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## MINUTE WITH THE MAYOR

It's hard to believe that we are more than halfway through 2023. Throughout the year I've been sharing updates about projects around the City and some of the development underway. I'm excited to share that several openings have happened or soon will.

The City's second parking garage is nearing completion. It will provide a place for residents and visitors to park when visiting Central Park and City Centre. The Link will also open up later this month. The Astro will open soon and has several concerts on the books.

Like many of you, I've been waiting with great anticipation to experience these new places around our City. I bought my tickets and am looking forward to attending my first show at The Astro. From what I've seen so far, I can say these new attractions are even grander than I imagined. I can't wait for you to see them for yourself.

On page three of this Viewpoints newsletter, you will read about the Fall Fest event the City is co-hosting. This will be a great opportunity for residents to visit City Centre (maybe even for the first time) and see what is new. Fall Fest will feature fall-themed activities and entertainment for all ages on Main Street, as well as a free movie in the amphitheater in the evening. I invite you to attend and spend some time enjoying the newest amenities in our City.

La Vista has never had its own downtown, and I look forward to seeing more events like this in City Centre and Central Park in the future that will bring our community together.

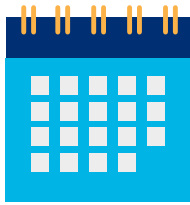
Speaking of community events, I encourage you to join us for a free pancake breakfast at the Community Center on October 21. I will be there along with members of the City Council to answer questions and talk about our City while The Pancake Man serves up stacks of his famous pancakes. You can read more about this event on page two.

As we head into fall and then the holiday season, we'll have many more family-friendly, free events happening, so watch for additional information. You can also follow the City on social media to see event details on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and YouTube.

**MAYOR**

*Douglas Kindig*





# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

## August 2023

- 1 City Council, 6 p.m.**
- 1** National Night Out, 6 p.m., Central Park
- 3** Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- 9** Trivia Night, 6 p.m., Heights Draft Room
- 11** Moonlight Movie: Dungeons and Dragons: Honor Among Thieves, dusk, Central Park
- 15 City Council, 6 p.m.**
- 16** Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, 6 p.m.
- 17** Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- 25** La Vista Live & Local outdoor concert, 5 p.m., Central Park

## September 2023

- 4** Offices closed for Labor Day
- 5 City Council, 6 p.m.**
- 7** Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- 14** Library Advisory Board, 6 p.m., La Vista Public Library
- 19 City Council, 6 p.m.**
- 20** Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, 6 p.m.
- 21** Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.

## October 2023

- 3 City Council, 6 p.m.**
- 5** Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- 7** La Vista Loop 2K Fun Run, 10 a.m., Central Park
- 9** Offices closed for Columbus Day
- 14** Fall Fest, 3 p.m. through evening, City Centre/The Astro Ampitheater
- 17 City Council, 6 p.m.**
- 18** Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, 6 p.m.
- 19** Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- 19** Howl-O-Ween, 4:30-6:30 p.m., Dog Park at Southwind Park
- 21** Flapjacks & Fun, 9-11 a.m., Community Center
- 31** Halloween Safe Night, 5 p.m., Community Center

For more information about the special events listed on this calendar, visit **[CityofLaVista.org/2023Events](https://CityofLaVista.org/2023Events)**.



**Let's Eat, La Vista!**  
**Community Pancake Feed**  
**Saturday, October 21, 9-11 a.m.**  
*La Vista Community Center*  
*(8116 Park View Blvd.)*  
**Cost: Free**

Have you heard of the online "Let's Talk" forums? We're moving the conversation offline and adding free food! Join us at the Community Center for a free pancake breakfast. The Pancake Man will be serving up flapjacks, and Mayor Kindig and members of the La Vista City Council will be available to answer questions and discuss what's happening around La Vista. Come chat with elected officials and fill up on good food and conversation.

Class instructors from the Community Center and staff from the Recreation Department will also be on hand to answer questions and share information about programs at the Community Center.

