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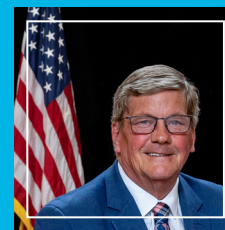


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MINUTE WITH THE MAYOR



As we head into the final stretch of summer, I can't help but think back to how we started our summer here in La Vista. We ushered in the season with a one-of-a-kind La Vista Days Celebration. It was incredible to see The Astro Amphitheater filled with so many La Vista residents enjoying the concert alongside their friends and neighbors. Thank you for coming out and celebrating with us. The City's staff poured months of planning into La Vista Days to make it an enjoyable experience for our community. From the impressive drone and fireworks show, to the community cookout and all of the activities, I think they knocked it out of the park.

Speaking of entertainment, if you haven't visited Southport recently, stop by soon and see what's new. SmashPark and Charred are two of the newest businesses to open, and they've introduced new dining and entertainment offerings to the area.

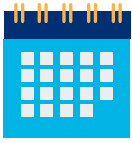
Two fiber internet network installation projects are underway in La Vista. While I know that introducing new internet service options will benefit our residents in the future, I'm aware of the disturbances that come along with constructing these networks. Please see page 3 of this newsletter for information about the projects and who to contact for assistance regarding issues on your property.

I want to call attention to two upcoming events that offer opportunities to talk with La Vista's elected officials in a casual and fun setting. I invite you to join me and members of the City Council at **Let's Talk, La Vista** on October 12. The Pancake Man will be serving free pancakes and there will be plenty of opportunities to ask questions and discuss what is happening in La Vista. Additionally, I encourage you to stop by **Social Scoops** on August 17. You'll be able to enjoy free ice cream and speak with City Council members. Learn more about these events in this newsletter on pages 5 and 6.

Lastly, the City is partnering with City Centre to host an Oktoberfest celebration on Main Street on September 28. The event will include live music, a beer garden, a Husker football watch party, themed activities and more. You can find all the details here on page 5. I hope you'll join us for this new event in City Centre.

MAYOR

Douglas Kindig



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

August 2024

- 1 Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- 6 **City Council, 6 p.m.**
- 6 National Night Out, 6-9 p.m., Central Park
- 12 La Vista-Metropolitan Community College Condominium Owners Association, 4 p.m.
- 14 Trivia Night, 6 p.m., Lucky Bucket Brewing Co.
- 15 Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- 17 Social Scoops, 1-3 p.m., The Nines Plaza at The Link
- 20 **City Council, 6 p.m.**
- 21 Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, 6 p.m.
- 24 Punt, Pass & Kick, 11 a.m., La Vista Sports Complex

September 2024

- 2 **Offices closed for Labor Day**
- 3 **City Council, 6 p.m.**
- 5 Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- 12 Citizen Advisory Review Committee, 6 p.m.
- 12 Library Advisory Board, 6 p.m., Library
- 14 La Vista Loop, 9 a.m., The Nines Plaza and Central Park
- 17 **City Council, 6 p.m.**
- 18 Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, 6 p.m.
- 19 Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- 28 Oktoberfest, 11 a.m.-9 p.m., City Centre
- 28 Moonlight Movie – Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire, 5-9 p.m., Astro Amphitheater

October 2024

- 1 **City Council, 6 p.m.**
- 3 Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- 5 Public Works Expo, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Public Works
- 6 Fire Station Open House, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., Station 4
- 12 Let's Talk, La Vista, 9 a.m., Community Center
- 15 **City Council, 6 p.m.**
- 16 Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, 6 p.m.
- 17 Howl-O-Ween, 4:30-6:30 p.m., Dog Park at Southwind Park
- 17 Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- 31 Halloween Safe Night, 4-6 p.m., Community Center (Outdoors)

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



National Night Out
Tuesday, August 6, 6-9 p.m.
Central Park near Clubhouse
Cost: Free

National Night Out is back in Central Park! The Police Department, in partnership with the Sarpy County Sheriff's Office, is offering this free, safety-focused event that will feature a welcome from Mayor Kindig and an inspiring message from Chief Schofield.

All ages will enjoy activities and getting up close and personal with first responder vehicles of different shapes and sizes. Stop at the community booths and even get a free treat from the Kona Ice truck or the Starbucks tent. The event will conclude with a community walk around the pond.

COUNCIL CLIPS

Highlights of recent City Council action.

