



**LA VISTA**  
COMMUNITY *Guide*  
FALL/WINTER 2022



**LOTS TO  
SMILE  
ABOUT**

# Say cheese.

A number of smile-worthy events, activities, classes, celebrations and more have been planned this fall and winter around La Vista.

Even better, we've put them neatly together for you to explore in this fall and winter edition of the La Vista Community Guide.

Take a look, and have a happy rest of the year.

**Love, La Vista**



## YOUR GUIDE TO LA VISTA

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## GET SOCIAL

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



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@LaVistaPolice



@cityoflavista  
@lavistapolice



@cityoflavista  
@lavistapolice  
@lavistalibraryyouth



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# ELECTED OFFICIALS

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## City Council Ward 4



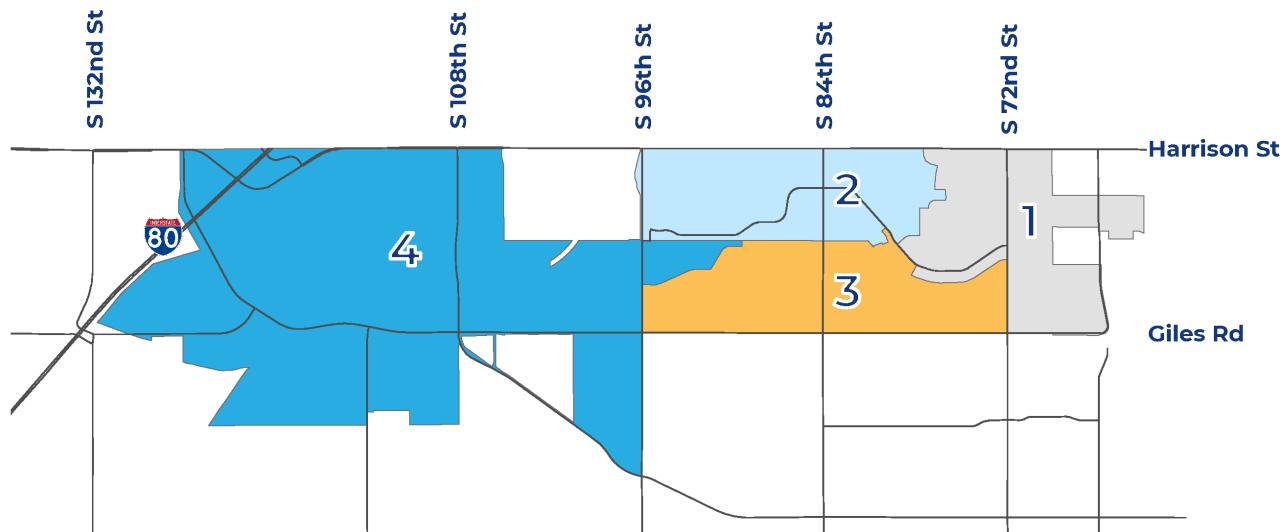
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**Kelly Sell**

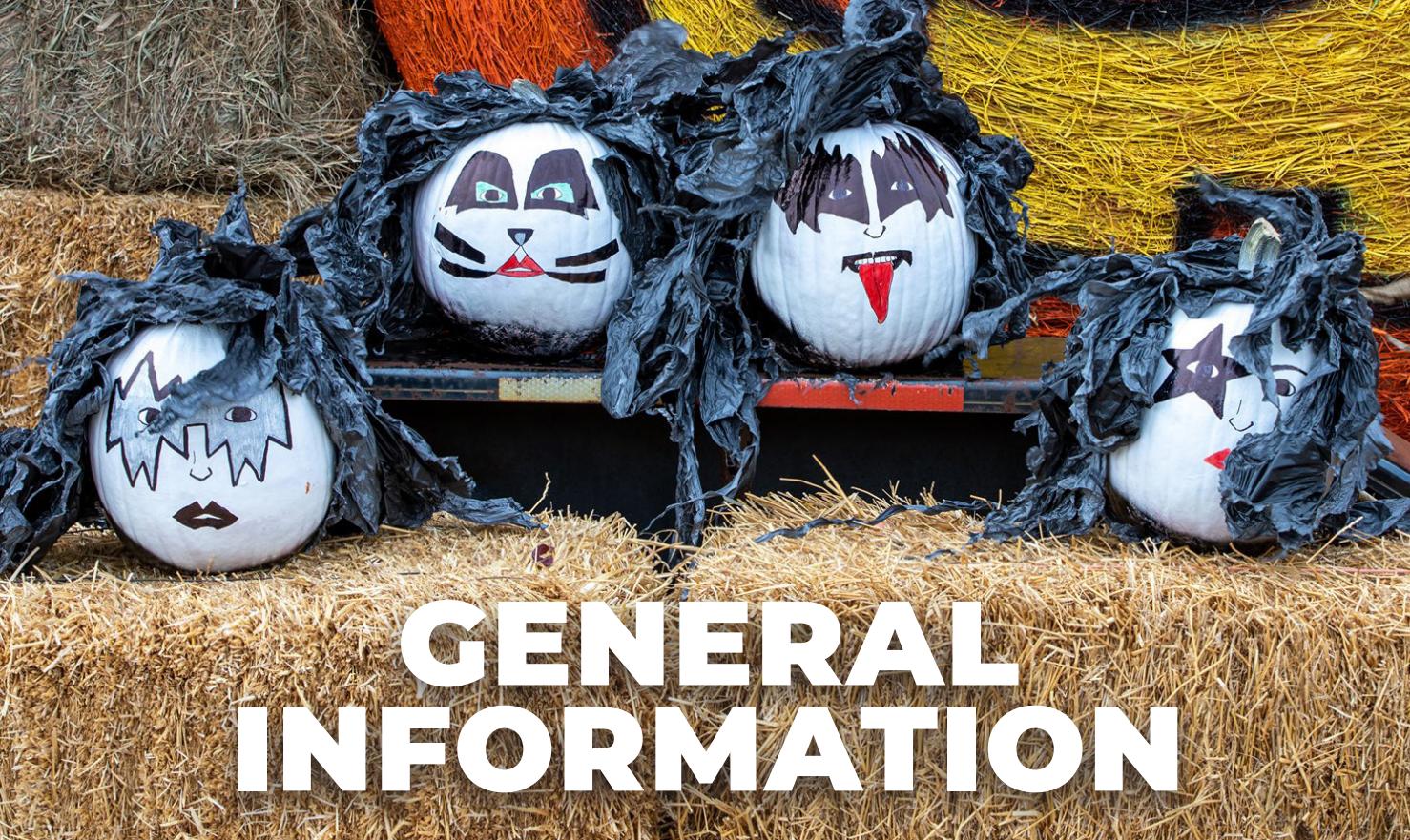
## City Council Ward Map



## 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 DEPARTMENT 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: 402.331.1353*  
 Monday–Friday: 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

### **Recreation Department & Community Center**

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

# 2022 HOLIDAY OBSERVANCES & CLOSURES

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

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



## COMMUNITY RESOURCES

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



## DIGITAL MEDIA POLICY

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

## SECTION 504 / ADA NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

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

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

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

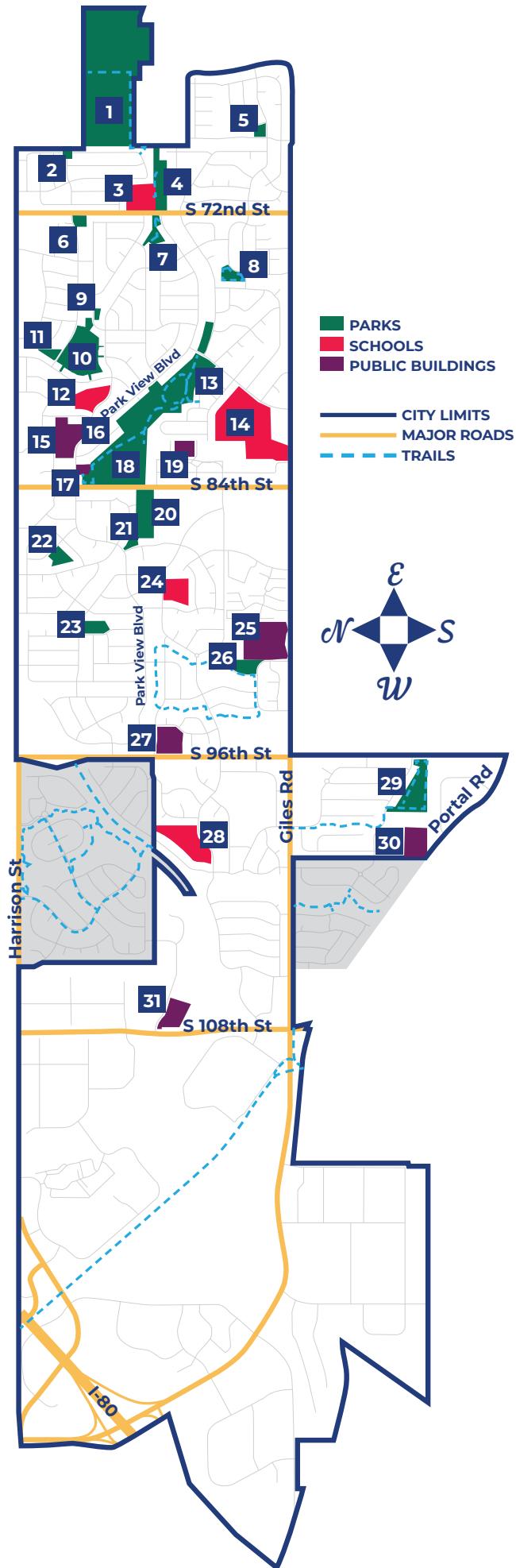
### Did we goof?