## COUNCIL CLIPS

*Highlights of recent City Council action.*

- Promoted three new police sergeants.
- Swore in five new police officers.
- Authorized the purchase of radio equipment upgrades for the Police Department.
- Renewed contract with the Eastern Nebraska Office on Aging to provide a meal program at the La Vista Senior Center.
- Awarded contract for concession stand operations.
- Authorized the purchase of new vehicles for the Public Works Department.



**FREE ENTRY!**

**Saturday, October 14**

**La Vista City Centre**

**3 p.m. Main Street Block Party**

**7 p.m. Movie at The Astro Amphitheater  
(Guardians of the Galaxy 3)**

*Gates open for the movie at 6 p.m.*

**BEER GARDEN • YARD GAMES • OUTDOOR MOVIE • FALL FARE**

**Get ready for fall family fun  
in the new downtown heart  
of La Vista!**

Join us at Fall Fest this October to celebrate the opening of the City Centre development that includes new public pavilion areas, a music venue, restaurants and more.

Main Street will be closed to traffic to make room for a beer garden, yard games, local food and fall-themed activities for all ages.

Fun continues into the evening with fire pits and a movie in the outdoor amphitheater. We'll be showing *Guardians of the Galaxy 3* on the big screen and serving up

free popcorn while supplies last. Additional food and drinks will be sold at concessions.

Bring your own blankets and chairs for the movie. Food and beverages available for purchase at concessions. No outside food/beverages allowed.

**Opening day nears  
for City Centre  
venues.**

The next few months will be eventful as some of La Vista's newest attractions—The Astro, The Astro Amphitheater and The Link—open to the public. Both residents and visitors to La Vista will see several “firsts” around City Centre and Central Park this fall, including the first large-scale outdoor and indoor concerts.



If you live or work near these new developments or plan to visit for a concert or other event, here are some things to expect...

**Vehicle and pedestrian traffic  
will be heavier during events.**

Part of the vision behind City Centre was to create a gathering point

for people in La Vista. The City has never had a true downtown. Now we have a central gathering area complete with a first-class entertainment venue that has a capacity of 5,000 people for outdoor shows and 2,500 for indoor events.

It's exciting to know that people from all over will be gathering here. Of course, that means traffic will increase in the area before, during and after shows. Residents and event attendees should be aware of vehicle and pedestrian traffic, use extra caution and follow safety instructions. Signage will be in place to help direct traffic, and City staff will closely monitor needs and make ongoing improvements to help with traffic flow.

**Concert music and  
sounds will fill the air.**

Several outdoor concerts are booked in the amphitheater between the end of August and the early part of October.

Between 10 and 15 outdoor concerts are expected to be held in the amphitheater each year.

Factors such as the size of a concert and even the weather can impact the level of noise emitted during shows. The City adopted an ordinance to manage the sounds from shows and prevent concert noise from overwhelming residents. **The City's ordinance states that no outdoor amplified sound is permitted after 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, or after 10:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.**

Additionally, Central Park and Central Park East have a 12 a.m. curfew. Extra security staff will be in place during events to enforce the curfew and help keep these areas free from noise overnight.

To see dates and times of upcoming concerts, visit **TheAstroTheater.com.**





## FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

### PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE + FIRE SAFETY TIPS

Fire Safety Month is celebrated each year in October. The Papillion Fire Department (which serves the City of La Vista) has some fun activities planned in observance, including an open house to kick off Fire Prevention Week.

### FIRE STATION 4 OPEN HOUSE






**Sunday, October 8, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.**

8110 Park View Blvd.

The Fire Department will host an open house in La Vista, offering members of the community a chance to meet the department's new fire chief, tour the station, chat with local firefighters, climb inside vehicles and enjoy a snack. For more information, call **402.339.8617**.