- Adopted the 2025-2029 Capital Improvement Program.
- Adopted City's 2024-2027 Strategic Plan Update.
- Authorized purchase of two Special Services Vehicles.
- Awarded a contract for the addition of Central Park road and pedestrian lighting.
- Authorized the renovation and resurfacing of the tennis courts in Central Park East.
- Authorized purchase of a records management system as well as mobile and portable radios for the Police Department.
- Authorized purchase of floor cover tiles for the Community Center.



FIRE PREVENTION WEEK October 6-12

FIRE STATION OPEN HOUSE + FIRE SAFETY TIPS

October is Fire Safety Month. The Papillion Fire Department, which services La Vista, is celebrating with an open house at La Vista's Fire Station 4 during Fire Prevention Week.

STATION 4 OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, October 6, 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 tour the station, chat with local firefighters, climb inside vehicles and enjoy some light refreshments. For more information, call **402.339.8617**.



SMOKE ALARMS: MAKE THEM WORK FOR YOU!

According to The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), smoke alarms reduce the risk of dying in a home fire by more than half (54%). Meanwhile, roughly three out of five fire deaths happen in homes with either no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.

The Papillion Fire Department encourages everyone to know these smoke alarm safety guidelines:

-  Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area and on each level (including the basement) of the home.
-  Make sure smoke alarms meet the needs of all family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities.
-  Test smoke alarms at least once a month by pushing the test button.
-  Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.



FIBER INTERNET UPDATE



Most residents are aware that Allo Fiber and Great Plains Communications are both working to install fiber networks throughout the City to offer fiber internet across La Vista. These two installation projects have raised questions and concerns, so we want to provide some answers and contact information to assist residents.

Although the City reviews and approves each fiber network to meet certain construction and safety standards, state law grants companies the authority to access properties and install these networks.

Utilities are expected to make an effort to inform homeowners about:

- 1) The work they are doing.
- 2) The access needed to complete the work.

Homeowners who have concerns or complaints about the notice received from utilities need to reach out to the company directly using the contact information below.

The City has **NO involvement** in how Allo, Great Plains or other utilities communicate information.

Homeowners can request that their property be restored to its previous condition if it was disturbed during fiber installation. The fiber companies are expected to honor these requests.

Anyone wanting Allo or Great Plains to fix something on their property that crews disturbed must contact the utility company directly. **The City of La Vista does not make repairs or manage requests for repairs for these fiber companies or other utilities.**

Allo Fiber

Residential: 886-481-2556
allocommunications.com/construction

Great Plains Communications
866-343-8014 | contactus@gpcom.com
gpcom.com





The Return of La Vista Days

Before this summer slips away, let's look back at how it began in La Vista—with La Vista Days, of course!

La Vista Days 2024 offered free fun and entertainment to thousands of attendees. The event grew from one day to two this year, took on a new (familiar) name and introduced an exciting new concert experience inside The Astro Amphitheater.

For the second year in a row, the festival included a captivating drone and fireworks show. Other festival favorites such as the traditional parade down Park View Blvd., the community cookout, a car show, and countless family-friendly activities helped make La Vista Days a truly memorable event.

From the music to the food trucks to the foam party, there was something for everyone to enjoy. Thanks for joining us. Let's do it again in 2025.



CITY EVENTS

**ALL EVENTS
ARE FREE**

TRIVIA NIGHT

Wednesday, August 14, 6 p.m.

Lucky Bucket Brewing Company

The fourth annual Trivia Night summer series returned to the newly revamped Lucky Bucket tap room this year, and August 14 is your last chance to play. Grab your friends and form a team. Santiago's Mexican Food Truck will be on site and Lucky Bucket has a full range of beverages available for purchase. Teams of 2-4 people are welcome and pre-registration is not required.

SOCIAL SCOOPS

Saturday, August 17, 1-3 p.m.

The Nines Plaza at The Link



We're hosting a free ice cream social and you're invited. Enjoy a sweet treat in the heat of August while you stroll around The Nines Plaza, our new public space adjacent to The Astro Amphitheater. Come say "hi" and visit with friends, neighbors and City Council members. Yard games will be available. Stop by the Info Booth and spin the wheel to win a City branded prize. Look for the slides and we will see you there!



Presented by La Vista Recreation

Saturday, September 14

Run starts at 10 a.m.,

Costume Judging 9-9:55 a.m., Awards 11 a.m.