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



# PUBLIC FACILITIES

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



## Did You Know?

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

# PARK AMENITIES

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



A young girl with light brown hair, wearing a dark blue beanie and a light blue jacket with a large, shaggy fur-trimmed hood, looks up at a Christmas tree. The background is dark with blurred, colorful lights (red, green, blue) creating a bokeh effect. The overall atmosphere is cozy and festive.

# FAMILY-FRIENDLY **EVENTS**

## PANCAKES IN THE PARK

WARD I: September 10, 8-10 a.m., Ardmore Park

WARD II: October 1, 8-10 a.m., Central Park Lakes

WARD III: October 8, 8-10 a.m., Southwind Park

WARD IV: October 15, 8-10 a.m., Val Verde Park

Stack your morning with good eats and great conversations. Pancakes in the Park is a series of community outreach events around La Vista designed to give residents an opportunity to meet and talk with their City elected officials.

Pancakes in the Park will take place on four Saturday mornings, 8-10 a.m., in September and October and will feature free pancakes, sausage, coffee and juice from The Pancake Man to anyone in attendance.

Events have been scheduled for each City Council ward to give the City Council members and Mayor Kindig the opportunity to meet residents in each part of the community.

To find your ward, visit  
[CityofLaVista.org/WardMaps](http://CityofLaVista.org/WardMaps).

## FALL KITE FESTIVAL

**Sunday, October 9, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.**

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

Bring your whole family to this free event for an afternoon of kite-flying fun. You'll see some of the world's largest and most creative kites! Don't forget to bring your own kite to fly and a bag for the kite candy drops, which take place throughout the event!

## FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE

**Sunday, October 9, 9-11 a.m.**

*Station 4 (8110 Park View Blvd.)*

The Papillion Fire Department invites La Vista residents to celebrate Fire Prevention Week with an open house. Tour the station, climb on the equipment, meet your firefighters and enjoy some snacks! For more information, call **402.339.8617**.



## FALL CLEANUP DAYS

**October 17-23, 7 a.m.-5 p.m.**

*Papillion Public Works (99th Circle & Portal Road)*

The Public Works Department will co-host a fall cleanup event with the City of Papillion this October. This joint event will be located 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. For more info, visit [CityofLaVista.org/CleanUpDays](http://CityofLaVista.org/CleanUpDays).

## SARPY COUNTY SENIOR CARNIVAL

**Wednesday, October 19, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.**

*La Vista Community Center*

A fun day of carnival games and even balloon animals! From spin art to bean bags and even cotton candy, join us seniors to relive your childhood at this fantastic event.

Hosted by the La Vista Senior Center and Papillion Landing 55+ Club. Maximum 100 registrations. Cost is \$10. Lunch is provided. Sorry, no refunds.

Registration due by October 12 at the La Vista Community Center or Papillion Landing.



## HOWL-O-WEEN

Thursday, October 20, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

La Vista Dog Park at Southwind Park

Dress your dog in a Halloween costume and snap a pic of your furry friend at our fall themed backdrop. Stop by the City booth to enjoy a locally baked treat from Long Dog Fat Cat and giveaways for your dog. Also treat yourself with a free hot beverage from Jo-on-the-Go!

\*Don't have a camera or a smart phone? No problem! Keep an eye on our Facebook page for event photos that you can download for free.



## HALLOWEEN SAFE NIGHT

Monday, October 31, 5-6:30 p.m.

La Vista Community Center

After two years of drive-through events, La Vista's Halloween Safe Night will be in-person and take place on the La Vista City Hall Campus. Kids can trick-or-treat, enjoy a free hot dog inside the Community Center and hop on a hayrack ride outside. Don't miss your photo opportunity by the giant haybales as well!



## VALENTINE'S DAY SENIOR LUNCH

Friday, February 10, Doors open at 11 a.m., event begins at 11:30 a.m.

Papillion Landing

**Cost:** \$5 per person. Payment is due at time of registration. No refunds.

**Ages:** All Seniors 55+ are invited.

**Registration Deadline:** Friday, February 3, at Papillion Landing or La Vista Senior Center front desk.

**Menu:** To be determined.



## SANTA'S SLEIGH RIDE

**Sunday, November 27, 3-7 p.m.**

*Throughout La Vista*

Santa Claus is coming to town! Santa and his entourage will be visiting the City following a pre-determined route—Santa will start on the west side of 84th Street and progressively work his way east. The approximate times are 3-5 p.m. on the west side and 5-7 p.m. on the east side.

## TREE LIGHTING CELEBRATION, SOUP SUPPER, HO HO ELVIS, SANTA & HIS REINDEER

**Monday, November 28, 5:45 p.m.-7:30 p.m.**

*City Hall Campus & Central Park/Santa's Workshop*

Let your Christmas spirit shine at La Vista's annual Tree Lighting Celebration! Santa will arrive at 6 p.m. to light the City's Christmas tree, plus we'll have a free soup supper and entertainment in the Community Center gymnasium, featuring Ho Ho Elvis!

Elvis will perform for an hour inside the gym—afterward, head over to Santa's Workshop to visit Santa and his reindeer and take a stroll through the Winter Wonderland in Central Park!

This event will be broadcast live on the City's Facebook page (@CityofLaVistaGovernment) and YouTube channel (@CityLaVista).

## LETTERS TO SANTA

**November 28-December 13**

*Santa's Workshop outdoor mailbox (8305 Park View Blvd.) and La Vista Public Library (9110 Giles Rd.)*

Have you been good this year? Tell it to the big man himself! Write a Christmas letter to Santa this holiday season and send it off to the North Pole! You can ask Santa questions, tell him a story, draw him a picture—and don't forget to tell him what you want for Christmas!

Drop your letters off in the special mailboxes at Santa's Workshop or the Library. Be sure to include your name and return address so Santa knows where to send his reply. Drop off your letter by December 13 to receive a reply by Christmas!

Here's a list of all the fun holiday events in La Vista. Check it twice.



## SANTA PAWS

**Saturday, December 3, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

*Santa's Workshop (8305 Park View Blvd)*

Get a free pet photo with Santa! Bring your dog (or dogs) to Santa's Workshop for a special, professional portrait.

## WALKIN' IN A LA VISTA WONDERLAND

**November 28-December 31**

*Central Park (8305 Park View Blvd)*

Walk through the Winter Wonderland in the park and take photos with fun holiday cutouts!

## VISIT SANTA AND HIS REINDEER

**Monday, November 28, 6-7:30 p.m.**

**Friday, December 2, 4:30-6:30 p.m.**

**Friday, December 9, 4:30-6:30 p.m.**

**Tuesday, December 13, 4:30-6:30 p.m.**

*Central Park/Santa's Workshop  
(8305 Park View Blvd.)*

You're invited to visit Santa, Mrs. Claus and the reindeer at his workshop in La Vista this holiday season!

See the reindeer, walk through the La Vista Wonderland in Central Park and then enter Santa's magical workshop—where you can enjoy cookies from Mrs. Claus while you wait to see Santa! There will be lots of photo opportunities inside the workshop and outside in the park. It's possible the workshop will be at capacity when you arrive, so please come prepared to wait outdoors for a time before entering the building.





RECREATION



## FROM THE DIRECTOR



**Scott Stopak,**  
Recreation Director

## RECREATION CONTACTS

### DIRECTOR

Scott Stopak

### ASST. DIRECTOR

David Karlson

### YOUTH & ADULT SPORTS MANAGER

Denny Dinan

### SENIOR SERVICES MANAGER

Kaily Stanley

### COMMUNITY EVENTS COORDINATOR

Brian Allen

### ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Sue Tangeman

## LA VISTA COMMUNITY CENTER

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



@CityofLaVista

Welcome to the La Vista Recreation Department. We offer services and programs that improve quality of life and make La Vista a special place to live, work, and play!