### FIRE SAFETY TIPS

The Fire Department shared these important safety tips for families from the National Fire Protection Association:

-  Know at least two ways out of every room in your home, if possible. Make sure all doors and windows open easily.
-  Smoke alarms should be installed inside every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of your home. Smoke alarms should be interconnected so when one sounds, they all sound.
-  Make sure your smoke and CO alarms meet the needs of all your family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities.
-  Replace all smoke alarms after 10 years.
-  A continuous set of three loud beeps—beep, beep, beep—means smoke or fire. Get out, call 9-1-1, and stay out.



For more information on these and other fire safety topics, visit the National Fire Protection Association's website at **NPFA.org/Education**.

## Get to know the new Fire Chief, Robb Gottsch.



The Papillion Fire Department, which serves La Vista, hired a new fire chief this year. Rob Gottsch has been settling into the role after taking over for retiring chief Bill Bowes. Gottsch himself recently retired from the Omaha Fire Department before accepting his new position in Papillion.

Gottsch explained that it was his father, also a firefighter, who first encouraged him to consider a career in fire services. When Gottsch was enrolled in college in Lincoln after returning from active duty in the U.S. Navy, his father approached him saying "Why don't you come up and take the fire test for Omaha?"

"So I did, and I did extremely well," said Gottsch.

That opened the door to a 30-year career with the Omaha Fire Department. During his three decades with that department, Gottsch gained extensive knowledge across different areas of fire service while serving in positions from Captain to Fire Investigator to Battalion Chief.

"I feel very fortunate to be where I'm at today," Gottsch said. "All those years of experience, along with getting my education—I have my master's degree in public administration—really prepared me for this."

Gottsch said his role as Papillion's Fire Chief comes with a responsibility to make sure good things happen when people need help from the fire department.

***"I'm here to ensure the resources (the people that work here at Papillion Fire Department) have the tools and technology to create good outcomes," Gottsch said.***

Gottsch intends to ask questions like "Can we get better at what we do?" and "What resources and technologies do we need?" "The fire service is always in a state of transition," he said.

Gottsch said his own transition from Omaha to Papillion has been a smooth one. "These are great folks that I'm having the privilege to lead, and I have been very much impressed with their knowledge and professionalism. I'm excited to continue on," said Gottsch.

# LIBRARY NOOK



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media for videos,  
updates and more!**



## September is Library Card Sign-Up Month

What's cooler than being cool? Having a library card of course! September is Library Card Sign-Up Month, and we want YOU! From borrowing books, ebooks, and magazines to playing a game, meeting new friends or attending storytime, a library card will take you on many adventures.

Get a library card and learn how to draw. Use your library card to explore on our iPads or use our free zoo passes. A library card is truly a valuable tool that provides countless hours of enjoyment.

Check the chart to the right to see who is eligible to apply for a no-cost library card. Non-residents (those living in a Sanitary Improvement District (SID) or outside the city limits) may also obtain membership by paying a fee as set forth in the City's Master Fee Ordinance.

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.

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR A NO-COST LIBRARY CARD?

Anyone age 16+ (& minors 5-15 with parental permission) who:

- Resides within the City
- Pays property taxes in La Vista
- Owns a business in La Vista

Additionally, anyone who is:

- Employed by the City of La Vista
- A member of the Papillion Fire Department
- A teacher/faculty in La Vista Public Schools
- Current Metro Community College students



# Goodbye, Summer Hello, Fall



## MONTHLY LIBRARY TRIVIA NIGHTS

*(Please check the Library's calendar for specific dates/times.)*

Join us for a trivia night for the whole family! Each month we will have a new topic to test your knowledge. A small, theme-related prize will be given out for first, second and third place.

Participate with your family, a group of friends or by yourself! Each trivia program lasts approximately 90 minutes.

Upcoming trivia events and topics:

### JURASSIC PARK

September 13, 6 p.m.

### GHOSTBUSTERS

October 11, 6 p.m.

### MARVEL

November 8, 6 p.m.