The Nines Plaza at The Link

The second annual Fun Run returns! Run (or walk) the trails in Central Park and have fun doing it during the 2K Fun Run. Costumes are encouraged and prizes will be awarded amongst different categories. Advanced registration is encouraged, although walk-ups will be allowed. The first 100 to register receive a free La Vista water bottle. Please note: Registration prior to September 6 is required to be a part of the costume contest.

Register at CityofLaVista.org/LaVistaLoop

Check-in for the run will be at The Nines Plaza at The Link (adjacent to The Astro Amphitheater). Parking is available in the City Centre parking garages or streets and at the Central Park Clubhouse lot.



LA VISTA CITY CENTRE

Saturday, September 28, 11 a.m.-9 p.m.

11 a.m. Nebraska at Purdue kickoff

City Centre

Experience traditional Oktoberfest fun with a modern twist in City Centre! Main Street will be closed to make way for an outdoor Husker Football watch party on the big screen, live music, games and activities, food trucks, and of course, a beer garden.

Festival themed fun includes an Oktoberfest costume contest, beer stein holding contest, pretzel tossing game and cornhole for good measure. Local bands include: **Evans & Moore, Kenny Janak Orchestra and Funk Trek.**

**Food and beverage available for purchase. Families/ all ages are welcome, but one must be 21 or older to consume alcohol.*



MOONLIGHT MOVIE GHOSTBUSTERS: FROZEN EMPIRE (PG-13)

Saturday, September 28, 5 p.m.-9 p.m.
The Astro Amphitheater & The Nines Plaza at The Link

Join us outdoors for a free fall film on the big screen where we will help celebrate 40 years of Ghostbusters and the newest franchise release!

- 5 p.m.** The Nines Plaza — Movie Characters, Photo Ops
- 6:30 p.m.** Astro Amphitheater opens
- Dusk** Movie begins (Movie runs 1h 55m)

MOVIE CHARACTERS/PHOTO OPS

Before the movie, visit us at The Nines Plaza (adjacent to The Astro Amphitheater) for a ghostly good time as Nebraska's version of an ectomobile will be on display alongside movie characters in costume. Don't be afraid of no ghost, dress in your best costume and snap photos with our large selfie frame. **Come hungry!** The Astro's concessions will be open inside the gates. The first 100 arrivals will receive a free small kettle corn from the City's welcome booth.

Please note, The Astro Amphitheater has a clear bag policy and personal chairs are not permitted. Blankets are permitted on the lawn, and limited chairs will be available on a first-come first-served basis.



HOWL-O-WEEN

Thursday, October 17, 4:30-6:30 p.m.
Dog Park at Southwind Park

Dress your dog in a Halloween costume and register onsite at the event to take part in a costume competition. Snap a photo of your furry friend by our fall themed backdrop. Visit various community booths and make sure to stop by the City's booth for a giveaway and treat for your dog. Treat yourself to a free beverage, too.

LET'S TALK, LA VISTA

**Saturday,
October 12,
9 a.m.-12 p.m.**
**10 a.m. Pancake
Feed begins**
*La Vista Community
Center*



You may have heard of the online "Let's Talk" forums and you may have even heard about last year's in-person event. Well, we're moving the conversation offline again this year.

Join us at the Community Center for a free pancake breakfast. The one and only 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 City Staff, then fill up on flapjacks.



HALLOWEEN SAFE NIGHT

Thursday, October 31, 4-6 p.m.
La Vista Community Center (Outdoors)

The City's annual safe trick-or-treating tradition continues with some new surprises that will make this Halloween one to remember for La Vista's residents! There is an all-new outdoor trick-or-treat experience planned along with the traditional hayrack rides and incredible photo backdrops. Indoors, visitors will find the familiar free hot dogs from our local sponsors.



RECREATION

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

Community Center Hours: Monday–Friday: 8 a.m.–9 p.m. Saturday: 9 a.m.–4 p.m. Sunday: Closed

BEFORE LABOR DAY **AFTER LABOR DAY**
Saturday: 9 a.m.–4 p.m. 8 a.m.–6 p.m.
Sunday: Closed 1–9 p.m.



Better with Age

The La Vista Community Center will celebrate its 30th birthday this fall. The building opened in October 1994 and has been home to the Recreation Department ever since. The facility serves many purposes within the community. It's a hub for fitness and recreation, a gathering place for youth and seniors, a community event space and much more.

Recently, the building received upgrades that reflect the City's commitment to providing a top-notch facility for residents. Fresh paint and pops of color throughout the facility helped create a more welcoming and vibrant atmosphere. The gym now features a beautifully resurfaced floor and new lights that have brightened up the space.