We encourage you to visit our new dog park, play pickleball on one of our courts, walk or bike a trail, join a league, sign up for a class, or attend a special event in La Vista. Parks and recreation services are beneficial to our community as they strengthen the community's image, protect our environmental resources, promote health and wellness, and increase our quality of life.

We recently added a Community Events Coordinator to our team, which is allowing us to improve and expand upon the many popular community events we already offer. Come out and see what we've planned for you!

We will continue to work hard and strive to give our patrons the very best recreation, parks, and cultural arts opportunities. We encourage all members of the community to join us in living and promoting active and healthy lifestyles through participation in parks and recreational activities. There's no better time to get started than right now!

## WHAT IS A RECREATION DEPARTMENT?



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

## HOURS

**Monday-Friday (year-round):** 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
**Saturday (Before September 10):** 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
**Saturday (September-April):** 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
**Sunday (May-August):** CLOSED  
**Sunday (September-April):** 1 - 9 p.m.  
**Adults Only (Monday-Friday):** 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
**Youth 8-18 (Weekdays during school year):** 3 - 9 p.m.  
**Youth 8-18 (Weekdays scheduled days off):** 1:30 - 9 p.m.

*Does not include days off for inclement weather.*



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# FACILITIES

## FITNESS CENTER

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

## HOURS

Monday-Friday: 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
Saturdays (May-August): 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Saturdays (September-April): 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Sundays (May-August): Closed  
Sundays (September-April): 1-9 p.m.

## FEES

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

## Punch Cards

Resident: \$50, 20 punches  
Non-resident: \$35, 10 punches  
Non-resident Senior: \$20, 10 punches

## Adult Memberships

Resident (19+): \$27/month  
*Includes exercise room, gym, racquetball/wallyball*

## VIRTUAL RECREATION CENTER— FUN FRIDAYS WITH MR. DAVID & FRIENDS

Look for more fun and exciting virtual and hybrid virtual/live activities. These unique, fun, and sometimes silly programs can be found on the city's website and social media platforms.

## RACQUETBALL/WALLYBALL

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

**Cost:** Resident: \$7/hour; Non-resident: \$10/hour  
**Ages:** Must be 18 and out of high school to rent



## OPEN GYM

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

## DROP-IN FEES

Resident Adult (19+): \$3  
Resident Youth (Under 19): Free  
Resident Senior (55+): Free

Non-resident Adult (19+): \$4  
Non-resident Senior (55+): \$2  
A.M. Walking Club (Gym only): Free

Non-resident Youth (8-18) are not allowed in the Community Center unless registered for a class or sport.

Non-residents are only allowed weekdays from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. unless enrolled in a class.

## DROP-IN ADULT BASKETBALL

**Wednesdays & Fridays**

**11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.**

**Cost:** Residents—\$3, Non-residents—\$4  
**Age:** Adults 35+



## LA VISTA CITY FIELDS

The City of La Vista has baseball, softball, flag football and soccer fields available at La Vista Sports Complex, City Park and Central Park West. The fields open on April 1 and close on October 31, weather permitting. These fields are available through permit only from the Recreation Department. The fee for obtaining a permit is \$40 per two hours per field. Tournament rates vary.

To request a field or if you are interested in hosting a tournament, please contact Denny Dinan at **402.331.3455**. All field requests must be submitted at least 24 hours in advance.

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

*Please note: we do not begin accepting field requests for the following year until January 1 of each year.*

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**.

**NEW**

## PICKLEBALL

The fastest-growing sport in the United States now officially has space for play in La Vista! This fun sport is played on a court the same dimensions as badminton and also combines elements of tennis and ping-pong. It can be played both indoors and outdoors with a paddle and a plastic ball with holes. The game can be played as doubles or singles and is a sport accessible by all ages and skill levels.



## OUTDOOR COURTS

The three tennis courts at Central Park East are now multipurpose courts that can be used for playing both tennis and pickleball. Different colored lines were added to the tennis courts to mark the pickleball courts, and the existing tennis nets can be used for playing either sport. Please note that the nets on these courts are removed during the winter months.

## INDOOR COURTS

Two courts are located in the Community Center gymnasium. We recommend bringing your own equipment, but a limited number of paddles and balls are available for checkout at the front desk. Please call for times, availability and fees or visit [CityofLaVista.org/Recreation](http://CityofLaVista.org/Recreation).

## REFUND POLICY

### Youth Sport Leagues/Special Events/Activities

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

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

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

### Adult Sport Leagues

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

### Facility Rental

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



# At Your Service

## Meet Brian Allen, Community Events Coordinator

As the Events Coordinator, Brian Allen helps plan, coordinate and execute all the special events for the residents of the La Vista community. Read our interview with Brian to learn more about his experience.

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

**Brian:** I joined the team in February 2022 and was able to jump right into programming and logistics for the annual Salute to Summer celebration last May. Some initial event highlights for me include hearing live local music in the park, trivia nights at Kros Strain Brewing, the Arbor Day storytime walk and tree planting in Central Park, and Yappy Hour at the La Vista Dog Park. A new annual event, Howl-O-Ween at the Dog Park in October won't disappoint either!

### LV: Where did you work before coming to La Vista?

**Brian:** When events fell flat at the start of the Covid-19 pandemic, I pivoted and worked as a substitute teacher for grades PK-12 at three different school districts. Prior to that, I worked as an Assistant General Manager for a local non-profit art house theater and co-founded the state's first indoor climbing gym. My degree in Construction Management might not seem very relatable, but I have found similarities when it comes to planning, scheduling, logistics and being able to collaborate and make sound decisions on site when the pressure is on.

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

**Brian:** Having the freedom and time to dream up new programming while executing the logistics to help create memorable experiences for the residents of La Vista and surrounding communities. None of this is possible without the support of so many departments and staff at City Hall, Recreation, Community Development, Library, Fire, Police, Public Works and community volunteers as well.

### LV: What is your favorite thing about working in events?

**Brian:** No day or night is ever the same and that keeps me on my toes physically and mentally! Over the years I have learned to embrace a flexible schedule that may include early mornings, late nights or the weekend. There is no shortage of issues when it comes to producing live events, but I enjoy anticipating and solving logistical and service problems. The more I pre-plan and envision, the easier it is for myself and my team to solve problems that arise. It's a special opportunity to be able to bring people together for the betterment of a community.

### LV: Why are events important to the life of a community?

**Brian:** I believe communities become more understanding and healthier when people spend time together and special events help facilitate this for a better quality of life.

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

**Brian:** Nearly all the community events in La Vista are free to attend! Programming city events will continue to evolve as we open new facilities with the development of the upper and lower-level pavilion areas (The Link) that are connected to the expanded Central Park, the new outdoor amphitheater and public spaces within City Centre. We are looking forward to producing events that incorporate traditional aspects, but also bringing new components to the mix.

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

**Brian:** I enjoy tending to my garden.

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

**Brian:** When I think about Greater Omaha and Sarpy County, La Vista is in the middle of everything with a style all its own. Small gestures go a long way here and the big vision is starting to come to fruition with continued progress at the City Centre and Southport developments.



# CHILDREN'S CLASSES

## AGES PRESCHOOL-12

*Unless Listed Otherwise*

### PRESCHOOL PLAY TIME

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

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

**October 13, 10-11 a.m. - Parachute Play**

**November 10, 10-11 a.m. - Simon Says**

**December 8, 10-11 a.m. - Red Light Green Light**

**Cost:** Free

**Ages:** Preschool (with Adult)

### KIDS CAN RUN

Omaha Kids Can Run Club is a running and empowerment program for children of all fitness levels. We transform traditional running games and drills into powerful life lessons by teaching them how to unleash their growth mindset. Parents know when their children are with us, they are getting a great workout and building strength of character. No equipment is necessary, just comfortable clothes and shoes suitable for running and playing. For more info on session dates and times, contact Tiffani Frost at [omahakidscanrun@gmail.com](mailto:omahakidscanrun@gmail.com) or **402.881.0137**.

### AIKIDO

**Monday & Thursday Nights**

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

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

### ZUMBINI WITH TYLER LAWRENCE

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

**Fall Session: September 14 - November 16**

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

**Cost:** Contact Instructor

**Age:** 4 and under

# CHILDREN'S SPORTS

## YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE

### JANUARY-MARCH

Early-Bird Registration Deadline: November 14

Final Registration Deadline: November 28 (or until leagues are full)

The emphasis of the La Vista Youth Basketball League will be learning new skills, improving current basketball skills, techniques, teamwork, sportsmanship and fun. We offer youth basketball for boys and girls in grades 3rd-8th (players are separated into 3rd/4th, 5th/6th & 7th/8th grade divisions).

Our teams participate with the Sarpy Community YMCA and games are typically played on Saturdays/Sundays at several locations in the La Vista/Papillion area. This is a "recreational" league and players are not allowed to play in this league if they participate on a "select" or "competitive" team. You will receive a call from your child's coach approximately one week prior to the season starting to provide you with information about your child's specific practice day, time, and location.

