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## Santa's Comin' to Town!

### Events for Young and Old Alike this Holiday Season

Santa is planning an extended stay in La Vista this holiday season! In addition to the popular sleigh ride and tree lighting events in late November, **Santa's Workshop** will be open again this year at the Civic Center Park Clubhouse, 8305 Park View Blvd.

**Santa will arrive in La Vista on Sunday, November 25, for his annual Sleigh Ride, which will begin at 3 p.m.** Santa's route will be posted on our website at [www.cityoflavista.org/santa](http://www.cityoflavista.org/santa), and you can follow his progress that day on Twitter (@cityoflavista) and Facebook.com/CityofLaVistaGovernment.

The annual **Tree Lighting Celebration & Soup Supper** is scheduled for **Monday, November 26, beginning at 5:45 p.m.** at the Community Center. This event is hosted by the Mayor and City Council with donations being accepted for the Tri-City Food Pantry.

**Santa's Workshop** will officially open on the evening of the tree lighting, and children are invited to visit Santa from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Santa's Workshop hours will be **Thursdays December 6 & 13, 4-7 p.m., and Saturdays, December 1, 8 & 15, 9 a.m.-noon.** Santa will have his reindeer with him for the Thursday events.

Santa will also host a special time for small children (birth to preschool) on Monday, December 3, from 9 a.m. to noon. Children and their parents and/or caregivers can enjoy a lower-key visit with Santa while visiting the workshop.

A variety of other programs will be held at the workshop in December. Be sure to check out the 'Twas the Lights Schedule of Events included in this newsletter and our website at [CityofLaVista.org/TwasTheLights](http://CityofLaVista.org/TwasTheLights).

Workshop events will include treats and other fun, holiday activities. Special accommodations for wheelchairs and other needs can be arranged by calling the Community Center at 402-331-3455.

For more information on our holiday events, visit our website  
[CityofLaVista.org/TwasTheLights](http://CityofLaVista.org/TwasTheLights)

## A MINUTE WITH mayor kindig

In the mid-section of this newsletter you will find highlights from the FY19 & FY20 Biennial Budget recently adopted by the City Council.

The adopted budget is based on our strategic priorities and reflects the City's ongoing commitment to deliver quality municipal services and invest in the infrastructure essential to improving the City's economy, while ensuring long-term fiscal stability.



La Vista continues to be financially strong. Over the years, the City has positioned itself well to cope with growth, create a positive atmosphere for economic development and have the ability to seize opportunities that have long lasting benefits for the community.

As identified in the budget highlights, the City has leveraged a significant investment in public infrastructure and planning associated with redevelopment of the 84th Street corridor.

The FY19 & FY20 Biennial Budget is one of action and investment and represents the City's continued efforts to deliver on its mission to provide exceptional services with the highest level of integrity, professionalism and excellence.

La Vista has much to be proud of and many exciting things ahead.

As we continue to face challenges resulting from rapid growth, high demand for resources and infrastructure, I want you to know that the City Council and I will work tirelessly to ensure that we remain fiscally responsible while meeting the responsiveness and high-quality expectations of our residents.

– Mayor Douglas Kindig

# La Vista City Calendar

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

## November 2018

**6** **City Council, 6 p.m.**  
**8** **Library Advisory Board**, 5:30 p.m., Library  
**12** La Vista-Metropolitan Community College Condominium Owners Association, 4 p.m.  
**15** **Planning Commission**, 7 p.m.  
**20** **City Council**, 7 p.m.  
**21** **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board**, 7 p.m.  
**25** **Santa's Sleigh Ride**, 3 p.m., throughout the City  
**26** **Tree Lighting Celebration & Soup Supper**, 5:45 p.m., City Hall Campus/Santa's Workshop

## December 2018

**1** **Santa's Workshop**, 9 a.m.-noon, Civic Center Park Clubhouse  
**3** **Santa's Workshop** (birth-preschool), 9 a.m.-noon, Civic Center Park Clubhouse  
**3** Holidaze Crafts for Tweens, 6-7:30 p.m., Library  
**4** **City Council**, 7 p.m.  
**5** Pajama Storytime, 6 p.m., Library  
**6** **Santa's Workshop**, 4-7 p.m., Civic Center Park Clubhouse  
**7** Llama Llama Holiday Drama Party, 10 a.m., Library  
**8** **Santa's Workshop**, 9 a.m.-noon, Civic Center Park Clubhouse  
**8** Holiday Open House & Christmas Decorations Workshop, 1-3 p.m., Library  
**10** Winter Art Night, 6 p.m., Library  
**11** Christmas Storytime and Craft, 10 a.m., Library  
**11** Christmas Trivia at Santa's Workshop, 6-7 p.m., Civic Center Park Clubhouse  
**12** Holiday Card Making, 3:30-5 p.m., Civic Center Park Clubhouse  
**13** Ukulele 101 for Kids, 4 p.m., Library  
**13** **Santa's Workshop**, 4-7 p.m., Civic Center Park Clubhouse  
**13** DIY Ugly Sweater Night, 6-8 p.m., Library  
**13** **Citizen Advisory Review Committee**, 6 p.m.  
**15** **Santa's Workshop**, 9 a.m.-noon, Civic Center Park Clubhouse  
**15** Book Folding Christmas Trees, 10 a.m.-noon, Library  
**15** Roundball Reindeer Shootout, 1 p.m., Community Center  
**17** Playdate for Little Ones, 10 a.m., Library  
**17** Adult Holiday Art, 6-8 p.m., Library  
**18** Holiday Family Fun, 4 p.m., Library  
**18** **City Council**, 7 p.m.  
**19** Christmas Movers and Shakers, 10 a.m., Library  
**19** **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, 7 p.m.**  
**20** Multicultural Holiday Craft & Game Night, 6-8 p.m., Library  
**20** **Planning Commission**, 7 p.m.  
**27** Ukulele Jam Session, 1 p.m., Library  
**31** Noon Year's Eve Party, noon, Library

## January 2019

**2** **City Council**, 6 p.m.  
**10** **Library Advisory Board**, 5:30 p.m., Library  
**15** **City Council**, 7 p.m.  
**16** **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board**, 7 p.m.  
**17** **Planning Commission**, 7 p.m.

