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MINUTE WITH THE MAYOR



National Public Service Recognition Week is celebrated each year during the first week of May. Our community is very fortunate to have dedicated employees across every City department who are committed to providing excellent service. I greatly appreciate these individuals and the remarkable work they do each day.

A few months ago, I had the opportunity to attend the City of La Vista's annual employee recognition event. There I saw countless examples of how City employees have driven meaningful improvements across La Vista over the past year. For example, on **page nine** of this newsletter you can read about La Vista's Employee of the Year, Meg Harris, and how she implemented a new investment strategy that generated \$2 million in additional revenue for the City.

People like Meg, and the Public Works crews that are maintaining parks for us to enjoy this summer, and the police officers who keep us safe, and so many more, truly make La Vista a better place. I'm proud of our City's public servants and all they do for La Vista's residents. Their small gestures and big ideas shouldn't go unnoticed.

Right now, many City employees are collaborating to plan the City's largest annual event—La Vista Days. This year's festival will take place Friday, May 30 and Saturday, May 31.

I invite you to bring your friends and family out to experience the festival's sights, sounds and excitement. Friday's festivities include the free concert at The Astro Amphitheater followed by the always popular fireworks and drone show. Saturday will be a packed day of fun on the City Hall Campus. There is a schedule with maps and information starting on **pages 5-8** of this newsletter.

MAYOR

Douglas Kindig

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



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

May

- 1 Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- 6 **City Council, 6 p.m.**
- 8 Library Advisory Board, 6 p.m., Library
- 12 La Vista-Metropolitan Community College Condominium Owners Association, 4 p.m. Library
- 15 Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- 20 **City Council, 6 p.m.**
- 21 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, 6 p.m.
- 22 **Hometown Heroes, 6 p.m., Blue Star Memorial outside City Hall**
- 26 **Offices Closed for Memorial Day**
- 30 La Vista Days, 5 p.m., The Astro Amphitheater
- 31 La Vista Days, 10 a.m.-7 p.m., City Hall Campus

June

- 3 **City Council, 6 p.m.**
- 5 Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- 7 Community Garage Sales, 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Across La Vista
- 11 Travelin' Trivia, 6 p.m., Heights Draft Room
- 12 Summer Splash, 3 p.m., Mayor's Park
- 12 Citizen Advisory Review Committee, 6 p.m.
- 13 **Moonlight Movie (Mufasa: The Lion King), dusk, Outside Library**
- 17 **City Council, 6 p.m.**
- 18 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, 6 p.m.
- 19 **Offices Closed for Juneteenth**
- 26 Summer Splash, 3 p.m., City Hall Campus
- 26 Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- 27 **La Vista Live & Local outdoor music with Strange Pleasures and Head Change, 6 p.m., Library**
- 28 La Vista Local Market, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., City Centre

July

- 1 **City Council, 6 p.m.**
- 4 **Offices Closed for Independence Day**
- 9 Travelin' Trivia, 6 p.m., Pint Nine Brewing Company
- 10 Summer Splash, 3 p.m., Library
- 10 Library Advisory Board, 6 p.m., Library
- 11 **Moonlight Movie (Captain America: Brave New World), dusk, Outside Library**
- 15 **City Council, 6 p.m.**
- 16 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, 6 p.m.
- 17 Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- 24 Summer Splash, 3 p.m. Val Verde Park
- 25 **La Vista Live & Local outdoor music with Shoot to Thrill and Quinn's Collins, 6 p.m., Library**
- 26 La Vista Local Market, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., City Centre

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



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

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

Hours of operation:

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

For reservations, call 402.657.3550 at least 48 business hours in advance.

See bus fares and learn more at CityofLaVista.org/Bus

COUNCIL CLIPS

Highlights of recent City Council action.

- Awarded a contract for the 2025 Ultra-Thin Bonded Asphalt System (UBAS) street maintenance project in various areas of the City.
- Authorized purchase of an unmarked police vehicle for the Police Department.
- Authorized waiver of parking fees for Garage #2 and the surface parking lot during the La Vista Days Friday concert/event.
- Approved replacing the Community Center's bleachers that were original to the facility.
- Awarded a contract for the installation of monument-style park identification signs in the City's primary parks.

La Vista honors Ron and Pat Hollins as its 2025 Military Family of the Year

The City of La Vista selects a local family with demonstrated military service to recognize at La Vista Days each year. This year, the City is proud to celebrate La Vista residents and Air Force veterans Ron and Pat Hollins as La Vista's Military Family of the Year.

Ron, originally from Indiana, was inspired to join the military by his father's service during World War II and his brothers' service in the Air Force and Army. In 1969, Ron enlisted in the Air Force, beginning his 22-year military career that sent him to locations like Thailand, Germany, Idaho, Maine and Florida. As an aircraft refueler stationed in Thailand during the Vietnam War, Ron played a valuable role in helping keep planes in the air around the clock. Although his service took him across the globe, Ron believes that the friendliest people he encountered were in Nebraska when he was stationed at Offutt Air Force Base. This drew Ron to return to Nebraska after retiring from the Air Force in 1991.

Pat, a native of Hastings, Nebraska, joined the Air Force in pursuit of her education and a chance to explore the world beyond her small town. Her first year of service took her to Texas for basic training in San Antonio, followed by technical training in Wichita Falls. Pat's other assignments landed her in Greece for two years and then at the Pentagon for a year. While stationed at the Pentagon, Pat worked as an electronics technician with the overseas Autobahn telephone system. After completing four years of service, she returned home to Nebraska, having gained a wealth of experiences from her time in the military.

