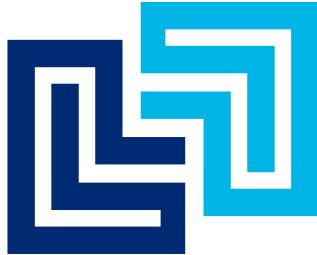
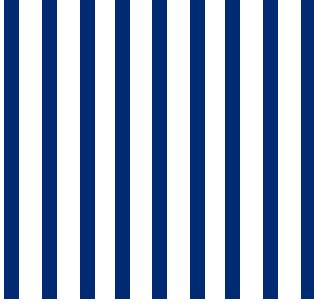




# SPRING/ SUMMER 2025



 **LA VISTA**  
COMMUNITY *Guide*



# You belong here.

Whether you're a La Vista resident, business owner or visitor, you belong here. We want everyone to feel at home in La Vista, so we put together this guide packed with useful information about every event and activity happening in our community this spring and summer. This is your go-to resource to help you discover what's going on in our parks, at our Library and at our Community Center.

We invite you to join us for family-friendly events, recreation classes and clubs, Library programs and senior activities. There are countless ways to find where you belong in La Vista. Come experience them all and enjoy discovering where you're meant to be.

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**Love, La Vista**

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## 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



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# ELECTED OFFICIALS

## Mayor



**Douglas Kindig**  
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## City Council Ward 1

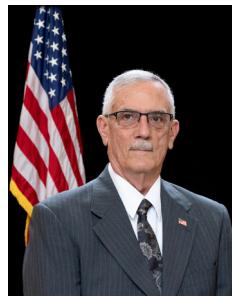


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## City Council Ward 2



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## City Council Ward 3



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## City Council Ward 4

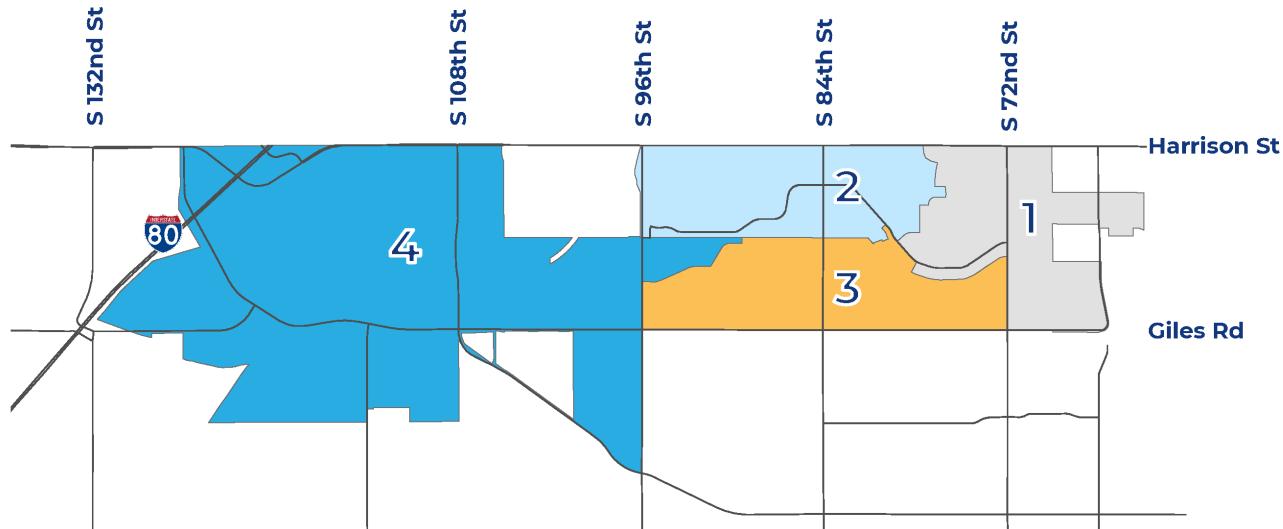


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## City Council Ward Map



## 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**

## **Recreation Department Office**

Monday–Friday: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

## **Community Center**

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

Saturday (year-round): 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Sunday (September 1–April 30): 1 - 9 p.m.

Sunday (May 1–August 31): Noon - 6 p.m.

# 2025 HOLIDAY OBSERVANCES & CLOSURES

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

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



## COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Black Hills Energy.....	888.890.5554
Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)	
Driver Licensing.....	402.292.0141
Diggers Hotline of Nebraska.....	811
Food Pantry and Food Resources	
Food Bank for the Heartland Food Resources Hotline.....	855.444.5556
NeighborGood Community Pantry.....	402.552.7061
Garbage Service	
Abe's Trash.....	402.468.5434
Deffenbaugh Industries.....	402.731.3333
Gretna Sanitation.....	402.332.4710
Papillion Sanitation.....	402.346.7800
Waste Management.....	402.731.0138
La Vista Community Foundation.....	402.960.9625
Mental Health Resources	
National Suicide & Crisis Lifeline (available 24/7, call or text).....	988
The National Mental Health Hotline (available 24/7).....	866.903.3787
The National Alliance on Mental Illness (24/7 text-line).....	text "NAMI" to 741741
Metro Community College Sarpy Center.....	531.622.3850
Metropolitan Utilities District (MUD).....	402.554.6666
NE Humane Society, Licensing.....	402.444.6716
Nebraska 211 Hotline – Directory of Community Resources & Support Services	
Call.....	211
Toll-free.....	866.813.1731
Omaha Public Power District (OPPD).....	402.536.4131
Papillion La Vista Community Schools.....	402.537.6200
Sarpy County	
Assessor.....	402.593.2122
Attorney.....	402.593.2230
County Clerk.....	402.593.2105
Health Department.....	402.339.4334
Human Services.....	402.593.4414
Register of Deeds.....	402.593.5773
Sheriff.....	402.593.2288
Tourism.....	402.332.5771
Treasurer.....	402.593.2143
Vehicle Titles, Registration.....	402.593.2148
Sarpy County Chamber of Commerce.....	402.339.3050
Special Services Bus	
Information.....	402.331.3455
Reservations.....	402.657.3550
United States Postal Service	
Papillion – La Vista Branch.....	402.331.4978

# SPECIAL SERVICES BUS ALL ABOARD.

## Need a lift? Hop on the La Vista/Ralston Special Services Bus.

The Special Services Bus is available for use by adults ages 60 and older, as well as disabled residents and individuals who have special needs residing in La Vista and Ralston.

**Hours of operation: Monday-Friday,  
7 a.m.-4:30 p.m.**

For reservations call **402.657.3550** at least 48 business hours in advance. Please note: 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.

The Special Services Bus prioritizes work and medical related rides. But you can also request rides to visit the Library, Community Center or other places. We make every effort to accommodate, but sometimes due to prior scheduling, we may not be able to meet every request.

*If the Special Services Bus is unavailable, call 211 for alternative transportation resources.*

Whether you need a ride to the store...



or a lift to an appointment...



or just a ride across town...



the La Vista and Ralston Special Services Bus has you covered.

## 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)  
See [CityofLaVista.org](http://CityofLaVista.org) for a detailed map.

*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.*



# Change your views on work.

Are you ready for a new perspective on work?  
Come experience La Vista from our point of view.



## NOW HIRING

- | Full-Time Positions
- | Part-Time Positions
- | Seasonal Positions



See open positions and apply at [CityofLaVista.org/Employment](http://CityofLaVista.org/Employment).



## Volunteers Wanted: Join the Team!

Are you looking for a way to give back to your community or earn volunteer hours for school? Volunteering with the City of La Vista is a great way to get involved, meet new people, and make a positive impact. Whether you're passionate about working with seniors, helping at community events, coaching youth sports or supporting library and teen programs, we have plenty of opportunities to contribute.

We are always looking for volunteers to assist with:

- Senior Programs
- Community Events
- Youth League Sports
- Library Programs
- GED Assistance
- Teen Programs

As a volunteer, you'll not only gain valuable experience and make a difference in the community, but you can also earn some cool La Vista gear as a thank you for your time and talent!

Learn more about volunteer opportunities and sign up at [CityofLaVista.org/Volunteer](http://CityofLaVista.org/Volunteer).

We look forward to having you join the team!





## 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.

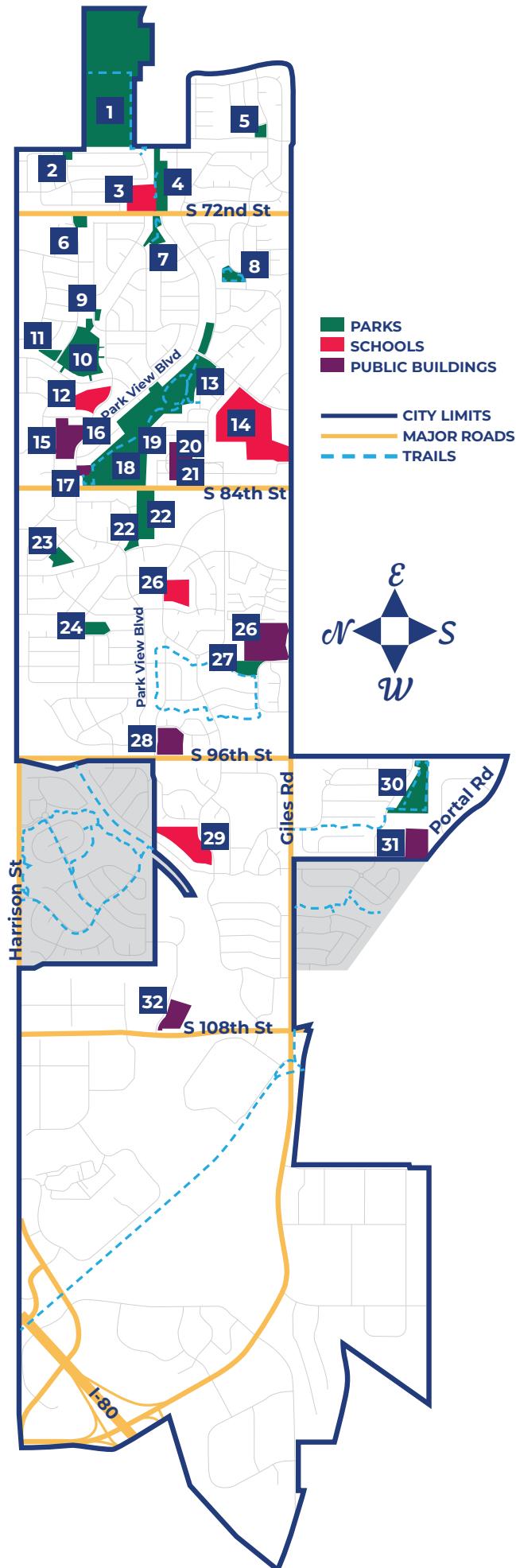
This notice is provided as required by Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Questions, complaints or requests for additional information or accommodation regarding the ADA and Section 504 may be forwarded to the designated ADA and 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. Central Park Clubhouse/Santa's Workshop	8305 Park View Blvd.
18. Central Park	8305 Park View Blvd.
19. The Link	8303 Central Park Plaza
20. City Centre Parking Garage #1	8121 City Centre Dr.
21. City Centre Parking Garage #2	7875 S. 84th Street
22. Central Park West	7601 S. 85th St.
23. Camenzind Park	7120 Wood Lane Dr.
24. Jaycee Park	7105 Harvest Hills Dr.
25. Parkview Heights Elementary	7609 S. 89th St.
26. Public Library/MCC Sarpy Center	9110 Giles Rd.
27. Southwind Park	8120 S. 92nd St.
28. Police Department	7701 S. 96th St.
29. Portal Elementary	9920 Brentwood Dr.
30. Val Verde Park	9807 Centennial Rd.
31. Public Works	9900 Portal Rd.
32. 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	DOG PARK	ELECTRICITY	FOOTBALL FIELD	GAGA BALL PIT	GAZEBO	GREEN SPACE	GRILLS	HORSESHOE PIT	OFF-STREET PARKING	LAKE	LITTLE LIBRARY	PICKLE BALL COURT	PICNIC TABLES	PICNIC SHELTER	PLAYGROUND	REMOTE AIRPLANE FLYING FIELD	RESTROOMS	SAND VOLLEYBALL COURT	SOCCER FIELD	SOFTBALL FIELD	TENNIS 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.																												
TRIANGLE PARK 7636 JOSEPHINE ST.																												
VAL VERDE PARK 9807 CENTENNIAL RD.																												