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## Street Named in Honor of Barmettler

Recently the City Council unanimously approved an ordinance renaming a portion of Cottonwood Avenue in the City Centre development to Barmettler Drive.

The renaming is in honor of La Vista's longtime City Attorney Joe Barmettler, who passed away two years ago. Joe served as the City Attorney for over 40 years and was a key figure in the City's early history.

Joe's family, including his wife Jeanne, were on hand for the vote. An on-site ceremony will be held when the roadway is opened to traffic and signage is installed.



Top: Jeanne Barmettler gives a hug to Mayor Kindig following the official action. Above: the Barmettler family watches as Mayor Kindig reads the ordinance renaming the street.

Contractors and building companies are busy in various parts of La Vista completing a variety of projects, big and small.

For a complete list of ongoing development projects, visit our website, [CityofLaVista.org/ConstructionUpdates](http://CityofLaVista.org/ConstructionUpdates)



## Spread the Warmth Coat Drive Ends Dec. 31

For more information,  
visit our website  
[CityofLaVista.org/SpreadTheWarmth](http://CityofLaVista.org/SpreadTheWarmth)

La Vista's annual coat drive Spread the Warmth runs from the First of November through the end of December.

The City will collect both gently-used and new, donated coats to distribute to those in the metro area who are in need of warm coats.

The coats collected during Spread the Warmth will be given to the Papillion-La Vista Schools Foundation to provide free coats to local families through the Student Emergency Fund.

Spread the Warmth will run through the end of December, and collection points are listed on the City's website, [CityofLaVista.org/SpreadTheWarmth](http://CityofLaVista.org/SpreadTheWarmth).

Thank you for helping keep our community warm this winter.

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# FY19 & FY20 BIENNIAL BUDGET brief

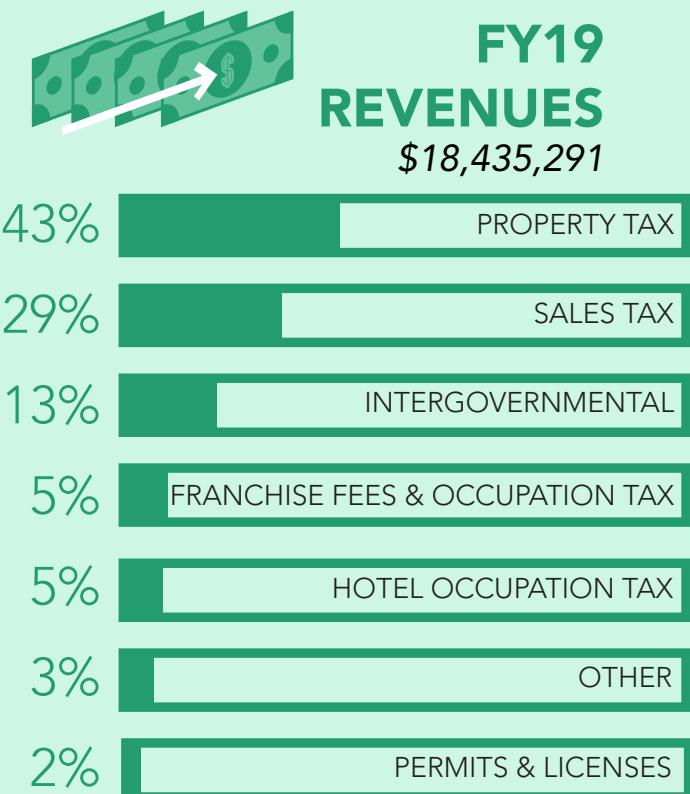
On September 4, 2018, the City Council adopted the FY19 & FY20 Biennial Budget that includes years 1 & 2 of the Capital Improvement Program (CIP). The adopted budget consists of two operating years, FY19 & FY20.

The budget process begins in February each year when the City Council holds a strategic planning work session to set its priorities, goals and strategies for the organization and the community. Budget development takes place over the next few months and the Mayor & Council hold a work session in July to review and provide direction prior to final adoption, which typically occurs in September.

Year 2 of the budget is reviewed and revised to adjust revenue estimates, establish tax rates and reflect any major changes in programs. Mid-biennium budget adjustments are approved prior to the start of the second year.

## \$ \$ \$ THE GENERAL FUND \$ \$ \$

**The General Fund** is the City's main operating fund, which includes a majority of the day-to-day services and programs that keep La Vista running. Most of the General Fund money comes from the property tax and sales tax, which account for 72% of the fund's revenue. Total budgeted expenditures for FY19 & FY20 are \$36,958,884, including \$1,492,954 for capital items such as police vehicles, dump trucks and mowers. Year 1 revenues and expenditures are summarized below.



## STRONG FINANCIAL POSITION

The City's overall financial condition is strong with a bond rating of Aa3, which is of high quality and very low credit risk.

## PROPERTY TAX LEVY

The City's property tax levy rate remains at **\$0.55 per \$100** of assessed valuation. This rate has been maintained for the past 8 years.

Here is the breakdown:

**\$0.49** goes to the **General Fund** **\$0.06** goes to the **Debt Service Fund**

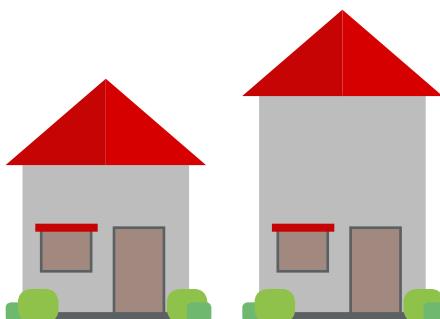
## TAX VALUE ILLUSTRATION

To determine your tax liability for City services, multiply your assessed valuation by the tax rate, then divide by 100. For example, if your home is valued at \$150,000...

$$(\$150,000 \times .55) / 100 = \$825$$

Your property tax would be \$825 a year (or \$68.75 per month).

This illustration applies to a homeowner.



## ASSESSED VALUATION

Assessed valuation is the value assigned to property by the County Assessor. This year, La Vista's assessed valuation grew from \$1.496 billion to \$1.542 billion.