Despite both having served in the Air Force, Ron and Pat didn't cross paths until several years after retiring from military life. Their first meeting was at the Papillion Post Office where Ron worked as a mail carrier and Pat was a clerk. The pair married in 2004 and they've enjoyed building a life together in La Vista.

Ron said he has adored every minute of living in La Vista. Pat agreed, adding that she loves that La Vista has "great neighborhoods, great people and is casual—not too rushed."

"This is home," said Pat. Look for Ron, Pat and members of their family in the La Vista Days Parade on Saturday, May 31.



Join Us For La Vista's
HOMETOWN HEROES CEREMONY
THURSDAY, MAY 22, 6-7 p.m.

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

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



StyleHouse Barbershop chosen as La Vista Days Parade Grand Marshal

StyleHouse Barbershop celebrated an incredible 50 years in business in La Vista this past December. Now, we're celebrating StyleHouse's milestone by recognizing owner Mike Branigan and his daughter, Jill Garrah, as Grand Marshals of the La Vista Days Parade.

As one of La Vista's longest-standing businesses, StyleHouse has been a cornerstone of the community, with Branigan serving as a welcoming pillar throughout the years. For five decades, Mike has not only provided haircuts to generations of La Vista residents, he's also created a friendly space where connections and memories are made.

"I always thought I'd retire when I got to four generations of customers, but I guess not," said Mike.

Jill joined her father working for the family business in 2006. "It's been a blessing to have her here," said Mike.

Jill shared that she's enjoyed meeting so many different people through StyleHouse. She said that La Vista has remained a tight-knit community even as it's grown over the years.

"I just like that it's still a small-town feel, though," Jill said. "Everybody knows everybody."

Mike's community involvement extends well beyond the walls of his business. Over the years he's coached numerous youth sports teams, and he was an original member of the La Vista Chamber of Commerce.



"I always liked community stuff and getting involved," Mike said.

Congratulations to Mike, Jill, their family and all the StyleHouse team. We look forward to recognizing them at La Vista Days.



La Vista Chiropractic and Wellness Center named the 2025 Friend of La Vista



Dr. Nick Snyder and Dr. Lindsey Lofstedt-Snyder opened La Vista Chiropractic and Wellness Center in La Vista in 2008. For the past 17 years, the business owners have focused on providing excellent patient care while also caring for and giving back to their community. Oftentimes that has meant partnering with the City on community giving initiatives such as food drives, coat drives, school supply drives and more.

In recognition of their efforts and dedication to the community, La Vista Chiropractic and Wellness Center was chosen as the 2025 Friend of La Vista.

"Dr. Nick, Dr. Lindsey and their team are always willing and eager to help when the City is looking for businesses to partner with for giving projects," said La Vista's Communications & Marketing Manager, Mitch Beaumont.

"Their office has served as a donation site countless times, and we greatly appreciate all they do to support our giving initiatives."

La Vista Chiropractic is a family-friendly office that includes pediatric and prenatal care.

"We offer primarily chiropractic adjustments with a few therapies built in," said Dr. Lindsey.

Both doctors are certified and offer specialized chiropractic techniques for prenatal care. As a result, the Snyders say their practice serves a lot of mothers and children—which has allowed them to build relationships with many La Vista families. This is one of many reasons the team feels so strongly about giving back to the community.

"Just knowing that we're helping people and doing the right thing—we need more and more of that in this world, that's for sure," said Dr. Nick.

Thank you, La Vista Chiropractic and Wellness Center for all you do for La Vista!

The City of La Vista has several donation drives planned for the coming months, including the La Vista Gives school supply drive in July, and a coat drive and food drive later this fall. Visit CityofLaVista.org/LaVistaGives to learn how you can get involved.



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CREDIT UNION

FRIDAY, MAY 30, 5-10 P.M.

THE ASTRO AMPHITHEATER, THE NINES PLAZA & CENTRAL PARK
FREE CONCERT | FIREWORKS | DRONE SHOW

- 5 p.m.** Food trucks open, yard games and bubbles available at The Nines Plaza
- 6 p.m.** Astro gates open to the public
- 7 p.m.** CONCERT OPENING ACT: *Women of Rock*
- 8:15 p.m.** CONCERT HEADLINE ACT: *Ventura Blvd*
- 9:30 p.m.** Fireworks/Drone show begins

NO TICKETS NEEDED

NEW THIS YEAR:

Tickets are not required for entry to the concert in the amphitheater. If the venue reaches capacity, entry will be first-come, first-served.



La Vista Days Volunteers Wanted

Visit CityofLaVista.org/Volunteer or scan the QR code to sign up as a festival volunteer. (Ages 14 & up welcome)

COMING SOON: *La Vista Days!*

FRIDAY, MAY 30 & SATURDAY, MAY 31

La Vista's largest and most memorable event of the year is just a few weeks away. On the next few pages, you'll find information about the exciting entertainment and activities included in this year's two-day festival. Take a look and plan your La Vista Days experience!

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO: FRIDAY

Venue Info

A limited number of chairs will be set up inside the amphitheater to offer seating in front of the stage. Blankets are encouraged for viewing from the lawn area. Bringing in lawn chairs is prohibited by the venue.