The Community Center's improvements aren't just cosmetic. The Recreation Department has been working to connect with the community through surveys and other engagement efforts to learn about the changing needs of residents and how to best meet those needs.

For example, in response to community feedback, the Recreation Department is updating the game room to make it more relaxing and inviting. Watch for new games and comfortable furniture coming soon. New Recreation Department policies have also made the facility more accessible. Expanded youth hours were introduced and non-resident youth are now welcome inside the facility. These are just a few changes, and more are on the way.

If you haven't visited the Community Center lately, stop by and see what it has to offer.

Newest Recreation Classes

Complete Exercise Program

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 5-6 p.m.

Saturdays, 10-11 a.m.

La Vista Community Center

This class will focus on flexibility, resistance training and aerobic/cardio activity. For info and registration, contact Frank at FrankPFerrante@gmail.com.

Cost: \$5 per class

Ages: 18+

CHA-3 Kenpo Karate

Wednesdays, 6-7:30 p.m.

La Vista Community Center

Kenpo develops balance, speed, power, breathing control as well as a good means of self-defense. For info and registration, contact Tony Foster at **402.297.3773** or Thomas Canick at **402.990.2485**.

Cost: \$40/month

Ages: 14+

LaBlast Dance Fitness Class

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 8:30-9:30 a.m.

La Vista Community Center

LaBlast is a revolutionary dance fitness program based on all the dances you see on Dancing with The Stars. For info and registration, call **402.714.4938** or email dancewithpacheco@gmail.com or simply.ballroom@gmail.com.

Cost: \$40/month or \$15 per drop-in class

Ages: 18+

PROGRAMS & CLASSES

The Community Center offers a variety of social, fitness and leisure activities for all ages. For a full list, visit CityofLaVista.org/Classes.

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

CLASS	INSTRUCTOR
 AIKIDO	Jeff j.a.christenham@gmail.com
 BALLROOM DANCE	Terry 402.639.2209
 BELLY DANCING	Elianae 402.370.9021 or elianaethebellydancer@gmail.com
 COMPLETE EXERCISE PROGRAM	Frank frankpferrante@gmail.com
 KENPO KARATE	Tony or Tom 402.297.3773 (Tony) or 402.990.2485 (Tom)
 LABLAST DANCE FITNESS CLASS	Alex 402.714.4938 or dancewithpacheco@gmail.com
 MINIATURES CLUB	Sandy 402.708.1177
 OMAHA METRO ARMED COMBAT ACADEMY	Cat omacagreenknights@gmail.com
 SQUARE DANCING	Ken 402.690.3020
 TABLE TENNIS	Matt 402.680.2937 or matthewziegler907@gmail.com
 YOGA	Frank frankpferrante@gmail.com

Zombie Fitness Challenge

Friday, October 25, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Community Center Gym

Cost: Free

Ages: 6+

Try to outrun the zombies on our challenge course. Registration is limited, call **402.331.3455** or visit CityofLaVista.org/Zombie to reserve your spot!

Open Gym at the Community Center

Shoot hoops, run off some energy or take a relaxing walk around the gym. Bring your family or a friend and have fun being active together.

The open gym schedule is available online at CityofLaVista.org/OpenGym.



Preschool Playtime

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

Community Center
Basketball Courts

Cost: Free

Ages: Walking-5 years old
(with adult)

Open free play is every Tuesday and Thursday morning. No registration is needed. Please do not bring your own bikes, tricycles or scooters.



Punt, Pass & Kick

Saturday, August 24, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

La Vista Sports Complex (Soccer Field #6)

Cost: Free, register during check-in at the event

Ages: 6-15

Everyone's favorite football skills competition is returning to La Vista this August. The three-part event hosted by La Vista Recreation and Sarpy County Tourism is a friendly competition that is welcoming to girls and boys of all skill levels. Participation is simple and fun.

- Each participant completes three skills. (Punting, passing & kicking)
- Cumulative scores determine the winner for each division.
- Winners in each category earn an invitation to the state competition in Lincoln in the fall!

The competition is 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Show up and compete on a first-come, first-served basis. (Pick the time that fits your schedule.) Register upon arrival, complete the three skills and go on your way.