### VOLUNTEER COACHES NEEDED! Please consider volunteering your time to coach.

Practices will tentatively begin the week of January 2, 2023. Practices are held at coach's discretion 1-2 times per week on Sunday-Friday evenings with no practices on Wednesdays. Game days and locations may vary. Games will begin in late January and end in March. Start/end date is subject to change.

### REGISTRATION DETAILS

**Grades:** Boys and Girls currently in 3rd-8th

**Early-Bird Registration:** October 1-November 14

**Early-Bird Cost:** Resident—\$55, Non-resident—\$65

**Final Registration:** November 15-November 28

**Final Registration Cost:** Resident—\$65, Non-resident—\$75

## COED BASKETBALL CLINIC

### JANUARY 14-FEBRUARY 11

Early-Bird Registration Deadline: December 14

Final Registration Deadline: December 28

The La Vista Recreation Department offers a coed youth basketball clinic for 1st and 2nd grade boys and girls. Participants will learn the basic skills of dribbling, passing, shooting, teamwork and sportsmanship, all while having fun!

**This is a parent-instructed clinic, so several volunteers will be needed to hold these clinics.**

The basketball clinic is comprised of 5 one-hour sessions to be held on Saturday mornings from 8:30-9:30 a.m. at the La Vista Community Center. Start/end date is subject to change.

### REGISTRATION DETAILS

**Grades:** Boys and Girls currently in 1st-2nd

**Early-Bird Registration:** October 1-December 14

**Early-Bird Cost:** Resident—\$17, Non-resident—\$22

**Final Registration:** December 15-December 28

**Final Registration Cost:** Resident—\$27,  
Non-resident—\$32



# BASEBALL

## SEASON BEGINS IN APRIL

**Early-Bird Registration Deadline:** February 13  
**Final Registration Deadline:** March 1

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. The La Vista Recreation Department offers youth baseball for ages 7-14. The baseball season runs from April through early July of each year.

Practices will tentatively start the week of April 3 and are held at the coach's discretion during the week. Game days vary and can be held during the week and on the weekends. You will receive a call from your child's coach approximately one week prior to the season starting to provide you with information about your child's specific practice day, time, and location. Start/end date is subject to change.

**VOLUNTEER COACHES NEEDED! Please consider volunteering your time to coach.**

# SOFTBALL

## SEASON BEGINS IN APRIL

**Early-Bird Registration Deadline:** February 13  
**Final Registration Deadline:** March 1

The softball program plays in the Papillion Softball league, which is a true recreational league for girls to learn fundamentals of the game of softball and to have fun. Players are not allowed to play in this league if they participate on a "select" or "competitive" team. The La Vista Recreation Department offers youth softball for girls ages 7-18.

Practice will tentatively start the week of April 3. Practices are held at coach's discretion during the week. Game days are typically Friday evenings and Saturday mornings/afternoons, but some weeknight games may also be scheduled. You will receive a call from your child's coach prior to the season starting. At that time, you will receive information about your child's specific practice day, time, and location. Start/end date is subject to change.

**VOLUNTEER COACHES NEEDED! Please consider volunteering your time to coach.**

## REGISTRATION DETAILS

**Early-Bird Registration:** January 2–February 13  
**Final Registration:** February 14–March 1

### PONY LEAGUE (13-14)

**Ages:** Boys 13-14 as of April 1  
**Early-Bird Cost:** Resident—\$85, Non-resident—\$105  
**Final Registration Cost:** Resident—\$95, Non-resident—\$115

### BRONCO LEAGUE (11-12)

**Ages:** Boys 11-12 as of April 1  
**Early-Bird Cost:** Resident—\$75, Non-resident—\$105  
**Final Registration Cost:** Resident—\$85, Non-resident—\$115

### MUSTANG LEAGUE (9-10)

**Ages:** Boys 9-10 as of April 1  
**Early-Bird Cost:** Resident—\$65, Non-resident—\$85  
**Final Registration Cost:** Resident—\$75, Non-resident—\$95

### YEARLING/COACH PITCH LEAGUE (7-8)

**Ages:** Boys 7-8 as of April 1  
**Early-Bird Cost:** Resident—\$50, Non-resident—\$65  
**Final Registration Cost:** Resident—\$60, Non-resident—\$75

## REGISTRATION DETAILS

**Early-Bird Registration:** January 2–February 13  
**Final Registration:** February 14–March 1

### JR./SR. LEAGUE (13-18)

**Ages:** Girls 13-18 as of April 1  
**Early-Bird Cost:** Resident—\$110, Non-resident—\$140  
**Final Registration Cost:** Resident—\$120, Non-resident—\$150

### BRONCO LEAGUE (11-12)

**Ages:** Girls 11-12 as of April 1  
**Early-Bird Cost:** Resident—\$75, Non-resident—\$105  
**Final Registration Cost:** Resident—\$85, Non-resident—\$115

### MUSTANG LEAGUE (9-10)

**Ages:** Girls 9-10 as of April 1  
**Early-Bird Cost:** Resident—\$65, Non-resident—\$85  
**Final Registration Cost:** Resident—\$75, Non-resident—\$95

### PINTO/COACH PITCH LEAGUE (7-8)

**Ages:** Girls 7-8 as of April 1  
**Early-Bird Cost:** Resident—\$50, Non-resident—\$65  
**Final Registration Cost:** Resident—\$60, Non-resident—\$75





## **SOCCER CLINIC (Age 3)**

**SPRING CLINIC: APRIL 15-MAY 13**

Early-Bird Registration Deadline: March 6

Final Registration Deadline: March 27

This is a parent participation clinic designed to teach the fundamentals of soccer while having fun. This clinic is comprised of 5 one-hour sessions to be held on Saturdays from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The 3-year-old Soccer Clinic is offered in the spring and fall. Clinic is limited to 16 participants. Start/end date is subject to change.

### **REGISTRATION DETAILS**

**Ages:** Boys and Girls 3 as of April 1

**Early-Bird Registration:** January 2-March 6

**Early-Bird Cost:** Resident-\$17

Non-resident-\$22

**Final Registration:** March 7-March 27

**Final Registration Cost:** Resident-\$27,

Non-resident-\$32

### **REGISTER ONLINE!**

Register and pay online for youth sports programs at [CityofLaVista.org/Active](http://CityofLaVista.org/Active).

## **SOCCER ACADEMY AND LEAGUE**

**APRIL 11-MAY 11**

**Early-Bird Registration Deadline:** March 6

**Final Registration Deadline:** March 27

The soccer academy and league have 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 environment. Sessions are held twice a week for five weeks - academy training/practices are on Tuesdays with game situations/scrimmages on Saturdays. Start/end date is subject to change.

The 4/5's & 6/7's both meet on Tuesdays from 6-7 p.m. On Saturdays, the 4/5's meet from 9-10 a.m. and the 6/7's meet from 10-11 a.m. 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 create this academy, which will deliver a fun soccer environment for boys and girls living in and around the La Vista area. The goal of the Youth Soccer Academy is to introduce young players and their families to soccer and have FUN while doing it!

### **REGISTRATION DETAILS**

**Ages:** Boys and Girls 4-5 as of April 1

**Early-Bird Registration:** January 2-March 6

**Early-Bird Cost:** Resident-\$33

Non-resident-\$53

**Final Registration:** March 7-March 27

**Final Registration Cost:** Resident-\$43,

Non-resident-\$63

### **LEAGUE (Ages 6-7)**

The Youth 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. Parent volunteers are needed to assist instructors. Parent volunteers will work with the Omaha Metro Wolves Soccer Club trainers to help run Academy/League sessions. Individual development is the focus at this age but learning to play as a team is important as well!

### **REGISTRATION DETAILS**

**Ages:** Boys and Girls 6-7 as of April 1

**Early-Bird Registration:** January 2-March 6

**Early-Bird Cost:** Resident-\$33

Non-resident-\$53

**Final Registration:** March 7-March 27

**Final Registration Cost:** Resident-\$43,

Non-resident-\$63

# SPRING FLAG FOOTBALL

## SPRING GAMES: APRIL 15-JUNE 17

Early-Bird Registration Deadline: February 20

Final Registration Deadline: March 6

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

Practice will tentatively begin the week of April 3. Practices are held at the coach's discretion during the week. You will receive a call from your child's coach approximately one week prior to the season starting to provide you with information about your child's specific practice day, time and location.