Visit TheAstroTheater.com for answers to other frequently asked questions about the venue.

Clear Bag Policy

APPROVED ITEMS

-  Clear bags
-  1-gallon clear ziplock bags
-  Small clutches do not have to be clear but cannot exceed 4.5" x 6.5"

PROHIBITED ITEMS



Purses, totes, backpacks, drawstring bags, computer bags, camera bags, or any bag that is not fully clear and larger than 4.5" x 6.5"

Free Parking Friday

Garage and surface parking will be available in City Centre, and additional parking will be available at the Central Park Clubhouse and the City Hall Campus. All parking is free.

Fireworks & Drone Viewing

For optimal viewing of the drones, it is recommended to watch the show from inside the amphitheater or another location south of Central Park that faces north. For those not attending the concert, some suggested locations include the access road from Central Park East and the boardwalk at The Link.

Food & Drink

Food and beverages will be available for purchase from food trucks on The Nines Plaza, City Centre Drive and at the Clubhouse on the north end of Central Park. **Food purchased from food trucks cannot be brought inside The Astro Amphitheater. Concessions will be available for purchase inside the amphitheater.**

FRIDAY

MAY 30, 5-10 P.M.

THE ASTRO AMPHITHEATER,
THE NINES PLAZA & CENTRAL PARK





PRESENTED BY



MAIN STAGE ENTERTAINMENT | 12:15-7 p.m.
High School Drum Line Exhibition
Drum-off Competition
Talent Show
School of Rock
Lemon Fresh Day

KIDS ZONE | 10 a.m.-7 p.m.
Face Painting La Vista Library
Foam Party Duck Pond
Chalk Art Wildlife Encounters

ACTIVITY ZONE | 10 a.m.-7 p.m.
Inflatables Human Foosball
Climbing Wall Mini Golf
Yard Games Laser Tag
9-Square in the Air VR Game Truck

BINGO TENT | 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. & 2-3 p.m.
Play bingo: 25 cents per card, limit of four cards per game per person.

COMMUNITY CENTER (Inside) | 11:30 a.m.-7 p.m.
*Registration required
Open Gym, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., & After Pickleball
Spin Art, 11:30 a.m. (While supplies last)
Teen Pickleball Tournament, 1 p.m.*
Adult Pickleball Tournament, 3:30 p.m.*
Relaxation Rooms (Teens and Family)
Wallyball all day!

FOOD & DRINK | 10 a.m.-7 p.m.
Food Trucks (For purchase)
Beer Garden (For purchase)
Community Cookout (Free), 12-1:30 p.m.
Hydration Water Station, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 31, 10 A.M.-7 P.M.

LA VISTA CITY HALL CAMPUS

PARADE | COMMUNITY COOKOUT | FAMILY FUN FESTIVAL
CAR SHOW | BEER GARDEN | LIVE MUSIC | TALENT SHOW

10 a.m.	Parade
10 a.m.-7 p.m.	Activities, Food Trucks, Beer Garden open
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Bingo
12 p.m.-1:30 p.m.	Community Cookout
12 p.m.	Car Show opens
12 p.m.	Wildlife Encounters Show #1
12:15 p.m.	High School Drum Line Exhibition
12:30 p.m.	Drum-off Competition
1 p.m.	Teen Pickleball Tournament Begins
1:30 p.m.	Wildlife Encounters Show #2
1:30-3 p.m.	Talent Show
2-3 p.m.	Bingo
3 p.m.	Car Show awards
3 p.m.	Wildlife Encounters Show #3
3:30 p.m.	Adult Pickleball Tournament Begins
3:30 p.m.	Live Music: <i>School of Rock</i>
5-7 p.m.	Live Music: <i>Lemon Fresh Day</i>
7 p.m.	Festival closes

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO: SATURDAY

Parade Route

No parking is permitted along the parade route beginning at 7 a.m. on Saturday, May 31. The parade route will close to traffic at 9 a.m.

Free Shuttle

A free shuttle will run continually during Saturday's event with stops at the City Hall Campus, Brentwood Square parking lot (8058 S. 84th St.) and Parking Garage #2 in City Centre (7875 S. 84th St.)

Free Parking

Free parking will be available around the City Hall Campus at these locations:

- **La Vista Community Center front lot** (ADA parking only)
- **Central Park Clubhouse** (Santa's Workshop)
- **Harrison Street Baptist Church (8015 Harrison St.)**
- **Bethany Funeral Home and vacant lot to the east (8201 Harrison St.)**
- **Along Park View Blvd. after the parade**

Parking is not allowed in the Jensen Tire or Access Bank parking lots, or at other businesses that have signs indicating no parking allowed.



SATURDAY

MAY 31, 10 A.M. - 7 P.M.

CITY HALL CAMPUS





Celebrating La Vista's Employee of the Year: Meg Harris

Finance Director Meg Harris was recognized as La Vista's 2024 Employee of the Year at the City's employee recognition event recently.

Although Meg has only been employed with the City for two

years, she's made a major impact in that short time.

"There was significant work to be done when she started with the City—and coming from the private sector—there was a lot for her to learn about government finance and government operations in general," said Rita Ramirez, Interim City Administrator.

"Meg does not back down from a challenge, and she has worked hard to revamp critical processes and improve efficiency."