Register for La Vista's fall and winter recreation sports!
CityofLaVista.org/Active

ATHLETICS

FALL CO-ED SOCCER ACADEMY/LEAGUE

SEPTEMBER 10 - OCTOBER 12, Tuesdays & Saturdays

Registration Deadline: August 21

	AGE	COST
ACADEMY	Boys and Girls 4-5	Resident: \$43 Non-resident: \$63
LEAGUE	Boys and Girls 6-7	Resident: \$43 Non-resident: \$63



FALL CO-ED TOT SOCCER CLINIC

SEPTEMBER 7 - OCTOBER 5, Saturdays

Registration Deadline: August 21

BOYS & GIRLS AGES	COST
3 (as of Aug. 1)	Resident: \$27 Non-resident: \$32



CO-ED VOLLEYBALL

NOVEMBER 2 - DECEMBER 18

Games: Saturdays & Mondays

Practice starts week of October 7

AGE	COST	
	EARLY-BIRD AUG 1-SEPT 11	FINAL SEPT 12-25
Boys & Girls Grades 3-8	Resident: \$33 Non-resident: \$53	Resident: \$43 Non-resident: \$63

BOYS & GIRLS BASKETBALL LEAGUE

SEASON BEGINS JANUARY 25 (tentative)

Games: Saturdays

Practice starts week of January 2

AGE	COST	
	EARLY-BIRD OCT 1-NOV 16	FINAL NOV 17-27
Boys & Girls Grades 3-8	Resident: \$55 Non-resident: \$65	Resident: \$65 Non-resident: \$75



CO-ED BASKETBALL CLINIC

JANUARY 4 - FEBRUARY 1

Saturdays, 8:30-9:30 a.m.

AGE	COST	
	EARLY-BIRD OCT 1-DEC 11	FINAL DEC 12-22
Boys & Girls Grades 1-2	Resident: \$17 Non-resident: \$22	Resident: \$27 Non-resident: \$32



SENIOR PROGRAM



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.

The La Vista Senior Program is designed to enhance the lives of those 55+ by providing high-quality services that offer wellness, leisure, life-long learning and social opportunities. La Vista residents and non-residents who are 55 and older can participate in the Senior Program and become part of its thriving community free of charge. Visit the front desk at the La Vista Community Center to join.



Bingo is one of the most universally appealing games across generations. It's also one of the most popular La Vista Senior Program activities.

Whether you are seven years old or 70, every game of bingo offers the same thrills. There's the suspense of waiting to hear which number will be called next, the excitement of needing to mark off just one more space and the anticipation of waiting for someone in the crowd to shout "bingo" that is enjoyable for players of all ages.

Kaily Stanley, La Vista's Senior Services Manager, shares that for participants of La Vista's Senior Program, bingo provides a good mix of social interaction, excitement and nostalgia.

"It's simple to play while socializing," said Stanley. "It's as much about the conversation and connection as it is about the actual game. Of course, the competition element and prizes help, too."

The Senior Program offers Bingo on Fridays at 1 p.m. The cost is \$1 to play five games. The first three games are the traditional style where players aim to get a horizontal, vertical or diagonal row for bingo. The other two games are blackout.

"We also offer Jingo once a month," said Stanley. "It's a different twist on bingo that replaces the numbers with pictures. There is usually a theme and Jingo is free to play."

Stanley said the most popular bingo activity by far is Big Bucks Bingo. It's offered twice each year, and players have a chance to win a share of \$150 in cash prizes.

Information about bingo and other Senior Program activities is published in the monthly Senior Newsletter. To join the mailing list, contact Kaily Stanley at **402.331.3455** or **KStanley@CityofLaVista.org**. The Senior Newsletter is also available online at **CityofLaVista.org/Seniors**.

SENIOR CARNIVAL

Wednesday, October 16, 10 a.m. -1 p.m.

La Vista Community Center (8116 Park View Blvd.)

Join us to relive your childhood at this fantastic event hosted by the La Vista Senior Program and Papillion Landing 55+ Club. Enjoy a fun day of games and prizes. We'll have spin art, balloon animals and even carnival treats. Lunch is provided.

10 a.m. Games begin promptly

11:30 a.m. Lunch served

12 p.m. Games end, entertainer begins

Cost: \$10 (Sorry no refunds.)

Registration: Register by October 8 at the La Vista Community Center or Papillion Landing. Maximum 100 registrations.



SENIOR LUNCH PROGRAM

Monday-Friday, 11:30 a.m.