Watch the Library's calendar for additional dates, times and topics.

## HALLOWEEN STORYBOOK WALK

Monday, October 23, 4:30-6 p.m.

We invite families to enjoy a self-guided Halloween themed Storybook Walk around the Library's rotunda. Read a story together, be silly and collect candy and trinkets. Costumes are encouraged, and bags will be provided.

Once you're done reading, head into the library for a fun pumpkin scavenger hunt.

**Ideal for all ages.**

## COOKIE SHEET MEMO BOARDS

Thursday, October 26, 6 p.m.

Calling all adults! Join library staff to make a magnetic memo board. The Library will provide all the supplies including the cookie sheet. Space is limited and registration is required. For more information or to register, contact Cedate Shultz at [CS Schultz@CityofLaVista.org](mailto:CS Schultz@CityofLaVista.org) or stop by the library.

**Ideal for ages 18+.**

## NEW PROGRAM ALERT

### CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE

*Begins September 5 and meets each first and third Tuesday, 4-5 p.m. (except holidays)*

Help us decide what to do next! From visiting outer space to exploring the depths of the ocean, listeners will help choose what paths to follow to finish our story. Crafts and coloring pages will be available to complete while you listen. Who is ready for an adventure!?

**Ideal for children ages 8-12.**



# RECREATION

CityofLaVista.org/Recreation  
Recreation@CityofLaVista.org  
402.331.3455

## Community Center Hours

Monday–Friday: 8 a.m.–9 p.m.

Saturday: Before Labor Day: 9 a.m.–4 p.m.  
After Labor Day: 9 a.m.–6 p.m.

Sunday: Before Labor Day: Closed  
After Labor Day: 1–9 p.m.

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

Youth 8–18 (M–F) at 3 p.m. when school is in session

Youth 8–18 (M–F) at 1:30 p.m. on scheduled days  
when school is out



## PUNT, PASS & KICK

Saturday, August 26, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

La Vista Sports Complex



### Cost: Free

Everyone's favorite football skills competition is returning this August. The three-part competition for children ages 6–15 will take place on Saturday, August 26.

Watch the City's website and social media channels for the exact field location. Then, come show us your best punting, passing and kicking skills. Winners in each category earn an invitation to participate in the state competition in Lincoln this fall!

Register during check-in at the event.



## LA VISTA LOOP: 2K FUN RUN

Saturday, September 16, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

Central Park (8305 Park View Blvd.) Cost: Free

Run the new trails in Central Park and have fun doing it! Costumes are encouraged and prizes will be rewarded amongst different categories for all ages. Along the trail there will be fun activities and challenges.

After the run, stay for a community group photo and prizes for the best costumes. The Santiago's food truck will be on hand selling provisions for a post-run lunch.

And wait, there's more! The City Centre Starbucks is providing free coffee to help support a donation drive for the NeighborGood Community Pantry. Please consider bringing a cash, toiletry or food donation to support the non-profit's mission.

Check-in for the race will be at the Central Park clubhouse. Parking is available on site, at City Hall and in the City Centre parking garages. Pre-registration is required and allows you entry into the costume contest.

Registration and info at [CityofLaVista.org/LaVistaLoop](http://CityofLaVista.org/LaVistaLoop).



Love our City events? Become part of our volunteer crew and get a closer look at the action. Visit [CityofLaVista.org/Volunteer](http://CityofLaVista.org/Volunteer) to sign up as an event volunteer.



## HOWL-O-WEEN

Thursday, October 19, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Dog Park at Southwind Park Cost: Free

Dress your dog in a Halloween costume and snap a photo with 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.

Treat yourself, too! Jo-on-the-Go will be providing free hot beverages and smoothies.

 **LA VISTA**

# HALLOWEEN SAFE NIGHT

Tuesday, October 31, 5-7 p.m.

La Vista Community Center Cost: Free



Our annual trick-or-treating tradition continues!