Meg played a key role in several of the City's most important organizational projects over the past year. For example, she assisted with revising processes related to the City's Capital Improvement Plan, helping

improve measurability and return on investment.

Undoubtedly, Meg's largest contribution since her arrival has been implementing a new investment strategy that helped strengthen and diversify the City's revenue base. As a result of her efforts, the City has earned a much higher return on its investments, bringing in over \$2 million in additional revenue earned.

We're grateful to have Meg in La Vista, and we offer congratulations on her well-deserved award!

To see photos and learn about other City of La Vista employees who were recognized for their outstanding contributions, visit CityofLaVista.org/2024EmployeeAwards.

City reviewing sound study results

The Astro Amphitheater's summer concert season is underway. With more than 20 outdoor shows scheduled to take place at the amphitheater over the next few months, the City is currently reviewing results from an independent sound study conducted by WJHW that measured noise outputs from an outdoor concert on October 18, 2024.

Despite receiving fewer than 50 noise complaints related to concerts during the 2024 season, the City commissioned the sound study to better understand sound levels in areas surrounding the amphitheater.

To measure sound levels from the outdoor concert, readings were taken from seven different locations ranging from inside the amphitheater to as far north as 84th Street and Park Drive in Ralston.

While the City recognizes sound readings may fall within the acceptable range for concerts, City officials will be sharing the findings with The Astro and working with the venue to determine if there are adjustments that can be made to lessen the impact of concert noise and minimize disruptions to the community.

MAYOR'S YOUTH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL LOOKING FOR LA VISTA'S NEXT LEADERS

La Vista middle and high school students are invited to apply for the 2025-2026 session of the Mayor's Youth Leadership Council (MYLC).

ABOUT MYLC

MYLC members meet monthly from September to May to learn about local government, gain leadership experience and volunteer. The group collaborates on a community project each year and volunteers at City events.

ELIGIBILITY

Students in grades 7-12 who live in or attend school in La Vista are eligible to join.



HOW TO APPLY

Visit CityofLaVista.org/MYLC to download an application.

Then, submit your completed application by Monday, June 2 to City Hall (8116 Park View Blvd.) or email it to MYLC@CityofLaVista.org.

A selection committee will review applications and notify successful candidates.

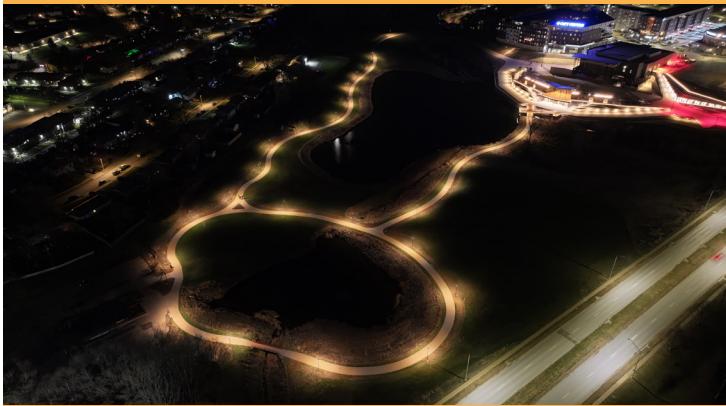
PUBLIC WORKS ZONE

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

LIGHTING UP LA VISTA

When La Vista residents and visitors to the City enjoy time outdoors this summer, they'll have a brighter view of their surroundings thanks to two recent projects. New lights were installed this spring in Central Park, and the old lighting was replaced at the La Vista Sports Complex.



An added glow in Central Park

Adding lights throughout Central Park, Central Park East and The Link was the latest phase of the City's development of this area. The City partnered with a contractor to install shorter lights around the pedestrian paths, and taller lights around the parking lots and fire lane (where more light is needed for vehicles).

Before the upgrade, several areas of the park—especially around Central Park East near the shelter and tennis courts—lacked sufficient lighting. Recognizing the need for additional lighting throughout the park, the City Council authorized \$606,994 to pay for the project. The new lights will help improve safety and ensure that park-goers feel secure during all hours of the day and night.

The park light fixtures are environmentally friendly—all lights are LED, energy-efficient and long-lasting. They are also “dark sky compliant,” meaning they are designed to direct light downward, minimizing light pollution. This thoughtful design limits upward light projection, ensuring neighboring properties aren't negatively impacted by excess light.

Another intentional design feature is the inclusion of power outlets on the light poles. The outlets provide opportunities to connect holiday decorations and supply electrical power for City events hosted in the park.

The lighting project faced a few hurdles that slowed installation including vandalism during construction and delays caused by winter weather. Despite these challenges, the finished project has greatly enhanced the park's functionality and visual appeal, making it a safer, more vibrant space.

La Vista Sports Complex scores improved lighting

The four baseball/softball fields at the La Vista Sports Complex now boast a better playing experience thanks to new LED lighting that was installed earlier this year. The newly unveiled lights replaced lights that were original to the complex and had become expensive to maintain due to outdated replacement parts.

Public Works staff partnered with Musco Lighting—an industry leader in sports lighting—to help modernize the field lights at the Sports Complex. Musco designed and installed a system that minimizes light pollution, can be controlled remotely from an app and computer and includes a ball tracker feature to help players track high fly balls.