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

Suggested Donation: \$5 for those 60 and older

Required Fee: \$9.50 for those younger than 60

55 AND UP ONGOING ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITY	DAY	TIME	FEE
Golden Ballroom Dancing Exercise	Mondays	9 a.m.	FREE
Senior Pickleball Class	Third Monday of the month	3:30 p.m.	FREE
Tai Chi For Balance	Tuesdays & Thursdays	10:45-11:30 a.m.	Age 60+: \$0.50 suggested
Various Card Games	Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays	Tues: 12 p.m. or 2 p.m. Wed & Fri: 2 p.m.	FREE
Movie Showings	Every other Tuesday	1 p.m.	FREE
Drop-In Quilting	Wednesdays	9-11:30 a.m.	FREE
Chair Volleyball	Wednesdays & Fridays	10:15-11:15 a.m.	FREE
Hand & Foot (Cards)	Wednesdays	1 p.m.	FREE
Pitch (Cards)	Fridays	1 p.m.	FREE
Bingo	Fridays	1 p.m.	\$1 total for 5 games

PUBLIC WORKS ZONE

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

La Vista Public Works Summer Hours: Monday–Friday: 6 a.m.–2:30 p.m. Saturday–Sunday: Closed

New technology boosts efficiency for Parks crew

When La Vista's Sports Complex team (a division of the Parks Department that maintains the City's athletic fields) needed an extra set of hands to help paint lines on the fields, the crew found the perfect "man" for the job.

Except, the team's new employee—Gary—isn't a man, or even a human. He's a robot.

More specifically, he's a Turf Tank Two, a state-of-the-art robotic field marking specialist. Gary is equipped with GPS technology and can be programmed to paint lines on La Vista's soccer, football, baseball and softball fields.

"We started the year off painting all of our soccer fields," said Aaron Johannsen, La Vista's Sports Complex Foreman. Next, Johannsen's team programmed Gary to paint the baseball/softball fields at City Park, and later the baseball fields at the La Vista Sports Complex.

Gone are the days when marking lines on fields required hours of meticulous manual labor. Gary outlines fields more efficiently than crews can manually. It takes the robot significantly less time to paint fields, and less paint, too.



"If we were going to go through and do it manually from scratch, it would probably take five gallons of paint and three to four hours for one soccer field to run the string lines, run tape measures and do everything," Johannsen said. "Plus, it would take an additional two or three people to hold string lines and hold tape measures."

"We're cutting back on our labor quite a bit," said Johannsen. "This gives us the freedom to tackle other tasks while we also paint. So, we're just being able to multitask a little bit better."

Johannsen noted that reducing the amount of paint used on the fields has cut costs tremendously. "It's a fraction, really, in the grand scheme of things," he said.

Johannsen said he gets asked a lot about the robot's name. People want to know, "Why Gary?"

"Gary is a former employee who used to work here," said Johannsen. "He was here for about ten years and loved working down here. He was happy to be here every day, so we just kind of found it fitting to name it after him."

Gary the robot's relationship with his co-workers is certainly unique. He doesn't laugh at their jokes or join in their conversations. Plus, he constantly shows off by completing projects faster than everyone else. Yet, the robot has quickly become a valued member of the team, and he's delivering measurable benefits to the City.



Gary can paint one of La Vista's six 11 vs. 11 soccer fields at the Sports Complex in about 20 minutes using just two gallons of paint.

PUBLIC WORKS EXPO | Saturday, October 5, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
La Vista Public Works, 9900 Portal Rd.

Drop by La Vista's Public Works Expo Day and see first-hand what the Public Works Department does for the community. Visitors can view and operate equipment, see live demonstrations, talk with staff and ask questions. Free hot dogs and chips while supplies last.



2024 FALL CLEANUP DAYS

OCTOBER 7-13
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 7-13, 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.

- 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





POLICE

Good News from the Police Department

From welcoming a new chief to recognizing outstanding acts of service, the La Vista Police Department has had plenty to celebrate this summer. Take a look at these recent highlights of the positive things happening in the Police Department.



Mike Schofield, La Vista's new police chief, was sworn in at the first City Council meeting in June. Chief Schofield has only been on the job for two short months and has already made significant contributions to the Department and the La Vista community.



Officer Dana Miller received the Police Department's Purple Heart Award after she was stabbed during a confrontation while in the line of duty. Thankfully, Officer Miller made a rapid recovery. She quickly returned to work and resumed her role serving La Vista's residents.



Officers Shawn Dooling, Brian Mittelbrun and Lucas Tiberi were presented with the Police Department's Lifesaving Award. Officer Dooling prevented a man from jumping off the Giles Road bridge over Interstate 80. Officers Mittelbrun and Tiberi pulled a person out of traffic who was trying to harm himself, saving the individual from being struck.