Outside the Community Center, enjoy hayrack rides, hot cocoa from the Police Department and incredible photo backdrops made by La Vista's Public Works staff.

Indoors, you'll find the familiar free hot dogs from local sponsors and treats galore at decorated booths hosted by City departments and community partners.

A few new surprises await that will make this Halloween one to remember! So, turn your night into twice the fun—come on down and join us until sundown before returning to your own neighborhood!

# CLASSES

## AIKIDO

**Mondays & Thursdays**

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

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

For more information and to register,  
email Jeff Christenham at  
[j.a.christenham@gmail.com](mailto:j.a.christenham@gmail.com).



## BALLROOM DANCE

**Wednesdays, 7-8 p.m. (Group Lessons)**

Private lessons available by appointment. For more  
information, contact Terry Vargas at **402.639.2209**.

## BELLY DANCING

**Beginner: Tuesdays 6-7 p.m.**

**Intermediate: Mondays 6-7 p.m.**

**Performance Troupe Rehearsals: Tuesdays 7-8 p.m.**

For more info, contact Eliaanae at **402.370.9021** or  
[elianaethebellydancer@gmail.com](mailto:elianaethebellydancer@gmail.com).

## KINDERDANCE

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

Age-appropriate developmental dance, motor skills,  
movement and fitness program. Teaching the basics  
of ballet, tap, acrobatics and creative movement  
while children learn numbers, colors, shapes, words  
and songs. For more information, contact Tiffany  
Banks at **531.281.9306** or [kinderdanceomaha.com](http://kinderdanceomaha.com).

## OMAHA METRO ARMED COMBAT ACADEMY

**Thursdays, 6-8:45 p.m.; Saturdays, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.**

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



## YOGA

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

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

For more info, contact Frank at  
[frankpferrante@gmail.com](mailto:frankpferrante@gmail.com).

# & MORE

## TABLE TENNIS CLUB

**Saturdays, 10-11 a.m.**

**Ages: 8+ and Adults**

**Cost: Free**

Drop in, no registration required.  
Basic equipment provided. For more information,  
contact Matt at [matthewziegler907@gmail.com](mailto:matthewziegler907@gmail.com) or  
**402.680.2937**.



## PLAY-4-FITNESS: NATIONAL TALK LIKE A PIRATE DAY

**Tuesday, September 19, 4 p.m.**

**Southwind Park by the Playground**

**Ages: 6-12**

**Cost: Free**

Compete in our Walk the Plank Fitness/  
Play Challenge.

## PLAY-4-FITNESS: BIG KID PARACHUTE DAY

**November 1, 10 a.m.**

**La Vista Public Library**

**Ages: 4-8**

**Cost: Free**

Parachute play for children ages 4-8.

## PLAY-4-FITNESS: ZOMBIE CHALLENGE

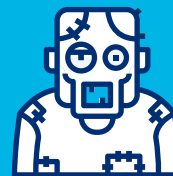
**Friday, October 27, 5:30-6:45 p.m.**

**La Vista Community Center**

**Ages: 8-12**

**Cost: Free**

Try to outrun the zombies on our  
challenge course. Registration is  
required and space is limited.  
Call **402.331.3455** to reserve your spot!



## MIDWEST TOY & COLLECTABLE SHOW

**Saturday, November 4, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.**

**La Vista Community Center**

**Cost: Free**



## INDOOR PICKLEBALL

Call **402.331.3455** for court  
rental times and fees.

The Community Center offers a variety of activities & classes.  
See a full list of offerings at [CityofLaVista.org/Classes](http://CityofLaVista.org/Classes).

# LA VISTA RECREATION YOUTH SPORTS



## FALL SOCCER ACADEMY & LEAGUE

**Fall Session: September 12–October 14**

Our Soccer Academy and League are run in partnership with the Metro Wolves Soccer Club. Both the Academy and the League are offered in the fall and spring for boys and girls ages 4 through 7. These programs focus on developing each player's soccer skills through individual attention and maximum ball touches in a fun environment.