Jason Allen, La Vista's Parks Superintendent, explained that the ballfields at the Sports Complex are used most every night of the week from April 1 through November 1.

“The ability to program the lights remotely to automatically turn on and off is more efficient and will cost the City less,” said Allen.

In addition to replacing the field lights, a security light was added at the complex to provide better lighting for the walkway from the parking lot to the concession stand.

The City invested \$950,000 into the replacement lights, which come with a full 25-year warranty.

CITY EVENTS

Community Garage Sales

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

Neighborhoods across La Vista

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

The City will advertise the sales, provide free garage sale yard signs and create a printable map of all participating residences.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Register your sale by May 25 at CityofLaVista.org/GarageSales to be included on the map on our website.

City-made signs will be available to all those who register by the deadline. Signs can be picked up at the La Vista Community Center during normal operating hours beginning on June 2.

For those who miss the registration deadline, there will be a limited number of signs available as well. All signs should be returned to the Community Center by June 16.

Travelin' Trivia

Second Wednesday of June, July and August, 6 p.m.

Get ready for some fun and friendly competition on the second Wednesday of the summer months. Each month we will be traveling to a new location within the City. Two quizmaster hosts will keep the questions coming as teams of up to six battle it out for prizes and bragging rights.

City Pub (next to Heights Draft Room) will offer food for purchase on the June date, and a food truck will be on site for the July and August trivia nights.

DATE	LOCATION
June 11	at Heights Draft Room (7861 Main St.)
July 9	at Pint Nine Brewing Co. (10411 Portal Rd.)
August 13	at Lucky Bucket Brewing Co. (11941 Centennial Rd.)

Summer Splash

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

Multiple locations

DATE	LOCATION
June 12	Mayor's Park (7651 S. 72nd St.)
June 26	City Hall Campus (8116 Park View Blvd.)
July 10	La Vista Public Library (9110 Giles Rd.)
July 24	Val Verde Park (9807 Centennial Rd.)



La Vista's Summer Splash (formerly Hydrant Party) is a summer tradition that welcomes community members to cool off and play outdoors with water.

Local firefighters will provide a giant sprinkler, and water toys and squirt guns will be available for use. The hydrant parties will be held at different locations around La Vista.

Moonlight Movie

Second Friday of June and July, movie begins at dusk

Outdoors at the La Vista Public Library

Join us on the second Friday of June and July for a free outdoor movie on the big screen. Yard games and a movie-themed activity will be provided before the showing. Bring your blankets, chairs, and picnics to enjoy a fun-filled summer evening.



June 13

Movie: **Mufasa: The Lion King** (PG)

Food Truck: **Big-o-sno** (for purchase)



July 11

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

Food Truck: **TBA**



Fire Department Kids Camp

Wednesday, June 18

Ages 6-8: 7:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

Ages 9-12: 12:30-5 p.m.

Station #1, 10727 Chandler Rd.

The Papillion Fire Department invites all kids ages 6-12 from Papillion and La Vista to participate in the Fire Safety Camp. This free camp is the perfect opportunity for young adventurers to learn about the exciting job of a firefighter, fire safety and basic first aid training. Plus, campers will enjoy tons of fun games and activities along the way!

Don't miss out on this exciting and educational experience. [Sign up at CityofLaVista.org/FireCamp by June 4!](http://CityofLaVista.org/FireCamp) If you have questions, call 402.339.8617.



La Vista Live & Local

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

Outdoors at the La Vista Public Library

June 27	8 p.m. Strange Pleasures
	7 p.m. Head Change
	6 p.m. Food truck opens
July 25	8 p.m. Shoot to Thrill
	7 p.m. Quinn's Collins
	6 p.m. Food truck opens

Enjoy free live music from local favorites and up-and-comers on the fourth Friday of the month. Lawn chairs, blankets, and dancing shoes are encouraged. Make an evening out of it—bring your own picnic dinner or purchase food from the visiting local food truck. **Food trucks open at 6 p.m. and music begins at 7 p.m.**

La Vista Local Market

Fourth Saturday of June, July, and August, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. (June 28, July 26, and August 23)

City Centre

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

Admission
is free.

Want to be
a vendor?

Apply online at
[CityofLaVista.org/
LocalMarket](http://CityofLaVista.org/LocalMarket)



Want to know what events are happening soon in La Vista?

Subscribe to the CityWise email newsletter! You'll get event information and news delivered to your inbox once each week.



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LIBRARY NOOK

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

Summer Reading

The La Vista Public Library is excited to announce its 2025 Summer Reading Program, "Color Our World," which will be held June 1–July 18. Activities and celebrations will focus on art and creativity, inviting readers to explore the diverse ways art enriches our lives through books related to various artistic expressions.

Visit CityofLaVista.org/Library to see all the fun and colorful programs planned. You can also follow us on Instagram and watch for details about upcoming programs.



FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM!

[@LaVistaLibraryYouth](https://www.instagram.com/LaVistaLibraryYouth)

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

Stop by the Library to grab your Summer Reading Sketchbook, available June 1. Then, let the Library color your world!

We look forward to providing a summer reading program that celebrates our community and we hope you are excited, too. Please remember a few things when visiting the Library this summer:

- Library staff is always available to help you locate a certain book or other materials.
- Children ages 10 and under cannot be in the Library alone and must be accompanied by a person 16+.
- Keep reading fun and enjoyable! Consider reading a variety of materials such as comic books, audiobooks, newspapers or cookbooks.