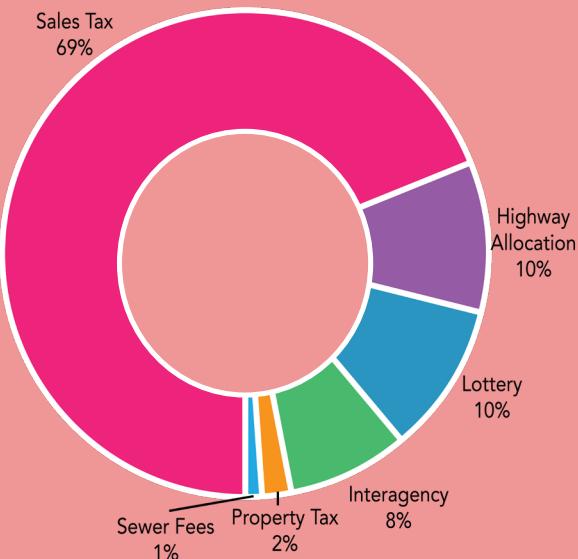
## CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The Capital Improvement Program includes long-term investments in community facilities and infrastructure, paid for over many years with a combination of existing funds and long-term debt. For FY19 – FY20 the City is planning to fund projects totaling \$42.5 million. Funding for these projects comes primarily from sales tax and is supplemented by other revenue streams.

### FY19 & FY20 Projects



### Funding Sources



### FY19 & FY20 HIGHLIGHTS:

- **City Centre – Parking Structures** (\$10.3 million)
- **84th Street Adaptive Signals** (\$158,000)
- **Civic Center Park Improvements** (\$10.1 million)
- **Street Repair Projects** (\$3.5 million)

## Holiday Happenings

The La Vista Public Library will be the host for many fun, holiday-themed events during the month of December, including the following:

### Holidaze Crafts for Tweens

**Monday, December 3, 6-7:30 p.m.**

Create holiday crafts and gifts to give friends and family.



### Llama Llama Holiday Drama Party

**Friday, December 7, 10 a.m.**

Let's celebrate the season with songs, crafts and holiday stories.

### Holiday Open House & Christmas Decorations Workshop

**Saturday, December 8, 1-3 p.m.**

Enjoy holiday refreshments and festive music while browsing the library and connecting with others in the community. Live music will be provided by A Ring of Flutes. Several Christmas craft projects will be available for all ages to make as gifts.

### Holiday Card Making

**Wednesday, December 12, 3:30-5 p.m.**

There are many ways to tell someone that they are in your thoughts during the holidays, and the most creative way is to make them a card! **This event will take place at Santa's Workshop.**

### DIY Ugly Sweater Night

**Thursday, December 13, 6-8 p.m.**

Bring your own sweater, and the library will provide materials to "uglify" your holiday wear.

### Holiday Family Fun

**Tuesday, December 18, 4 p.m.**

Decorate cookies and play Bingo. Prizes will be available.

**For a complete list of events, visit our website [CityofLaVista.org/TwasTheLights](http://CityofLaVista.org/TwasTheLights)**



### Author Visit Sponsored by Sarpy County Libraries

The libraries of Sarpy County, including the La Vista Public Library, sponsored a visit from author Craig Johnson in August. Johnson, author of the Longmire mystery series, came to the Beardmore Event Center in Bellevue and hosted a ticketed meet-and-greet session and then a main event for the general public. Pictured above, left to right, are the library directors from Sarpy County: Kriss Reed, Gretna; Becky Sims, Papillion; Author Craig Johnson; Julie dinville, Bellevue; Connie Manzer, Springfield; and Rose Barcal, La Vista.

## LIBRARY NOTES

### Did you know...?

The library is always hosting a book sale. Come check it out.

### Citizenship Corner

The Citizenship Corner is your one-stop spot for information related to civic participation and current events.

### GED

The library offers GED classes at no cost. These one-on-one sessions are geared toward individual needs. Stop by Tuesday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

### Databases

The library offers several databases that you can enjoy during the cold winter. Oneplay for online gaming, Freegal to download or stream music, Zinio for magazines and don't forget online audiobooks and ebooks from Overdrive, OneClickDigital and Freading.

All of these databases can be accessed with your library card number and your telephone number. Need assistance? Stop by the library, and our staff can assist you.

### Blood Drive

Please donate blood at the library (Room 138) the first Thursday of every month. Blood donations have a very short shelf life and only last six weeks for red blood cells. It's always the season to give!

### Tech Help

Need help with technology? Call Jean to set up a time for an instructional one on one session. Learn about social media, Word processing, Excel, Internet basics and e-mail.



## Christmas Tree Recycling Sites Open through January 18

The City of La Vista will be once again offering free drop-off sites for Christmas trees at the following locations:

- La Vista Soccer Complex parking lot (two blocks south of Harrison St. on 66th St.)
- Kelly West Parking Lot (87th St. and Park View Blvd.)

Drop-off sites will be open December 26 to January 18.

All decorations, tinsel, and plastic bags must be removed prior to disposal. The collected trees will be chipped into mulch, which is available to residents free of charge.

## Winter Season Reminders

Snowy weather will soon be here, and the Public Works Department has a couple of reminders regarding clearing snow from streets and sidewalks.

### Snow Emergency

The Mayor will declare a Snow Emergency when 2 or more inches of precipitation accumulate. Local media outlets (radio and newspaper) will be notified, and notice will be posted on the City's website at [www.cityoflavista.org](http://www.cityoflavista.org).

Citizens are required to keep all vehicles off the street after a snowstorm (at least 2 inches of accumulation) or after a declared snow emergency for 24 hours or until the street has been plowed. Even if the vehicle was already parked on the street before the storm, it must be moved off the street for 24 hours after the storm ends or until the snow plows clear the street.

### Clearing Sidewalks

Every time it snows, sleets, or rains, residents and/or property owners are required to clear the sidewalks on their property. In all residential neighborhoods, sidewalks must be clear within 24 hours after the precipitation ends. In all business districts, the property and public sidewalks must be clear within 5 hours of the end of the storm or by 8:30 a.m. the next morning.

See a pothole?

