21

7 a.m.-5 p.m. each day

The Public Works Department will co-host a spring cleanup event with the City of Papillion April 15-21, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

This joint event will be located at 99th Circle and Portal Road on the south side of Portal Road, just east of the Papillion Public Works Facility. The event is open to Papillion and La Vista residents only.

**Residential Items Only.
Bring Identification.**

Not sure if you're a resident? Check the map at CityofLaVista.org/AmlAResident.

- This event is limited to residents of the cities of La Vista and Papillion. Bring a copy of a utility bill or type of identification to prove eligibility.
- The event is restricted to residential items only. Commercial and business vehicles will not be permitted.
- Staff will direct you to the appropriate disposal areas based on the type of materials you bring for disposal.
- Please pay close attention to posted signage for entrance and exit directions.
- Please secure loads properly to prevent debris from obstructing the roads.
- This is a rain or shine event.

SPRING CLEANUP DAYS SITE MAP 96th & Portal Rd





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