If you have any questions specifically related to the Summer Reading Program, please contact Jodi Norton at JNorton@CityofLaVista.org or **402.537.3900**.

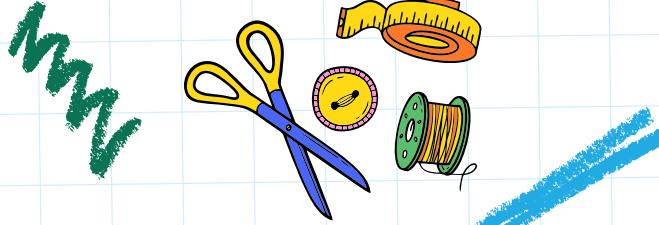
Some Summer Reading Programs require registration in advance. Registration is open now for the following programs, so visit the Library or call **402.537.3900** to sign up.



Pancake Art

June 3 at 11 a.m.

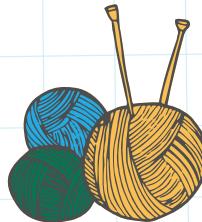
All ages (10 & under need an adult to participate with them)



Kids & Teen Craft Fair

July 12, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

Crafter registration deadline is July 1. (The public is encouraged to shop the fair on July 12!)



Crochet Away

July 15 at 6 p.m.

Ages 18+



Summer Cake Pan Program

Planning to host a party with a “summer” theme? The Library has several summer inspired cake pans to make your party festive—including a pineapple, guitar, American flag, cupcake, hot air balloon, duck, ladybug and more!

Plus, we also have a variety of summer cookbooks to help make your cakes unique. Anyone with a La Vista library card can borrow a cake pan for one week.

Check out a cake pan anytime June 16-July 14 and receive a complimentary box of cake mix at the same time. What a sweet deal!



Camp Half-Blood Games

July 16, 3-5 p.m.

Step into the world of Percy Jackson and the Olympians at this two-hour event! When you arrive, your name will be drawn from the oracle's scrying pool to place you in one of the cabins, each represented by a Greek god or goddess.



Once sorted, you will need to work with your fellow demigods to compete in events. You'll get to play several Olympic style games to try and win prizes and glory for your cabin. Other activities will be going on as well.

Stop by Hephaestus' workshop to design a custom Camp Half-Blood t-shirt (bring your own plain cotton t-shirt to decorate) and visit Demeter's Garden to create a laurel wreath or flower crown.

Feeling hungry? You can take a break at the camp's dining pavilion for some light snacks. What are you waiting for? Sign up with a friend to join you on this epic quest!

**Registration required. For ages 10-17.
Registration opens May 1.**

Please note: A minimum of 10 participants are needed to hold this program.



Turtle Time

July 21-July 31

“Turtle Time” means to cut loose and have fun with your friends. This is the goal during the Library's 10 days of unique activities all about turtles. Each day, we'll have a new turtle-related activity. These may include coloring sheets, food art, crafts, scavenger hunts and more!

On Tuesday, July 29, join Neptune, our Library turtle, and Jean Hurst, Neptune's handler, for a special Turtle Talk at 2 p.m.

Neptune will be out of her tank, and Jean will talk about the turtle's Library adventure. Bring your cameras and take a shell-fie with our resident reptile.



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Middle school students invited to attend La Vista's Youth Police Academy.

Middle schoolers (ages 12-14) who are La Vista residents can learn from police officers and get hands-on training this summer at La Vista's Youth Police Academy. This fun and engaging program provides opportunities for youth and police officers to build meaningful connections. Students will be introduced to the field of law enforcement, see a police K-9 in action, learn SWAT team tactics, participate in a training obstacle course and more.

Registration is free. All participants will receive a t-shirt, and daily breakfast will be provided.

The YPA will take place July 8-10, 7:30 a.m.-12 p.m. at the La Vista Police Department.



LA VISTA

Youth Police Academy

July 8-10, 7:30 a.m.-12 p.m.
La Vista Police Department

Ages: 12-14 / Cost: Free
Breakfast & t-shirt provided

Visit CityofLaVista.org/YPAA to register.

Heading out of town?



Protect your home while you're on vacation or away travelling by following these tips from the La Vista Police Department:

- Program exterior lights and at least one interior light on a timer.
- Keep all doors and windows locked and blinds drawn.
- Place a stop on mail delivery and enlist the help of someone to bring packages inside.
- Adjust thermostat accordingly for the season.
- Employ lawn care for extended absences.

Additionally, consider registering for Vacation Watch if you are going to be away from home for an extended period of time. Vacation Watch allows homeowners to request a house check by law enforcement when gone for three or more days. There is no maximum number of days set, but a return date must be provided when submitting a request. **The Vacation Watch service applies to vacation absences only; no vacant home will be watched.**

To sign up for Vacation Watch, visit CityofLavista.org/VacationWatch or call the Sarpy County Communications Center at **402.593.4111**.

Fireworks in La Vista

If you plan to shoot fireworks, be safe, be respectful of your neighbors and observe the hours allowed for discharging fireworks. Fireworks can be discharged within the City of La Vista June 28-July 2, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. On July 3-4, fireworks can be discharged 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Please note, these times may differ from surrounding cities. However, these are the only times it is legal to discharge fireworks within La Vista.