## Let us know!

402-331-8927 or  
[CityofLaVista.org](http://CityofLaVista.org)

## Council Clips

The following items are highlights of recent City Council action:

- Approved the FY19 & FY20 Biennial Budget.
- Approved the 2019-2023 Capital Improvement Program.
- Approved the Corridor 84 Streetscape Schematic Design Plan.
- Approved the renaming of part of Cottonwood Avenue in City Centre to Barmettler Drive in honor of La Vista's former City Attorney Joe Barmettler.
- Approved a new five-year collective bargaining agreement with the La Vista Fraternal Order of Police.
- Approved the purchase of a records management system.
- Approved an agreement with the Nebraska Department of Transportation for construction of a hiking/biking trail near the Portal Ridge neighborhood.
- Approved the purchase of two new police cars.

# LA VISTA cityofficials

## Mayor

Douglas Kindig

## City Council

Kim Thomas, Ward 1  
Mike Crawford, Ward 1  
Ron Sheehan, Ward 2  
Terrilyn Quick, Ward 2

Deb Hale, Ward 3  
Alan Ronan, Ward 3  
Jim Frederick, Ward 4  
Kelly Sell, Ward 4

## City Administrator

Brenda Gunn

## Management Team

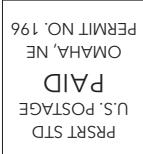
Rita Ramirez, Assistant City Administrator  
Kevin Pokorny, Director of Administrative Services  
Joe Soucie, Director of Public Works  
Bob Lausten, Police Chief/Director of Public Safety  
Tommy Prouhet, Assistant to the City Administrator  
Pam Buethe, City Clerk  
John Kottmann, City Engineer  
Ann Birch, Community Development Director  
Cindy Miserez, Finance Director  
Barb Czarnick, Human Resources Director  
Rose Barcal, Library Director  
Scott Stopak, Recreation Director



## Community Participates in 4th Annual Taste of La Vista

Dino the Dinosaur was the star of the Fourth Annual Taste of La Vista, which took place on Saturday, July 28, at the Central Park Tennis Courts. More than 900 people attended the event and participated in activities related to ongoing projects throughout the community, including the Corridor 84 Streetscape Plan, City Centre, Civic Center Park, and the Community Interest & Opinion Survey.

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# Community Center Happenings

## Winter 2018

### Upcoming Recreation Special Events

#### Annual Event Now Includes 3-Point Contest

##### December 15 at the Community Center

This year's Roundball Reindeer Shootout will feature a new twist!

In addition to the free throw contest, there will also be a three-point contest for kids in grades 5th-8th.

##### Free Throw Contest

- Children compete with their parent/guardian or grandparent.
- Each team member will shoot 15 free throws for a chance to win a prize. One prize is awarded per family.
- Boys and girls will compete separately, and prizes are awarded to the top team in each grade.
- K-4th Grade - 1 p.m., shoot at an 8-foot hoop
- 5th-8th Grade - 2:30 p.m., shoot at a 10-foot hoop

##### Three Point Contest

- Kids in 5th-8th grade only (no parents/grandparents/guardians).
- You can enter only the three point contest.
- Kids will shoot three shots from five locations for a total of 15 shots.
- This contest will begin at 3:30 p.m.

Registration and warm-ups begin 30 minutes before scheduled start time. This is a FREE event co-sponsored by the City of La Vista and Sarpy County Tourism.

## ROUNDBALL REINDEER SHOOTOUT FREE THROW & 3-POINT SHOOTING CONTEST

Saturday, December 15



For a full list of holiday events, visit our website  
[CityofLaVista.org/TwasTheLights](http://CityofLaVista.org/TwasTheLights)

#### HOURS OF OPERATION

Mon.-Fri. (Year-round)	8 a.m.-9 p.m.
Sat. (Sept.-April)	8 a.m.-6 p.m.
Sat. (May-Aug.)	9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Sun. (Sept.-April)	1-9 p.m.
Sun. (May-Aug.)	CLOSED
Adults Only (Mon.-Fri.)	8 a.m.-3 p.m.
Youth (Mon.-Fri. during school year)	3-9 p.m.
Youth (Mon.-Fri. scheduled days off)	1:30-9 p.m.

**Not all programs are listed in this newsletter. Check our social media accounts and website for latest on our program offerings and special events.**

If you would like to be notified when we open registration for programs, please provide us with your e-mail address.



#### CONTACT INFORMATION

**Director** - Scott Stopak

**Assistant Director** - David Karlson

**Program Coordinator** - Denny Dinan

**Program Coordinator** - Ryan South

**Administrative Assistant** - Sue Tangeman

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

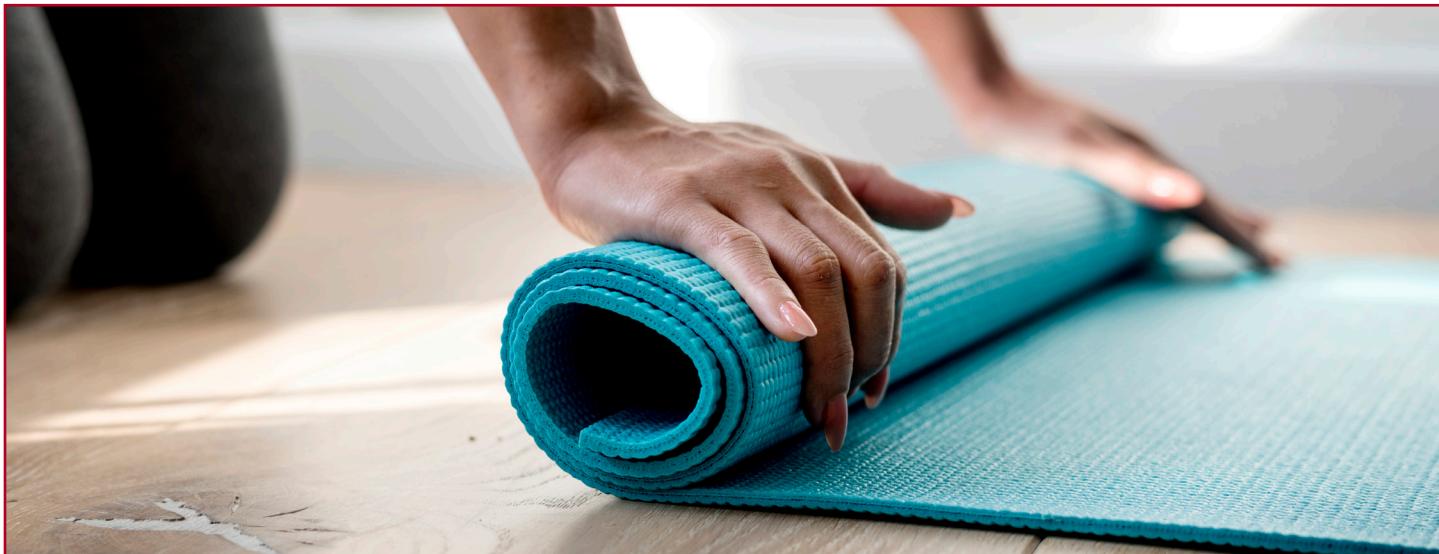
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recreation@cityoflavista.org