Officer John Danderand was recognized for his decades of service as a La Vista K9 handler. Officer Danderand was the handler of four K9s dating back to 1998. His last service dog, Bardo, was also honored with a commemorative bench in Southwind Park. Bardo passed away unexpectedly last year.



Officer Steven Morris graduated from the Sarpy Douglas Law Enforcement Academy (SDLEA) after completing 20 weeks of basic police training. He then transitioned to the Field Training Program to continue his training.



Detective Josh McNeil was recognized as the Sarpy County Crime Stoppers Officer of the Year for La Vista. Detective McNeil was the lead Detective investigating a robbery and kidnapping of a victim in La Vista. His diligent work led to the arrest of four suspects and the recovery of stolen property.



Officer Matthew Orduna was named the La Vista Police Department's Employee of the Quarter. His standout leadership efforts, positive attitude and willingness to help out in every capacity earned him the Department's recognition.



National Night Out is August 6

La Vista's National Night Out event, in partnership with the Sarpy County Sheriff's Office, returns to its new favorite location **outside the Clubhouse in Central Park on Tuesday, August 6, 6-9 p.m.** You're invited to gather in the park to help celebrate La Vista's community and its first responders.

This free, safety-focused event will feature activities such as "touch-a-truck" with first responder vehicles and face painting. Community booths will be on hand and free treats will be available from Kona Ice and Starbucks. Mayor Kindig will greet the community and Chief Schofield will share an inspiring message. The event will conclude with a community walk around the pond.



MARIO HATCHER
Code Enforcement Officer

CODE ENFORCEMENT CORNER

As students head back to school and we begin to transition from summer to fall, the City's Code Enforcement office would like to offer these reminders to help residents prepare for the change of seasons.

Understanding Code Enforcement Violations

If you receive a Code Enforcement Violation tag this fall, you may have questions about what it means and what actions to take next. The City's website has information and resources to help you understand what a Code Enforcement Violation tag means should you receive one.



Visit **CityofLaVista.org/CodeViolation** or scan the QR code to learn about violations, what to do if you receive one, how to research City ordinances and more.



FIRE PITS

Fall is a popular time for fire pits. As a reminder, per City Code, all branches, limbs and/or logs used for fire pits (or if placing in a pile) should be cut in 4' lengths.

PARTS OF A VIOLATION TAG

The top portion of a violation tag lists the date it was issued and the name of the officer who issued the violation. Anyone receiving a violation tag should pay close attention to the date listed on the middle of the tag. The code violation must be corrected by this date. In most cases, this is three to 10 days after the violation was issued.

The bottom portion of a tag shows the code that was violated. To learn more about the City's Municipal Codes, visit **CityofLaVista.org/MunicipalCode**.

CITY OF LA VISTA POLICE DEPARTMENT

DATE: _____

OFFICER: _____

LOCATION: _____

This courtesy warning has been issued to inform you that you are in violation of a section of the La Vista Municipal Code. If you correct this violation in _____ days, no other action will be taken. However, if the violation is not corrected, or if you repeat the same violation, it could mean either a court appearance citation and/or having the violation corrected by the City at your expense.

You are in Violation of:

CODE#	VIOLATION
____ 7.01 thru 7.18	Zoning, Yard Requirements
____ 7.10	Home Occupation
____ 50.03	Garbage, Trash & Waste
____ 93.002	Right-of-Way Permitted Obstruction
____ 93.015	Sidewalks - Snow Removal
____ 93.018	Sidewalks - Maintenance & Repair
____ 94.06	Tree/Shrub Obstructions
____ 95.11	Maximum Animals Allowed
____ 133.01	Grass/Weeds/Litter/Junk
____ 150.03	Uniform Housing Code
____ 150.47	Permits - Swimming Pools
____ 150.51	Enclosure of Private Swimming Pools
____ Other	_____

Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated. If you need any additional information, please feel free to call the Code Enforcement Officer at 402-331-1582, Monday - Friday.

Thank You
La Vista Police Department

Date: _____

Location: _____

Violation: _____

Time to Comply: _____

Description: _____

Follow-up Officer: _____

HARDSHIP ASSISTANCE

Homeowners are responsible for ensuring compliance with La Vista's Municipal Codes. If you or someone you know needs any assistance due to hardship, please download the 211 Nebraska app and/or visit the website at **www.ne211.org**.