If an injury, fire or medical emergency occurs due to fireworks, please **call 911**. For any non-emergency or noise complaints related to fireworks, please **do NOT** call 911. Sarpy County non-emergency dispatch can be reached at **402.593.4111**.



SALES June 28-July 4: 8 a.m.-11 p.m.

DISCHARGE June 28-July 2: 11 a.m.-10 p.m.
July 3-4: 11 a.m.-11 p.m.



CODE ENFORCEMENT CORNER

Springtime is upon the City of La Vista and summer is quickly approaching! Here are a few reminders when enjoying the warmer weather:



1. Keep lawn growth to 12" or less (Ord. 133.01).



2. Remove ALL noxious weeds such as Canada, Musk & Plumeless Thistles, Leafy Spurge, Purple Loosestrife, etc. Please visit nda.nebraska.gov/plant/noxious_weeds for more information about controlling noxious weeds.



3. Keep property free from the accumulation of garbage, trash, rubbish & waste (Ord. 50.03).

Lastly, if an anonymous complaint needs to be made, please visit CityofLaVista.org/CodeComplaint.

If you have any questions, please contact the La Vista Code Enforcement office at **402.331.1582 ext. 251**.

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.

Save the date: National Night Out is August 5

La Vista's National Night Out event will return to Central Park on Tuesday, August 5, 6-8 p.m. You're invited to gather in the park to celebrate our community, Omaha metro area first responders and safety partners.

This safety-focused event features "touch-a-truck" with first responder vehicles, face painters and activities, free treats, a greeting from Mayor Kindig and plenty of safety information and demonstrations.

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: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. | Sunday (May 1-August 31): Noon - 6 p.m.

Preschool Playtime + Special Activities

Tuesdays & Thursdays

10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Community Center

This unstructured playtime is designed for preschool aged children to get their wiggles out. Special activities or crafts will take place at 10 a.m. on select dates.

Tuesday, May 6 Mother's Day Card Craft

Thursday, May 8 Balloon Party

Tuesday, June 10 Father's Day Craft

Cost : Free, drop-in Ages : Walking-5 years (with adult)



Teen Cram Sessions

May 19-22

3-9 p.m. each day

Community Center

High school students: Need a quiet place to study and cram for finals? The Community Center has you covered! We will provide a quiet study room with free snacks and water to help you focus while preparing for your tests.

Cost : Free Ages : High school students



Goat Yoga

Saturday, June 14

Two sessions offered: 8:45 a.m. & 10 a.m.

Community Center (Outside)

Join us for a fun and unique yoga experience featuring playful goats! Goat Yoga combines the benefits of traditional yoga with the joy of interacting with friendly animals. Whether you're a seasoned yogi or a beginner, this lighthearted and interactive session will leave you feeling relaxed, happy and connected to nature.

Registration is required by Wednesday, June 11.

Register online at CityofLaVista.org/Active

Cost : \$21 per participant

Ages : 8+ (8-13 must be accompanied by an adult)

Last Day of School Celebration

Friday, May 23

3-5 p.m.

Community Center

Stop by the Community Center to celebrate the end of school with a cool and refreshing root beer float.

Cost : Free Ages : School age

Pokémon Go!

Saturday, July 12
4 p.m.
Central Park Club House



Celebrate National Parks and Recreation Month with a Pokémon Go adventure through Central Park. You will need a phone and the ability to download the app to participate.

Ages: All (Children 12 and under must have a parent/guardian present)



Summer Scoops

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



Keeping with the theme of National Parks and Recreation Month—which is Build Together, Play Together—we invite you to join us in Central Park East for ice cream, music and playing outside! Build your own FREE ice cream sundae, listen to live music by Chris Shelton and play in the park.

This event is open to everyone, so invite your neighbors. Also learn about volunteer opportunities and what Parks & Recreation has to offer.

Cost : Free Ages : All



CLASSES & CLUBS

The Recreation Department offers a variety of instructor-led social, fitness, and leisure classes for all ages, held at the Community Center.

For a full list, visit

CityofLaVista.org/Classes

Learn more about the classes and clubs by contacting the instructor.

CLASS



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BALLROOM DANCE



BELLY DANCING



COMPLETE EXERCISE PROGRAM



CENTRAL HAWAIIAN KENPO KARATE



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COMING SOON

Clubhouse rentals in Central Park

The Central Park Clubhouse—affectionately known as Santa's Workshop in November and December—will soon be available for public rentals. After receiving updates that include new flooring, freshly painted walls, upgraded countertops and new tables and chairs, the Clubhouse is ready to host your next event. Capacity inside the Clubhouse is 75 people (seating is available for 36) and plenty of parking is available on site.

Rental reservations will be accepted beginning May 19. For inquiries about availability or to make an appointment to see the space, call **402.331.3455**.



CLUBHOUSE	RESIDENT	NON-RESIDENT	BUSINESS	NON-PROFIT
RENTAL	\$75/Hour	\$100/Hour	\$150/Hour	\$60/Hour
RENTAL	\$450/Full Day	\$500/Full Day	\$550/Full Day	\$425/Full Day
DEPOSIT (Refundable)	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100



THE VALUE OF REC SPORTS

In honor of National Parks and Rec Month (July) La Vista Recreation is shining a spotlight on the value of rec youth sports.