## REGISTRATION DETAILS

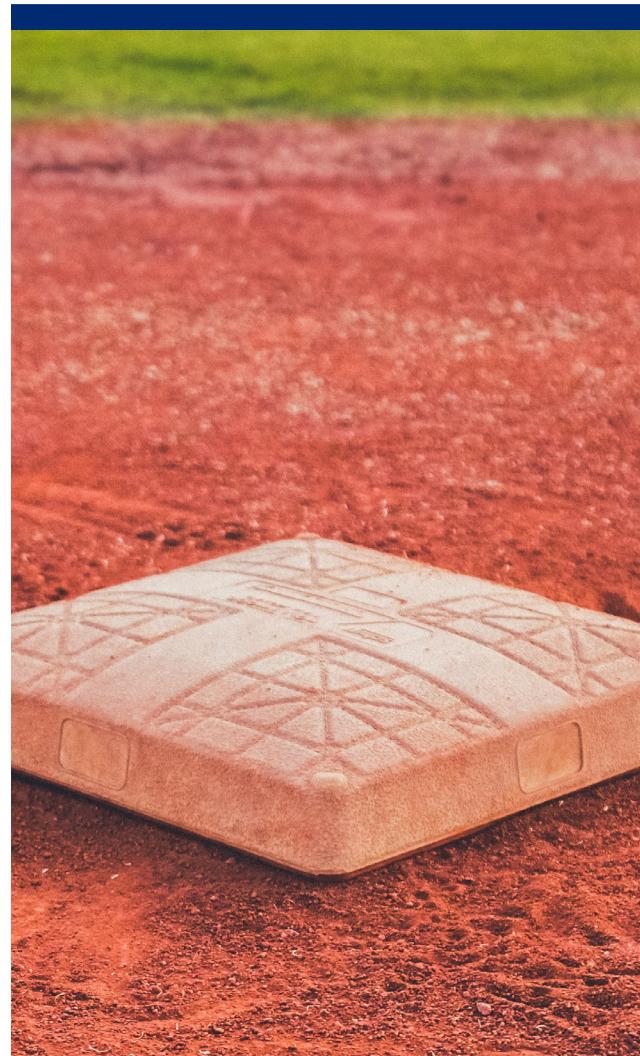
**Grades:** Boys & Girls K-6 as of spring 2023

**Early-Bird Registration:** January 2–February 20

**Early-Bird Cost:** Resident—\$33, Non-resident—\$53

**Final Registration:** February 21–March 6

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



# COED T-BALL

## SPRING GAMES: JUNE 3-JULY 15

Early-Bird Registration Deadline: April 10

Final Registration Deadline: April 24

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

Practice will tentatively start the week of May 8. Practices are held at the coach's discretion during the week. Games will be played on Saturday mornings at the La Vista ballfields. You will receive a call from your child's coach approximately one week prior to the season starting to provide you with information about your child's specific practice day, time, and location. Start/end date is subject to change.

## REGISTRATION DETAILS

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

**Early-Bird Registration:** January 2–April 10

**Early-Bird Cost:** Resident—\$45  
Non-resident—\$60

**Final Registration:** April 11–April 24

**Final Registration Cost:** Resident—\$55,  
Non-resident—\$70

# TEEN CLASSES AGES 13-18

Unless Listed Otherwise

## Health & Wellness

### YOGA

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

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

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

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

Cost: \$7/class

### OMAHA METRO ARMED COMBAT ACADEMY

Thursdays, 6-8:45 p.m.

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

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

Cost: \$20/month



ARMED COMBAT ACADEMY

### AIKIDO

Monday & Thursday Nights

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

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

### WOMEN'S SELF-DEFENSE CLASS

Last Tuesday of the Month, 6-8:45 p.m.

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

Cost: \$80/session

### Dancing BALLROOM DANCE LESSONS

Mondays, 7-8 p.m. (by appointment)

Wednesdays, 7-8 p.m. (group class)

Join as a single or couple, minimum of six people per class. In each session, two to three dances will be taught. For more information, contact Terry Vargas at **402.639.2209**.

Cost: \$40/4-week session

Ages: 16+

## TEEN SPORTS

For information on teen sports leagues, see pages 19 and 20 of this guide.

# METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## Continuing Adult Education Non-Credit Classes

Register for the following classes at the La Vista Community Center or at [mccneb.edu](http://mccneb.edu).



### Barn Quilt: Folded Flag

**Wednesday, November 16, 12-3 p.m.**

Paint a full-size outdoor barn quilt that is either 2, 3, or 4 feet. You do not need to be an artist and you do not need a barn to put it on; they go everywhere! Bring FrogTape® Delicate (yellow), a hair dryer, and a heavy-duty extension cord to class.

**Cost: \$85**

### Barn Quilt: 3 Flower

**Wednesday, November 16, 4-7 p.m.**

Paint a full-size outdoor barn quilt that is either 2, 3 or 4 feet. The flower design will already be on the barn quilt. You will have many paint colors to choose from in class. Bring FrogTape® Delicate (yellow), a hair dryer, and a heavy-duty extension cord to class.

**Cost: \$85**

Both classes will take place at the Community Center.



## Health & Wellness

# ADULT CLASSES

## AGES 19+

### MORNING INDOOR WALKING

Monday-Friday, 8-9 a.m.

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

**Cost:** Free

### YOGA

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

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**Cost:** \$20/month

### SAFE HANDS HEALING HANDS

Last Wednesday of September & November, 6-9 p.m.

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

**Cost:** \$125

### KENDO JAPANESE SWORD FIGHTING

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

Saturdays, 9-11 a.m.

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

**Cost:** \$50/month

**Ages:** 10+

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**Cost:** \$80/session

### FIT4MOM STROLLER STRIDES®

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.

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, call **402.302.1117** or contact Marcia McConnell at [marciamcconnell@fit4mom.com](mailto:marciamcconnell@fit4mom.com) or visit [omahasouth.fit4mom.com](http://omahasouth.fit4mom.com).

**Cost:** Contact Instructor

# Dancing

## BALLROOM DANCE LESSONS

Mondays by Appointment,  
Wednesdays, 7 - 8 p.m.

Join as a single or couple, minimum of six people per class. In each session, two to three dances will be taught. For more information, contact Terry Vargas at **402.639.2209**.

**Cost:** \$40/4-week session  
**Ages:** 16+

## SQUARE DANCE LESSONS

Sundays, 2-6 p.m.

**Winter classes start January 8 & February 26**

Swing your partner round and round with these lessons from River City Square Dance Club. Five-week sessions at the La Vista Community Center. For more info, contact Ken Young at **402.690.3020**.

**Cost:** \$50 for 5 weeks      **Age:** Adults

## Fun for All

### MINIATURE CLUB

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

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

**Cost:** Free  
**Age:** All ages

## MODEL AIRPLANE INDOOR FLYING

Mondays, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Fly your indoor model airplanes and drones in the Community Center gym.

**Cost:** \$3 (resident), \$4 (non-resident)  
    Free (senior resident),  
    \$2 (senior non-resident)

## MODEL AIRPLANE LICENSE AND OUTDOOR FIELD TIMES

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

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

## BEGINNER BELLY DANCING

**NEW INSTRUCTOR: ELIANAE STONE**

**Tuesdays, 6-7 p.m.**

Learn the basics of Raqs Sharqi style belly dance, or traditional dances from Egypt, Turkey, and Greece. Learn fundamental hip, torso, and arm movements in a low-impact and fun way! Combinations, choreography, and props such as veil and cymbals can be taught based on the group, and no experience is required.

**Age:** All ages

**Cost:** \$40 per month, or \$12 drop-in per class

## ADVANCED BELLY DANCING

**Tuesdays, 7-8 p.m.**

Learn Raqs Sharqi choreographies with an opportunity to perform in this advanced class. At least 2 years of regular belly dance class experience is suggested, and it is suggested you attend at least 1-2 sessions of Beginner Belly Dancing prior to enrolling in this class or speak with the instructor for placement. Prop work, layering and specialty topics building on the basic techniques will be taught, including folkloric and specialty styles.



**Age:** All ages

**Cost:** \$40 per month, or \$12 drop-in per class

For more info and to register, visit [accelerationbellydancefitness.com](http://accelerationbellydancefitness.com), call **402.370.9021** or contact Elianae at [elianaethebellydancer@gmail.com](mailto:elianaethebellydancer@gmail.com).

## ADULT SPORTS

### SOFTBALL

**COED LEAGUE: FRIDAY EVENINGS**

**MEN'S LEAGUE: TUESDAY OR  
FRIDAY EVENINGS**

**Registration Deadline:** February 1-March 24  
    or until leagues are full

**Registration Cost:** \$215 (+ separate \$44 check for  
    forfeit deposit fee)

**Umpire Fees:** Paid in cash directly to  
    umpires before each game

14-week season





# SENIORS

# SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER

## AGES 55+

The Senior Activity Center, located in the Community Center, offers friendship, food, fitness, field trips and many more fun activities.

### SENIOR LUNCH PROGRAM

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

Enjoy a nutritious meal at the Senior Center, provided by Treat America, in cooperation with the Eastern Nebraska Office on Aging.