Sessions are twice a week for five weeks, with skills training/practices on Tuesdays and scrimmages/games on Saturdays. Start/end date is subject to change.

### FALL ACADEMY

**Ages:** Boys & Girls ages 4-5 as of August 1

**Final registration:** July 25–August 21

**Final registration cost:** Resident—\$43,  
Non-resident—\$63

### FALL LEAGUE

**Ages:** Boys & Girls ages 6-7 as of August 1

**Final registration:** July 25–August 21

**Final registration cost:** Resident—\$43,  
Non-resident—\$63



## FALL COED SOCCER CLINIC

**Fall Clinic: September 9–October 7**

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

**Ages:** Boys & Girls age 3 as of August 1

**Final registration:** July 25–August 21

**Final registration cost:** Resident—\$27,  
Non-resident—\$32

## BASKETBALL LEAGUE

**Games begin in late January & end in March**

The Recreation Department offers youth basketball for boys and girls in grades 3-8. (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 or Sundays at several locations across the La Vista/Papillion area. Volunteer coaches are needed!

This is a recreational league. Players are not allowed to participate in this league if they play on a select or competitive team. Practices tentatively begin the week of January 2, 2024. Start/end date is subject to change.

**Ages:** Boys & Girls in grades 3-8  
(as of current school year)

**Early-Bird Registration:** October 2–November 13

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

**Final Registration:** November 14–November 30

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

## COED BASKETBALL CLINIC

**Saturday mornings, January 13–February 10**

The Recreation Department offers a coed youth basketball clinic for 1st and 2nd grade boys and girls. Participants learn the basic skills of dribbling, passing, shooting, teamwork and sportsmanship all while having fun! This is a parent-instructed clinic so several volunteers are needed.

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

**Early-Bird Registration:** October 2–December 14

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

**Final Registration:** December 15–December 31

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

## COED VOLLEYBALL

The Recreation Department's coed youth volleyball program is a fun, safe league in an instructional environment. Our teams participate in the Bellevue Junior Sports Association youth volleyball league.

Games are held on Saturday mornings/afternoons and some Mondays beginning in November at the BJSAA Center. Start/end date is subject to change.

**Ages:** Boys & Girls in grades 3-6 in fall 2023

**Early-Bird Registration:** August 1–September 11

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

**Final Registration:** September 12–September 25

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

# SENIOR CENTER

The Senior Center has a full schedule of fall activities and outings planned. If you're 55 or older, we invite you to join us for one of our programs such as tai chi, balloon volleyball, crafts, musical entertainment, bingo or even take our free transportation on an outing around the metro area.

All activities, including outings, are listed in the monthly senior newsletter. Sign up for the newsletter by emailing Senior Services Manager Kaily Stanley at **KStanley@CityofLaVista.org** or calling the Senior Center at **402.331.3455**.

All outings require advanced registration. You can sign up beginning on the first business day of each month at 2 p.m. by calling the Senior Center.



## SENIOR SERVICES

### SPECIAL SERVICES BUS

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

#### Hours of operation:

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

**For reservations call 402.657.3550 at least 48 hours in advance.**

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

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



## Senior Carnival

**Wednesday, October 25, 10 a.m. -2 p.m.**

*Register by October 17th at the La Vista Community Center or Papillion Landing*

Enjoy a fun day of games and prizes. We'll have spin art, balloon animals and even carnival treats. Join us to relive your childhood at this fantastic event hosted by the La Vista Senior Center and Papillion Landing 55+ Club. Lunch is provided. Maximum 100 registrations. **Cost: \$10** (Sorry, no refunds.)

## SENIOR SERVICES: MEALS

The Congregate Meal Program, sponsored by the Eastern Nebraska Office on Aging (ENOA) and catered by Treat America, is offered at the Senior Center Monday-Friday at 11:30 a.m. Menus are listed in the newsletter on our website at **CityofLaVista.org/Seniors**.