The Recreation Department proudly offers a variety of affordable programs, from flag football to soccer to volleyball and more, that promote physical activity, teach new skills, build confidence and (best of all) are so much FUN!

Here are a few of the ways La Vista's rec sports benefit our community:

1. Cost-Effective and Accessible

One of the biggest advantages of recreational sports is cost: Rec is the most affordable way to play. Registration for competitive programs can cost hundreds to thousands of dollars plus equipment and travel expenses, while recreational leagues are more budget friendly. La Vista Recreation has an early discounted registration period for each sport, and most programs cost less than \$100 per season, with some less than \$50 per season. The lower cost helps make rec sports accessible, allows more families to participate without experiencing financial stress and makes it easier for players to try multiple sports and learn which they enjoy most.

2. Skill Building

La Vista's rec sports emphasize skill development and growth at each player's own pace. Coaches teach fundamentals and help athletes improve coordination, strength and technique. As players develop these skills, they gain a sense of accomplishment, which boosts their self-esteem and motivates them to continue improving. Those who want to transition to competitive programs can do so confidently because of the foundation gained from rec play.

3. Stress-Free Fun

Designed for enjoyment, La Vista's rec sports offer a low-pressure environment where players can focus on learning and having fun while fostering a lifelong love of the game.

In a world where youth sports can be extremely competitive and expensive, recreational programs are a great option for those seeking much-needed balance.

To learn more about La Vista Recreation's youth programs, visit CityofLaVista.org/YouthSports.



Registration for fall sports opens this summer!

Sign up at CityofLaVista.org/Active

COED FLAG FOOTBALL

GAMES AUG 16-OCT 18

Fall practice starts week of July 21

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

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

COED VOLLEYBALL

GAMES NOV 1-DEC 22

Practice starts week of September 29

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

FALL COED SOCCER ACADEMY & LEAGUE

SEPT 9-OCT 11

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

COED SOCCER CLINIC

SEPT 6-OCT 4

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

SENIOR PROGRAM



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.

For more information about the Senior Program and special events, see the monthly Senior Newsletter at CityOfLaVista.org/Seniors, or contact Kaily Stanley at 402.331.3455.

Waltz into Wellness

Interested in jazzing up your weekly routine? Swing by the La Vista Community Center for the Golden Ballroom Dancing exercise class on Monday mornings. The class meets at 9 a.m., is free to join and is the perfect opportunity for adults 55 and older to tap into the benefits of music and movement.

Whether you're a seasoned dancer or a novice, you're welcome on the dance floor. No dance experience is needed and there is no memorization required.

“The class is designed for all skill levels, from beginners to those with some experience,” said Mary Kingslan Gibilisco, Executive Director of WhyArts. The La Vista Senior Program partners with WhyArts to offer the Golden Ballroom class.

“Participants can dance solo and simply follow along at their own pace,” said Gibilisco.

“The focus is on enjoyment and movement rather than formal technique.”

During the class, participants are guided through easy-to-learn routines that incorporate both upper body movements and footwork. Moves include basic dance steps like the box step, Charleston, polka triplet

and cha-cha. Most participants stand, however, the class is flexible and accommodating for dancers using walkers, wheelchairs or those who wish to remain seated.

“Dancing is a fantastic way to stay active while improving balance, coordination and overall well-being,” said Gibilisco. **“Plus, the welcoming and supportive atmosphere of this class makes it easy for participants to have fun and connect with others.”**

Gibilisco says music adds to the enjoyment of the Golden Ballroom class, and that the songs span a range of decades—from classic tunes by Sinatra to hits from Queen. The playlist rotates weekly to keep things fresh, and dancers are invited to customize their experience by submitting song requests.

“Participants often find themselves singing along while they dance,” Gibilisco said.

Beyond dancing, the class offers a chance to socialize and a sense of community. Participants look forward to kicking off their week with both exercise and social interaction.

Shuffle over to the Community Center if you're ready to give the Golden Ballroom class a try!



Meet the Instructor

Allison Rae Ellis – Teaching Artist for WhyArts Inc.

- 25 years of experience teaching dance
- Studied tap, jazz, ballet and theater dance at Oklahoma City University
- Danced on a USO tour and in the International Broadway Review Show
- Leads movement classes ranging from Pre-K classrooms to older adults
- Believes dance is for everyone and is dedicated to creating inclusive, uplifting experiences through dance

SENIOR LUNCH PROGRAM

Monday-Friday, 11:30 a.m.

Enjoy a nutritious meal at the Community Center, provided by Community Kitchen, 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

**SUMMER ACTIVITIES**

The Senior Program has several fun activities and outings coming up this summer. Check the Senior Newsletter for information and a monthly calendar so you don't miss out on activities like our:

- Senior fishing trip
- Zoo visit
- Restaurant outings
- Bowling outing

ACTIVITY	DAY	TIME	FEES
GOLDEN BALLROOM DANCING EXERCISE	Mondays	9-10 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	12-1 p.m. or 2-4 p.m.	FREE
	Wednesdays and Fridays	2-4 p.m.	FREE
BASIC SIGN LANGUAGE CLASS	Third Tuesday of the month	1-2 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 (CARD GAME)	Wednesdays	1 p.m.	FREE
PITCH (CARD GAME)	Fridays	1 p.m.	FREE
BINGO	Fridays	1 p.m.	\$1/5 games



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