Please call by noon the business day before you'd like to visit to make a reservation. After lunch, feel free to stick around for many of our other activities.

**Suggested Donation:** \$4.25 for those 60 and older  
**Required Fee:** \$11 for those younger than 60

To view the current menu and our full schedule of activities, visit [CityofLaVista.org/Seniors](http://CityofLaVista.org/Seniors).

### BINGO

**Fridays, 1 p.m.**

Compete for prizes and bragging rights, improve your listening and hand-eye coordination and have some fun! Please see our monthly newsletter for more details.

**Cost:** \$1 total for 4 games

### CHAIR VOLLEYBALL

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

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

**Cost:** Free

### COMPUTER CLASSES FOR SENIORS

It's never too late to learn! The La Vista Senior Center is teaching computer classes. Laptops are provided, or bring your own. One-on-one attention is available.

All computer classes are based on what you would like to learn, so contact Kaily Stanley at **402.331.3455** or via e-mail at [KStanley@CityofLaVista.org](mailto:KStanley@CityofLaVista.org) with your suggestions.

The senior center also has five laptops available to be used by seniors at any time during Community Center hours. The laptops must be used within the Community Center. Black and white printing (up to 10 pages) is also available to our seniors.

### MOVIE SHOWINGS

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

Taste some fresh popcorn and have a soda all while you enjoy a classic film or newer movie at the La Vista Senior Center. Join us every other Tuesday to watch a movie on our big screen!

Check out our monthly newsletter for details.

### DROP-IN QUILTING GROUP

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

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

**Cost:** Free

### TAI CHI FOR BALANCE

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

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

**Cost:** \$1 suggested per week

**Ages:** 60+

Visit [CityofLaVista.org/Seniors](http://CityofLaVista.org/Seniors) for the monthly senior newsletter and to look at scheduled activities/trips and lunch menus. For more information, call **402.331.3455**.



## TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

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

The Special Services Bus is available for senior citizens ages 60 and older and all disabled residents residing in the cities of La Vista and Ralston.

The service operates Monday-Friday and does not operate on observed 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 Recreation Department at **402.331.3455**, or visit us online at [CityofLaVista.org](http://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.

## AFTERNOON OUTINGS

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

**Day/Time:** Varies

**Cost:** Varies

# SENIOR CENTER EVENTS

## SARPY COUNTY SENIOR CARNIVAL

Wednesday, October 19, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

La Vista Community Center

A fun day of carnival games and even balloon animals! From spin art to bean bags and even cotton candy, join us seniors to relive your childhood at this fantastic event. Hosted by the La Vista Senior Center and Papillion Landing 55+ Club. Maximum 100 registrations. Cost is \$10. Lunch is provided. Sorry, no refunds.

Registration due by October 12 at the La Vista Community Center or Papillion Landing.

## CHRISTMAS LIGHT TOUR

Dates vary and space is limited

Join us on the La Vista/Ralston Special Services Buses for a fun night of carol singing while we view the beautiful holiday lights around the Metro. Call **402.331.3455** for dates, or look for the December Senior Newsletter at [CityofLaVista.org/Seniors](http://CityofLaVista.org/Seniors).

## VALENTINE'S DAY SENIOR LUNCH

Friday, February 10, Doors open at 11 a.m., event begins at 11:30 a.m.

Papillion Landing

**Cost:** \$5 per person. Payment is due at time of registration. No refunds.

**Ages:** All Seniors 55+ are invited.

**Registration Deadline:** Friday, February 3, at Papillion Landing or La Vista Senior Center front desk.

**Menu:** To be determined.



# SPECIAL SERVICES BUS ALL ABOARD.

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

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



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.



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

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

## FARES

**\$1**

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

**\$3**

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

**\$10**

**ZONE 3**  
(outside city limits)

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



# LIBRARY

# FROM THE DIRECTOR



## WHAT IS A LIBRARY?

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

Greetings from your La Vista Public Library. Everywhere you turn, people are talking about the stressful impact the pandemic is having on us and our health. Well, the library has your back!

The library has a plethora of de-stressing — if not entertaining — books, DVDs, CDs, games, etc. to help whisk you away! If you haven't been in to see the library's creative/tinker/makerspace, this is your formal invitation! We have a laser cutter, a 3D printer, AccuCut Dyes, a button maker and more. It's a place to come and unwind by creating. If you have something specific in mind, talk with staff to see the possibilities.

Also, the library has a fly-fishing group that meets here every Thursday starting October 6, 6-8 p.m. We invite you to improve your point of view at the library!

**Rose Barcal, Library Director**



## LA VISTA PUBLIC LIBRARY

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



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## HOURS

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



# LIBRARY LOAN INFORMATION

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

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

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

## BORROWING PRIVILEGES

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 library policies.

## COMPUTERS & WiFi

Computers, high-speed internet, free Wi-Fi, wireless printing and Microsoft Office are available to the public. Printouts cost \$0.10 per page for black & white and \$0.50 per page for color.

## iPADS

Library card holders, in good standing, can borrow an iPad for use within the Library. To checkout 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.

## GABBIE: A TEXT-A-LIBRARIAN SERVICE

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

## DIGITAL RESOURCES

The Library offers online resources, electronic books, magazines, and streaming media, movies and music that can be accessed at the Library or from any computer with an Internet connection. Access information for those resources that require a username and password is available at the Library. Contact the Library or visit the Library's website for a complete list of digital resources.

## TECHNOLOGY HELP

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

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

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

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

## CAKE PAN COLLECTION

Did you know that you can check out cake pans with your library card? The library's new Cake Pan Collection is available and has a variety of holiday themed and character cake pans, decorating supplies, and access to a variety of different recipes located on a special library blog!

**The new collection was spearheaded by Papillion La Vista High School Junior Millie Belik to earn her Gold Award from the Girl Scouts.**

The Gold Award is the highest and most prestigious honor a Girl Scout can earn. It requires the scout to dedicate 80+ hours on a community service project that will make a difference in the world. Millie chose the library because she spent a lot of time at the library when she was younger and she wanted to give back.

Library staff was thrilled with the idea of a Cake Pan Collection because these tools support creativity and give people access to needed things at little to no cost. Baking isn't hard when you have a library card!



## MAKERSPACE

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

### 3D Printer

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

### Tinker Boxes

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

### AccuCut Die-Cutting Machine & Dies

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

### Button Maker

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

### Laser Cutter

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

### Other Supplies and Tools

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

### Lamination Machine

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

## UNATTENDED CHILDREN

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



## BOARD GAMES

Do you like playing games? Do you want to try one before your family decides to make a purchase? Board games can be played at the Library or checked out for three weeks for use outside of the Library. Borrowers are responsible for returning the game with all its pieces and accessories. Please note that board games must be returned inside the Library or a \$5 fee will be charged if a game is returned in the drop box. We hope this will allow families a chance to have a good time together and build relationships. Come and check out a board game from the Library!

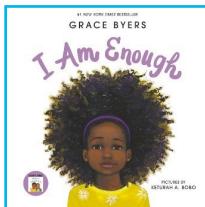


## ZOO PASSES

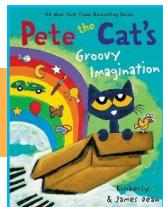
The La Vista Public Library and Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium are partnering to provide free zoo passes to any current card holders! The Library has been given access to 50 zoo passes every two months, from October 2022 – May 2023. Each zoo pass can be used one time during the two-month period and will admit up to two adults and six children. Library members must present their library card and pass to zoo staff at the front entry point. Zoo passes are available to any library membership in good standing and must be picked up in person.

## STAFF BOOK PICKS

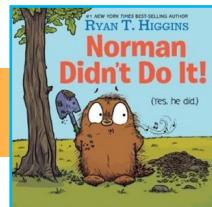
### CHILDREN



**I am Enough**  
by Grace Byers



**Pete the Cat's Groovy Imagination**  
by James Dean  
and Kimberly Dean



**Norman Didn't Do It! (Yes, he did)**  
by Ryan T.  
Higgins



**Fancy Nancy: Nancy Clancy, Super Sleuth**  
by Jane O'Connor



**Every Missing Piece**  
by Melanie Conklin



**Bird and Squirrel:  
All Tangled Up**  
graphic novel by  
James Burks

### TEEN



**These Fleeting Shadows**  
by Kate Alice Marshall



**Seasparrow (Graceling #5)**  
by Kristin Cashore  
Expected publication Nov. 1



**Aces Wild: A Heist**  
by Amanda DeWitt  
Expected publication Sept. 6

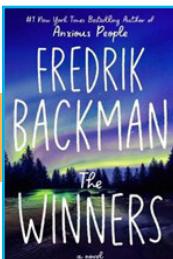


**The Do-Over**  
by Lynn Painter  
Expected publication Nov. 15

### ADULT



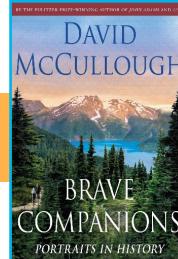
**Fairy Tale**  
by Stephen King



**The Winners**  
by Fredrik Backman



**The Last Invitation**  
by Darby Kane



**Brave Companions**  
by David McCullough



# At Your Service

## Meet Ashley Wemhoff, Teen Coordinator

Ashley Wemhoff is a member of the Youth Services Division at the Library. She enjoys working with teens and providing quality programs to meet their needs. Read our interview with Ashley and learn more about her and her experience working in the library.