# FAMILY-FRIENDLY EVENTS





## MARCH 22 | 5-9 P.M. THE ASTRO FREE FOR ALL AGES

[CITYOFLAVISTA.ORG/BANDSANDBREWS](http://CITYOFLAVISTA.ORG/BANDSANDBREWS)

# BANDS



SPECK NELSON  
AND THE  
RALSTONES

6 P.M.



THE  
BROADWAYS

6:50 P.M.



HECTOR  
ANCHONDO  
BAND

7:50 P.M.

**Bands & Brews**  
Saturday, March 22, 5-9 p.m.  
Doors open at 5 p.m.  
Music begins at 6 p.m.  
The Astro (8302 City Centre Dr.)  
Free admission! (All ages)

Bands & Brews is your free ticket to enjoy an indoor concert at The Astro, the hottest new destination for live music in the Greater Omaha area. Come experience what everyone is talking about at this world-class venue in the heart of La Vista! This event, featuring local bands and beverages, is presented by the City of La Vista, The Astro, and La Vista City Centre.

Headlining the evening is the nationally acclaimed, award-winning **HECTOR ANCHONDO BAND**, with opening performances by local favorites **THE BROADWAYS** and **SPECK NELSON AND THE RALSTONES**. Admission is free!

Enjoy beverages for purchase, including the chance to meet the makers from local breweries.

Advance reservation tickets have all been claimed, but 1,000 tickets will be available on a first-come, first-served basis at the door on the day of the event.

Come on down(town) to mix and mingle with others who love all things local!

# BREWS



## Community Police Alliance

Thursdays in April, 4/3, 4/10, 4/17, 4/24  
Police Department (7701 S. 96 St.)

Are you interested in a career in policing? Or, are you curious how your police department functions? Then be part of La Vista's Community Police Alliance.

This one-month session will take place in April on Thursday evenings. Participants will learn about a variety of topics ranging from how to be a good witness, to crime prevention through environmental design, and much more. The session will conclude with a cookout and graduation celebration.

The Community Police Alliance is open to high school seniors through adults.

Register online at [CityofLaVista.org/CPA](http://CityofLaVista.org/CPA).



## Easter Egg Hunt & Food Drive

**Saturday, April 19, 1-3 p.m.**  
*Gates open at 1 p.m., Hunt begins promptly at 2 p.m. for all age groups*  
La Vista Sports Complex Soccer Fields  
(7346 S 66th St.)

Over 20,000 eggs will be spread out between the four soccer fields for kids ages 10 and under, with an adaptive field for ages 22 and under!

Enjoy photo opportunities with the Easter Bunny before the hunt. Be sure to bring a basket or bag to hold your eggs. This event draws a large number of people, so come early to allow time to park and walk to the fields.

All age groups will start at the same time to help keep each field age appropriate and safer.

## Spring Cleanup Days

**April 7-13, 7 a.m.-5 p.m. each day**  
Papillion Public Works Facility  
(99th Circle and Portal Road)

The Public Works Department will co-host a spring cleanup event with the City of Papillion in April. 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. Bring a copy of a utility bill or other identification to prove eligibility.

Only residential items will be accepted. Commercial and business vehicles will not be permitted.

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

FIELD	AGE GROUP
Field 1A	Adaptive (Ages 0-22)
Field 1B	2 & under
Field 2	Ages 3-4
Field 3	Ages 5-7
Field 4	Ages 8-10



### HUNT DOWN A GOLDEN EGG!

Each age group will have 5 golden eggs that can be turned in for an "egg"tra special surprise!



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



## Yappy Hour

**Thursday, April 24, 4-7 p.m.**  
Dog Park at Southwind Park  
(8120 S. 92nd Ave.)

Enjoy a "patio" experience outside the dog park where pet owners can gather at picnic tables or around high-top tables to converse, relax and listen to some background music.

Sip non-alcoholic drinks from a beverage truck/cart (free) and grab a bite to eat from a food truck (for purchase). Visitors are invited to chat with representatives from pet rescues and dog-related vendors.

Parking is available at the La Vista Public Library (9110 Giles Rd.)

FREE EVENT

## Arbor Day Lunch & Learn

Friday, April 25, 12-1 p.m.

Central Park East (7702 Edgewood Blvd.)

Learn about the planting and caring of trees while honoring Arbor Day, a national holiday that originated in Nebraska. Watch a special introduction and tree planting near the new picnic shelter.

Free grab-and-go lunches will be available to those who sign up in advance. Children are invited to take home free saplings and special gifts. (While supplies last.)

Register for free lunch by Friday, April 18, at [CityofLaVista.org/ArborDayLunch](http://CityofLaVista.org/ArborDayLunch).

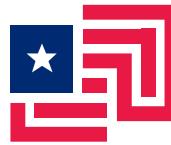


FREE EVENT

## Hometown Heroes

Thursday, May 22, 6-7 p.m.

Blue Star Memorial,  
City Hall Campus  
(8116 Park View Blvd.)



Join us to honor the men and women who have paid the ultimate sacrifice while serving our great country. Members of American Legion Post 32, Papillion-La Vista High School musicians, guest speaker Jay Miralles from 50 Mile March Foundation, La Vista Police, Tri-City Police Chaplains and Mayor Douglas Kindig will be in attendance to celebrate the legacy of the fallen.



FREE EVENT

## LA VISTA DAYS 2025

Friday, May 30, 5-10 p.m.

The Astro Amphitheater and  
The Nines Plaza at The Link

Saturday, May 31, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

City Hall Campus

Mark your calendar for La Vista's biggest event of the year. The City's annual festival spans two days and will take place on the weekend after Memorial Day.

Enjoy a free concert at The Astro Amphitheater and an exciting firework and drone show on Friday, May 30.

Return on Saturday, May 31 for a full day of fun, food and entertainment, beginning with the parade at 10 a.m.

See all the details at [LaVistaDays.org](http://LaVistaDays.org).



MAY 30-31



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



## Community Garage Sales

**Saturday, June 7, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.**

*Neighborhoods across La Vista*

Host your own garage sale (or shop the sales throughout La Vista) during our Community Garage Sale event on Saturday, June 7.

The City will advertise the sales, provide free garage sale signs and create a printable map of all participating residences. Register your sale by May 25 at [CityofLaVista.org/GarageSales](http://CityofLaVista.org/GarageSales) to be included on the map on our website.

City-made signs will be available to all those who register by the deadline. Signs can be picked up at the La Vista Community Center during normal operating hours beginning on June 2. For those who miss the registration deadline, there will be a limited number of signs available as well. All signs should be returned to the Community Center by June 16.

## Travelin' Trivia

**Second Wednesday of summer months, 6 p.m.**

*Multiple locations*

Get ready for some fun and friendly competition on the second Wednesday of the summer months. We will be traveling to a new location within La Vista each month.

Two quizmaster hosts will keep the questions coming as teams of up to six battle it out for prizes and bragging rights. No phones are allowed to find clues or search for answers to the questions. Food truck will be on site.

**JUNE 11** Heights Draft Room (7861 Main St.)

**JULY 9** Pint Nine Brewing Company (10411 Portal Rd.)

**AUGUST 13** Lucky Bucket Brewing Company (11941 Centennial Rd.)

## Summer Splash

**Second and fourth Tuesday of June and July, 3-4 p.m.**

*Multiple locations*

La Vista's Summer Splash (formerly Hydrant Party) is a summer tradition that welcomes community members to cool off and play outdoors with water. Local firefighters will provide a giant sprinkler, and water toys and squirt guns will be available for use.

This event is free and fun for the whole family. The four hydrant parties will be held at different locations around La Vista.

**JUNE 12** Mayor's Park (7651 S. 72nd St.)

**JUNE 26** City Hall Campus (8116 Park View Blvd.)

**JULY 10** La Vista Public Library (9110 Giles Rd.)

**JULY 24** Val Verde Park (9807 Centennial Rd.)

## Moonlight Movies

**Second Friday of June and July at dusk**

*Outdoors at the La Vista Public Library*

Join us on the second Friday of June and July for a free outdoor movie on the big screen. Blankets, chairs and picnics are encouraged.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 13**

*Mufasa: The Lion King (PG)*

**FRIDAY, JULY 11**

*Captain America: Brave New World (PG-13)*



## La Vista Live & Local

**Fourth Friday of June and July, 6-10 p.m.**

*Outdoors at the La Vista Public Library*

Enjoy free live music from local favorites and up-and-comers on the fourth Friday of the summer months. Lawn chairs, blankets and dancing shoes are encouraged. Make an evening out of it—bring your own picnic dinner or purchase tasty food from the visiting local food truck.

Food trucks open at 6 p.m. and music begins at 7 p.m.

**JUNE 27**

8 p.m. Strange Pleasures

7 p.m. Head Change

6 p.m. Food truck opens

**JULY 25**

8 p.m. Shoot to Thrill

7 p.m. Quinn's Collins

6 p.m. Food truck opens

## La Vista Local Market

Fourth Saturday of summer months, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

**NEW!**

City Centre

Free Admission

Get ready for the ultimate summer experience at the NEW La Vista Local Market! This is your chance to discover one-of-a-kind, hand-crafted items that you won't find anywhere else. Come explore City Centre, shop, mingle and enjoy the summer day. Every purchase supports a talented artisan in your community. Mark your calendars—you won't want to miss it!

**SATURDAY, JUNE 28**

**SATURDAY, JULY 26**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 23**

Want to be a vendor? Apply online at [CityofLaVista.org/LocalMarket](http://CityofLaVista.org/LocalMarket).

## Youth Police Academy

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, July 8-10, 7:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

La Vista Police Department, open to ages 12-14, La Vista residents only

FREE EVENT

The Youth Police Academy gives middle school students a first-hand look at law enforcement and first responders. The academy introduces participants to the field of law enforcement and provides an opportunity for youth and police officers to connect. Students will participate in activities and engaging presentations related to internet crimes, traffic stops, DUIs, SWAT, K-9 and other topics. They'll also participate in a training obstacle course.

The academy's activities highlight four cardinal work principals: teamwork, leadership, communication and problem solving/conflict resolution. There is no cost to attend the academy. Daily breakfast and a t-shirt will be provided. Register at [CityofLaVista.org/YPA](http://CityofLaVista.org/YPA).

## National Night Out

Tuesday, August 5, 6-8 p.m.

Central Park

FREE EVENT

Gather in Central Park to celebrate La Vista's community and many Omaha metro area first responders. This safety-focused event features "touch-a-truck" with first responder vehicles, a greeting from Mayor Kindig, face painters and activities, free treats, plenty of safety information and demonstrations.