**Cost:** Age 60+: Suggested contribution of \$4.25  
Age 59 and younger: \$11

Call or visit the Senior Center by noon on the business day before to make a lunch reservation. For more information, contact Kaily Stanley, **402.331.3455** or **KStanley@CityofLaVista.org**.

# POLICE



## Police Department promotes Mark Hardesty to Sergeant.

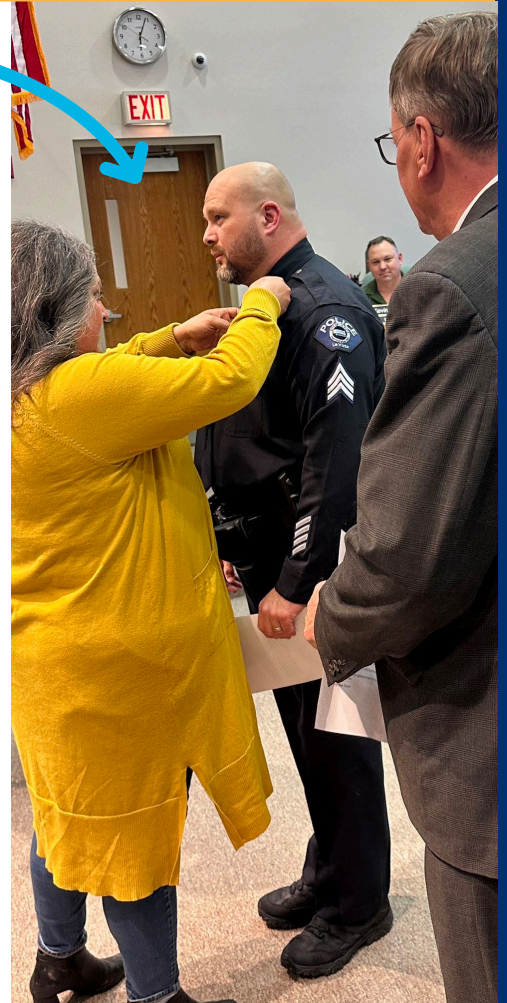
Mark Hardesty, an 18-year veteran of the La Vista Police Department, was promoted to Sergeant earlier this year. Sergeant Hardesty recently shared a little bit about himself and his experience with the LVPD.

*"Hello, my name is Mark Hardesty. I grew up in Columbus, Nebraska. I served in the United States Marine Corps, and later in the Nebraska National Guard. I have been married for 20 years and have four children.*

*I've been in law enforcement for the past 21 years—that includes time as a Military Police Officer and 18 years with the La Vista Police Department. During my years with the La Vista Police Department, I have had the opportunity to serve as a Uniformed Officer in the Uniform Patrol Bureau, a DUI and Drug Recognition Expert in the Special Enforcement Bureau and a Detective and Task Force Officer for the FBI in the Criminal Investigations Bureau.*

*I enjoy the City of La Vista and working to serve its residents and visitors!"*

Sergeant Hardesty took his oath and received his new badge from his wife at a City Council meeting this spring.



## CODE ENFORCEMENT CORNER

With more nice weather ahead of us this year, here are some seasonal reminders about La Vista City ordinances.