### LVPL: Tell us about yourself.

**Ashley:** I grew up in the Omaha metro area and my family moved to La Vista when I was in the 5th grade. The La Vista Public Library is actually where I got my first library card! I went to college at UNO and graduated in 2017 with my bachelor's degree in Library and Information Science. I'm currently pursuing my master's degree in the same field through an online program.

In my free time, when I'm not reading, I love to bake or cook. As the teens who come to my programs know, there is almost always food!

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

**Ashley:** I've been working at the La Vista Public Library since 2019. I started as a part-time employee and was recently moved to full-time last December. Prior to that, I worked at the Ralston Public Library in their children's department.

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

**Ashley:** I am the teen coordinator, so in broad terms, that means I'm in charge of the teen department. I plan programs for high school and middle school students, select materials for the teen area, and visit schools and other youth groups in the community to promote the library's resources. I also serve as the advisor on the library's Teen Advisory Board which is a group of 7th-12th grade students who give feedback on how the library can better serve young people.

I've always wanted to work with teens, so this job was the perfect fit for me! I could probably see myself working in a different department in the library, but I don't think I would enjoy it nearly as much.

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

**Ashley:** One of the things I value most is the sense of community. It's really easy to get to know the residents who come in regularly and chat with us. I imagine that even in big cities you'll be able to get a bit of that small town feel if you visit the local library.

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

**Ashley:** Libraries are really information hubs of their community! Students of all ages come to get help with their coursework, citizens stop by to get resources on their favorite hobbies, leisure readers come to chat about their favorite books, and parents and grandparents bring their children in to learn and explore. There's always something new going on at the library!

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

**Ashley:** I tend to have three or four books that I'm reading at a time, but I will say that one of my most recent favorites has been *Luck of the Titanic* by Stacey Lee. The book is about a British-Chinese girl who sneaks aboard the Titanic in the hopes of making it to America. She dreams of joining a circus and becoming an acrobat along with her twin brother. I think you might already have a good idea of how the book ends, but if you want to see who survives the Titanic's inevitable demise, you'll have to read it yourself.

# ALL AGES SPECIAL EVENTS

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

## \*PUMPKIN CARVING AND/OR PAINTING

Saturday, October 22, 10-11:30 a.m.

It's pumpkin carving and painting time! Bring your own pumpkin to the library and create a masterpiece using our carving tools and paint. Prizes will be awarded to the silliest and spookiest pumpkins. Registration closes on Tuesday, October 18. Parental participation required for ages 12 and under.



## HALLOWEEN STORYBOOK WALK

Monday, October 24, 4:30-6 p.m.

Southwind Park

Come enjoy a fun-filled walk through Southwind Park as families read a story and children collect candy and Halloween themed trinkets. Costumes are encouraged. Bags will be provided. Bring a flashlight! The program will be moved inside if there is rain, strong wind, and/or snow.

## BUY LOCAL CRAFT & VENDOR FAIR

Saturday, November 12, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

La Vista Public Library

A variety of local crafters, independent vendors, and small business owners will be selling their goods, handmade crafts, and specialty gifts. Shop for unique items for yourself or the special people in your life just in time for the upcoming holidays. Take advantage of the library's free gift-wrapping station too! Lunch will be available for purchase. Admission is free! Bring your own bag to shop.

If you are interested in being a vendor, contact Jodi Norton to register, **402-537-3900** or [JNorton@CityofLaVista.org](mailto:JNorton@CityofLaVista.org). Handcrafted and direct sales companies welcome. Each vendor spot includes one 6 foot table and two chairs. If you have larger items that need additional space, we'll do our best to accommodate. No fee for vendors.

## NERF GUN TARGET PRACTICE

Wednesday, November 23, 2-3:30 p.m.

Are you a Nerf gun Rock Star? Practice your skills on our specially made targets and earn a prize. Bring your own Nerf guns and Nerf bullets.

## \*VALENTINE'S GINGERBREAD HOUSES

Friday, February 10, 2-3:30 p.m.

Gingerbread houses can be fun all year round! Join library staff and create your own Valentine's themed house using graham crackers, frosting, and CANDY! Registration closes on Tuesday, February 7. Parental participation required.

# LIBRARY PROGRAMS

CHILDREN/FAMILY | TWEENS | TEENS | ADULTS



## CHILDREN & FAMILY PROGRAMS

### LIBRARY STORYTIMES

Tuesdays, October 11 & 25, November 8, December 6 & 20, January 10 & 24, February 7 & 21, 10 a.m.

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

### CREATIVE HANDS

Fridays, October 21, November 18, December 2 & 16, January 6 & 20, February 3 & 17, 10 a.m.

Parents/caregivers and children ages 2-6 come join us for new and creative activities. Each week, participants will use their hands to discover something new. Activities include Play-doh Fun, Shaving Cream Play, Discovery Bins, Noodle Necklaces, Parachute Playtime and more.

### CRAFTERNOON

Thursdays, October 13, November 17, December 15, January 12, February 9, 4 p.m.

Do you love to draw, paint, or create? Then La Vista City Library is the spot to be! We will meet once a month to make something amazing! Crafternoon is about letting out your creative energy as we make, build, and create arts and crafts together. (Ages 4-8)

### VIRTUAL STORYTIMES

Thursdays, October 6, November 3, December 1, January 5, February 2

Stay connected to the Library through Virtual Storytimes! Join library staff the first Thursday of each month for a variety of action-oriented books, fingerplays, songs, and more. Contact Ms. Jodi for the Zoom link at [JNorton@CityofLaVista.org](mailto:JNorton@CityofLaVista.org).

### VIRTUAL LEGO CLUB

Mondays, October 3, November 14, December 12, January 9, February 13, 4 p.m.

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

# TWEEN PROGRAMS AGES 8-12

## STEAM CLUB

Wednesdays, September 7, October 5, November 2, December 7, January 4, February 1, 4 p.m.

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

## TINY FOOD PARTY

Friday, November 4, 2-3:30 p.m.

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

# TEEN PROGRAMS AGES 13-17

*Dates change monthly for the programs listed below. Check each calendar.*

## TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

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

## TEEN GAME CLUB

Join Teen Game Club for fun all year long! We have a mix of in-person and online meetings. We meet once a month at the Library and also host video game nights on Discord. We play a wide variety of video and board games. Meetings are arranged with club members to ensure as many as possible can come. Check the calendar for upcoming meetings.

## TEEN EVENTS

We will be doing some fun things this fall and winter! Some of our upcoming activities will include chalk art, scavenger hunts, rock painting, pumpkin carving, an escape room, winter diorama boxes, bookmark making, and more! Check out the library calendar to see what events are happening soon.

## TEEN DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS CLUB

Interested in learning how to play D&D? Talk to Ms. Ashley to see if there is room for new members in the library's D&D club. They meet once a month on a Saturday afternoon.



# ADULT PROGRAMS AGES 18+

## COFFEE, COLORING & CROSSWORDS

Saturdays, October 1, November 5, December 3, January 7, February 4, 10 a.m.

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

## RETIREMENT PLANNING INFORMATION

Considering retirement? The Library is partnering with a local financial planner to provide two educational sessions. These sessions will cover areas important to everyone reaching this important milestone. Free and open to the public.

**October 18 at 6 p.m.**

### Social Security and Retirement Income Planning

**October 20 at 6 p.m.**

### Taxes in Retirement



## WATERCOLOR TIPS AND TRICKS

Join us for a watercolor painting workshop. Beginners welcome and supplies provided. Registration required. Limit 6 per session. Watch the Library's website and check out monthly calendar for dates and times.

## THURSDAY ADULT CRAFTS

Calling all adults! Leave the kiddos at home and join the library staff for fun crafts, games, laughter and more! Some holiday themed crafts will require registration due to cost of supplies. Watch the library's website and check our monthly calendar for specific activity, date, and time. Group will meet once a month.

## FLY-TYING LESSONS

**Thursdays, 6-8 p.m.**

The Cornhusker Fly-Fishers are offering free lessons on fly-tying! They will be at the library every Thursday night starting in October. These lessons are available to anyone who is interested. This is a drop-in program, so there is no need to register. Whether you are looking to fly-fish for the first time or just want a refresher, you are welcome to stop by! Supplies not provided.