## SAVE THE DATE!

Watch for more information about the following events in our next Community Guide!



### La Vista Loop 5K

Saturday, September 13

### Oktoberfest

Saturday, September 27

### Public Works Expo

Saturday, October 4



## At Your Service



### Meet Jaci Moore, Assistant Events Coordinator

As La Vista's Assistant Events Coordinator, Jaci Moore oversees the planning, coordination and execution of the City's community events.

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

**Jaci:** I joined the team part-time in May 2023 and was able to jump right into helping with the execution of La Vista Days. I went full-time in October 2024.

#### LV: What do you like about working in events?

**Jaci:** Each event is unique and different, so no two shifts are the same working in events! I get to be creative and flexible, and I also have the opportunity to work with a lot of different people. I love bringing people together and creating memorable experiences for the community.

#### LV: Why are events valuable and how do they add to the community?

**Jaci:** Events provide opportunities for people to connect with one another and share experiences. La Vista's community events help build relationships, promote local businesses and strengthen the City's identity. Whether you are a part of an event as a vendor or attendee, you are fostering a sense of belonging and improving the quality of life in La Vista.

#### LV: What is something about the City of La Vista's events that you want people to know?

**Jaci:** We strive to make our events available and accessible to everyone. La Vista's community events are almost always free!

#### LV: What event are you most excited about this year?

**Jaci:** I am excited to see the expansion of La Vista's traditional events in 2025. Our annual Arbor Day celebration is transforming into a lunch and learn with free lunch provided. The traditional summer Hydrant Party is expanding into four separate Summer Splash events that will take place in each ward. The annual Halloween Safe Night will be rebranded to Fall-o-ween and is evolving to bring the community together with family-friendly activities.

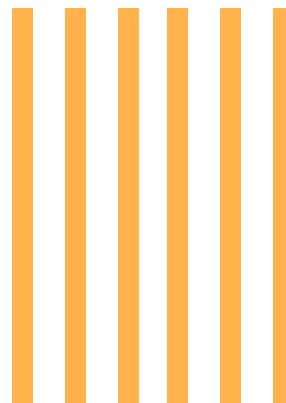
#### LV: What do you enjoy doing when you're not at work?

**Jaci:** I enjoy crafting, watching TV shows, spending time with friends and family and being outside. In the summer, I often go camping with my family—we have an annual tradition of visiting Lake McConaughy. In the winter, I try to hit the slopes to ski in Colorado as much as possible.

#### LV: What do you love about La Vista?

**Jaci:** I was raised in a small town, and I love that La Vista has the same sense of home and community. La Vista has a small-town feel with the accessibility of living in a big city.

# LIBRARY





**Rose Barcal,  
Library 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.

## FROM THE DIRECTOR

As the days grow longer and the weather warms, the La Vista Public Library continues to offer a welcoming space for learning and growth. Whether you're seeking a quiet corner to dive into a book or exploring new ideas and interests, the Library remains a place of comfort and inspiration.

Take advantage of the many resources available—books, events and community programs—that allow you to explore, learn and connect. This season, let the Library be your place of discovery, where the opportunities for growth are as endless as the summer days ahead. See you soon at the Library! (And thank you ChatGPT for helping author this! Come learn about AI at your library!)



## LA VISTA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Welcome to your Library!  
9110 Giles Road | La Vista, NE 68128  
402.537.3900 | 531.622.3900 (fax)  
[CityofLaVista.org/Library](http://CityofLaVista.org/Library)

## HOURS

**Monday-Thursday:** 8 a.m.-9 p.m.  
**Friday-Saturday:** 8 a.m.-5 p.m.  
**Sunday:** 1-5 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	10¢ per day
DVDs	7 days	\$1 per day
Jigsaw Puzzles	3 weeks	\$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



### LIBRARY INFORMATION

Any person who resides within the City 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, a current student or staff of Metropolitan Community College, or active-duty military residing in Sarpy County 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 membership by paying a fee as set forth in the City's Master Fee Ordinance. Due to an agreement between the City and SID 237, the City will provide an annual library membership to residents of SID 237 who satisfy applicable requirements to obtain a membership.

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

Within the Library, the use of all materials 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 Library 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 cardholders in good standing can borrow an iPad to use within the Library. To check out an iPad, cardholders must be 18 years old or older and fill out the iPad Usage Agreement form. iPads can be borrowed for 60 minutes at a time with time extension options available.

### GABBY: A TEXT-A-LIBRARIAN SERVICE

Text 402.204.1537 to text-chat with a librarian. You can easily renew books, receive notification whenever items are overdue or ask a reference question.

### TECHNOLOGY HELP

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

- Using eLibrary eBooks, audiobooks, and magazines
- Computer basics including scanning
- 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
- Addressing other specific questions

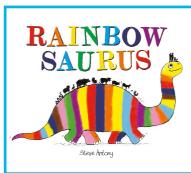
To sign up, call 402.537.3900 or email Jean at [JHurst@CityofLaVista.org](mailto:JHurst@CityofLaVista.org). Please note: The Library does not do setup or repairs.

### UNATTENDED CHILDREN

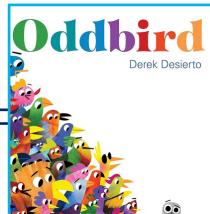
Children ages 10 and under must always be supervised by a parent or adult caregiver. Please be aware that this is a public facility, and the safety and security of children are the responsibility of the parents or adult caregivers.

# STAFF SPRING BOOK PICKS

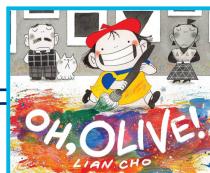
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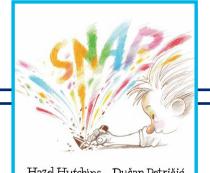
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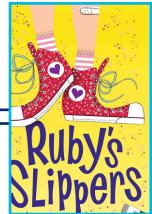
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**Snap!**  
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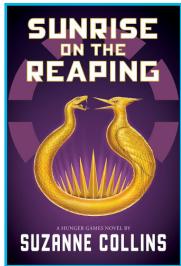


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**Ruby's Slippers**  
by Tricia Rayburn

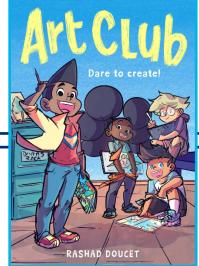
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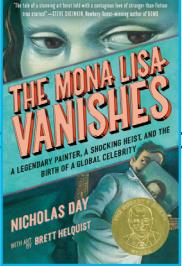
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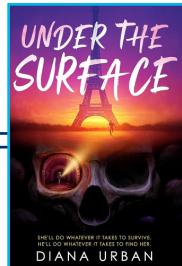
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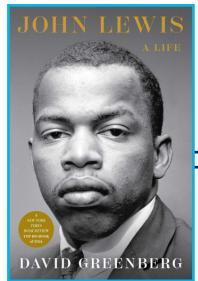


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by Nicholas Day



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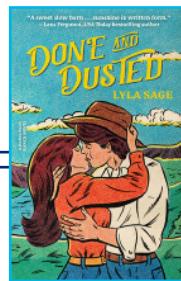
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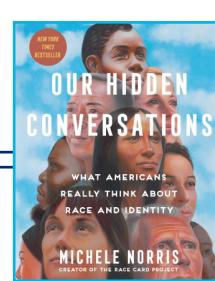
**John Lewis: A Life**  
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**The Restaurant of Lost Recipes**  
by Hisashi Kashiwai



**Done and Dusted**  
by Lyla Sage



**Our Hidden Conversations**  
by Michele Norris



**Moon of the Crusted Snow**  
by Waubgeshig Rice



# Did You Know?

Public libraries offer a lot more than just books, magazines and DVDs! You can check out board games, a telescope and even cake pans for entertainment. Many libraries have digital items too, such as databases.

***Databases provide access to a wealth of journals, articles, eBooks, online classes and other digital content across a wide range of subjects, from humanities to sciences.***

Libraries subscribe to databases, ensuring that the community has reliable digital resources that can be accessed remotely by cardholders 24 hours a day. Below is a list of just a few of the Library's databases.

## KANOPY

Kanopy is an on-demand film streaming service available to La Vista Public Library cardholders. Stream films from your computer, television, mobile device or other platform by downloading the Kanopy app for iOS, Android, AppleTV, Chromecast or Roku. When the lending period ends titles are automatically removed from your device. Indie films, foreign films, documentaries and Kanopy Kids are all available to our patrons.

## IVOXBOOKS

iVox is an interactive storybook app for children ages 4-8. It brings stories to life with three dimensional characters and scenes that children can explore. Confident readers can practice their skills in a new and fun way, while emerging readers will be helped along by the engaging narration. This app is great for telling bedtime stories.

## FREEGAL

Freegal Music is a service that provides DRM-free downloads and online streaming and unlimited access to 18 million+ songs. Library cardholders are allowed five downloads per week, while daily streaming is unlimited. Freegal is designed to be a mobile experience with a free app from your favorite app store.

## UNIVERSAL CLASS

Universal Class provides access to over 600 online courses to help you learn the skills needed to achieve your goals. From software training to candle making, this resource is valuable to anyone wanting to advance their skills and lifelong learners wanting to increase their knowledge in over 30 subject areas. All classes are self-paced and can be done on your own time.

## MANGO/TRANSPARENT LANGUAGE

Learning a new language isn't easy. It requires consistent interaction with the unknown and unfamiliar, but it can lead to rewarding discoveries and adventures. La Vista Public Library provides access to online language-learning systems, Mango Language Center and Transparent Language. Both systems allow individuals to learn anywhere at any time via a desktop computer or a mobile app.

**LIBRARY PROGRAM REGISTRATION:** Most programs are free or have a minimal fee for supplies only. Programs that require registration will be denoted like this: **\*Registration required**

To register for a program, contact us at **402.537.3900** or in person at the Library's circulation desk.

## VIETNAM: WHY WE WENT THERE AND WHY WE COULDN'T LEAVE

**Guest speaker:  
DAVID WELLS**

**Saturday, March 29  
10 a.m.**



**David Wells, Independent Historian and Storyteller, presents Vietnam: Why We Went There and Why We Couldn't Leave:**

Saturday, March 29, 10 a.m.  
(rescheduled from September)

Mr. Wells will give a brief history of the war, explain how we became involved in it, and talk about how it grew from a few military advisers to over 500,000 American soldiers and resulted in 58,000 deaths. Special attention is given to Nebraskans on the "Wall of Remembrance" and those still listed as POW/MIA. Includes a special display. **Free and open to the public.**

## Papio-Missouri River Natural Resource District (NRD) Storytime

Tuesday, April 8, 10 a.m.

Help us prepare for Arbor Day (4/25) with a special storytime. The Papio-Missouri River NRD will host a storytime and presentation at the Library about trees. Participants can discover what a tree needs to survive, as well as how trees help us to do the same. This program may include live animals, too. **Ideal for children ages 6 and under. FREE**

## May Day Baskets

Monday, 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 Wednesday, May 1 at 4 p.m., and create your own basket complete with treats. **FREE**

## \*Kids & Teens Craft Fair

Saturday, July 12, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Attention shoppers and craft lovers of all ages! Mark your calendars and set a reminder for our first Kids & Teens Craft Fair! Kids and teens in grades 12 and under will be selling their 100% kid-made creations. Stop in to see all the youth talent in our community.

We'll have a wide variety of one-of-a-kind handmade creations such as jewelry, bookmarks, artwork, magnets and more! Cash only. **Admission is free!**

## Interested in being a vendor?

Contact Jodi Norton at **402.537.3900** or [JNorton@CityofLaVista.org](mailto:JNorton@CityofLaVista.org). Vendors should be in grades 12 and under and everything must be 100% teen/kid made. Each vendor spot includes one 6-foot table and two chairs. If you prefer to bring your own tables, and have larger items that need additional space, we'll do our best to accommodate.

Vendor deadline to register is Tuesday, July 1, or until all spaces are full. All vendors must adhere to the Library's guidelines, ensuring that their products are safe, ethically produced and appropriate for selling.

## Turtle Time

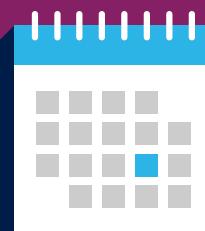
July 21-July 31



The Library will host 10 days of activities all about turtles. Activities may include coloring sheets, crafts, scavenger hunts, special time with Neptune (the Library's resident turtle) and more. Activities will be offered for all ages and may be self-directed or hosted by staff. Be sure to stop by and participate in these turtle-ly awesome activities. **FREE**

## SAVE THE DATE!

Watch for more information about the following events in our next Community Guide!



**Buy Local Craft & Vendor Fair**

Saturday, November 8

**Preschool Halloween Party**

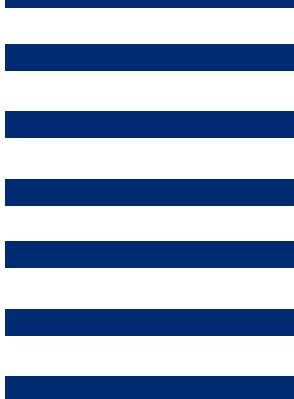
Thursday, October 23

# CHILDREN & FAMILY PROGRAMS

## Library Storytime

First & Third Tuesdays of the month at 10 a.m.  
**3/4, 3/18, 4/1, 4/15 & 5/6**

Learn early literacy skills and practice fine motor skills by joining us for fun songs, crafts and stories!  
**Ideal for ages 0-6. FREE**



## Friday Friends

Second & Fourth Fridays of the month at 10 a.m.  
**3/14, 3/28, 4/11, 4/25 & 5/9**

Friday Friends is designed for children to play, learn and make new friends. Come play at Southwind Park or inside the Library—depending on the weather. This is a great opportunity for children to develop social skills and build new relationships. **Ideal for ages 0-6. FREE**



## Music And Movement

First and Third Fridays of the month  
at 9:30 or 10:30 a.m.  
**3/7, 3/21, 4/4, 4/18, & 5/2**

Get ready to move and groove as your little one experiences the joy of music. Music and Movement is a 30-minute program full of singing, dancing and instruments. The program is first-come, first-served and space is limited. **Ideal for ages 0-6. FREE**

## Lego Club

Fourth Tuesday of the month at 4 p.m.  
**3/25, 4/22, 5/27, 6/24**

We're excited to bring back this fun, monthly activity! Kids ages 4+ are invited to build anything they can imagine using Legos. We'll have challenges, activities and/or free building time. **Ideal for ages 4+. FREE**

## Afternoon Playtime at the Library

Fourth Wednesday of the month, 3:30-4:30 p.m.  
**3/26, 4/23, 5/28**

We are opening the Library's storytime room in the afternoon. Play with the toys, color, build with blocks and more! **Ideal for children 8 and under. FREE**

## Homeschool

Did you know that the La Vista Public Library offers Homeschool programming throughout the traditional school year? Our homeschool programs happen twice a month on select Tuesdays at 11 a.m. and Thursdays at 2 p.m. **FREE**

The Library wants to offer you and your family fun activities that emphasize building community, developing social skills and sparking curiosity. For more information, contact Rachel Bachman at [RBachman@CityofLaVista.org](mailto:RBachman@CityofLaVista.org).

## Crafternoon

Second Thursday of the month at 4 p.m.  
**4/10 and 5/8**

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 do 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+. FREE**

Note: This program will not be held in March due to Spring Break.

## EDUCATIONAL KITS

The Library has a variety of educational kits available for check-out. Educational kits provide a fun and interactive learning experience for all age groups from young children to adults. These kits include hands-on materials and instructions for various subjects like science, art, literacy and math. The purpose of having these kits is to support lifelong learning and help families explore new interests and skills in an accessible and affordable way.

# PRE-TEEN & TEEN MONTHLY PROGRAMS

## Library Youth Council

First Monday of the month, 6-7 p.m.

3/3, 4/7, 5/5, 6/2, 7/7, 8/4, 9/1

Students in 5th-12th grade are invited to join the Library's Youth Council. Pre-teens and teens earn community service hours for attending meetings and volunteering for projects. From decorating the Library to helping with seasonal events, you can support your Library by joining! **FREE**

## Anime Club

Fourth Wednesday of the month, 4-5 p.m.

3/26, 4/23, 5/28, 6/25, 7/23, 8/27, 9/24

Do you love reading manga or watching anime? Then join the Library's Anime Club! We meet once a month to watch anime and do fun activities. We typically meet on the fourth Wednesday of the month, 4-5 p.m. Check the Library's calendar for more details. **Ages 10+ welcome. FREE**

## \*Crazy Crafty Club

Monthly at 2 p.m.

4/12 and 5/28

Are you an A+ art student looking for something to do? Join us at the La Vista Public Library as we make one super cool craft each month! Space is limited and registration is required. Meeting dates vary. **For ages 8-14. FREE**

## \*Teen D&D (Ages 12+)

Monday group – Meets twice a month, 5-6 p.m.

Saturday group – Meets once a month, 1-3 p.m.

Want to learn how to play the popular fantasy roleplaying game Dungeons & Dragons? Join a game at the Library! Space is limited to 6-8 players at each table, so registration is required. Teens are encouraged to volunteer to run a table themselves if there are enough players. Email Ashley at [AWemhoff@CityofLaVista.org](mailto:AWemhoff@CityofLaVista.org) for more information. **Ages 12+ welcome. FREE**

## \*Library Sizzle Squad

First Wednesday of the month

3/5, 4/2, 5/7, 9/3

During the school year (September to May) pre-teens and teens can sign up to join the Library's cooking program. Each month we try cooking a new recipe together. This program does require registration. Allergy information will be posted each month based on what we are making. Meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month 4-5 p.m. A minimum of 6 participants are needed to hold this event. **For ages 10-18. FREE**

## Teen Crafts

We have crafts just for teens! Once a month we will have a craft night where teens can try making something new. Registration is required to ensure we have enough supplies. During June and July, teens can check the Library's summer reading calendar for special summer activities. **FREE**

**March 6** – 6 p.m. – Crochet Clovers

**April 9** – 6 p.m. – Shrinky Dink Keychains

**May 15** – 6 p.m. – Galaxy Coasters

**August 21** – 6 p.m. – Perler Bead Pins

**September 8** – 6 p.m. – Crochet Turtles

### FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM!

@LaVistaLibraryYouth

Follow us to keep up to date on everything happening at the Library!

# ADULT PROGRAMS

AGES 18+

## Crafter-Dark

Third Monday of the month at 6 p.m.

3/17, 4/21, 5/19, 6/16, 7/16 & 8/18

Leave the kids at home and come to the Library for crafts, games, laughter, socialization and more! All supplies provided. Some sessions may require registration. Watch the Library calendar for detailed information. **FREE**



## \*Watercolor Tips & Tricks

Monthly

Learn some tips and tricks for creating watercolor masterpieces. All levels of experience welcome.

Supplies provided. This program will be offered once a month. Check the Library calendar for specific dates. Space is limited. Registration is required. **FREE**



## Watercolor and More

Fourth Saturday of the month at 11 a.m.

3/22, 4/26, 5/24, 6/28, 7/26 & 8/23

Bring your current art or craft project and spend time creating along with other budding artists. Share ideas and enjoy some quiet time for reflection and creation. This is not a class, and participants must bring their own materials. **FREE**

## Adult Card Club

Fourth Thursday of the month at 3 p.m.

3/27, 4/24, 5/22, 6/26, 7/24, & 8/28

Meet for socialization and a good game of cards. Playing cards will be provided as well as other card games such as UNO, Exploding Kittens, Phase 10 and more! Light refreshments will be provided. Solo players and groups are welcome. **FREE**

## Wellness Series

Multiple dates

Come listen to informational sessions given by experts from University of Nebraska Medical Center. Topics include nutrition, exercise/weight loss and stress. Watch the Library calendar for specific dates and times. **FREE**

## NEW PROGRAM ALERT!

### Film Fanatics Movie Club

First Saturday of the month at 11 a.m.

3/1, 4/5, 5/3, 6/7, 7/5, and 8/2.

Bring your lunch and join other movie lovers for a screening and discussion. Each month will feature a different genre starting in March with an 80's classic.

Do you have a favorite film that others might enjoy? Stop by the Library and submit your suggestions for consideration. **FREE**

## \*English as a Second Language (ESL)

By appointment only

One-on-one tutoring is available for members of our community learning English as a non-native language. These sessions are geared toward individual students and are not held as part of a larger class. Contact the Library or Cedate Shultz at [CShultz@CityofLaVista.org](mailto:CShultz@CityofLaVista.org) for more information or if you would like to volunteer to tutor. **FREE**

## GED Program

Drop-in times available

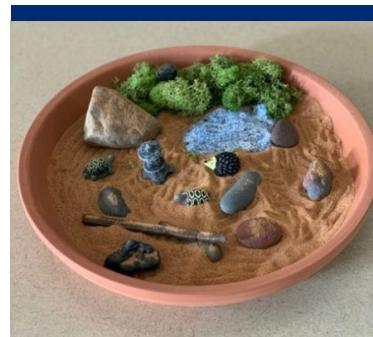
The La Vista Public Library offers a free GED Program for adult students wishing to complete their GED exams. Our drop-in program allows students to work at their own pace as their schedule allows, and is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. and 5-8 p.m. Contact Stephanie Holbus for more information at [SHolbus@CityofLaVista.org](mailto:SHolbus@CityofLaVista.org). **FREE**

## \*DIY Zen Gardens

August 5, 6 p.m.

Use a shallow dish, pie pan or plant saucer to create your very own Zen Garden. All materials provided. Space is limited and registration is required.

**FREE**



## Tiny Art Show

Use provided materials 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 1-31. All art must be submitted to the library no later than 9 p.m. on July 31 to be included. Voting will take place August 3-23 and the winners will be announced the week of the 25th. Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 artworks in both the adult and youth divisions. Artwork will be available for pickup at the close of the show (Sept 2-9). **FREE**



## Congratulations, David!

On December 20, 2024, La Vista resident David Birhan became a U.S. citizen. Originally from Ethiopia, David moved to Nebraska seven years ago in search of finding his "American Dream." With help from the La Vista Library's English Language Learning Program, GED Program, and countless staff and volunteers, David studied for the naturalization exam and achieved his dream of citizenship. He is continuing his education in the Library's GED Program and hopes to one day attend college.

# SUMMER READING PROGRAM

June 2 – July 18

Summertime is reading time! Reading keeps the mind engaged, improves literacy, reinforces knowledge, offers relaxation and a chance to explore new interests or ideas. All La Vista readers, big or small, are invited to participate in our annual Summer Reading Program which runs June 2–July 18.

## This year's theme is color!

### \*Pancake Art

June 3, 11 a.m.

Art class was never this delicious! Join us for a special program that lets you create a pancake masterpiece and then eat it! You'll be put in a group with a few others to share the pancake mix and supplies at your table.

Registration starts May 1. **All ages are welcome.**

**Ages 10 and under will need an adult to participate with them. FREE**

### Color Your World Storytime

June 11 & July 9, 10 a.m.

Storytime helps build important pre-literacy and social skills. Join Ms. Rachel for tales of adventure from around the world. Drop in and be part of the fun! **Summer storytimes are ideal for children ages 6 and under.** Adult participation required. **FREE**

### Toby KID's Silly Adventures

June 20, 3 p.m.

This 45-minute family-friendly show will showcase magic, juggling, storytelling, clowning and audience interaction. **Ideal for all ages. FREE**



What is your favorite color? Your favorite color is said to define a part of who you are, offering an inside look into your own personality and behavioral traits. Whether you're inspired by the color of the sky or gravitate more towards black and white, join the Library for programs and activities that add a little color to your world! Summer Reading calendars will be available May 1.

### Color Treasure Hunt

July 10, 10 a.m.

How many colors can you find in the world? Look around for objects of all the colors in the rainbow and more. Draw the items you find. Complete the tasks and receive a color-themed goody. **Ideal for ages 3-12. FREE**

### Mandala Art

July 14, 2 p.m.

Explore your artistic side while embracing relaxation, reducing anxiety and practicing mindfulness. Immerse yourself into the art process of creating a mandala wind chime and let your creativity flow. Soft music will be playing in this quiet atmosphere. **Ideal for ages 7+ and anyone looking to unwind. FREE**

### \*Crochet Away

July 15, 6 p.m.

Whether you are a needlecraft expert or a rookie, join us to create a fun, multicolored scarf using scrap yarn. Supplies will be provided. Registration starts on May 1. **For ages 18+ only. FREE**

### \*Camp Half-Blood Games

July 16, 3 p.m.

If you were in the world of Percy Jackson and found yourself at Camp Half-Blood, which cabin would you end up at? Zeus, Poseidon, Athena, Hermes, Ares? Players will be placed on a team based around a Greek God and then compete in Olympic style games to earn prizes. Participants will walk away with their own Camp Half-Blood t-shirt! Registration starts May 1. A minimum of 10 are needed to hold this program. **Ages 10+ are welcome. FREE**

### Bubblepalooza

July 18, 10:30 a.m.

Let's end summer reading with an outdoor bubble party! Listen to music and enjoy all the bubbles. **Ideal for all ages. FREE**

## Teen Volunteers Wanted

Summer is almost here and we are looking for teen volunteers to help with our summer reading color adventure. Volunteers will perform a variety of duties to assist staff with programs, clerical work, shelving, and more! This is the perfect opportunity to earn community service hours for school, clubs, scholarships, and other organizations.

Volunteers must be reliable, independent, and in grades 7-12 (as of the 2025-2026 school year). Volunteer opportunities will be May 27-July 31.

Volunteer registration is required by April 8. Space is limited. Stop by the Library to register, or contact Jodi Norton at [JNorton@CityofLaVista.org](mailto:JNorton@CityofLaVista.org).

Formal volunteer invites and information will be mailed to all volunteers in early May. Teen Volunteer Orientation is on Tuesday, May 20, at 4 p.m. During orientation, volunteers will receive their schedule, meet staff and tour the Library.

## Creation Station

The Library will host a variety of craft and building-related programs. Most of these programs will be self-guided and available in the children's area while supplies last. Self-guided programs are available 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and can be completed at any time during these hours and without supervision from library staff. Parental participation is required. **These programs are all FREE!**

### Color and Drawing, May 29

Explore coloring and drawing. We'll provide all materials, and you provide the talent.

### Play-Doh Playday, June 12

Invite a friend to the library and build Play-Doh sculptures using a variety of objects as building tools.

### Fourth of July Crafts, June 26 at 10 a.m.

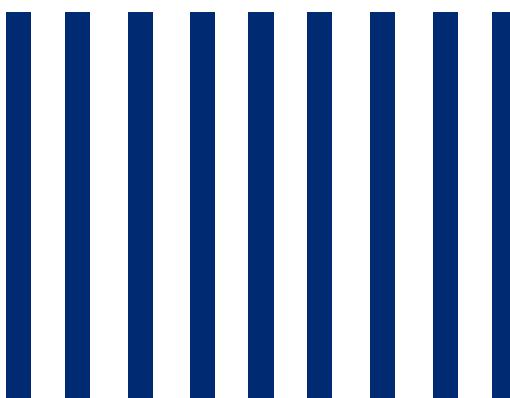
Celebrate America's birthday with themed crafts. This program is not passive and will meet at 10 a.m.

### All About Rainbows, July 10

Create a variety of rainbow-themed crafts.

### Random Art Day, July 17

Feeling creative? Feeling curious? An assortment of random crafts and craft items will be available for you to create with. Enjoy!



# BOOK CLUBS

La Vista Public Library offers multiple book clubs that are free to the community. Copies of each month's book will be available for participants to borrow. Contact Ceterminate Shultz at [CShultz@CityofLaVista.org](mailto:CShultz@CityofLaVista.org) to reserve a copy. Not able to attend book club meetings but want to read along? Lists of the 2025 selected titles are available in the Library and on our website. Library membership is not required to participate. Participants are responsible for damages to or loss of borrowed items.

## MONDAY BOOK CLUB

Second Monday of the month at 7 p.m.  
3/10, 4/14, 5/12, 6/9, 7/14, 8/11

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

**MARCH:** *The Secret Life of Sunflowers* by Marta Molnar

**APRIL:** *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*  
by Stephen Chbosky

**MAY:** *Go as a River* by Shelley Read

**JUNE:** *The Line Between* by Tosca Lee

**JULY:** *The Art Thief* by Michael Finkel

**AUG:** *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by Betty Smith

## AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

Second Saturday of the month at 2 p.m.  
3/8, 4/12, 5/10, 6/14, 7/12, 8/9

Join us for spirited discussions of historical fiction and non-fiction books. Meets monthly in the Library's makerspace area. **Ages 16+**

**MARCH:** *Gone with the Wind* by Margaret Mitchell

**APRIL:** *The Greatest Beer Run Ever*  
by John "Chick" Donohue

**MAY:** *The Alienist* by Caleb Carr

**JUNE:** *The Wolf Age* by Tore Skeie

**JULY:** *Good Night, Irene* by Luis Alberto Urrea

**AUG:** *Ghosts of Honolulu* by Mark Harmon

## WEDNESDAY BOOK CLUB

Third Wednesday of the month at 2 p.m.  
3/19, 4/16, 5/21, 6/18, 7/16, 8/20

This book club meets monthly in the Library's makerspace area. A variety of genres are read throughout the year.

**Ages 18+**

**MARCH:** *Braiding Sweetgrass* by Robin Wall Kimmerer

**APRIL:** *The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie*  
by Alan Bradley

**MAY:** *Darkly Dreaming Dexter* by Jeff Lindsay

**JUNE:** *The Hound of the Baskervilles*  
by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

**JULY:** *The Long March Home*  
by Marcus Brotherton and Tosca Lee

**AUG:** *The First Ladies* by Marie Benedict and  
Victoria Christopher Murray

## PAGE-TO-SCREEN BOOK CLUB

Third Tuesday of each month, 6 p.m.;  
Movies are screened later  
3/18, 4/15, 5/20, 6/17, 7/15, 8/19

Meets monthly in the Library's makerspace area. The related movie will be screened later. Check the Library's calendar for specific movie dates and times. Movies are open to everyone. It is the responsibility of parents and/or guardians to check ratings and content of movies shown. **Ages 18+ for book club.**

**MARCH:** *The Hidden Staircase (Nancy Drew Series)*  
by Carolyn Keene

**APRIL:** *Atonement* by Ian McEwan

**MAY:** *Fences (Play script)* by August Wilson

**JUNE:** *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins

**JULY:** *A Long Way Home* by Saroo Brierley

**AUG:** *The Martian* by Andy Weir



## Community Partners

Partnerships in the community are essential for fostering a sense of unity and collaboration. La Vista Public Library often partners with different organizations to provide innovative programs and services, joint events, educational workshops and resource sharing.

Currently, the following groups meet at the Library and always welcome new members and participants: The Cornhusker Fly Fishers, the Greater Omaha Genealogical Society, American Red Cross, Midwest Historical Detectors Club and the Omaha Organization for Purpose of Storytelling (OOPS).

Our Featured Community Partner is the Greater Omaha Genealogical Society, GOGS. The society is dedicated to assisting genealogists of all levels in achieving their goals, no matter how much or how little is known about one's ancestors. GOGS members meet at the La Vista Library monthly. For more info. on GOGS, visit [GogsNE.org](http://GogsNE.org).



## At Your Service

### Meet Jeremy Vezner, Circulation Assistant

Jeremy Vezner is a part-time daytime Circulation Assistant. He works diligently preparing new books and other materials for the Library's collection. Read our interview with Jeremy and learn more about him and his experience working in the Library.

#### LVPL: Tell us about yourself.

**Jeremy:** I live in Papillion and enjoy many things in the area. I like doing puzzles, reading, sketching and going to thrift stores. I have a large Lego collection and three cats. My cats are quite the characters.

#### LVPL: How long have you worked at the La Vista Public Library?

**Jeremy:** I have worked at the Library for the past 10 years. Prior to working at the Library, I participated in a Papillion-La Vista Community Schools sponsored program called Project Search. The Library partners with Project Search and recruited me because staff saw that my skills and work ethic would be ideal for the Library.

#### LVPL: What is your role and what led you to apply for your position?

**Jeremy:** I am a circulation clerk. My main duties are processing books, preparing new books and maintaining the book sale tables. Additionally, I am responsible for shelf reading, finding hold books, working with donations and helping with programs. I have been an instrumental part of Lego Club, both virtually and in person.

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

**Jeremy:** The Library is a welcoming place where everyone has access to media, books, a computer lab and the makerspace area.

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

**Jeremy:** The Library has resources available to everyone in the community. This is important because people may not have these resources at home.

#### LVPL: What book(s) are you currently reading?

**Jeremy:** Right now, I am reading the Star Wars X-Wing Series by Michael A. Stackpole and Aaron Allston. There are 10 books in this series, and I am on the sixth book, Iron Fist.



# RECREATION





**Heather Buller,  
Recreation Director**

## FROM THE DIRECTOR

As we move into spring and summer, I'm excited to highlight one of our favorite celebrations: **Parks & Recreation Month** in July! This year's theme, "**Build Together, Play Together,**" reflects the heart of our mission here in La Vista—creating spaces and opportunities for our community to connect, collaborate and enjoy life together.

Whether you're enjoying a day in one of our parks, participating in a program or coming together for one of our exciting events, we encourage everyone to engage, build relationships and play together.

We are committed to continuing to offer high-quality services, and we look forward to celebrating Parks & Recreation Month with all of you. Be sure to check out our event listings and join us in making this summer unforgettable!

Thank you for your continued support of our parks and recreation programs, and let's make this season one to remember!

## RECREATION CONTACTS

### DIRECTOR

Heather Buller

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Jaci Moore

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Sue Tangeman

### WHAT IS A RECREATION DEPARTMENT?

The La Vista Recreation Department provides excellence in leisure and wellness programs, activities, events and places to enhance the quality of life for people of all ages and abilities.