#### DROP-IN FEES

Resident Adults	\$3
Non-Resident Adults	\$4
Resident Youth (under 19)	Free
Resident Seniors (55+)	Free
Non-Resident Seniors (55+)	\$2
Non-resident Youth are not allowed in the Community Center unless involved in a class or sport.	

**The Community Center is closed on all major holidays.**



## HEALTH AND WELLNESS

### Indoor Walking

The Community Center is open to all La Vista residents and seniors in the surrounding areas. Time is set aside for walkers, so there will be no interference with other programs.

### Zumba

Zumba is a total workout, combining all elements of fitness: cardio, muscle conditioning, balance, and flexibility. You will have boosted energy and a serious dose of awesome each time you leave class. For more information, contact April Clark via e-mail at [aprilc0113@yahoo.com](mailto:aprilc0113@yahoo.com).

### Yoga

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 via e-mail at [frankferrante@gmail.com](mailto:frankferrante@gmail.com).

### Easy Breezy Fitness Class

This class will work on strength, endurance, flexibility, and balance. For more information and/or to register, contact Angie Herrick, 402-659-6854, or via e-mail at [aherrick7406@gmail.com](mailto:aherrick7406@gmail.com).

### Racquetball/Walleyball

The La Vista Community Center has two racquetball courts that can be reserved for racquetball or walleyball. To reserve a court time, call 402-331-3455.

### Qi Gong

Holistic ancient Chinese healings to cultivating your "Chi" life force, to increase energy, inner strength, flexibility, and balance through gentle flowing movements to improve overall health. For more information and/or to make an appointment, call 402-253-5706, or via e-mail at [reikibymarthaj@gmail.com](mailto:reikibymarthaj@gmail.com).

Program	Day	Time	Cost	Ages
<b>Indoor Walking</b>	M, W, F Tues., Th.	8-10 a.m. 8-9:30 a.m.	Free	Adults
<b>Zumba</b>	Sat.	10-11 a.m.	\$6/class	All
<b>Yoga</b>	Sat.	11 a.m.-noon	\$7/class Cash only	All
<b>Easy Breezy Fitness</b>	M, F	9-10a.m.	\$6/class 10 classes for \$50	Adults
<b>Reiki</b>	By appointment	30 min. session	18-54: \$25 55+: \$15	Adults
<b>Reiki</b>	M	9:30-11 a.m.	\$20	Adults
<b>Qi Gong</b>	W	10-11 a.m.	\$7/session	Adults
<b>Racquetball and Walleyball</b>	Call to reserve a court	Regular business hours	Res.: \$7/hr. Non-Res.: \$14/hr.	All
<b>FIT4Mom Stroller Strides</b>	M, W	9-10 a.m.	First class FREE Memberships available	Women

### Reiki

Reiki is a Japanese technique that allows the practitioner to channel energy, with hands positioned lightly over the imbalanced areas of the receiver. The person may experience one or more of the following: a deep relaxed state; an aura and/or chakra clearing; and/or energy movement through and around the physical body. You can also attend 20-minute mini-sessions on Monday mornings. For more information and to make an appointment, call 402-253-5706, or contact Martha via e-mail at [reikibymarthaj@gmail.com](mailto:reikibymarthaj@gmail.com).

### FIT4Mom Stroller Strides®

Stroller Strides® is a functional, total-body conditioning workout designed for moms with kids in tow. Each 60-minute workout is comprised of strength training, cardio and core restoration, all while entertaining little ones with songs, activities and fun! Each Stroller Strides instructor is skilled to meet you where you are mentally and physically. You'll leave class feeling connected, successful and energized! No more mama guilt! This class is all about self-care in a supportive and encouraging environment. For more information and to register, contact Brooke Wright via e-mail at [brookewright@fi4mom.com](mailto:brookewright@fi4mom.com) or visit, [omahasouth.fit4mom.com](http://omahasouth.fit4mom.com).



## FITNESS CENTER

The fitness center is equipped with dumbbells up to 50 pounds and a Hoist multi-gym weight machine. For cardiovascular exercise, our fitness room offers some of the finest, user-friendly, aerobic equipment available, including: treadmills, an Airdyne bike, a Precor upright bike, Nautilus recumbent bikes, a Cybex Arc cross trainer, Precor and Matrix cross trainers, and a Reebok Bodytrek cross trainer.

Our fitness room is for **adults ages 19 and older**. Everyone under the age of 19 years is not allowed in the fitness room for any reason.

## HOURS OF OPERATION

Mon.-Fri. (Year-round)	8 a.m.-9 p.m.
Sat. (Sept.-April)	8 a.m.-6 p.m.
Sat. (May-Aug.)	9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Sun. (Sept.-April)	1-9 p.m.
Sun. (May-Aug.)	CLOSED

## FEES

Resident Adult (19+)	\$3
Non-Resident Adult 8 a.m.-5 p.m., M-F only	\$4
Senior Resident (55+)	Free
Non-Resident Senior	\$2

## PUNCH CARDS

Resident	\$50	20 punches
Non-Resident	\$35	10 punches
Non-Resident Senior	\$20	10 punches

## MEMBERSHIP

Resident	\$27/month	Includes exercise room, gym, racquetball/walleyball
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## DANCING



Program	Day	Time	Cost	Ages
<b>Ballroom Dancing</b>	M W	7-8 p.m. By Appt.	\$40/4-week session	16 & older
<b>Belly Dancing Beginner</b> <b>Belly Dancing Advance</b>	Tu., F	6-7 p.m. 7-8 p.m.	\$20/month	16 & older
<b>Square Dance Club</b>	Sun.	2-6 p.m.	\$50/5-week session	Adults

### Adult Ballroom Dance Lessons

Join as a single or couple, minimum of six people per class. In each session, two-three dances will be taught. For more information, contact Terry Vargas, 402-639-2209.