## GED PROGRAM

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

This is a drop-in program where students can attend as needed in preparation for the official GED tests and receive basic computer training. For more information or to register, contact the Library at **402.537.3900**.





# BOOK CLUBS

La Vista Public Library offers several book clubs to the community. Copies of each month's title will be available to book club attendees to borrow at no cost. Contact Cedate Shultz at [cshultz@CityofLaVista.org](mailto:cshultz@CityofLaVista.org) to reserve a copy. Not able to attend, but want to read along? Copies of our 2022 reading lists are currently available at the Library, and 2023 lists will be available at the beginning of the year. Library membership is not required. Library membership not required to participate.

## HISTORY BOOK CLUB

Saturdays, September 10, October 8, November 5, December 10, January 14, February 11, 2 p.m.

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

OCT: *The Devil in the White City* by Erik Larson

NOV: *11/22/63* by Stephen King

DEC: *The Light Ages* by Seb Falk

JAN 2023: *Kindred* by Octavia Butler

FEB 2023: *Midnight in Chernobyl* by Adam Higginbotham

## EVENING BOOK CLUB

Mondays, September 12, October 11, November 14, December 12, January 9, February 13, 7 p.m.

Our evening book club meets the second Monday of every month in the Library's conference room, and a variety of genres are read throughout the year. In October, we'll meet on the second Tuesday due to Columbus Day. Ages 18+

OCT: *The Five: The Untold Lives of the Women Killed by Jack the Ripper* by Hallie Rubenhold

NOV: *When All is Said* by Anne Giffin

DEC: *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho

JAN 2023: *TBD*

FEB 2023: *TBD*

## AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

Wednesdays, September 21, October 19, November 16, December 21, January 18, February 15, 2 p.m.

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

OCT: *The President's Daughter*  
by James Patterson and Bill Clinton

NOV: *Back of Beyond* by C.J. Box

DEC: *The Christmas Train* by David Baldacci

JAN 2023: *Missing You* by Harlan Coben

FEB 2023: *The Book of Lost Names*  
by Kristin Harmel

# ★ Christmas AT THE LIBRARY ★

Christmas time is a special time at the library. Get in the festive spirit with one of many programs offered throughout the month of December!

## GINGER WHO

December 1-31

Come find out which gingerbread characters are hanging out in the library. Some old friends have returned, and new friends have arrived. Earn a prize if you guess all storybook characters correctly. This activity is available all month. One prize per person.

## COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS CRAFT

Thursday, December 1, 9:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

We are counting down the days to Christmas, and we hope you are too! Stop by the library to make your own craft and begin counting today. Craft supplies will be available while supplies last. Ideal for the whole family.

## STORYTIME, MUSIC AND CRAFT WITH SANTA CLAUS

Wednesday, December 7, 10-11 a.m.

Santa is coming to the library to read a story, sing songs, and make a craft. Dress in your best and bring your cameras for picture taking. Ages 0-6

## GIFT WRAPPING STATION

December 8-23

Swing by the library with the gifts you need to wrap and work in peace! We will have a gift-wrapping station open for all to use in the Makerspace area of the library. The library will supply the wrapping paper, bows, tape, scissors and wide-open table space. This area is open during normal business hours.

## TEEN WINTER BALL

Friday, December 9, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Come dressed in your best formal attire or winter-themed costume for this after-hours party! An indoor snowball fight, ice sculpture contest, Just Dance dance competition, party games, festive snacks, finger foods and more will be happening all night long! At the end of the night, one teen will be crowned the night's Winter Wizard. RSVP by December 5 to attend. 7th-12th graders only.

## PAJAMA STORYTIME AND COOKING DECORATING WITH MRS. CLAUS

Thursday, December 15, 6 p.m.

Listen to stories, decorate holiday-themed cookies and visit with our favorite Mrs. Claus. Bring your cameras and snap a picture too.

## HOLIDAY CARD MAKING

Saturday, December 17, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

The holidays are a great time to spend the morning with family and friends. Come to the library and make holiday themed crafts, cards, and more! We'll provide the supplies or just the space for you to create. Ugly sweaters are encouraged. Enjoy a sweet treat and hot chocolate too!

## WINTER MOVIE

Monday, December 19, 2 p.m.

Join us as we celebrate wintertime with a family movie! Can you guess the movie? Fearless Anna teams up with Kristoff and Sven on an epic journey to find her sister Elsa, whose icy powers have trapped Arendelle in eternal winter. Treats will be provided.

## HOLIDAY BINGO

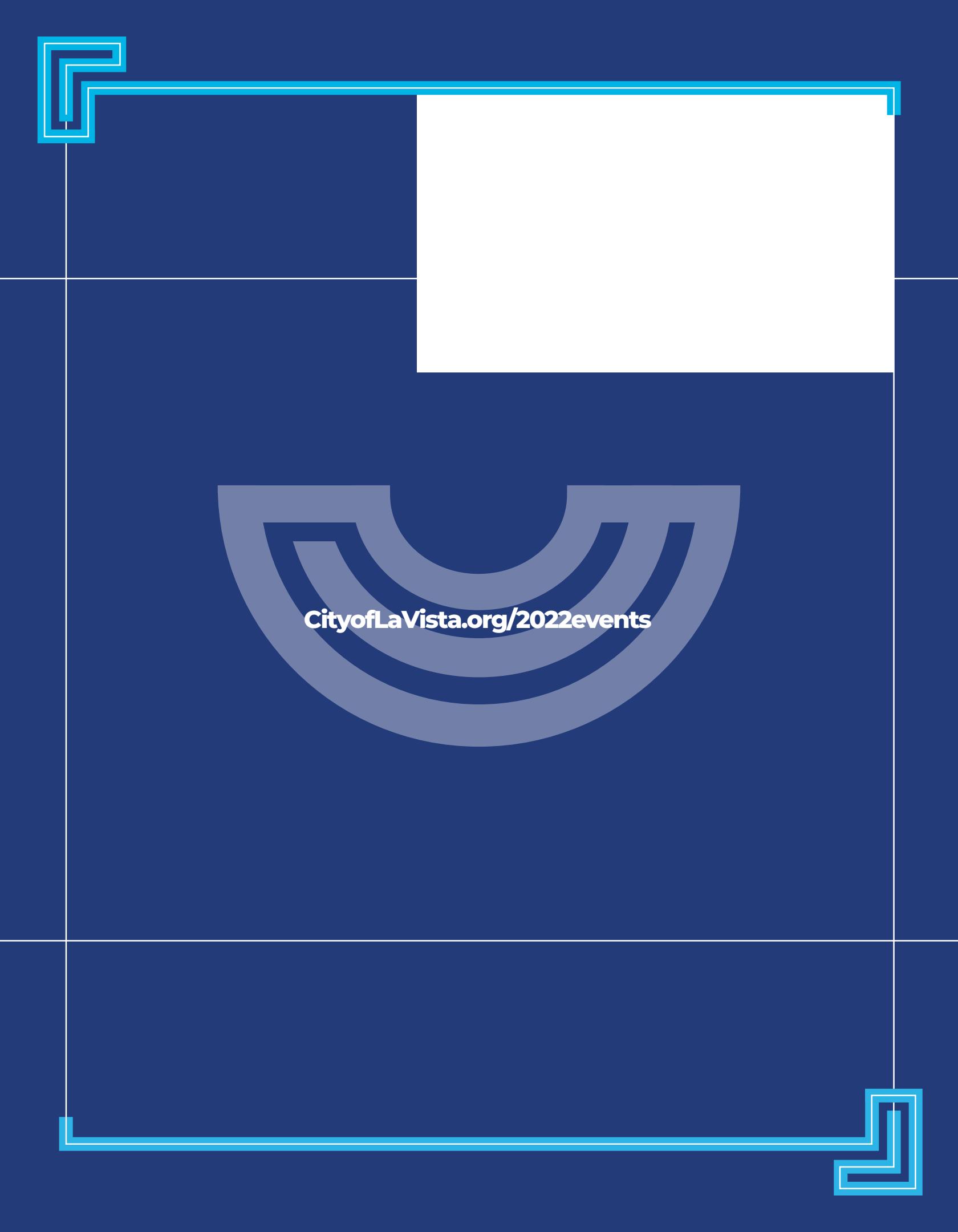
Tuesday, December 20, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Get ready for an evening of bingo, prizes and delicious holiday treats. Holiday attire or pajamas are strongly encouraged. Ideal for the whole family.

## NEW YEAR'S EVE CRAFTS

Friday, December 30, 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Stop by the Children's area to create fun crafts that will help you celebrate the New Year! Craft supplies will be available while supplies last. Ideal for the whole family. Special goody bags are available at the circulation desk to all children who make a craft.



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