LIBRARY NOOK

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

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



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 story time, 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 get free zoo passes. A library card is your most important tool and gives you countless hours of enjoyment.

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 public La Vista schools
- Current Metro Community College students

WANTED: Library Youth Council Members

Calling all pre-teens and teens in grades 5–12! The Library is looking for new members to join the Library Youth Council. Help plan Library programs, advise on book selections, volunteer at Library events and bring your unique skills to the Library! Joining is a fantastic way to get involved in our community, develop leadership skills, meet new people and make a positive impact. If you are interested in joining or want more information, contact Ashley Wemhoff, AWemhoff@CityofLaVista.org.



Teens repainting the Little Library!

Silent Book Club



Escape into the world of books with us at our Silent Book Club. Whether you're a bookworm or just looking for some quiet time to read, this club is perfect for you. Join fellow book lovers for a cozy and relaxing reading session.

Participants can expect uninterrupted reading time, a comfortable atmosphere, optional socializing and the discovery of new books and authors.

The book club is ideal for ages 16+. Please leave younger readers at home and unwind in a quiet environment.

To learn more about this program or check specific dates, contact Cedate Shultz, CShultz@CityofLaVista.org, or stop by the library.

Fall fun at the Library



LIBRARY STORYTIME

Second & Fourth Tuesdays at 10 a.m.

August 20, September 10 and 24, October 8 and 22

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

FRIDAY FRIENDS

Second & Fourth Fridays at 10 a.m.

August 23, September 13 and 27, October 11 and 25

Friday Friends provides opportunities for children to play, learn and make new friends! Come play at Southwind Park or inside the Library as the weather changes. This is a great opportunity for children to develop social skills and build new relationships. **Ideal for ages 0-6.**



MUSIC AND MOVEMENT

First & Third Fridays at 9:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.

August 16, September 6, October 4 and 18

Little ones can move and groove while experiencing the joy of music. Music and Movement is a 30-minute program filled with singing, dancing and instruments. The program is first come first served, and space is limited. **Ideal for ages 0-6. No class on Friday, September 20.**



BUTTON BONANZA

Tuesday, September 3, 2-4 p.m.

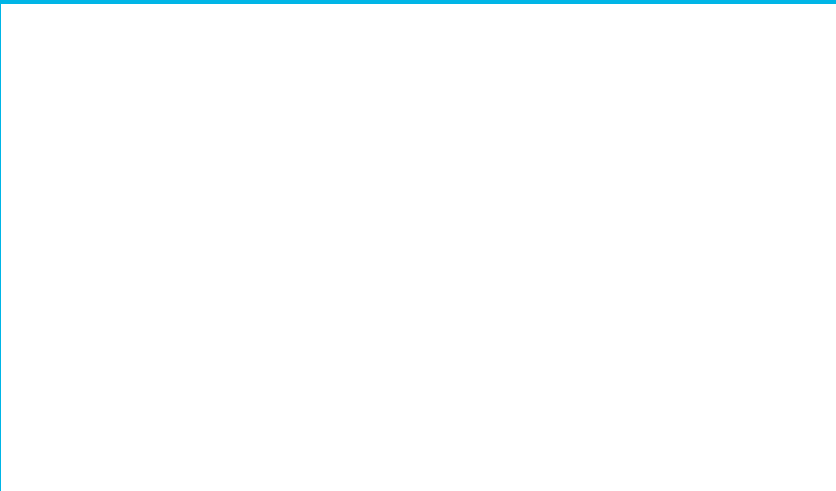
Buttons are a popular way to market a brand, promote a cause or just show off your favorite character. Create your own button design or bring an image to put on a button. The first button is free. Additional buttons cost \$0.35 each. **Ideal for all ages.**



PARACHUTE PLAYTIME

Friday, November 1, 10 a.m.

Stir children's imaginations, build teamwork, and develop motor skills while playing easy parachute games. **Ideal for ages 8 and under. Adult participation required.**



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

Rita Ramirez | Assistant City Administrator

Kevin Pokorny | Director of Administrative Services

Mike Schofield | Director of Public Safety

Joe Soucie | Director of Public Works

Rachel Carl | Assistant to the City Administrator

Rose Barcal | Library Director

Pam Buethe | City Clerk

Heather Buller | Recreation Director

Pat Dowse | City Engineer

Bruce Fountain | Community Development Director

Meg Harris | Finance Director

Wendy Lowery | Human Resources Director

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