### Adult Belly Dancing Classes

This is a continuing class where participants will learn an art form and musical instrument (finger cymbals). Enjoy this form of dance that brings out your unique self-expression! For more information, contact Renee Patchin, 402-403-8943.

### River City Square Dance Club

Lessons start Sunday, September 30, at the La Vista Community Center, five-week sessions. For more information, contact Ken Young, 402-690-3020.



## A View from Above

Did you know the ballfields at City Park are the home fields for the Papillion-La Vista High School Monarchs Varsity Softball team? The Lady Monarchs play on the field at the bottom of this photo.

## MARTIAL ARTS

### Aikido

The Sarpy Aikido Club is a Nebraska-based dojo teaching Aikikai style of Aikido under the organization of Aikido of Hawaii International (AHI). The school was founded by Ronald Christenham and has been serving the La Vista and Omaha area since 1991. For more information and/or to register, visit [www.sarpyaikidoclub.com](http://www.sarpyaikidoclub.com).

### Ninjutsu

This class covers Taijutsu (unarmed combat), Kenjutsu (sword combat), Bojutsu (staff combat), as well as improvised weapons. For more information, contact Mike Benkis, 402-305-9210, or via e-mail at [info@sakuraomaha.com](mailto:info@sakuraomaha.com).

Program	Day	Time	Resident	Non-Resident	Ages
<b>Aikido</b>	M, Th.	Child: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Adult: 7:30-9:30 p.m.	Child: \$20 Adult: \$30	Child: \$25 Adult: \$35	5-11 12+
<b>Ninjutsu</b>	Sun. Sat.	4:30-6:30 p.m. 9-11 a.m.	\$40/month	\$40/month	All
<b>Kendo "Japanese Sword Fighting"</b>	Th. Sat.	Th.: 10 a.m.-noon Sat.: 11 a.m.-1 p.m.	\$50/month	\$50/month	10+
<b>Women's Self-Defense</b>	Last Tu.	6-9 p.m.	\$50/session	\$50/session	All

### Kendo Japanese Sword Fighting

Classes include two swords - the wooden Bokken and the bamboo Shinai. For more information, contact Mark Porter, 402-715-0500, or via e-mail at [learningkendo@cox.net](mailto:learningkendo@cox.net).

### Women's Self Defense Class

These classes are designed to instruct women of all ages, sizes, and skill levels in practical self-defense. We will dispel common self-defense myths, as well as teach basic tips and techniques on how to avoid becoming a victim. For more information, contact Claudia Brown-Jackman, 402-630-3169, or visit [www.shuurindojo.com](http://www.shuurindojo.com).



## FUN FOR ALL

### Model Airplane License and Field Times

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

### Indoor Remote Control Model Airplane Flying

**Where:** Community Center. Watch at no cost, or pay a small drop-in fee to fly your own indoor plane. These lightweight planes will amaze you, as will the individuals who fly them.

### Miniature Club

Miniature enthusiasts meet at the Community Center. Guests are always welcome. For more information, contact Edna Bonney, 402-426-4624.

### Preschool Play Time

Zip around the Community Center gym on our tricycles and Cozy Coupe cars; play preschool-sized basketball; kick balls; or just run, jump and play with others! It's a great playdate for kids and parents! (Please do not bring your own bikes, tricycles, or scooters.)

### Country Music Jam Session

September 9-April 7. Bring an instrument and play along or just come and listen to some great live music!

Program	Day	Time	Cost	Ages
<b>License &amp; Field Times</b>		Flying times posted at Hobby Town	\$30 Resident \$40 Non-Resident	Adults
<b>Indoor Flying</b>	M	11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.	\$3 Resident \$4 Non-Resident Free Senior Resident \$2 Non-Resident Senior	Adults
<b>Miniature Club</b>	3rd Sun. 4th Th.	1 p.m. 7 p.m.	Free	All
<b>Preschool Play Time</b>	Tu., Th.	10 a.m.-noon	Free	Preschool
<b>Country Music Jam Session</b>	2nd Sun. 1st Sun. April	2-4 p.m.	Free	All
<b>Beginner's Craft Class</b>	W	6:30-8 p.m.	\$50/month	All

### Beginner's Craft Class

Monthly classes are as follows: October-flat even count peyote bead weaving; November-counted cross-stitch, December-jewelry making; January-knots such as macrame, Chinese and friendship bracelets. For more information or to register for a class, contact Karen via e-mail, [geeksidekick@gmail.com](mailto:geeksidekick@gmail.com).