## LA VISTA RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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)

### HOURS

**Monday-Friday (year-round):** 8 a.m.-9 p.m.  
**Saturday (year-round):** 8 a.m.-6 p.m.  
**Sunday:** 1-9 p.m. (September-April)  
**Sunday:** 12-6 p.m. (May-August)



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# FACILITIES

## COMMUNITY CENTER

The La Vista Community Center offers a variety of ways for you and your family to stay fit and enjoy recreational time together. The Community Center features five meeting rooms for rent and programming, a fitness center, racquetball & wallyball court, basketball court with three pickleball courts, and a game room. The Community Center is home to senior and recreation programs offered daily and weekly. There are daily fees to utilize the basketball court and fitness center, and rental fees for the use of meeting rooms, pickleball courts, and a racquetball/wallyball court.

### REGISTRATION PROCESS

To access the Community Center, every individual must register for free and receive a unique identification number. This number will be used for check-ins each time you visit.

For youth aged 10-15 years old, registration must be completed by a parent or guardian before they can use the facility independently.

Please note that children aged 9 and under will not be issued an identification number and must always be accompanied by a parent or guardian who is at least 16 years old.

We're committed to ensuring a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone at our Community Center. Thank you for your cooperation in following these guidelines.

### DAILY DROP-IN FEES

These costs are for use of open gym and fitness center.

Resident adult (19+)	Non-resident adult (19+)	Resident senior (55+)	Non-resident senior (55+)	Resident & Non-resident youth (under 19)
\$3	\$4	FREE	\$2	FREE

### FITNESS CENTER

The Fitness Center is open to ages 12 & up and is equipped with basic cardio and strength equipment. Ages 12-14 must have a responsible parent or adult guardian present during all workouts. Visitors can take advantage of the dual cable station, Smith machine, dumbbells, treadmills, upright and recumbent bikes, row machine and therapeutic cardio for rehabilitation. Daily drop in fees applies.

### OPEN GYM

The Recreation Department is committed to coordinating Open Gym Time to provide a variety of opportunities for all ages and abilities to enjoy recreation, socialize and have fun. Each month we program the basketball courts at the Community Center with offerings like Preschool Playtime, Adult Basketball, Youth & Teen open gym time and pickleball court rental opportunities. Daily drop-in fees apply.

View the open gym schedule online at

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

(Hours are subject to change without notice.)



### GAME ROOM

The Game Room is a hub of fun and entertainment for all ages and is open during the Community Center's hours of operation. From classic board games to pool and ping pong, there is something for everyone. The Game Room is the perfect place to unwind, socialize and have a blast. There are even some exciting updates coming this year!

Come join us and let the games begin. There are no fees to utilize the game room.

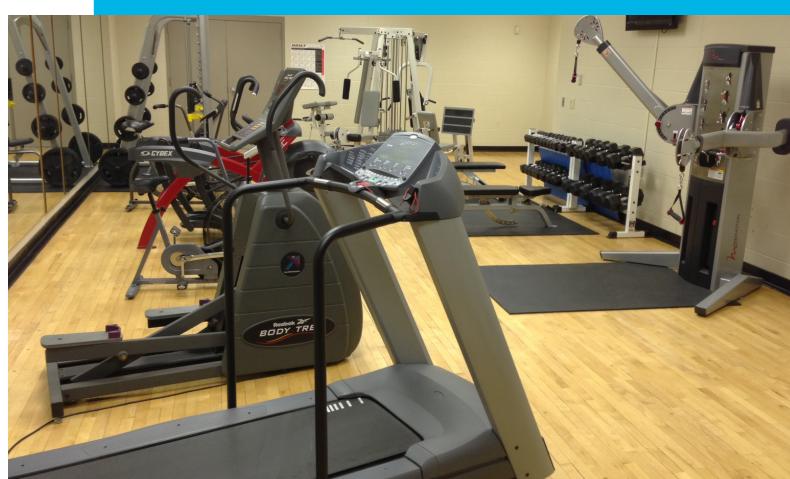
### MEETING ROOMS

The Community Center offers five meeting rooms for residents, visitors, businesses and non-profits to rent for meetings, birthday parties, wedding showers and much more. Rooms are available during the Community Center's hours of operation and must be booked and paid for at least three days in advance.

### COURT RENTALS

The Community Center has a racquetball/wallyball court and three pickleball courts that are available to rent. Racquetball/wallyball is available during normal hours of operation and pickleball courts are available during designated open gym times. Courts may be reserved up to seven days in advance. Participants must bring their own equipment. Reservations may be made in person or over the phone at **402.331.3455**.

Resident adult (19+)	Non-resident adult (19+)
\$7/hour	\$10/hour





## LA VISTA CITY FIELDS

Open April 1 – October 31

**Cost: Resident/Non-Resident:** \$40/field for 2 hours

**Non-Profit:** \$30/field for 2 hours

Tournament rates vary

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. These fields are available through permit only from the Recreation

Department. To request a field or if you are interested in hosting a tournament, please contact Denny Dinan at **402.331.3455** or [DDinan@CityofLaVista.org](mailto:DDinan@CityofLaVista.org). All field requests must be submitted at least 24 hours in advance. Please note: Field requests for the following year begin in 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**.

## PARK SHELTERS

The La Vista park system offers park shelters to host your next outdoor gathering. Shelters are available at the following parks: Ardmore, Camenzind, Central Park East, Children's, Giles Corner, Jaycee, Val Verde and Southwind. Reservations for all park facilities are taken on a first-come, first-served basis through the Recreation Department. To make a reservation, call the Recreation Department at **402.331.3455**. When not reserved, shelters are available for public use.

Resident	Non-resident	Business	Non-Profit
\$15/3 hours	\$25/3 hours	\$30/3 hours	\$12/3 hours



# RECREATION ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

## COMMUNITY GARDENS

Community garden plots are rented  
February 1 through October 31

**Cost:** Resident \$20/plot, non-resident \$30/plot  
The Recreation Department offers space in three  
City parks to rent garden plots (4x12 ft. and 4x8 ft.).

**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

Applications are being accepted now for  
La Vista residents. Non-residents can rent a  
garden plot starting April 1. Visit the Community  
Center to complete an application.



## S'MORES & SUNSETS

5-6 p.m. each night

Firepits. Sunsets. S'mores.

Free for all ages

March 11 Central Park East

March 25 Val Verde Park

April 8 Southwind Park

April 22 Central Park West

## S'MORES AND SUNSETS

Second and fourth Tuesdays in March  
and April, 5-6 p.m. Multiple Locations

Enjoy a cozy gathering with sweet treats  
and beautiful views at S'mores and Sunsets!  
Meet around the fire where we'll be making  
delicious s'mores while soaking in the sunset.

These family-friendly events are open to all ages,  
and registration is not required. Just show up  
with an appetite for marshmallows and a desire  
to relax outdoors!

**Cost:** Free **Ages:** All

## TEEN CAFÉ

Various dates, 1-5 p.m.  
Community Center

Teens and pre-teens (ages 10+) are invited to visit the  
Community Center for afternoon fun when school is on break.

- **Monday, March 10** – Board Games
- **Tuesday, March 11** – Craft Day
- **Wednesday, March 12** – Self Portraits
- **Thursday, March 13** – St. Patrick's Day Craft
- **Friday, April 18** – Chair Volleyball
- **Monday, April 21** – Bags
- **Tuesday, August 12** – Back 2 School open gym (3-5 p.m.)
- **Tuesday, September 2** – 9 Square in the Air

**Cost:** Free **Ages:** 10+

Pre-Teens and Teens ages 10+ can join us for afternoon fun.

## PRESCHOOL PLAYTIME

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.  
Community Center Gym

This open free play is designed for preschool aged  
children to get their wiggles out. Zip around the gym  
on our tricycles and Cozy Coupe cars, play preschool-  
sized basketball 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 activities at 10 a.m. on select dates

- **March 13** – Parachute Play
- **April 10** – Simon Says
- **April 17** – Egg Dying
- **May 1** – May Day Baskets
- **May 6** – Mother's Day Craft
- **May 8** – Balloon Party
- **June 10** – Father's Day Craft

**Cost:** Free **Ages:** Walking - 5 years old with adult  
No registration needed



## FAMILY & FRIENDS STROLL THROUGH THE PARK

Friday, March 14, 6:30 p.m.  
Central Park East Shelter

Celebrate the early days of spring with a relaxing walk in Central Park. Families and friends are invited to enjoy the sights and sounds of nature as we take a casual stroll together. Meet our group at the shelter by the playground at 6:15 p.m., then set off on a leisurely walk. The full stroll covers just over a mile, but feel free to customize your adventure to suit your pace and needs.

The event is stroller friendly and dogs on leashes are welcome. It's a wonderful way to spend time outdoors and connect with loved ones! Bring water and your walking shoes.

**Cost:** Free    **Ages:** All

## ROMANTASY CRAFT & CHAT

Sundays, March 16 & April 27, 6:30-8 p.m.  
Community Center

This social club is for fans of romantasy books. Discuss your favorite reads, complete a craft and swap books. (Bring a book or two for the book swap table.) Snacks and drinks are provided. Contact Natalie at [NGuzman@CityofLaVista.org](mailto:NGuzman@CityofLaVista.org) or call **402.331.3455** for more information.

Registration is required. Sign up at [CityofLaVista.org/RecActivities](http://CityofLaVista.org/RecActivities).

**Cost:** Free    **Ages:** 18+

## FAMILY & FRIENDS BINGO NIGHT

Friday, March 21, 6:30 p.m. (doors open at 6:15 p.m.)  
Community Center

Join our Bingo Crew for a night of bingo fun with a chance to win silly prizes.

**Cost:** Free    **Ages:** All



## SPRING KITE FESTIVAL

Sunday, May 4, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.  
La Vista Sports Complex

Let's go fly a kite! You're invited to join us for a free day of kite-flying fun. See some of the world's largest and most creative kites and bring your own kite to fly.

## TEEN CRAM SESSIONS

May 19-22, 3-9 p.m. each day  
Community Center

Need a quiet space to study for finals? Come to Teen Cram Sessions at the La Vista Community Center! We've reserved a space just for you, so you can focus and get in those last-minute study sessions. Snacks will be provided to keep your brain fueled and ready to tackle any challenge. Whether you need a peaceful spot to study or a little snack break, we've got you covered.

**Cost:** Free    **Ages:** High school students

## LAST DAY OF SCHOOL CELEBRATION

Friday, May 23, 3-5 p.m.  
Community Center

Celebrate the end of school and kick off summer vacation! Join us at the La Vista Community Center for our Last Day of School Celebration. We'll be serving up delicious root beer floats to help you unwind, have fun and start your summer break off right. Don't miss out on this sweet treat!

**Cost:** Free    **Ages:** School age

## SUMMER SCOOPS

Saturday, July 19, 1-3 p.m.  
Central Park East

Celebrate Parks & Recreation Month - "Build Together, Play Together" with ice cream, music and playing outside! Build your own FREE ice cream sundae, listen to live acoustic music and play in the park. This event is open to everyone, so invite your neighbors. You'll also be able to learn about volunteer opportunities and what Parks & Recreation has to offer.

**Cost:** Free    **Ages:** All

# SAVE THE DATE!

Watch for more information about the following events in our next Community Guide!



### Twilight Stroll Through Central Park

Friday, October 3

### Zombie Fitness Challenge

Thursday, October 23

# RECREATION CLASSES & CLUBS

## AIKIDO

Mondays & Thursdays

6-7 p.m. (Ages 5-11) and 7-8:30 p.m. (Ages 12+)

Community Center

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 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:** 5 through adult



## BALLET

Fridays, 6 p.m. (Adults)

Saturdays, 1:30 p.m. (Ages 7-12)

Community Center

This class focuses on ballet movements and technique at the ballet barre and across the floor. Participants will build technique for posture, graceful movement and flexibility. Any level dancer welcome.

For more information or to register, email [LaRochelleStudios@gmail.com](mailto:LaRochelleStudios@gmail.com).

**Cost:** \$40/month or \$15 drop-in rate



## BALLROOM DANCE LESSONS

Wednesdays, 7-8 p.m.

Community Center

Join as a single or couple, minimum of six people per class. In each session, two to three dances will be taught. Private lessons also available by request.

For more information and to register, contact Terry Vargas at **402.639.2209**.

**Cost:** \$40/month

**Age:** 18+



## BELLY DANCING LESSONS

Mondays & Tuesdays  
Community Center

**Cost:** \$40/month or \$15 first class drop-in fee  
**Ages:** 18+

Please reserve your spot with Elianae on her website at

**AccelerationBellydanceFitness.com**, call **402.370.9021** or email Elianae at **elianaethebellydancer@gmail.com**.



## 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! No experience is required, and 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 by 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. 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 intermediate sessions and discuss placement with the instructor to decide if committing to the performance troupe is right for you.

## COMPLETE EXERCISE CLASS

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 5-6 p.m.

Saturdays, 10-11 a.m.

Community Center

This class focuses on:

1. Flexibility exercises that stretch and lengthen muscles (includes yoga poses and forms)
2. Resistance training activities (includes body weight resistance, bands or light weights)
3. Aerobic activity (such as walking, body movement cardio or cardio machines)

For more information and registration, contact Frank at **FrankPFerrante@gmail.com**.

**Cost:** \$5 per class

**Ages:** 18+

## DOMINICAN BACHATA

Fridays, 7 p.m.

Community Center

Dominican bachata is a playful version of this Latin dance. It focuses on footwork and is slightly faster paced than the more commonly danced sensual bachata. Join us for a festive and fun dance from the Dominican island! No partner required to participate.

For more information or to register, email **LaRochelleStudios@gmail.com**.

**Cost:** \$40/month

**Ages:** 17+



## CENTRAL HAWAIIAN KENPO KARATE

Wednesday, 6-7:30 p.m.  
Community Center

Kenpo Karate is an art for the individual, allowing each person to achieve full control over his or her mind and body. Kenpo develops balance, speed, power, breathing control and self-defense skills.

For info and registration, contact Tony Foster at **402.297.3773** or Thomas Canick at **402.990.2485**.

**Cost:** \$20/month  
**Ages:** 14+

## KIZOMBA

Mondays, 7:30 p.m.  
Community Center

Join us in learning a flowing dance that comes from African and Caribbean rhythms. This dance is best danced with a partner, though you do not need a partner to come to class. Kizomba is a moderate to slower paced rhythmic dance. There are three main Kizomba dance styles and all rely on connection of lead & follow principals. The beauty of Kizomba comes from the flow & energy of the partnering connection. This is the magic you can see and feel when you watch people dance Kizomba.

For more information or to register, email [LaRochelleStudios@gmail.com](mailto:LaRochelleStudios@gmail.com).

**Cost:** \$40/month  
**Ages:** 17+

## MINIATURES CLUB

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

Miniature diorama enthusiasts meet at the Community Center. Guests are always welcome. For more information, contact Sandy Sokoloski at **402.708.1177**.

**Cost:** Free  
**Ages:** All ages

## OMAHA METRO ARMED COMBAT ACADEMY

Thursdays, 6-8:45 p.m.  
Saturdays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Community Center

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 all levels of interest and skill.

For more information, contact Cat Souliere at [OmacaGreenKnights@gmail.com](mailto:OmacaGreenKnights@gmail.com).

**Cost:** \$5/class drop-in or \$20/month  
**Ages:** All ages

## TABLE TENNIS CLUB

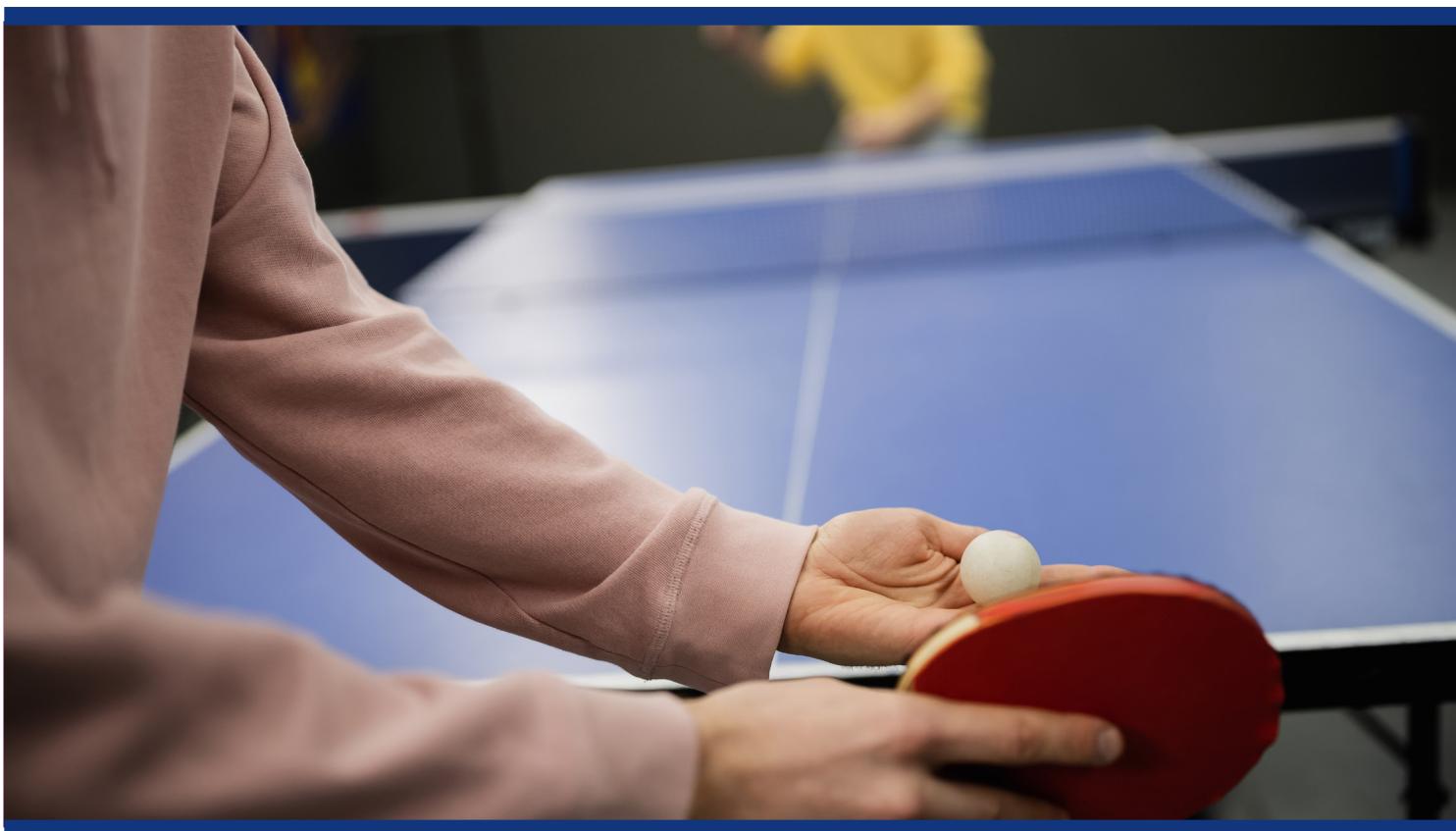
Saturdays, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.  
Community Center

Join us every Saturday for Table Tennis Club. This club is designed to offer new and seasoned players a chance to get together for games. Basic equipment is provided. Adults and children (ages 8 and older) are welcome.

Please email or call Matt at [MatthewZiegler907@gmail.com](mailto:MatthewZiegler907@gmail.com) or **402.680.2937** to let him know you plan to join him.

**Cost:** Free

**Ages:** Ages 8+



## YOGA

Tuesdays & Thursdays 6-7:30 p.m.  
Saturdays, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
Community Center

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 information, contact Frank at [FrankPFerrante@gmail.com](mailto:FrankPFerrante@gmail.com). Pre-registration prior to first class is required.

**Cost:** \$7/class; \$5/class for seniors 55+

**Ages:** Youth 8+ and Adults

# ATHLETICS

Registration is going on now  
for spring and summer sports!  
[CityofLaVista.org/Active](http://CityofLaVista.org/Active)

## SPRING COED SOCCER ACADEMY & LEAGUE

*Early Registration Deadline: March 4 • Late Registration: March 5 - March 19*

La Vista Recreation's Soccer Academy and League are run in partnership with the Metro Wolves Soccer Club. This program focuses on different soccer skills to develop each player with individual attention and maximum ball touches in a fun environment. Sessions are held twice a week for five weeks. Academy training is on Tuesdays with game situations/scrimmages on Saturdays. Start and end dates subject to change.

**Parent volunteers are needed to assist instructors.** Parent volunteers will work with the Omaha Metro Wolves Soccer Club trainers to help run Academy and League sessions.

All sessions will take place at the La Vista Sports Complex near soccer field #5.

### ACADEMY (Ages 4-5)

The La Vista Recreation Department and Metro Wolves Soccer Club have partnered together to run this academy, which will deliver a fun soccer environment for boys and girls. The goal of the soccer Academy is to provide a fun introduction to soccer for young players and their families.

### LEAGUE (Ages 6-7)

Soccer League players will attend academy training on Tuesdays, but on Saturdays, participating teams will have league games/scrimmages. This will enable them to utilize the skills they are learning in Academy in a more competitive atmosphere. Individual development is the focus at this age but learning to play as a team is important as well!

### COED SOCCER ACADEMY/LEAGUE APRIL 5-MAY 10

AGE	COST	
	EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE MAR 4	LATE REGISTRATION MAR 5-19
ACADEMY Boys & Girls 4-5	Resident: \$33 Non-resident: \$53	Resident: \$43 Non-resident: \$63
LEAGUE Boys & Girls 6-7	Resident: \$33 Non-resident: \$53	Resident: \$43 Non-resident: \$63

## SPRING COED 3-YEAR-OLD SOCCER CLINIC

*Early Registration Deadline: March 4*

*Late Registration: March 5 - March 19*

This clinic is designed to introduce the fundamentals of soccer in a fun way. The clinic is comprised of five one-hour sessions to be held on Saturdays from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The soccer clinic is offered in the fall and spring, and is limited to 16 participants. Start/end dates subject to change.

Register online at [CityofLaVista.org/Active](http://CityofLaVista.org/Active).

### COED SOCCER CLINIC APRIL 5-MAY 10

AGE	COST	
	EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE MAR 4	LATE REGISTRATION MAR 5-19
Boys & Girls Age 3 (as of April 1)	Resident: \$17 Non-resident: \$22	Resident: \$27 Non-resident: \$32

## COED T-BALL

JUNE 8-JULY 13

Final Registration Deadline: April 22

Practice starts May 6

The La Vista Recreation Department offers coed T-ball for children ages 5-6 in the summer of each year. The coed T-ball program introduces parents and children to the sport of baseball. This is a parent participation program designed to teach fundamentals in a fun way.