- Grass, weeds and worthless vegetation cannot reach a height of 12 inches. For a more detailed list of weeds, visit [CityofLaVista.org/MunicipalCode](http://CityofLaVista.org/MunicipalCode) and view ordinance #133.01 under the General Offenses section.
- Tree limbs must be kept at least eight feet above the sidewalk. Limbs that hang over the street must be at least 15 feet above the street to allow for vehicle clearance.
- Motor vehicles may not be parked on a non-hard surface, except during snow emergencies. Trailers and campers may only be parked on a non-hard surface from October thru April.
- Vehicles shall be parked facing traffic. Vehicles cannot be parked more than 72 hours, or parked on the side of the street marked with a "No parking this side of street" sign. This is for safety and to ensure there is room for a fire truck or rescue squad to pass through.
- No signs may be placed in the right of way. While permits are not needed for garage sales or auctions, signs must be 12 feet from the curb on local streets, 25 feet from the curb on collector or arterial streets, and 50 feet from the curb on major arterial streets. Collector and other arterial streets include Giles Rd., Harrison St., 66th St., 72nd St., 96th St. and 108th St. Major arterial streets include 84th St. and 144th St. Signs placed in the right of way will be removed and discarded.

# PUBLIC WORKS ZONE

MEET BRADY SMALL



STREET SUPERINTENDENT

**YEARS WITH THE CITY:**  
24

## FUN FACT:

Brady loves fishing and one of his goals is to visit as many national parks in the United States as possible.

## BRADY'S VIEW OF LA VISTA

"In my role, I oversee the Streets budget, street repairs and inspections, traffic signals, traffic signs and markings, snow removal and more. The best part of my job is the people I meet—I get to interact with residents and contractors on a daily basis."

## Progress underway on street improvement projects.

Major projects on the east side of La Vista have kept the Streets division of the Public Works Department busy this summer. Brady Small, La Vista's Street Superintendent, shared an update on the City's street projects.

### East La Vista Sewer and Pavement Rehabilitation

In early May crews began this two-year project to rehabilitate the aging sewer infrastructure in the House of Nines, La Vista's original neighborhood east of 72nd Street. Work is progressing on phase one of the project, which will wrap up in approximately November with optional work as weather allows through the winter months. The 2024 construction season will see the phase two improvements with anticipated completion by November 2024. If you would like to receive twice a week updates about this project, visit the City's website at [CityofLaVista.org/EastSewerProject](https://CityofLaVista.org/EastSewerProject).

### Crestview Heights UBAS

Crews are substantially complete on this project, which provided concrete base repair and a UBAS (ultra-thin bonded asphalt surface) treatment to the Crestview Heights area on Josephine St., Gertrude St., Emiline St., 76th St., 75th Ave., 75th St., 74th Ave. and 74th St.

### 78th St., Terry Dr. and Lillian Ave. Milling & Overlay

As of early July crews were nearing completion on this project, which was a complete rehabilitation of these three streets. The type of work at each location varied and included concrete pavement repair, curb repair, replacement of curb inlet tops, sidewalk curb ramps, asphalt resurfacing and/or street reconstruction. This project should be substantially complete by the beginning of August.



2023

# FALL CLEANUP DAYS

OCTOBER 16-22

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

The Public Works Department will co-host a fall cleanup event with the City of Papillion **October 16-22, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.** each day.

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

## Bring Identification. Residential Items Only.

*Not sure if you're a resident? Check the map at [CityofLaVista.org/AmlAResident](http://CityofLaVista.org/AmlAResident).*

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

## FALL CLEANUP DAYS SITE MAP

96th & Portal Rd





## CITY OFFICIALS

### MAYOR

Douglas Kindig

### CITY COUNCIL

Kim Thomas | Ward I

Ron Sheehan | Ward II

Deb Hale | Ward III

Jim Frederick | Ward IV

Terrilyn Quick | Ward I

Kelly Sell | Ward II

Alan Ronan | Ward III

Kevin Wetuski | Ward IV

### MANAGEMENT TEAM

Brenda Gunn | City Administrator

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Kevin Pokorny | Director of Administrative Services

Joe Soucie | Director of Public Works

Bob Lausten | Police Chief/Director of Public Safety

Rachel Carl | Assistant to the City Administrator

Pam Buethe | City Clerk

Pat Dowse | City Engineer

Bruce Fountain | Community Development Director

Rose Barcal | Library Director

Meg Harris | Finance Director

Wendy Lowery | Human Resources Director