## YOUTH SPORTS

Sport	Day	Age	Season Begin	Season End	Registration Deadlines	Resident Costs Early-Bird After Early-Bird	Non-Resident Costs Early-Bird After Early-Bird
<b>Coed Youth Basketball Clinic</b>	Sat. 9-10 a.m.	Grades 1-2	*Jan. 12	Feb. 9	Early-Bird: Dec. 15 Final: Dec. 29	\$17 \$27	\$22 \$32
<b>Youth Basketball League</b>	Games: Vary	Grades 3-8	*Dec.	March	Early-Bird: Nov. 10 Final: Nov. 24	\$55 \$65	\$65 \$75
<b>**Yearling (Coach Pitch) Baseball</b>	Games: Vary	Ages 7-8	*April 1	July 3	Early-Bird: Feb. 16 Final: March 2	\$50 \$60	\$65 \$75
<b>**Mustang Baseball</b>	Games: Vary	Ages 9-10	*April 1	July 3	Early-Bird: Feb. 16 Final: March 2	\$65 \$75	\$85 \$95
<b>**Bronco Baseball</b>	Games: Vary	Ages 11-12	*April 1	July 3	Early-Bird: Feb. 16 Final: March 2	\$75 \$85	\$105 \$115
<b>**Pony Baseball</b>	Games: Vary	Ages 13-14	*April 1	July 3	Early-Bird: Feb. 16 Final: March 2	\$85 \$95	\$105 \$115
<b>**Coed Soccer Clinic</b>	Sat. 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Age 3	April 6	May 11	Early-Bird: Feb. 23 Final: March 9	\$17 \$27	\$22 \$32
<b>**Coed Soccer Academy</b>	Tu. 5:30-6:30 p.m. Sat. 9-10 a.m.	Ages 4-5	April 2	May 11	Early-Bird: Feb. 23 Final: March 9	\$33 \$43	\$53 \$63
<b>**Coed Soccer League</b>	Tu. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Sat. 10-11 a.m.	Ages 6-7	April 2	May 11	Early-Bird: Feb. 23 Final: March 9	\$33 \$43	\$53 \$63
<b>**Flag Football</b>	Games. Sat.	Grades K-6	*April 1	June 22	Early-Bird: Feb. 23 Final: March 9	\$33 \$43	\$53 \$63
<b>**Pinto (Coach Pitch) Softball</b>	Games: Fri., Sat.	Girls 7-8	*April 8	June 30	Early-Bird: March 2 Final: March 16	\$50 \$60	\$65 \$75
<b>**Mustang Softball</b>	Games: Fri., Sat.	Girls 9-10	*April 8	June 30	Early-Bird: March 2 Final: March 16	\$65 \$75	\$85 \$95
<b>**Bronco Softball</b>	Games: Fri., Sat.	Girls 11-12	*April 8	June 30	Early-Bird: March 2 Final: March 16	\$75 \$85	\$105 \$115
<b>**13-18 Softball</b>	Games: Fri., Sat.	Girls 13-18	*April 8	June 30	Early-Bird: March 2 Final: March 16	\$110 \$120	\$140 \$150
<b>**Coed T-Ball</b>	Games: Sat.	Ages 5-6	May 20	July 13	Early-Bird: April 20 Final: May 4	\$45 \$55	\$60 \$70

\*Start dates subject to change. \*\*Registration opens December 1.

### Coed Youth Basketball Clinic

The basketball clinic is comprised of five, one-hour sessions on Saturdays at the La Vista Community Center. Participants will learn the basic skills of dribbling, passing, shooting, teamwork, and fun!

### Youth Basketball League

The youth basketball league is a partnership with the Papillion Recreation Organization. Participants will be learning new skills, improving current basketball skills, techniques, teamwork, sportsmanship, and fun.

### Baseball

The youth baseball program is a partnership with the Ralston Area Baseball Association. Games are played on varying days and locations; practices are held at the coach's discretion.

### Coed Soccer Clinic

The soccer clinic is comprised of five, one-hour sessions on Saturday mornings at the La Vista Community Center. This is a parent participation clinic designed to teach the basic fundamentals of soccer while having fun. Clinic is limited to 15 participants.

### Coed Soccer Academy and League

The soccer academy and league is a 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 soccer environment. All sessions take place at the La Vista Sports Complex.

### Flag Football

The flag football program is part of the Sarpy County Flag Football League, which is dedicated to improving youth sports by teaching and developing skills, promoting maximum participation and providing a fair, safe environment. All games are played at the La Vista Sports Complex flag football fields.

### Softball

The softball program plays in the Rainbow Softball League, which is a true recreational league for girls to learn fundamentals of the game of softball and to have fun.

### Coed T-Ball

The coed t-ball program introduces parents and children to the sport of baseball. This is a parent participation program designed to teach the basic fundamentals of baseball while having fun.

**Please consider volunteering your time to coach!**



## ADULT SPORTS

Sport	Day	Age	Season Begin	Season End	Registration Deadlines	Team Costs	
<b>Women's Winter Adult Volleyball</b>	Matches: Wed.	Adults	Jan. 2	March 20	Final: Dec. 19 or until full	\$120/team \$20 forfeit deposit	\$10 per game officials fee

### Women's Winter Adult Volleyball

The La Vista Recreation Department offers volleyball for women 19 years or older in the fall, winter and spring. All matches are held on Wednesday evenings at the La Vista Community Center Gymnasium.

## LA VISTA SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER

The La Vista Senior Activity Center, located in the Community Center, offers friendship, food, fitness, field trips and many more fun activities. Bring a friend or come join others for a home-cooked meal Monday-Friday. The suggested contribution amount for the meal is \$4 for adults over 60 years of age. For those younger than age 60, the lunch cost is \$10. To make a lunch reservation, either call the Center or sign up at the Center by noon on the business day before. Be sure to look at the other activities. You are welcome to come early and/or stay late! The meal program is sponsored by ENOA and catered by Treat America. Visit our website, [CityofLaVista.org/seniorcenter](http://CityofLaVista.org/seniorcenter), for the monthly senior newsletter, and to look at scheduled activities/trips and lunch menus. For more information contact David Karlson, 402-331-3455.

### Special Services Bus

The Special Services Bus is available for senior citizens ages 60 and older and all special needs/handicapped residents residing in the cities of La Vista and Ralston. The service operates Monday-Friday, 7 a.m.-4:30 p.m. The service does not operate on City of La Vista holidays or when Papillion-La Vista or Ralston public schools are closed due to weather conditions. For questions about service, fees, etc., please call the La Vista Recreation Department at 402-331-3455, or visit us online at [www.cityoflavista.org](http://www.cityoflavista.org). For reservations, call 402-657-3550 at least 48 hours in advance. We make every effort to accommodate, but sometimes due to prior scheduling, we may not be able to help everyone at their requested times.

## 55 AND UP ONGOING ACTIVITIES

### Bingo

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

### Chair Volleyball

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

### Afternoon Movie Outings

Join us for a trip to the Westwood Cinema 8 movie theater. Space is limited on the bus, and pre-registration is required. Movie and departure times are announced on the previous Friday afternoon.