Practice will tentatively start the week of May 5. Practices are held at the coach's discretion during the week. Games will be played on Saturday mornings at the La Vista ballfields from June 7 through July 12. You will receive a call from your child's coach approximately one week prior to the season starting to provide information about your child's specific practice day, time and location. Start/end date is subject to change.

## COED T-BALL GAMES JUNE 7-JULY 19

Practice starts week of May 5

AGE	COST	
	EARLY REGISTRATION MAR 1-APR 1	LATE REGISTRATION APR 2-16
Boys & Girls 5-6 (As of April 1)	Resident: \$45 Non-resident: \$60	Resident: \$55 Non-resident: \$70

Register online at [CityofLaVista.org/Active](http://CityofLaVista.org/Active).

## Registration for fall sports opens this summer!

### COED FLAG FOOTBALL

GAMES AUG 16-OCT 18

Fall practice starts week of July 21

New 2025 – Games will be played on Thursday evenings and Saturdays

GRADE	COST	
	EARLY REGISTRATION JUNE 1-20	LATE REGISTRATION JUNE 21-JULY 6
Boys & Girls PreK-6 as of spring 2025	Resident: \$33 Non-resident: \$53	Resident: \$43 Non-resident: \$63

### FALL COED SOCCER ACADEMY & LEAGUE

SEPT 9-OCT 11

AGE	COST	
	EARLY REGISTRATION JUNE 12-JULY 24	LATE REGISTRATION JULY 25-AUG 21
ACADEMY Boys & Girls 4-5	Resident: \$33 Non-resident: \$53	Resident: \$43 Non-resident: \$63
LEAGUE Boys & Girls 6-7	Resident: \$33 Non-resident: \$53	Resident: \$43 Non-resident: \$63

### COED VOLLEYBALL

GAMES NOV 1-DEC 22

Practice starts week of September 29

GRADE	COST	
	EARLY REGISTRATION AUG 1-SEPT 3	LATE REGISTRATION SEPT 4-18
Boys & Girls Grades 3-8	Resident: \$55 Non-resident: \$65	Resident: \$65 Non-resident: \$75

### COED SOCCER CLINIC

SEPT-OCT 4

AGE	COST	
	EARLY REGISTRATION JUNE 12-JULY 24	LATE REGISTRATION JULY 25-AUG 21
Boys & Girls Age 3	Resident: \$17 Non-resident: \$22	Resident: \$27 Non-resident: \$32

Register online at [CityofLaVista.org/Active](http://CityofLaVista.org/Active).



# SENIORS



# SENIOR PROGRAM

## AGES 55+

The La Vista Senior Program, located within the Community Center, is designed to enhance the lives of those 55+ by providing high quality services that offer wellness, leisure, life-long learning and social opportunities.

La Vista residents and non-residents who are 55 and older, and their spouses, can join the Senior Center and become part of its thriving community free of charge. Become a member by visiting the front desk at the La Vista Community Center.

For more information about the Senior Program and special events, see the monthly Senior Newsletter at [CityOfLaVista.org/Seniors](http://CityOfLaVista.org/Seniors), or contact Kaily Stanley, Recreation Manager – Seniors, at **402.331.3455**.

### SENIOR LUNCH PROGRAM

**Monday-Friday, 11:30 a.m.**

Enjoy a nutritious meal at the Community 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 other activities. View the monthly lunch menu at [CityofLaVista.org/Seniors](http://CityofLaVista.org/Seniors).

**Suggested Donation:** \$5 for those 60 and older

**Required Fee:** \$9.50 for those younger than 60

### 55 AND UP ONGOING ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITY	DAY	TIME	FEES
<b>Golden Ballroom Dancing Exercise</b>	Mondays	9-10 a.m.	FREE
<b>Senior Pickleball Class</b>	Third Monday of the month	3:30 p.m.	FREE
<b>Tai Chi For Balance</b>	Tuesdays & Thursdays	10:45-11:30 a.m.	Age 60+: \$0.50 suggested
<b>Various Card Games</b>	Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays	Tues: 12-4 p.m. or 2-4 p.m. Wed & Fri: 2-4 p.m.	FREE
<b>Basic Sign Language</b>	Third Tuesday of the month	1-2 p.m.	FREE
<b>Movie Showings</b>	Every other Tuesday	1 p.m.	FREE
<b>Drop-In Quilting</b>	Wednesdays	9-11:30 a.m.	FREE
<b>Chair Volleyball</b>	Wednesdays & Fridays	10:15-11:15 a.m.	FREE
<b>Hand &amp; Foot (Card Game)</b>	Wednesdays	1 p.m.	FREE
<b>Pitch (Card Game)</b>	Fridays	1 p.m.	FREE

# SENIOR PROGRAM EVENTS



## ST. PATRICK'S DAY SENIOR LUNCH

Monday, March 17

La Vista Community Center

**Doors open at 11 a.m.  
Lunch begins at 11:30 a.m.  
Musical entertainment to follow.**

You're in luck! The popular St. Patrick's Day Senior Luncheon will return to the La Vista Community Center this March. Dress in your best green and join us for a traditional meal and lively entertainment.

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

**Ages:** All adults 55+ are invited

**Registration deadline:** Friday, March 7, at La Vista Community Center or Papillion Landing front desk  
Maximum 150 registrations.

## SENIOR OLYMPICS

Wednesday, May 7

Papillion Landing

**Doors open at 9 a.m.  
Games will begin at 9:30 a.m.**

It's a faceoff between three Sarpy County senior programs! Come enjoy a day filled with friendly competition hosted by the La Vista and Papillion Recreation Departments. Members of La Vista, Papillion and Bellevue senior programs are invited to participate in events that include sharp shooting, bucket ball, javelin, putt putt golf and much more. You might even win a gold, silver or bronze medal.

The Olympic Games start at 9:30 a.m. Lunch will be served at 12:15 p.m. followed by entertainment at 12:30 p.m. The awards will be given out at 1 p.m.

**Cost:** \$10 per person, payment due at time of registration. (Sorry, no refunds.) Includes Olympic games, t-shirt, lunch, entertainment and awards ceremony.

Registration opens Monday, February 17 and ends Wednesday, April 16. Registration is limited to 42 participants per Senior Program location.

**Sign up at the La Vista Community Center Front Desk or at Papillion Landing. Space is limited so register today!**

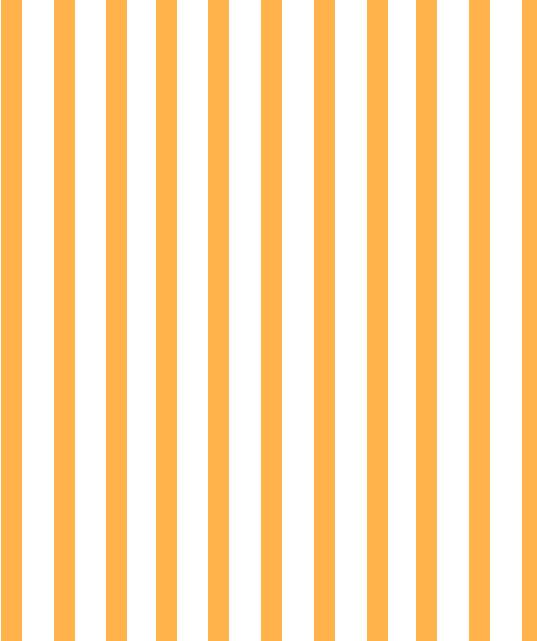


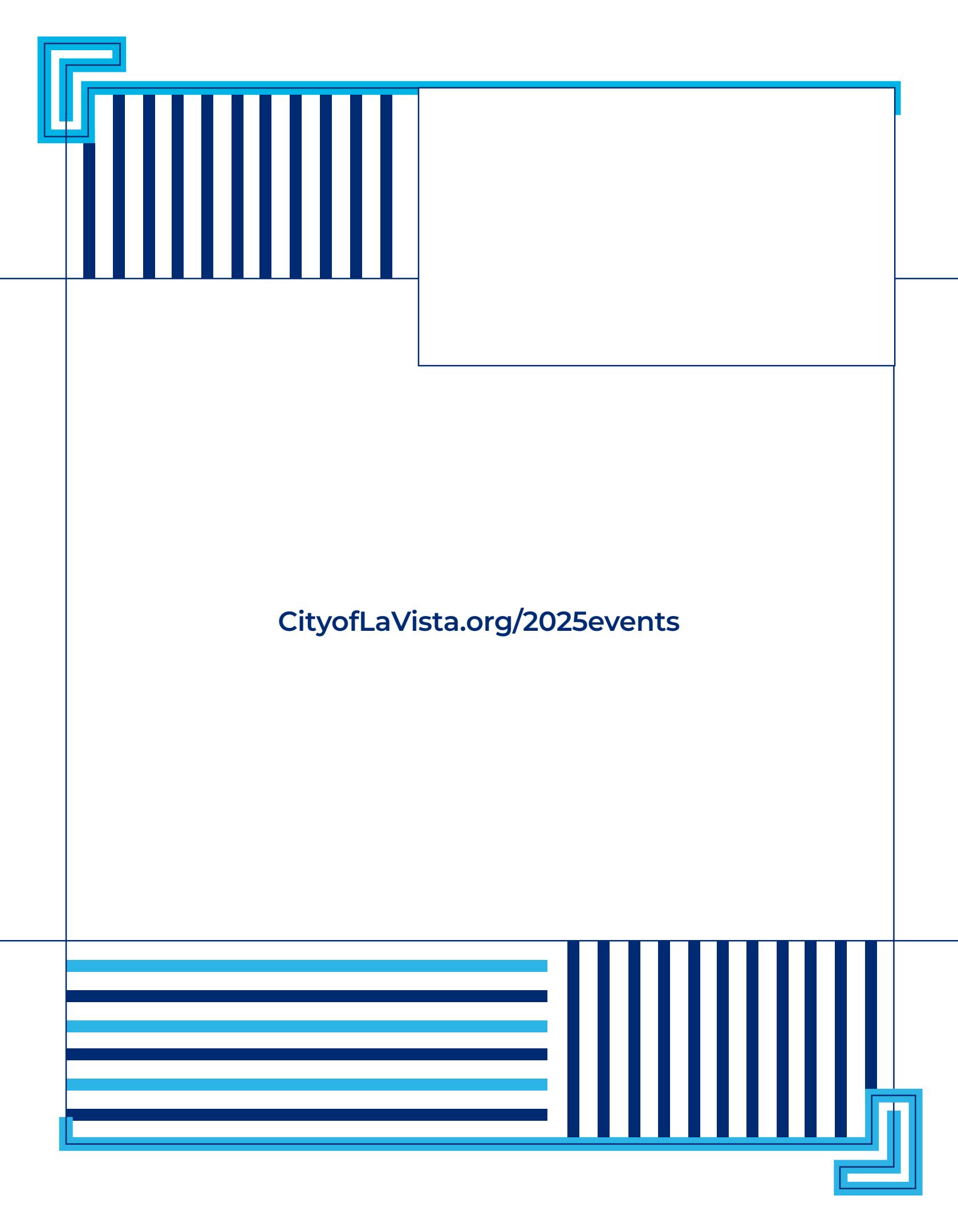
# SAVE THE DATE!

Watch for more information about the following event in our next Community Guide!



■ **Senior Carnival**  
Wednesday, October 22





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