### Drop-In Quilting Group

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

Activity	Day	Time	Fee
<b>Senior Color Book Club</b>	M	10:30-11:15 a.m.	FREE
<b>Bingo</b>	M, F	12:30-1:30 p.m.	25¢ per card
<b>Chair Volleyball</b>	W, F	10:30-11:15 a.m.	FREE
<b>Movie Outings</b>	11/20, 12/18, 1/29	Afternoon	\$2 per movie
<b>Drop-In Quilting Group</b>	W	9-11:30 a.m.	FREE
<b>Tai Chi for Balance</b>	Tu., Th.	10:45-11:30 a.m.	Under 60: \$1 mandatory 60+: \$1 suggested

### Tai Chi for Balance

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



## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### NOVEMBER

25 Santa's Sleigh Ride - 3 p.m. - Throughout City  
26 Tree Lighting & Soup Supper - 5:45 p.m. - City Hall Campus

### DECEMBER

1 Visit Santa at his Workshop - 9 a.m.-noon - Civic Center Park Clubhouse  
3 Visit Santa, Baby - 9 a.m.-noon - Civic Center Park Clubhouse  
3 Holidaze Crafts for Tweens - 6-7:30 p.m. - Library  
5 Pajama storytime - 6 p.m. - Library  
6 Visit Santa at his Workshop - 4-7 p.m. - Civic Center Park Clubhouse  
7 Llama Llama Holiday Drama Party - 10 a.m. - Library  
8 Visit Santa at his Workshop - 9 a.m.-noon - Civic Center Park Clubhouse  
8 Holiday Open House & Christmas Decorations Workshop - 1-3 p.m. - Library  
10 Winter Art Night - 6 p.m. - Library  
11 Christmas Storytime and Craft - 10 a.m. - Library  
11 Christmas Trivia at Santa's Workshop - 6-7 p.m. - Civic Center Park Clubhouse  
12 Holiday Card Making - 3:30-5 p.m. - Civic Center Park Clubhouse  
13 Ukulele 101 for Kids - 4 p.m. - Library  
13 Visit Santa at his Workshop - 4-7 p.m. - Civic Center Park Clubhouse  
13 DIY Ugly Sweater Night - 6-8 p.m. - Library  
15 Visit Santa at his Workshop - 9 a.m.-noon - Civic Center Park Clubhouse  
15 Book Folding Christmas Trees - 10 a.m.-noon - Library  
15 Roundball Reindeer Shootout - 1 p.m. - Community Center  
15 Teen Tech Stations - 1-2 p.m. - Library  
17 Playdate for Little Ones - 10 a.m. - Library  
17 Adult Holiday Art - 6-8 p.m. - Library  
18 Holiday Family Fun - 4 p.m. - Library  
19 Christmas Movers and Shakers - 10 a.m. - Library  
20 Multicultural Holiday Craft & Game Night - 6-8 p.m. - Library  
27 Ukulele Jam Session - 1 p.m. - Library  
31 Noon Year's Eve Party - noon - Library

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### Weather Cancellations & Updates

Please check [CityofLaVista.org/TwasTheLights](http://CityofLaVista.org/TwasTheLights) as well as our social media accounts for up-to-date information regarding event times, location changes and cancellations due to weather.



## PUBLIC DEVELOPMENT

The projects in this section of the Corridor 84 Update are being designed and constructed by the City of La Vista in support of the vision for a new downtown. These projects are being coordinated in conjunction with private development projects, detailed on the following page.

### CIVIC CENTER PARK

	OPPD Transmission Reconstruction	Trails	Sanitary Sewer Relocation
	Percent Designed	By OPPD	100%
	Percent Constructed	55%	14%
	Total Cost to Date	\$168,767	\$286,314
	Remaining Total Cost	\$2,100,000 (Est.)	\$1,568,363
	Anticipated Design Completion	By OPPD	Complete
	Construction Start Date	July 2018	August 2018
	Anticipated Construction Completion	1st Quarter, 2019	December 2018
			March 2019

### CITY CENTRE

	Site Prep and Demo	Phase 1 – Streets, Sewers, Utilities and Design	Phase 2 – Intersections	Public Parking Structure #1
	Percent Designed	100%	100%	9%
	Percent Constructed	100%	96%	0%
	Total Cost to Date	\$5,810,142	\$4,414,382	\$63,818
	Remaining Total Cost	\$190,069	\$4,072,400	\$929,913
	Anticipated Design Completion	Complete	Complete	Fall 2019
	Construction Start Date	August 2016	February 2018	2020
	Anticipated Construction Completion	October 2018	Spring 2019	July 2018
				August 2019

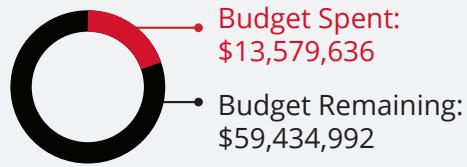
### OTHER PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

	84th Street Overlay	84th Street Corridor Streetscape	Civic Centre Park Interface Improvements
	Percent Designed	71%	0%
	Percent Constructed	0%	0%
	Total Cost to Date	\$65,228	\$0
	Remaining Total Cost	\$30,624,472	\$12,000,000 (Est.)
	Anticipated Design Completion	April 2019	September 2019
	Construction Start Date	July 2019	2020
	Anticipated Construction Completion	September 2019	2023
			2020

## Public Development Status of Projects



**Public Development Budget through August 2018**





## PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT

City Ventures, an investment and development company, is leading all private development related to La Vista's new downtown. While the City of La Vista is not responsible for design, construction or implementation of City Venture buildings, the City is supporting redevelopment through public infrastructure improvements.

## Private Development Status Overview



### PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT UPDATE

	<b>LOT 3 BUILDING</b> <i>First National Bank</i>	Construction Complete.
	<b>LOT 10 BUILDING</b> <i>Mixed Use Commercial Building</i>	Anticipated Construction Start: Winter 2018/2019
	<b>LOT 14 BUILDING</b> <i>Mixed Use Building</i>	Anticipated Construction Completion: August 2020 Anticipated Occupancy: December 2019
	<b>LOT 15 BUILDING</b> <i>Mixed Use Building</i>	Anticipated Occupancy: June 2019 Anticipated Construction Completion: October 2019
	<b>REMODELING</b> <i>McDONALD'S</i>	Construction Proceeding.

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Phase 1 and 2 (out of 3) of City Centre infrastructure were substantially complete in September. Phase 3 is anticipated to be substantially complete in 2019.
- New OPPD transmission line is scheduled to be complete in the fourth quarter of 2018. Removals will occur in the first quarter of 2019.
- Construction began on 84th Street intersections in September.
- Work is beginning on the sanitary sewer relocation in Civic Center Park.

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The City of La Vista has engaged the community through every step of Vision 84 and now Corridor 84. Our engagement efforts as of September 30, 2018 included:

