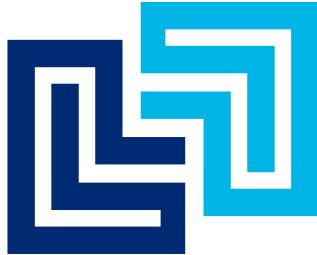
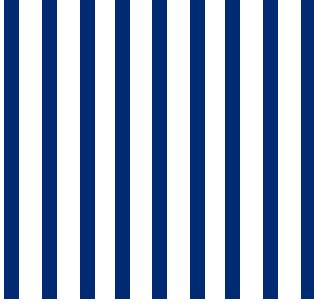


FALL/ WINTER 2025





You belong here.

Whether you're a La Vista resident, business owner or visitor, you belong here. We want everyone to feel at home in La Vista, so we put together this guide packed with useful information about every event and activity happening in our community this fall and winter. This is your go-to resource to help you discover what's going on in our parks, at our Library and at our Community Center.

We invite you to join us for family-friendly events, recreation classes and clubs, Library programs and senior activities. There are countless ways to find where you belong in La Vista. Come experience them all and enjoy discovering where you're meant to be.

Love, La Vista

YOUR GUIDE TO LA VISTA

Contents

4 GENERAL INFORMATION

- Elected Officials
- City Departments and Hours
- City Services & Contacts
- Special Services Bus
- Policies
- Public Facilities Map
- Park Amenities

11 EVENTS

- La Vista Loop
- Oktoberfest
- Public Works Expo
- Howl-O-Ween
- Back the Boo
- Falloween
- 'Twas the Lights

17 RECREATION

- Facilities & Fields
- Activities & Events
- Classes & Clubs
- Athletics

30 SENIORS

- Senior Program Activities
- Senior Program Events

34 LIBRARY

- Information
- Staff Book Picks
- Featured Programs
- Family, Teen, Adult Programs
- Christmas at the Library
- Book Clubs

GET SOCIAL

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



@CityofLaVistaGovernment
@LaVistaPolice



@cityoflavista
@lavistapolice



@cityoflavista
@lavistapolice
@lavistalibraryyouth



YouTube.com/CityofLaVista

#LoveLaVista

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor



Douglas Kindig
DKindig@CityofLaVista.org

City Council Ward 1



Kim Thomas
City Council President
KThomas@CityofLaVista.org



Terrilyn Quick
TQuick@CityofLaVista.org

City Council Ward 2



Ron Sheehan
RSheehan@CityofLaVista.org



Kelly Sell
KSell@CityofLaVista.org

City Council Ward 3



Alan Ronan
ARonan@CityofLaVista.org



Deb Hale
DHale@CityofLaVista.org

City Council Ward 4

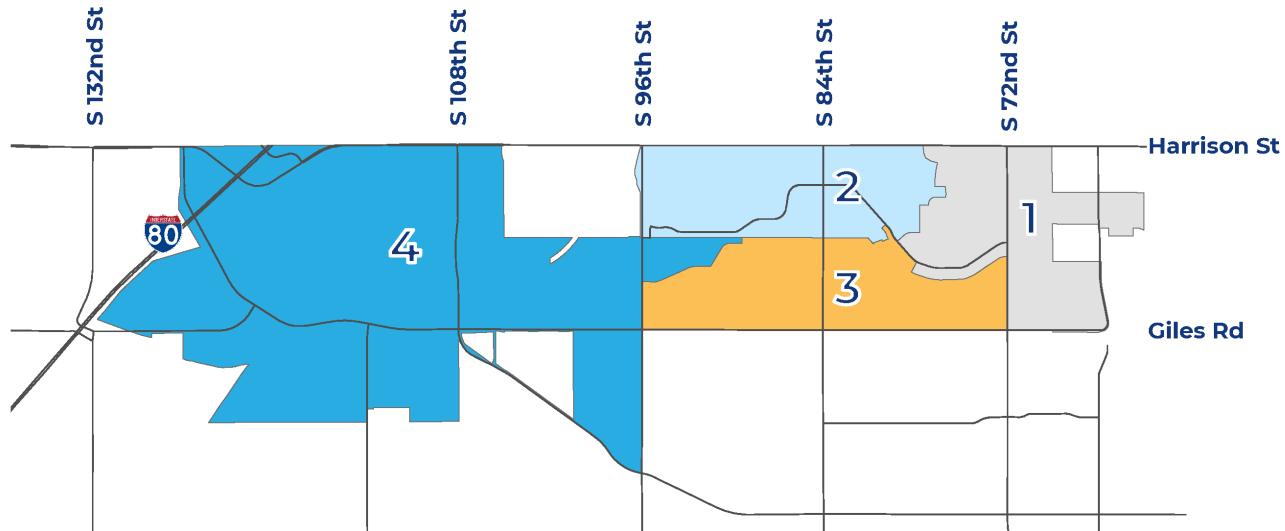


Jim Frederick
JFrederick@CityofLaVista.org



Kevin Wetuski
KWetuski@CityofLaVista.org

City Council Ward Map



Council Meetings

City Council meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at City Hall in the Harold "Andy" Anderson Council Chambers at 6 p.m. All meetings are open to the public, and residents are encouraged to attend.

The meeting agenda can be found at CityofLaVista.org/Agenda after 4 p.m. the Friday prior to the meeting. City Council Ward Maps can be found at CityofLaVista.org/WardMaps.

GENERAL INFORMATION

City Hall

8116 Park View Blvd. | 402.331.4343

Monday–Thursday: 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
1st & 3rd Tuesdays: 8 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Friday: 8 a.m. - Noon

Community Development

8110 Park View Blvd. | 402.593.6400

Monday–Thursday: 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
(Closed Noon - 1 p.m. for lunch)
Friday: 8 a.m. - Noon

Human Resources

8116 Park View Blvd. | 402.331.4343

Monday–Thursday: 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Friday: 8 a.m. - Noon

Library

9110 Giles Road | 402.537.3900

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

Police Department

7701 S. 96th St.

402.331.1582 (Business Line)

911 (Emergencies)

Monday–Friday: 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Public Works

9900 Portal Road | 402.331.8927

After-hours Emergencies: 402.593.4111

Monday–Friday: 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Recreation Department & Community Center

8116 Park View Blvd. | 402.331.3455

Rainouts: 402.697.7756

Recreation Department Office

Monday–Friday: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Community Center

Monday–Friday (year-round): 8 a.m.–9 p.m.

Saturday 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Sunday (September 1–April 30): 1 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Sunday (May 1–August 31): 12 p.m. - 6 p.m.

2025-2026 HOLIDAY OBSERVANCES & CLOSURES

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

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



COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Black Hills Energy..... 888.890.5554
Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)
Driver Licensing..... 402.292.0141
Diggers Hotline of Nebraska..... 811
Food Pantry and Food Resources
Food Bank for the Heartland Food Resources
Hotline..... 855.444.5556
NeighborGood Community Pantry..... 402.552.7061
Garbage Service
Abe's Trash..... 402.468.5434
Deffenbaugh Industries..... 402.731.3333
Gretna Sanitation..... 402.332.4710
Papillion Sanitation..... 402.346.7800
Waste Management..... 402.731.0138
La Vista Community Foundation..... 402.960.9625
Mental Health Resources
National Suicide & Crisis Lifeline
(available 24/7, call or text)..... 988
The National Mental Health Hotline
(available 24/7)..... 866.903.3787
The National Alliance on Mental Illness
(24/7 text-line)..... text "NAMI" to 741741
Metro Community College Sarpy County..... 531.622.3850
Metropolitan Utilities District (MUD)..... 402.554.6666
NE Humane Society, Licensing..... 402.444.6716
**Nebraska 211 Hotline – Directory of
Community Resources & Support Services**
Call..... 211
Toll-free..... 866-813-1731
Omaha Public Power District (OPPD)..... 402.536.4131
Papillion La Vista Community Schools..... 402.537.6200
Sarpy County
Assessor..... 402.593.2122
Attorney..... 402.593.2230
County Clerk..... 402.593.2105
Health Department..... 402.339.4334
Human Services..... 402.593.4414
Register of Deeds..... 402.593.5773
Sheriff..... 402.593.2288
Tourism..... 402.332.5771
Treasurer..... 402.593.2143
Vehicle Titles, Registration..... 402.593.2148
Sarpy County Chamber of Commerce..... 402.339.3050
Special Services Bus
Information..... 402.331.3455
Reservations..... 402.657.3550
United States Postal Service
Papillion – La Vista Branch..... 402.331.4978

SPECIAL SERVICES BUS ALL ABOARD.

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 residents and individuals who have special needs residing in La Vista and 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. Please note: 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 Special Services Bus prioritizes work and medical related rides. But you can also request rides to visit the Library, Community Center or other places. We make every effort to accommodate, but sometimes due to prior scheduling, we may not be able to meet every request.

If the Special Services Bus is unavailable, call 211 for alternative transportation resources.

Whether you need a ride to the store...



or a lift to an appointment...



or just a ride across town...



the La Vista and Ralston Special Services Bus has you covered.

FARES

\$1

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

\$3

ZONE 2
(outside La Vista and Ralston city limits)

\$10

ZONE 3
(outside city limits)
See CityofLaVista.org for a detailed map.

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



Change your views on work.

Are you ready for a new perspective on work?
Come experience La Vista from our point of view.



NOW HIRING

- | Full-Time Positions
- | Part-Time Positions
- | Seasonal Positions



See open positions and apply at CityofLaVista.org/Employment.



Volunteers Wanted: Join the Team!

Are you looking for a way to give back to your community or earn volunteer hours for school? Volunteering with the City of La Vista is a great way to get involved, meet new people, and make a positive impact. Whether you're passionate about working with seniors, helping at community events, coaching youth sports or supporting library and teen programs, we have plenty of opportunities to contribute.



We are always looking for volunteers to assist with:

- Senior Programs
- Community Events
- Youth League Sports
- Library Programs
- GED Assistance
- Teen Programs

As a volunteer, you'll not only gain valuable experience and make a difference in the community, but you can also earn some cool La Vista gear as a thank you for your time and talent!

Learn more about volunteer opportunities and sign up at CityofLaVista.org/Volunteer.

We look forward to having you join the team!





DIGITAL MEDIA POLICY

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



SECTION 504 / ADA NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

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

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

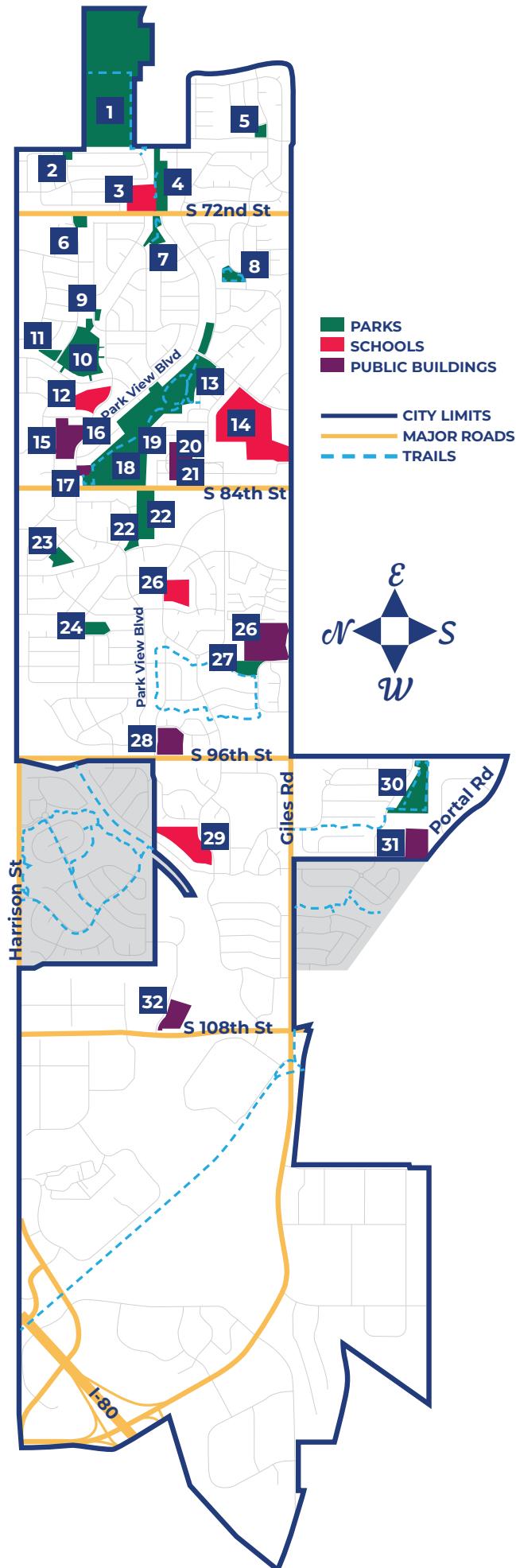
This notice is provided as required by Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Questions, complaints or requests for additional information or accommodation regarding the ADA and Section 504 may be forwarded to the designated ADA and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

Did we goof?

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

PUBLIC FACILITIES

1. La Vista Sports Complex	7346 S. 66th St.
2. Eberle-Walden Park	7215 S. 69th St.
3. G. Stanley Hall Elementary	7600 S. 72nd St.
4. Mayor's Park	7651 S. 72nd St.
5. Ardmore Park	6830 Michelle Ave.
6. Children's Park	72nd and Josephine St.
7. Apollo Park	7206 Park View Blvd.
8. Giles Corner Park	7514 Michelle Ave.
9. Hollis Park	7525 Joseph Ave.
10. City Park	7629 Josephine St.
11. Triangle Park	7636 Josephine St.
12. La Vista West Elementary	7821 Terry Dr.
13. Central Park East	7702 Edgewood Blvd.
14. La Vista Middle School	7900 Edgewood Blvd.
15. City Hall/Community Center	8116 Park View Blvd.
16. Fire Station #4/Community Development	8110 Park View Blvd.
17. Central Park Clubhouse/Santa's Workshop	8305 Park View Blvd.
18. Central Park	8305 Park View Blvd.
19. The Link	8303 Central Park Plaza
20. City Centre Parking Garage #1	8121 City Centre Dr.
21. City Centre Parking Garage #2	7875 S. 84th Street
22. Central Park West	7601 S. 85th St.
23. Camenzind Park	7120 Wood Lane Dr.
24. Jaycee Park	7105 Harvest Hills Dr.
25. Parkview Heights Elementary	7609 S. 89th St.
26. Public Library/MCC Sarpy Center	9110 Giles Rd.
27. Southwind Park	8120 S. 92nd St.
28. Police Department	7701 S. 96th St.
29. Portal Elementary	9920 Brentwood Dr.
30. Val Verde Park	9807 Centennial Rd.
31. Public Works	9900 Portal Rd.
32. Fire Station #1	10727 Chandler Rd.



Did You Know?

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

PARK AMENITIES

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

FAMILY-FRIENDLY EVENTS



La Vista Loop 1-Mile Fun Run

Saturday, September 13, 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

Run begins at 9 a.m.

The Nines Plaza and Central Park

La Vista's third annual Fun Run returns in September! Run (or walk) the trails in Central Park during this 1-mile Fun Run.

New this year: Register in advance (required for all participants ages 3 and older) and receive an official race bib and packet. The first 100 to register will also receive a free cooling towel. All registered finishers earn a medal, and prizes will be awarded in each age group.

Bib/packet pickup for participants is Friday, September 12, 8 a.m.-7 p.m. at the Community Center. Check-in for the run will be at The Nines Plaza. Parking is available in the City Centre parking garages or streets, Central Park Clubhouse and at City Hall.

Cost: \$5 registration



Visit CityofLaVista.org/LaVistaLoop to register.

Registration deadline is September 12.



OKTOBERFEST

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

2-10 p.m. • City Centre

FREE ADMISSION

- BIER GARDEN
- FOOD TRUCKS
- HUSKER VOLLEYBALL WATCH PARTY (3 P.M.)
- BRAT EATING CONTEST (2:30 P.M.)
- BEST DRESSED COMPETITION (6:45 P.M.)
- STEIN HOLDING CONTEST (7 P.M.)
- YARD GAMES
- LIVE MUSIC

Join us for a traditional Oktoberfest celebration with a modern-day twist in City Centre! Main Street will be closed to make way for music, Oktoberfest-themed games and activities, a Husker Volleyball watch party, food trucks, and of course a beer garden.

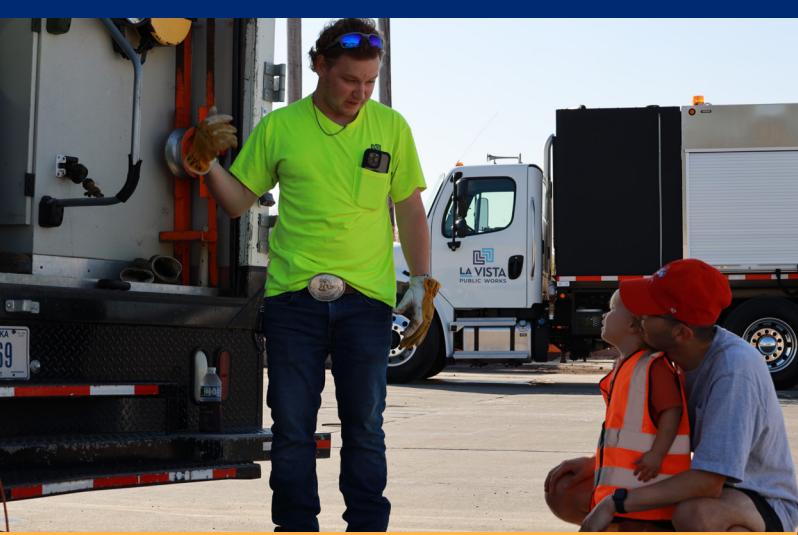
Local bands include:

- Kenny Janak Orchestra 2-4 p.m.
- Evans & Moore 4:30-6:30 p.m.
- Heartland Boogie Band 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Food and beverage available for purchase. Families and all ages are welcome. Must be 21 or older to consume alcohol.

Learn more and register for contests at CityofLaVista.org/Okttoberfest





FREE EVENT

Public Works Expo

Saturday, October 4, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

La Vista Public Works (9900 Portal Rd.)

Want to know more about what La Vista's Public Works employees really do? Drop by Public Works Expo Day. This is your chance to go behind the scenes, meet the people providing essential services and see first-hand how Public Works helps keep our community running.

Visitors can climb aboard and operate equipment, watch exciting live demonstrations, talk with Public Works staff and ask questions. Enjoy free hot dogs and chips while supplies last. All ages are welcome at this family-friendly event.

For more information, call **402.331.8927**.



FREE EVENT

Fire Station Open House

Sunday, October 5, 8-11 a.m.

Fire Station 4 (8110 Park View Blvd.)

The Papillion Fire Department (which serves La Vista) will host an open house 8-11 a.m. on Sunday, October 5, at Station 4, which is located at 8110 Park View Blvd.

This fun, family-friendly event offers 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**.



FREE EVENT

Howl-O-Ween

Thursday, October 16, 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 pic of your furry friend at our fall-themed backdrop.

Make sure to stop by the City's booth for a branded giveaway and treat for your dog. Treat yourself, too, with a free beverage from Travelin' Tom's Coffee Truck.

Parking is available at the La Vista Public Library (9110 Giles Rd.).

FREE EVENT

Thompson Creek Cleanup

Saturday, October 18, 8:30-11 a.m.

Meet at Central Park East Shelter

(7702 Edgewood Blvd.)

The La Vista Mayor's Youth Leadership Council is hosting a clean-up day at Thompson Creek on Saturday, October 18. Volunteers are invited to participate—this event is open to everyone. Families, individuals, teens and groups are welcome to roll up their sleeves and pitch in to remove debris and garbage from the creek.

Volunteers should wear sturdy shoes and pants that can get dirty. All participants must complete a waiver, which is available online at CityofLaVista.org/CreekWaiver.

For more information, please email MYLC@CityofLaVista.org.

FREE EVENT

Rock the Block

Saturday, October 18, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.
Location TBA

Work with Habitat for Humanity to help transform one block of the city in just one day. Rock the Block is all about neighbors helping neighbors.

During this event, volunteers will converge on a block to help with a variety of beautification and exterior repair projects, including painting, light landscaping, general yard cleanup, minor exterior repairs and more!

For more info. and to register, visit
CityofLaVista.org/RocktheBlock.



FREE EVENT

Fall Cleanup Days

October 20-26, 7 a.m.-5 p.m. daily
Papillion Public Works Facility
(99th Circle and Portal Road)

The Public Works Department will co-host a fall cleanup event with the City of Papillion this fall. La Vista and Papillion residents are welcome to drop off unwanted household items and yard waste for disposal.

The event will be located on the south side of Portal Road, just east of the Papillion Public Works Facility. The cleanup event is open to La Vista and Papillion residents only and proof of residency is required.

For more information, visit
CityofLaVista.org/CleanupDays.

FREE EVENT

Back the Boo

Monday, October 27, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
La Vista Police Department (7701 S. 96th St.)

Get your Halloween costume ready and make plans to fill up your candy bag during a trunk-or-treat event at the Police Department. Come enjoy trick-or-treating from the back of cruisers/motorcycles, photo ops with officers, free hot dogs and plenty of Halloween safety tips. It will be an un-boo-lievably good time.

LA VISTA FALLO WEEN

Join us for Falloween, La Vista's festive twist on the traditional Halloween Safe Night! Held outdoors at the La Vista Community Center, this fun-filled event is perfect for families and kids of all ages.

Enjoy the hayrack ride, photo ops, games and activities. Fill up on a free walking taco for dinner, and take home a pre-filled Halloween treat bag. Whether you're dressed in costume or bundled up in your favorite fall sweater, Falloween is the place to start your Halloween night off right.

• HAYRACK RIDES
• PHOTO OPS
• GAMES & ACTIVITIES

• FREE WALKING TACOS
• PRE-FILLED HALLOWEEN TREAT BAGS





Santa's Sleigh Ride and Tree Lighting

Sunday, November 30

City Wide Streets and Santa's Workshop at Central Park (8305 Park View Blvd.)



Santa Claus is coming to town! Santa and his entourage will arrive in La Vista and travel through the City before stopping in Central Park to light the tree, lead a singalong and take a group selfie with the community.

SCHEDULE

2 p.m. **Santa's Sleigh Ride (across City streets)**

Santa travels across La Vista visiting neighborhoods.

4 p.m. **Santa's Workshop opens**

Enjoy free cookies, cocoa, glow necklaces, caroling, and live animals while we wait for Santa to arrive.

5:45 p.m. **Santa arrives**

Join us as Santa steps off the sleigh.

6 p.m. **Tree Lighting, Song & Selfie with Santa**

Sing along as we light the tree, then take a big group photo with Santa (no individual photos).

Letters To Santa

November 30-December 13



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

Have you been good this year? Send a message to the big man himself! Write a letter to Santa and send it off to the North Pole. You can ask Santa questions, share a story, draw a picture and tell him what you want for Christmas, of course.

Drop your letters in one of the special mailboxes at Santa's Workshop or at the Library. Be sure to include your name and return address so Santa knows where to send his reply. **No postage needed.**

Drop off your letter by December 13 to receive a reply by Christmas.

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



Winter Wonderland Craft and Vendor Market

Saturday, December 6, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Location TBA

Free admission

Join us for a festive morning at the Winter Wonderland Craft and Vendor Market! Explore an array of handcrafted goods, unique gifts and artisanal treats in a festive setting.

Bundle up, bring your friends and family, and enjoy a fun day of shopping in La Vista City Centre. This is the perfect opportunity to support local businesses and find unique gifts for your loved ones!



Visit Santa At His Workshop

- **Friday, December 5, 4-7 p.m.**
- **Tuesday, December 9, 4-7 p.m.**
- **Friday, December 12, 4-7 p.m.**
- **Saturday, December 13, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.**
(PET FRIENDLY, leashes are required)

Santa's Workshop at Central Park

Free admission

You're invited to visit Santa at his workshop in La Vista this holiday season! Come walk through the Wonderland in Central Park, visit the reindeer, enjoy some free cookies, cocoa, crafts and activities while you wait to see Santa and then enter Santa's magical workshop to meet him!

There will be lots of photo opportunities inside the workshop and outside in the park. Note: It's possible the Workshop will be at capacity when you arrive, so please come prepared to wait outdoors for a time before entering the building.



Travelin' Trivia Nights

December 10, January 14, February 11, 6 p.m.

Various Locations

Winter Travelin' Trivia is back! We are taking it on the road to all of your favorite spots.

Wednesday, December 10: Lucky Bucket Brewing Co. (11941 Centennial Rd.)

Wednesday, January 14: Corn Coast Brewing Taproom (10717 Virginia Plz.)

Wednesday, February 11: Pint Nine Brewing Co. (10411 Portal Rd.)

Form a team with your friends and test your wits playing trivia with La Vista City staff on the second Wednesday of the winter months. Top teams will win prizes.

Teams of 2-6 people are welcome to play. Pre-registration is not required. A food truck will be on site and the host locations will offer a full range of beverages for purchase.

Winter Movie

Sunday, February 22, 4:30-7:30 p.m.

Alamo Drafthouse (12750 Westport Pkwy.)

5 p.m. Movie Starts

Join us for a free community movie night at the Alamo Drafthouse in La Vista! Gather your family, friends, and neighbors for an unforgettable evening at the movies.

The movie is free, but registration is required, and space is limited. Ticket reservation opens Monday, February 2. Reserve your tickets at CityofLaVista.org/WinterMovie.

SAVE THE DATE!

Watch for more information about the following events in our next Community Guide!



Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 4

La Vista Days

May 29-30 Weekend



RECREATION





**Heather Buller,
Recreation Director**

FROM THE DIRECTOR

If there's one thing I've learned, it's that parks and recreation are about so much more than playgrounds and pickleball (although those are pretty great, too!). Parks and Rec departments across the country—including ours—play a big role in supporting health and wellness in our communities. Whether it's encouraging kids to stay active, offering a peaceful trail to unwind, or simply creating spaces where people can connect, we're here to help everyone feel their best—physically, mentally and socially.

Our programs are designed with you in mind. From fitness classes and sports leagues to gardening, senior meals and youth events, we're proud to offer something for all ages and interests. We believe that when people have access to safe, welcoming spaces and opportunities to move, play and grow, the whole community benefits. So, whether you're joining us for a new program or just taking a stroll in the park, know that you're doing something great for your health—and we're here to cheer you on every step of the way.

RECREATION CONTACTS

DIRECTOR

Heather Buller

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

David Karlson

RECREATION MANAGER - ATHLETICS

Denny Dinan

RECREATION MANAGER - SENIORS

Kaily Stanley

ASSISTANT EVENTS COORDINATOR

Jared Gast

ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST

Sue Tangeman

YOUR RECREATION DEPARTMENT

The La Vista Recreation Department provides excellence in leisure and wellness programs, activities, events and places to enhance the quality of life for people of all ages and abilities.



LA VISTA RECREATION DEPARTMENT

8116 Park View Blvd., La Vista, NE 68128
402.331.3455 | CityofLaVista.org/Recreation
Recreation@CityofLaVista.org

HOURS

Monday-Friday (year-round): 8 a.m.-9 p.m.
Saturday: 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
Sunday: 1-9 p.m.



@CityofLaVista



@CityofLaVistaGovernment

FACILITIES

COMMUNITY CENTER

The La Vista Community Center offers a variety of ways for you and your family to stay fit and enjoy recreational time together. The Community Center features five meeting rooms for rent and programming, a fitness center, racquetball & wallyball court, basketball court with three pickleball courts and a game room. The Community Center is home to senior and recreation programs offered daily and weekly. There are daily fees to utilize the basketball court and fitness center, and rental fees for the use of meeting rooms, pickleball courts and a racquetball/wallyball court.

REGISTRATION PROCESS

To access the Community Center, every individual must register for free and receive a unique identification number. This number will be used for check-ins each time you visit.

For youth aged 10-15 years old, registration must be completed by a parent or guardian before they can use the facility independently.

Please note that children aged 9 and under will not be issued an identification number and must always be accompanied by a parent or guardian who is at least 16 years old.

We're committed to ensuring a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone at our Community Center. Thank you for your cooperation in following these guidelines.

DAILY DROP-IN FEES

These costs are for use of open gym and fitness center.

Resident adult (19+)	Non-resident adult (19+)	Resident senior (55+)	Non-resident senior (55+)	Resident & Non-resident youth (under 19)
\$3	\$4	FREE	\$2	FREE

OPEN GYM

The Recreation Department is committed to coordinating Open Gym Time to provide a variety of opportunities for all ages and abilities to enjoy recreation, socialize and have fun. Each month we program the basketball courts at the Community Center with offerings like Preschool Playtime, Adult Basketball, Youth & Teen open gym time and pickleball court rental opportunities. Daily drop-in fees apply.

View the open gym schedule online at

CityofLaVista.org/OpenGym.

(Hours are subject to change without notice.)

FITNESS CENTER

The Fitness Center is open to ages 12 & up and is equipped with basic cardio and strength equipment. Ages 12-14 must have a responsible parent or adult guardian present during all workouts. Visitors can take advantage of the dual cable station, Smith machine, dumbbells, treadmills, upright and recumbent bikes, row machine and therapeutic cardio for rehabilitation. Daily drop in fees applies.



GAME ROOM

The Game Room is a hub of fun and entertainment for all ages and is open during the Community Center's hours of operation. From classic board games to pool and ping pong, there is something for everyone. The Game Room is the perfect place to unwind, socialize and have a blast. There are even some exciting updates coming this year!

Come join us and let the games begin. There are no fees to utilize the game room.

MEETING ROOMS

The Community Center offers five meeting rooms for residents, visitors, businesses and non-profits to rent for meetings, birthday parties, wedding showers and much more. Rooms are available during the Community Center's hours of operation and must be booked and paid for at least three days in advance.

COURT RENTALS

The Community Center has a racquetball/wallyball court and three pickleball courts that are available to rent. Racquetball/wallyball is available during normal hours of operation and pickleball courts are available during designated open gym times. Courts may be reserved up to seven days in advance.

Participants must bring their own equipment. Reservations may be made in person or over the phone at **402.331.3455**.

Resident adult (19+)	Non-resident adult (19+)
\$7/hour	\$10/hour



CENTRAL PARK CLUBHOUSE

Nestled amidst Central Park, the La Vista Clubhouse offers a charming and intimate venue for a variety of events. With its small cabin feel and inviting ambiance, this 1,100 sq. ft. event space can comfortably accommodate up to 75 guests (standing room). Ideal for baby showers, bridal showers, classes or corporate events.

Amenities include restrooms, a sink, refrigerator, TV, 6 round tables, and 48 chairs, ensuring convenience and comfort for guests. Renters have the flexibility to customize the space according to their event needs, as they are responsible for set up, tear down and clean up.

Whether you're planning a special celebration or a professional gathering, La Vista Clubhouse offers a versatile and charming setting to create memorable moments.

RENTAL HOURS

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

	Resident	Non-resident	Business	Non-profit
HOURLY	\$75/hour	\$100/hour	\$150/hour	\$60/hour
FULL DAY	\$450/day	\$500/day	\$550/day	\$425/day
DEPOSIT (REFUNDABLE)	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100

LA VISTA CITY FIELDS

Open April – October 31

Cost: Resident/Non-Resident: \$40/field for 2 hours

Non-Profit: \$30/field for 2 hours

Tournament rates vary

The City of La Vista has baseball, softball, flag football and soccer fields available at La Vista Sports Complex, City Park and Central Park West. These fields are available through permit only from the Recreation

Department. To request a field or if you are interested in hosting a tournament, please contact Denny Dinan at **402.331.3455** or DDinan@CityofLaVista.org. All field requests must be submitted at least 24 hours in advance. Please note: Field requests for the following year begin in October of the current year.

For more information, visit CityofLaVista.org/Fields.

For updates on field conditions and rainouts (updated and available after 3:30 p.m. Mon-Fri & after 7:30 a.m. Sat & Sun), please call **402.697.7756**.

PARK SHELTERS

The La Vista park system offers park shelters to host your next outdoor gathering. Shelters are available at the following parks: Ardmore, Camenzind, Central Park East, Children's, Giles Corner, Jaycee, Val Verde and Southwind. Reservations for all park facilities are taken on a first-come, first-served basis through the Recreation Department. To make a reservation, call the Recreation Department at **402.331.3455**. When not reserved, shelters are available for public use.

Resident	Non-resident	Business	Non-profit
\$15/3 hours	\$25/3 hours	\$30/3 hours	\$12/3 hours



RECREATION ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

Teen Café

Community Center

Join us during Teen Café for activities, games and hangouts centered around teens! Whether you're looking to relax, enjoy a snack or try something new, we've got something for everyone. Teen Café is completely free—no registration required! Come take a break with us!

Cost : Free **Ages :** 10-18 years

Monday, September 22

Button Making, 1-3 p.m.

Design and press your own custom buttons to decorate your backpack, jacket or give to a friend.

Friday, October 10

Pumpkin Spice & Game Night, 5-8 p.m.

Sip seasonal drinks like pumpkin spice cocoa and caramel apple cider and enjoy tabletop games, mini pumpkin painting, a build-your-own snack mix bar, and fall-themed photo ops. Bring a friend and relax in the lounge zone.



S'mores & Sunsets

Tuesday, September 9, 5-6 p.m.

Nines Plaza (Adjacent to the Astro Amphitheater)

Tuesday, September 23, 5-6 p.m.

Giles Corner Park (7514 Michelle Ave.)

Join us for a cozy evening of sweet treats and beautiful views at S'mores and Sunsets! Gather around the fire pit at one of our local parks, where we'll be making delicious s'mores while enjoying the breathtaking sunset.

This family-friendly event is open to all ages, and registration is NOT required. Just bring your appetite for marshmallows and a love for the great outdoors! We look forward to seeing you there for a fun and relaxing evening.

Cost: Free **Ages:** All

Punt, Pass & Kick

Saturday, September 20, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

La Vista Sports Complex (Near soccer field #6)

Everyone's favorite football skills competition is returning to La Vista this fall. Punt, Pass & Kick is a friendly competition that is welcoming to girls and boys of all skill levels. Participation is fun, simple and free.

**Each participant completes three skills.
(A football punt, pass and kick)**

Cumulative scores determine the winner for each division.

Winners in each category earn an invitation to the state competition at Nebraska Wesleyan University in Lincoln.

Girls and boys will compete in separate age divisions from 6 to 15 years old.

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.

Family & Friends Stroll Through Central Park

Friday, October 3, 6:30 p.m.

Central Park East Shelter

Families and friends are invited to enjoy the sights and sounds of nature as we take a casual stroll together. Gather at the shelter at 6:15 p.m., then set off on a leisurely walk. The full stroll covers just over a mile, but feel free to customize your adventure to suit your pace and needs. The path is stroller friendly and dogs on leashes are welcome. Bring water and your walking shoes.

Cost : Free **Ages :** All

Fall Kite Festival

Sunday, October 12, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

La Vista Sports Complex

Let's go fly a kite! Families are invited to join us for a free day of kite-flying fun. There will be two cand drops throughout the day. See some of the world's largest and most creative kites and bring your own kite to fly.

Cost: Free **Ages:** All



Zombie Fitness Challenge

Thursday, October 23, 6-7 p.m.

Community Center Gym

This fun, high-energy event combines fitness, teamwork, and a touch of spooky fun! Participants will navigate through a series of obstacle courses, endurance challenges, and survival-themed workouts—all while trying to evade the “zombies” lurking along the course. Whether you’re a seasoned athlete or just in it for the laughs, this challenge is a great way to get active, test your agility, and enjoy a unique, Halloween-inspired fitness experience.

Register by October 16, space is limited. Call **402.331.3455** or visit CityofLaVista.org/Zombie to reserve your spot!

Cost: Free Ages: 6 years and older

Family & Friends Bingo

Third Fridays, 6:30 p.m.

Community Center

Friday, September 19: Bingo Bonanza

Friday, October 17: Spooktacular Bingo Night

Friday, November 21: Bingo, Pie & Gratitude Vibes

Friday, December 19: Snow Much Fun Bingo

Friday, January 16: New Year's Resolution

Friday, February 20: Bingo Be Mine

Looking for a fun, free night out with your favorite people? Join us for Family & Friends Bingo—a community favorite where laughter, prizes and friendly competition are always on the card!

Held monthly with rotating themes and seasonal flair, this event is open to all ages and perfect for families, neighbors and friends looking to spend quality time together. Whether you’re a bingo pro or playing for the first time, you’ll enjoy exciting rounds, festive decorations and a chance to win small prizes. Let’s make memories one “BINGO!” at a time!

Cost: Free Ages: All

Romantasy Craft & Chat

Sundays, 6:30-8 p.m.

Registration is required. Register online at CityofLaVista.org/Active with the activity number listed below.

Calling all romantasy fans! Whether you’re obsessed with magical realms, swoon-worthy love stories, or strong heroines with a dagger and a destiny, Romantasy Craft & Chat is your new favorite night out.

Each month, we blend the magic of romantic fantasy (aka “romantasy”) with hands-on creativity. From painting book bags to crafting mini book ornaments and bookish bouquets, these themed sessions give you space to connect with fellow readers, gush about your latest fictional obsession and make something magical in the process.

No crafting experience needed—just bring your love for books and your imagination. All supplies are provided, and each event is designed for adults 18+. Come for the crafts, stay for the conversation, and leave with something uniquely yours. Let’s turn the page together!

Cost : Free Ages : 18+

Sunday, September 28

Welcome & Recommendations – Literary Mood Boards

Central Park Clubhouse (8305 Park View Blvd.)

Activity #: 11103

Register by September 26

Sunday, October 26

Tropes Galore – Hanging Bookshelf

Central Park Clubhouse (8305 Park View Blvd.)

Activity #: 11104

Register by October 24

Sunday, November 23

Sub Genres & Sparkles – Book Bedazzling

Community Center (8116 Park View Blvd.)

Activity #: 11105

Register by November 21

Sunday, December 28

Page to Screen – Mini Book Ornaments

Central Park Clubhouse (8305 Park View Blvd.)

Activity #: 11106

Register by December 26

Sunday, January 25

DNF Venting – Painting Book Bags

Central Park Clubhouse (8305 Park View Blvd.)

Activity #: 11107

Register by January 23

Sunday, February 22

Retellings – Book Pages Bouquet

Central Park Clubhouse (8305 Park View Blvd.)

Activity #: 11108

Register by February 20



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.

Thursday, October 30: Halloween Craft

Tuesday, November 4: Activity with Rachel

Tuesday, December 2: Activity with Rachel

Tuesday, January 6: Activity with Rachel

Tuesday, February 3: Activity with Rachel

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

Kiddie Crafts

Saturdays, 10-11 a.m.

Saturday, December 13: Christmas Cards

Community Center (8116 Park View Blvd.)

Saturday, January 3: Beaded Snowflakes

Central Park Clubhouse (8305 Park View Blvd.)

Saturday, February 7: Valentine's Cards

Community Center (8116 Park View Blvd.)

Let imaginations run wild! Kiddie Craft is a hands-on, creative program designed for children to explore colors, textures and simple craft techniques in a fun and supportive environment. Each session features themed crafts that help build fine motor skills, encourage creativity and foster social interaction. Grown-ups are welcome to craft alongside their kids or relax nearby. It's the perfect way to spark a lifelong love of art and play!

Cost : Free Ages : 0-11 years

23

Winter Break Fun

December 22–23, 27–31 & January 2–5

1–3 p.m.

Community Center

When school is out, activities are ON at the Community Center! Join La Vista Recreation during Winter Break for a variety of free, drop-in activities designed to keep kids and teens active, creative and connected. From festive crafts and a glow-in-the-dark dance party to movie days and teen lounge time, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

Activities are open to all youth ages 18 and under. (Ages 0–9 must be accompanied by a chaperone 16 or older.) Play, explore and beat the winter blues. No registration required—just show up and have fun! A detailed schedule will be posted online and at the Community Center in December.

Cost : Free Ages: 18 and under

Vision Board Workshop

Sunday, January 11, 4–6 p.m.

Community Center

Start the year off right by creating a visual representation of your goals and dreams for 2026! A vision board, also known as a dream board or goal board, is a powerful collage of images, words and symbols that reflect your aspirations. In this workshop, we'll provide all the materials you need to design your own personalized vision board. Whether you're focusing on personal growth, career goals or big dreams, this relaxing evening of crafting will help you visualize and manifest your goals for the new year. We look forward to a creative and inspiring time together!

Registration is required. Register online at CityofLaVista.org/Active using activity # **11102**.

Registration open November 1–January 9.

Cost : Free Ages : 16+

SAVE THE DATE!

Watch for more information about the following events in our next Community Guide!



Arbor Day

April 24

End of School Celebration

May 22

RECREATION CLASSES & CLUBS

Aikido

Mondays & Thursdays

6-7 p.m. (Ages 5-11) and 7-8:30 p.m. (Ages 12+)

Saturdays

9-10:30 a.m. (Ages 12+)

Community Center

The Sarpy Aikido Club is a Nebraska-based dojo teaching Aikikai style of Aikido under the organization of Aikido of Hawaii International (AHI). The school has been serving the La Vista and Omaha area since 1991. For more information and to register, email Jeff Christenham at j.a.christenham@gmail.com.

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

Age: 5 through adult

Belly Dancing Lessons

Mondays & Tuesdays

Community Center

Cost: \$40/month or \$15 first class drop-in fee (September-December); Starting in January the cost will be \$65 per 6-week session

Ages: 18+

Please reserve your spot with Elianae on her website at AccelerationBellydanceFitness.com, call **402.370.9021** or email Elianae at elianaethebellydancer@gmail.com.

Beginner Belly Dancing

Tuesdays, 6-7 p.m.

Learn the basics of Raqs Sharqi style Belly Dance, or traditional dances from Egypt, Turkey, and Greece. Learn fundamental hip, torso, and arm movements in a low-impact and fun way! No experience is required, and all ages and ability levels are welcome! Come shimmy and connect with this beautiful global dance form.

Intermediate Belly Dancing

Mondays, 6-7 p.m.

Move beyond the basics by adding layering techniques, prop work and group formations to foundational belly dance movements. Class is appropriate for those with at least one year of regular belly dance class experience. Prop work such as cane, veil and finger cymbals will be taught, layering and specialty topics including folkloric and cultural/regional styles are approached in this class.

Ballroom Dance Lessons

Wednesdays, 7-8 p.m.

Community Center

Join as a single or couple, minimum of six people per class. In each session, two to three dances will be taught. Private lessons also available by request.

For more information and to register, contact Terry Vargas at **402.639.2209**.

Cost: \$40/month
Ages: 18+



Performance Troupe Rehearsal

Tuesdays, 7-8 p.m.

This class requires instructor approval to join. At least two years of regular weekly belly dance/dance experience required. Please attend several intermediate sessions and discuss placement with the instructor to decide if committing to the performance troupe is right for you.

Student Recital Prep Choreography

Mondays, 7-8 p.m.

Cost: \$50 (Only available to current students who take weekly classes with Elianae)

Students, let's celebrate you with our annual student recital. This year's all-level group choreography is to the fun, classic song, Shik Shak Shok! This 6-week choreography will be performed at our student recital on December 6.

Jingle Bell Raq—Belly Dance Recital and Community Gathering

Saturday, December 6

Workshop 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Cost: \$40 before Nov. 1,
\$50 after Nov. 1

Recital 2-5 p.m.

Cost: \$15/person or free entry with workshop admission; children under age 5 are free with paid adult admission.

This annual recital is a chance for the Belly Dance students at the La Vista Community Center to shine, and for the community to participate in a belly dance workshop and show! This family-friendly show is open to the public. Enjoy light refreshments, cheer on our dancers and have fun participating in a workshop.

Central Hawaiian Kenpo Karate

Wednesdays, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Sundays, 4:30–5:30 p.m.

Community Center

Kenpo Karate is an art for the individual, allowing each person to achieve full control over his or her mind and body. Kenpo develops balance, speed, power, breathing control and self-defense skills. For information and registration, contact Tony Foster at **402.297.3773** or Thomas Canick at **402.990.2485**.

Cost: \$20/month

Age: 14+

Complete Exercise Class

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 5-6 p.m.

Saturdays, 10-11 a.m.

Community Center

This class focuses on: **1)** Flexibility exercises that stretch and lengthen muscles (includes yoga poses and forms) **2)** Resistance training activities (includes body weight resistance, bands or light weights) **3)** Aerobic activity (such as walking, body movement cardio or cardio machines)

For more information and registration, contact Frank at FrankPFerrante@gmail.com.

Cost: \$5 per class

Ages: 18 +

Community Gardens

Reserve a plot to plant your garden. Returning gardeners have until January 31, to renew their plot from 2025.

La Vista residents who are new this year may rent a garden plot any time after February 1. Non-residents can rent a garden plot after April 1.

Stop by the La Vista Community Center to reserve your spot.

Cost: Residents \$20/plot, Non-residents \$30/plot

Garden Locations:

Camenzind Park
7120 Wood Lane Drive

4'x12'
plots

4'x8'
plots

Hollis Park
7521 Joseph Street

4'x12'
plots

4'x8'
plots

Jaycee Park
7323 Harvest Hills Drive

4'x12'
plots

Hula Dance Lesson

Mondays, August 25–September 22 &
September 29–October 27, 4:30–5:30 p.m.

Community Center

Experience the joy and beauty of Hawaiian culture in our Hula Dance Class! This welcoming and beginner-friendly class introduces you to the graceful movements and storytelling of hula. Learn basic steps, hand motions and rhythms while dancing to both traditional and contemporary Hawaiian music. Whether you're looking for a fun way to stay active or want to explore a new culture, this class offers a relaxing and engaging atmosphere for all ages. No previous dance experience needed—just bring your aloha spirit!

For more information and to register contact Cori at **808.772.0284**.

Cost: \$85/session

Age: All ages, 10 and under with parent or guardian.

Miniatures Club

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

Community Center

Miniature diorama enthusiasts meet at the Community Center. Guests are always welcome. For more information, contact Sandy at **402.708.1177**.

Cost: Free **Age:** All ages



Omaha Metro Armed Combat Academy

Thursdays, 6–8:45 p.m.

Saturdays, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Community Center

The Omaha Metro Armed Combat Academy (OMACA) is a fencing school that provides instruction and sparring for Olympic-style fencing, classical style fencing, HEMA and lightsaber fencing for all levels of interest and skill.

For more information, contact Cat Souliere at OmacaGreenKnights@gmail.com.

Cost: \$5/class drop-in or \$20/month **Age:** All ages



Pickleball Classes

Various dates & times

Community Center

This class is designed for beginners of all ages. The class will provide you with basic skills and knowledge to move forward with confidence in this rapidly growing sport!

Class size 3 – 8 people.

Times and dates vary, for more information or to register contact PCI Certified Instructor Jess at Jessouza33@gmail.com or **402.957.4022**.

Cost: \$10/person

Ages: All ages

Strides with Stephanie

Mondays & Fridays, 9:15–10:15 a.m.

Community Center

This total-body workout gives moms a chance to gain strength while connecting and fostering a community with other moms. For more information or to register, contact Stephanie at Foos.Stephanie@gmail.com.

Cost: \$10/month

Age: Moms with kids in strollers

Square Dance Lessons

The 8-week fall session begins Sunday, September 28 at 2 p.m.

The 8-week winter session begins Sunday, January 4 at 2 p.m.

Community Center

Allemande Left and Do Si Do with these lessons from the River City Square Dance Club. For info and registration, contact Ken at **402.690.3020**.

Cost: Adults, \$50/8-week session; Youth ages 9-17, \$24/8-week session

Table Tennis Club

Saturdays, 10-11 a.m.

Community Center

This club is designed to offer new and seasoned players a chance to get together for games. Basic equipment is provided. Adults and children (ages 8 and older) are welcome.

Please email or call Matt at

matthewziegler907@gmail.com or **402.680.2937** to let him know you plan to join.

Cost: Free **Age:** Ages 8+



Yoga

Tuesdays & Thursdays 6–7:30 p.m.

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

This class is designed for beginner and intermediate students. The class format focuses on breathing & relaxation techniques, stretching, joint & gland exercises, Hatha Yoga postures and stress management techniques.

For more information, contact Frank at **FrankPFerrante@gmail.com**. Pre-registration prior to first class is required.

Cost: \$7/class; \$5/class for seniors 55+

Ages: All ages

ATHLETICS

Register at CityofLaVista.org/Active

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



BOYS & GIRLS BASKETBALL LEAGUE

GAMES JAN 17-MAR 7

Practice starts week of January 5

GRADE	COST	
	EARLY REGISTRATION OCT 1-NOV 10	LATE REGISTRATION NOV 11-30
Boys & Girls Grades 3-8	Resident: \$55 Non-resident: \$65	Resident: \$65 Non-resident: \$75

COED BASKETBALL CLINIC

JAN 10-FEB 7

GRADE	COST	
	EARLY REGISTRATION OCT 1-DEC 11	LATE REGISTRATION DEC 12-22
Boys & Girls Grades 1-2	Resident: \$17 Non-resident: \$22	Resident: \$27 Non-resident: \$32

**Registration for
spring/summer sports
opens this summer!**

- COED FLAG FOOTBALL
- COED SOCCER
- BOYS BASEBALL
- GIRLS SOFTBALL

COED FLAG FOOTBALL

GAMES APRIL 18-JUNE 20

Spring practice starts April 1

GRADE	COST	
	EARLY REGISTRATION JAN 5-FEB 12	LATE REGISTRATION FEB 13-28
Boys & Girls PreK-6th as of spring 2025	Resident: \$33 Non-resident: \$53	Resident: \$43 Non-resident: \$63

SPRING COED SOCCER ACADEMY & LEAGUE

APRIL 7-MAY 9

AGE	COST	
	EARLY REGISTRATION JAN 5-MAR 4	LATE REGISTRATION MAR 5-19
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

APRIL 11-MAY 9

AGE	COST	
	EARLY REGISTRATION JAN 5-MAR 4	LATE REGISTRATION MAR 5-19
Boys & Girls Age 3 (as of April 1)	Resident: \$17 Non-resident: \$22	Resident: \$27 Non-resident: \$32



BOYS BASEBALL GAMES APRIL 23-JUNE 30

Practice starts April 1

LEAGUE	AGE (as of April 1)	COST	
		EARLY REGISTRATION JAN 5-FEB 12	LATE REGISTRATION FEB 13-28
YEARLING/ COACH PITCH	7-8	Resident: \$50 Non-resident: \$65	Resident: \$60 Non-resident: \$75
MUSTANG	9-10	Resident: \$65 Non-resident: \$85	Resident: \$75 Non-resident: \$95
BRONCO	11-12	Resident: \$75 Non-resident: \$105	Resident: \$85 Non-resident: \$115
PONY	13-14	Resident: \$95 Non-resident: \$105	Resident: \$95 Non-resident: \$115

GIRLS SOFTBALL GAMES APRIL 23-JUNE 30

Practice starts April 1

LEAGUE	AGE (as of May 1)	COST	
		EARLY REGISTRATION JAN 5-FEB 12	LATE REGISTRATION FEB 13-28
COACH PITCH	7-8	Resident: \$50 Non-resident: \$65	Resident: \$60 Non-resident: \$75
MINORS	9-10	Resident: \$65 Non-resident: \$85	Resident: \$75 Non-resident: \$95
JUNIORS	11-13	Resident: \$75 Non-resident: \$105	Resident: \$85 Non-resident: \$115
SENIORS	14-18	Resident: \$110 Non-resident: \$140	Resident: \$120 Non-resident: \$150





At Your Service

Meet Kate Kerniskey, Recreation Attendant

As a Recreation Attendant for the City of La Vista, Kate Kerniskey welcomes visitors to the Community Center.

LV: How long have you worked for La Vista Recreation?

Kate: I have worked for the City of La Vista for two and a half years.

LV: What are some of your responsibilities as a Recreation Attendant?

Kate: Some of my duties include checking patrons in, answering phone calls, facilitating meeting room reservations and supervising open gym.

LV: What do you like most about your job?

Kate: I like working with the public and the fact that every shift is different.

LV: What is something about La Vista Recreation you want people to know?

Kate: I would like people to be aware of all the programs and resources the Recreation Department has available.

LV: From your perspective, how does La Vista Recreation add value to the community?

Kate: I feel that the Recreation Department offers many programs for residents of every age. We have senior programs, the fitness center for adults, open gym for teenagers, youth sports and much more.

LV: What do you enjoy doing when you're not at work?

Kate: I work full time as a teacher, so when I have free time, I enjoy reading, walking my dog and hanging out with my family.

LV: What do you love about La Vista?

Kate: I love how safe and friendly the community of La Vista is.



SENIORS



SENIOR PROGRAM

AGES 55+

The La Vista Senior Program, located within the Community Center, 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, and their spouses, can join the Senior Program and become part of its thriving community free of charge. Become a member by visiting the front desk at the La Vista Community Center.

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

SENIOR LUNCH PROGRAM

Monday-Friday, 11:30 a.m.

Enjoy a nutritious meal at the Community Center, provided by Company 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 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	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, Wednesdays & Fridays	Tues: 12-4 p.m. or 2-4 p.m. Wed & Fri: 2-4 p.m.	FREE
Basic Sign Language	Third Tuesday of the month	1-2 p.m.	FREE
Movie Showings	Every other Tuesday	1 p.m.	FREE
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

SENIOR PROGRAM EVENTS

Senior Carnival

Wednesday, October 22, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Enjoy a fun day of games and wonderful prizes. Everyone is sure to be a winner! We'll have spin art, carnival games and even carnival treats.

The Senior Carnival games start promptly at 10 a.m., lunch at 11:30 a.m., games end at 11:30 a.m. and the entertainer begins at 11:50 a.m.

Join us to relive your childhood at this fantastic event hosted by the La Vista Senior Program and Papillion Landing 55+ Club.

Cost: \$10; Sorry no refunds. Lunch is provided.

Register by Wednesday, October 15 at the La Vista Community Center or Papillion Landing. Maximum 100 registrations.

Christmas Lights Tour

Dates vary and space is limited

Join us on the La Vista/Ralston Special Services Buses for a fun night of carol singing while we view the beautiful holiday lights around the Metro. Watch for more detailed information in the December Senior Newsletter.

Cost: Free

Mayor's Christmas Potluck

Wednesday, December 17

Community Center

Main dish to be announced. If your last name starts with A-P bring a side, if your last name starts with Q-Z bring a dessert.

Please RSVP in advance beginning Monday, December 1 at 3 p.m. by calling **402.331.3455**. Reserve your spot by Monday, December 8.

Cost: Free



Valentine's Senior Lunch

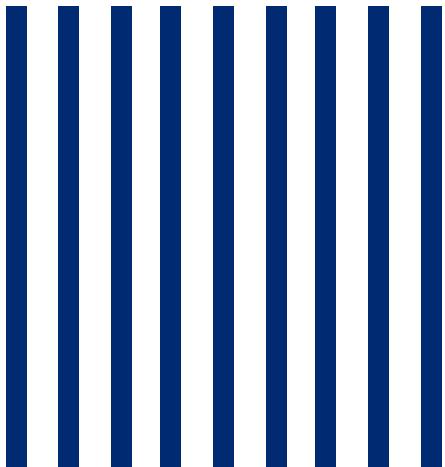
Friday, February 13

Doors open at 11 a.m., lunch begins at 11:30 a.m., musical entertainment to follow
Papillion Landing

Register by Wednesday, February 4, at Papillion Landing or the La Vista Community Center front desk. Lunch menu to be determined. Maximum 150 registrations.

Cost: \$8 per person. Payment is due at time of registration. Sorry no refunds

Ages: All adults ages 55+ are welcome

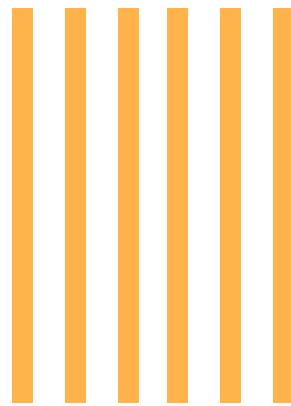


SAVE THE DATE!

Watch for more information about
the following Senior Program event
in future publications!

■ **St. Patrick's Day Lunch**
Tuesday, March 17





LIBRARY





**Rose Barcal,
Library Director**

WHAT IS A LIBRARY?

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

FROM THE DIRECTOR

French critic, journalist and novelist Alphonse Karr is credited for the expression “the more things change, the more they stay the same”. While change can cause anxiety, it is also a necessity to grow, gain knowledge, and change perspectives. That's where the library comes in! While the library can't possibly have everything, the library does have something for everyone. The library is expanding the GED program to include evening sessions with Ms. Tammy. Library programming is constantly evaluated and improved upon. The makerspace is still available for your creative needs. Make an appointment and ask about training! Did you know the library has cake pans? Or a telescope you can check out for your star-gazing needs? There are VOX books which are children's books that will read along with you. Areas passes are available so you can “try before you buy” a membership. Stop by the library and see us!



LA VISTA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Welcome to your Library!
9110 Giles Road | La Vista, NE 68128
402.537.3900 | 402.932.6352 (fax)
CityofLaVista.org/Library

HOURS

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



[@CityofLaVistaGovernment](#) | [@CityofLaVista](#) | [@LaVistaLibraryYouth](#)



LIBRARY INFORMATION

Any person who resides within the City of La Vista, pays property taxes to the City of La Vista or is a La Vista business owner may apply for a library card. In addition, any person who is an employee of the City of La Vista, a member of the Papillion Fire Department, a teacher or faculty member in a La Vista public school, a current student or staff of Metropolitan Community College, or active-duty military residing in Sarpy County may apply for a library card at no charge.

Non-residents (those living in a Sanitary Improvement District or outside the city limits) may obtain membership by paying a fee as set forth in the City's Master Fee Ordinance. Due to an agreement between the City and SID 237, the city will provide an annual library membership to residents of SID 237 who satisfy applicable requirements to obtain a membership.

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.

LIBRARY LOAN INFORMATION

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

BORROWING PRIVILEGES

Within the library, the use of all materials is open to the public. Service will not be denied or abridged because of religious, racial, social, economic, political, or age status. The use of the library or its services may be denied for due causes including, but not limited to, failure to return books or pay fees, destruction of library property, or failure to abide by stated library policies.

COMPUTERS, iPADS & WI-FI

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

GABBIE: A TEXT-A-LIBRARIAN SERVICE

Text **402.204.1537** to text-chat with a librarian. You can easily renew your books, receive notification whenever items are overdue, or ask a reference question.

TECHNOLOGY HELP

Do you have general questions about your mobile device, computer or laptop? Do you want to set up an email address or fill out a job application, but you're not sure where to start? Would you like to learn how to download an eBook, audiobook, movie or music? We're here to help! To book a free one-on-one technology help session, contact Jean Hurst at JHurst@CityofLaVista.org or 402.537.3900. Please note: The library does not repair devices.

ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

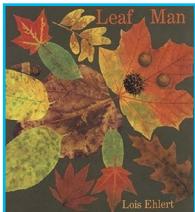
La Vista Library offers databases, electronic books, magazines, and streaming media and music that can be accessed at the library or from any computer with an Internet connection. The ability to access information for those databases that require a username and password is also available at the library.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

UNATTENDED CHILDREN

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

STAFF FALL BOOK PICKS

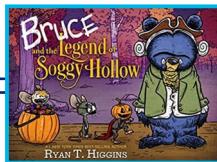
CHILDREN



Leaf Man
by Lois Ehlert



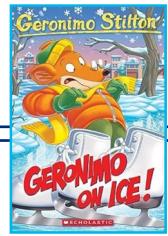
It's Fall!
by Renée Kurilla



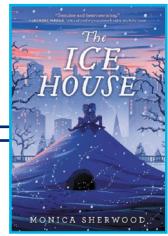
Bruce and the Legend of Soggy Hollow by Ryan T. Higgins



Hedgehog's Home for Winter
by Elena Ulyeva



Geronimo on Ice!
by Geronimo Stilton



The Ice House
by Monica Sherwood

TEEN



Zhara
by S. Jae-Jones



Blue Lock Manga
by Kaneshiro Muneyuki



A Tempest of Tea
by Hafsah Faizal

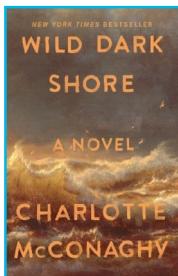


The Unofficial Ghibli Cookbook by Thibaud Villanova

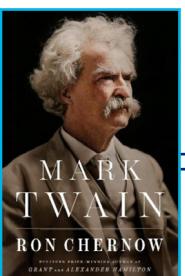


Only for the Holidays
by Abiola Bello

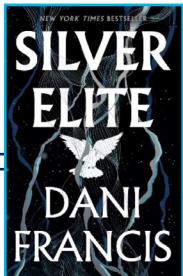
ADULT



Wild Dark Shore by
Charlotte McConaughy



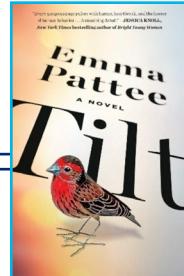
Mark Twain
by Ron Chernow



Silver Elite
by Dani Francis



Great Big Beautiful Life
by Emily Henry



Tilt
by Emma Pattee



Did You Know?

Did you know that libraries are more than just places to borrow books? We offer free access to computers, movies, and music.

Plus, we offer a special program that allows library cardholders to gain FREE admission to Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo, Durham Museum, Fontenelle Forest, and Lauritzen Gardens.

These Around Town passes are part of the library's effort to promote community engagement, educational opportunities, and access to cultural experiences.

BORROWING PROCEDURES FOR THE DURHAM MUSEUM, FONTENELLE FOREST AND LAURITZEN GARDEN

Please follow the steps and reserve online:

1. Go to the library's website, CityOfLaVista.org/Library, and click service.
2. Find and click on Around Town Passes and Other Things You Can Borrow tab on the left side of the page.
3. Click on the tab that says, Around Town Library Passes.
4. View the destination options available and click the Digital Passes button near the top of the screen.
5. Read the library's policies and click the Go to Around Town Passes button.
6. Pick your destination and click Book Now.
7. Select your desired date and enter your library card and password. (usually your telephone number).
8. View the location's Terms & Conditions and continue.
9. Click on Submit My Booking. This will send an email to the borrower with the tickets. You may choose to print the tickets or use your phone to enter your destination.

BORROWING PROCEDURES FOR THE HENRY DOORLY ZOO

Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo passes are available every two months from October 2025-May 2026. Due to their popularity and limited number, zoo passes will be issued to cardholders at the library's circulation desk. Zoo passes are given out on a first-come, first-serve basis with a limit of one per adult library card. Each zoo pass can be used one time during the two-month period and will admit up to two adults and six children. Library members must present their library card and pass to zoo staff at the front entry point.

LIBRARY PROGRAM REGISTRATION: Most programs are free or have a minimal fee for supplies only. Programs that require registration will be denoted like this: ***Registration required**

To register for a program, contact us by phone at **402.537.3900** or in person **at the Library's circulation desk.**

Kid Adventures (Ages 6-12)

Saturday, November 2, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

To celebrate International Game Month, kids can sign up to play the RPG Venture Society where they will have to work together in the fictional world of Venture to save the community's Battle of the Bands Festival. RPGs (Role-Playing Games) encourage kids to use their imagination to solve problems. After coming up with a plan players role dice to see if their ideas work. The game master then creates a story based around the results. Sometimes the best fun is when things don't go as planned. "You wanted to convince the DJ to change the music? Well, he likes the idea of trying something new, but now he's only playing ocean sounds and the guests are starting to fall asleep! What do you do next?"



*Library Escape Room (All Ages)

Tuesday, November 18, 5 p.m.

You and your family can sign up for this escape room where you will have to solve the clues before time runs out! Registration required.

Elf Academy (Ages 4-12)

Saturday, December 13, 10:30 a.m.

Children become elves-in-training and work their way through different stations to see if they qualify to be one of Santa's elves. Official Elf Certificates are awarded at the end of each session. Elf costumes welcome!



Buy Local Craft & Vendor Fair

Saturday, November 8, 2025, 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

The Library's Buy Local Craft and Vendor Fair is a fantastic event that brings together local artisans, crafters and small business owners to showcase and sell their products. This year, we'll have a wide variety of handmade goods, such as jewelry, crocheted items, pottery, candles, and artwork, as well as locally baked goods. The community is invited to shop at our Buy Local Craft and Vendor Fair, and admission is free!

Save the Date!

The Kids and Teen Craft Fair is coming back to the Library July 2026. Watch for more details in March!

HOMESCHOOL

Calling all Homeschoolers! Did you know that the La Vista Public Library offers homeschool specific programming throughout the traditional school year?! Our homeschool programs happen twice a month on select Tuesdays at 11 a.m. and Thursdays at 2 p.m. LVPL wants to offer you and your family fun activities that emphasize building community, developing social skills, and sparking curiosity! For more information, contact Rachel Bachman at **402.537.3900** or **RBachman@CityofLaVista.org**.

CHILDREN & FAMILY PROGRAMS

Songs & Stories

Second and Fourth Tuesdays, 10 a.m.

9/9, 9/23, 10/14, 10/28, 11/11, 11/25, 12/9, 1/13, 1/27, 2/10 & 2/24

Looking for fun and learning all in one? Bring your little ones to storytime, a free event filled with exciting stories, songs, and activities designed to spark imagination and foster a love of reading. **Ideal for children 6 and under.**

Music & Movement

Second and Fourth Fridays, 9:30 or 10:30 a.m.

9/12, 9/26, 10/24, 11/14, 12/12, 1/9, 1/23, 2/13, & 2/27

Get ready to move and groove as your little one experiences the joy of music. Music and Movement is a 30-minute program full of singing, dancing, and instruments. The program is first come first served, and space is limited. **Ideal for children 6 and under.**

Little Makers

Second and Fourth Fridays, 9:00-11:30 a.m.

9/12, 9/26, 10/24, 11/14, 12/12, 1/9, 1/23, 2/13, 2/27

Drop in for themed crafts and hands-on activities. **Ideal for ages 6 and under and their caregivers.**

Friday Friends

First Fridays, 10 a.m.

9/5, 10/3, 11/7, 12/5, 2/6

Friday Friends is designed for children to play, learn, and make new friends! Come play at Southwind Park or in the library as the weather changes. This is a great opportunity for children to develop social skills and build new relationships. **Ideal for children 6 and under.**

Popcorn and Picture Books

Second Wednesdays, 4 p.m.

9/10, 10/8, 11/12, 12/10, 1/14, 2/11

Pop into the library to listen to a storytime! Each month Ms. Rachel will read fun picture books and serve freshly popped popcorn. **Ideal for children ages 4-8.**

Decorate It!

Second Thursdays, 4 p.m.

9/11, 10/9, 11/13, 12/11, 1/8, 2/12

Do you have an unfinished craft or something in your house that is a little blah? Bring it into the library and decorate it! We'll provide paint, glitter, craft supplies, and ideas of ways for you to decorate. **Ideal for children ages 6+.**

Lego Club

First Tuesdays, 3:30 p.m.

9/2, 10/7, 11/4, 12/2, 1/6, & 2/3

A hands-on, imagination-fueled building program where creativity, collaboration, and fun come together brick by brick! Complete the challenges designed by library staff or come for open-ended play. **Ideal for all ages.**

Preschool Party

Select Fridays at 10 a.m.

Littles and their grownups are invited to join us for an hour of super fun themed play, play-based learning, and exploration. From early literacy and STEAM to creative arts and lifelong learning, we've something for everyone. **Ideal for ages 2-6.**

Monthly parties are:

Friday, September 19: Apple Festival

Celebrate the harvest season with a delightful array of books, crafts, activities and plenty of apples.

Friday, October 17: Preschool Halloween Party

A perfect way for littles to celebrate Halloween with stories, songs, crafts and a costume parade. Costumes are welcome but not required. *We're asking for candy donations to help make this event extra fun for all the kids. Any kind of individually wrapped candy is welcome! Donations accepted until Tuesday, October 14.

Friday, November 21: Dino-mite Party!

Join us for a fun-filled morning of dinosaur-themed activities, games, and more. It's going to be a ROAR-some adventure. Don't miss out!!!

Friday, January 16: Polar Animal Exploration

Bundle up for an exciting journey to the coldest places on Earth! During this program, activities will be centered around polar animals from mighty polar bears and curious penguins to seas, arctic foxes and more.

Friday, February 20: Heart Explosion

Celebrate love, friendship, and fun at this heart-filled party! Wear red or pink outfits and get ready for a joyful celebration with cozy storytimes, simple crafts, heart-themed activities and more.



PRE-TEEN & TEEN MONTHLY PROGRAMS

Library Youth Council

First Monday of the month, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

10/6, 11/3, 12/1, 1/5, 2/2

Students in 5th-12th grade are invited to join the Library's Youth Council. Pre-teens and teens earn community service hours for attending meetings and volunteering for projects. From decorating the library to helping with seasonal events, you can support your Library by joining!

Dungeons & Dragons Club

First and Third Monday of the Month, 4-6 p.m.

9/15, 9/29*, 10/6, 10/20, 11/3, 11/17, 12/1, 12/15, 1/5, 1/19, 1/26, 2/2

*September's meeting is moved because of Labor Day

Join us after school to play Dungeons and Dragons! This is a great group for new players to join. Children and teens interested in playing other types of RPGs are also welcome.

Ages 10-18

Library Sizzle Squad

First Wednesday of the Month, 4-5 p.m.

9/3, *10/8, 11/5, 12/3, 1/7, 2/4

*October's meeting is moved to the second Wednesday

Library Sizzle Squad is back! Once a month young people can sign up to help cook a recipe at the library. Recipes will be posted on the library's calendar for you to check allergy information. Registration required. **Ages 10-18**

Manga & Anime Club

Fourth Wednesday of the month, 4-5 p.m.

9/24, 10/22, 11/12*, 12/10*, 1/28, 2/25

*November and December meetings are moved because of Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Join us as we talk about our favorite manga and anime series! Make themed crafts, have popcorn, and meet fellow otakus. We will occasionally watch an anime show together. Parents should be advised that most shows will be TV 14+
Ages 10-18

Pre-Teen Boredom Busters

Second and Fourth Tuesday of the Month, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

9/9, 9/23, 10/14, 10/28, 11/11, 11/25, 12/9, 12/23, 1/13, 1/27, 2/10, 2/24

Stop by the library for a special craft or activity in the makerspace area! Want to know what we are doing each week? Check the library's calendar for a list of activities. A few things we may be doing this school year include creating origami, decorating a tiny bookshelf, making keychains, or playing some of our favorite games like UNO, Sushi Go!, and Pictionary. As a reminder, children 10 and under need to have a parent or guardian with them.
Ages 8-12

Pre-Teen/Teen Craft Nights

Various Dates, 5-6 p.m.

9/22, 10/7, 11/20, 12/16, 1/22, 2/9

Get crafty at the library by coming to one of these events! Due to limited supplies, some art projects require registration. **Ages 10-18**

September: Paper Dragons

October: Rubber Band Bracelets

November: Pencil Case Travel Game Set

December: Custom Mugs *Registration Required

January: Book Binding *Registration Required

February: Heart Art *Registration Required

Game Club (Ages 10-18)

Bring your competitive spirit to these programs where we play a different game each month! Video game tournament events require registration.

October 16, 5-7 p.m.

Pokémon Cards Trading Card Game

Bring your best deck of Pokémon to battle others. Never played before? You can practice using some of the library's cards or take turns playing Pokémon: Legends on the Nintendo Switch. Pizza provided!

November 10, 5-7 p.m.

Board & Card Games

Did you know November is international games month? Teens can play on the library's interactive touch screen game table, pick a game from the library collection, or bring their favorite board/card game from home to play. Pizza provided!

December 18, 5-7 p.m.

Super Smash Bros.

Battle your way to victory! We will make a tournament bracket to include everyone who signs up. While you watch and wait for your turn you can snack on some pizza rolls. Winner gets bragging rights. Registration required.

January 15, 5-7 p.m.

Jackbox Games

Using your phone (or a borrowed library iPad) you'll play against others in this hilarious party game that has you use your device as your game controller. Jackbox games have a variety of minigames that may make you draw, finish Madlib's, or answer trivia questions. Pizza provided!

February 17, 5-7 p.m.

Mario Kart

Race your way to the finish line! Compete against others to win the top place in this tournament using the library's Nintendo Switch. While you watch enjoy some freshly popped popcorn. Winner gets bragging rights. Registration required.

PRE-TEEN & TEEN SPECIAL EVENTS

Candy Tasting

Monday, October 27, 5-6 p.m.

Get ready for Halloween by testing how well you know your sweets. Do you know all the sour patch flavors? Can you tell name brand candies from their generic counterparts? Registration required. **Ages 10-17**



Heart Art

Monday, February 9, 5:30 p.m.

Get creative and make something sweet—literally! Heart Art is a fun and expressive craft program for ages 10 to 18, where you'll turn everyday items like candy wrappers into unique pieces of art. Explore color, texture, and design as you create heart-themed masterpieces that are as bold and original as you are. All materials are provided—just bring your imagination! Perfect for: Teens and tweens who love hands-on art, upcycling, and making something meaningful from the unexpected. Registration required. **Ages 10-18**



ADULT PROGRAMS

Crafter-Dark

Third Mondays, 6 p.m.

9/15, 10/20, 11/17, 12/15, 1/19, 2/16

Leave the kids at home and come to the library for crafts, fun, and socialization. All Supplies provided. Some sessions will require registration to ensure availability of supplies. Watch the library calendar for more details.



Adult Card Club

Fourth Thursday, 3 p.m.

9/25, 10/23, 1/22, 2/26 - Will not meet in November or December due to the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

Meet for socialization and a good game of cards. Playing cards will be provided as well as other card games such as UNO, Phase 10, Five Crowns, and more! Light refreshments will be provided. Solo players and groups are welcome. **FREE**



*Watercolor Tips & Tricks

Meets Monthly on a Saturday, 1 p.m.

Learn some tips and tricks for creating your own watercolor paintings. All experience levels are welcome. Supplies provided. Please watch the library calendar for specific dates. Registration is required and space is limited. **FREE**

Arts & Crafts Club (formerly known as Watercolor and More)

Fourth Saturday, 11 a.m.

9/27, 10/25, 11/22, 12/27, 1/24, & 2/28

Bring your current art or craft project and spend time crafting and creating along with your fellow community members. Share ideas and enjoy some relaxation time. Participants must bring their own materials. Not a formal class. **FREE**

Paranormal History of Omaha

Wednesday, October 15, 6 p.m.

Learn all about the spooky history of the Omaha Area with Jamie from Midwest Paranormal History Tours. While there is no minimum age, this talk does deal with a subject that may be scary for our younger community members. **FREE and open to the public**

***Felted Pumpkins**

Thursday, October 23, 6 p.m.

Create a cute pumpkin decoration using needle felting techniques! We will provide the wool, felting needles, and other needed materials. Registration required. Space is limited. **FREE**

Meal Planning Made Easy with Nicole McDonald

Wednesday, November 5, 6 p.m.

Join Nebraska author and mom Nicole McDonald for this 1-hour session all about meal planning on a budget. Busy schedules and high prices can make coordinating meals a challenge. Learn how advance planning can not only take some of the stress out of mealtimes but also save you some money. For more information on Nicole, visit her site at www.momsavesmoney.net. This program is free and open to the public. No registration required.

***Sock Snowmen**

Tuesday, January 6, 3 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Make a snowman decoration using socks, rice, buttons, and other fun accessories. All supplies provided. Registration required. **FREE**

Passport to Adventure

Select Saturdays (beginning January 2026), 2 p.m.

Nebraska winters are cold, and travel can be difficult! Join library staff and travel to exotic locations without leaving the comfort of the library. Come and enjoy music, snacks, pictures, and stories from popular destinations around the world. Every month we will feature a different country. **Ages 18+**

January 3: Greece

February 21: France

***DIY Painted Scarves**

Saturday, February 7, 1 p.m.

Having trouble finding that perfect accessory to accompany your outfit? Create one! Use some fabric paint and imagination to craft a colorful scarf to wear or give as a gift. Space is limited. Registration required.

***Adult Winter Reading**

January 12 – March 31, Ages 18+

Library cardholders ages 18+ are invited to participate in the annual winter reading program. Complete a line on this year's BINGO card to receive a prize. Complete a blackout and get an entry into the grand prize drawing. BINGO cards will be available starting January 12.

***English as a Second Language (ESL)**

By appointment only

One-on-one tutoring is available for members of our community learning English as a Non-Native Language. These sessions are geared toward individual students and are not held as part of a larger class. Contact Cedate Shultz at CShultz@CityofLaVista.org for more information or if you would like to join our team of volunteer tutors. Please note that all City volunteers are required to complete a background check. **FREE**

GED Program

Drop-in times available

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

SAVE THE DATE!

Watch for more information about the following events in our next Community Guide!



National Library Week
April 19-25

May Day Baskets
Friday, May 1



Christmas AT THE LA VISTA LIBRARY



Happy Holidays! Celebrate the magic of the season with special holiday programs for all ages. Join us throughout December for festive storytimes, creative crafts, cozy movies and cheerful surprises. Bring your holiday spirit and join us for warm memories, joyful activities, and a whole lot of library love this Christmas season!

Grab & Go Holiday Card Making Kit Monday, December 1

If this holiday season leaves you feeling crafty and glittery, stop by the library and grab a Holiday Card Making Kit. Each kit will have enough supplies to make two holiday themed cards. Kits will be available while supplies last. One kit per child.

Adult Holiday Card Making

Wednesday, December 3, 6 p.m.

Use library provided supplies to make unique and festive holiday cards for friends and family. This is an in-person program. Materials will be provided for 2 cards per person. **FREE**

Mini Magic: Holiday Diorama Workshop

*Sunday, December 7, 2 p.m.

Grab a friend, partner, family member or work alone while creating a Christmas Winter Diorama. Using a box, mini figures, craft material and lots of imagination, participants will build their own winter wonderland or holiday scene to take home. Whether it's Santa's workshop, a cozy snowy village or a gingerbread house scene. All supplies are provided, or participants can bring their own items to add to the diorama. This program is ideal for participants to work in pairs (parent-child, siblings, friends), but you may work alone. Registration is required and space is limited. **Nonrefundable Material Fee: \$10 per diorama.**

Elf Academy

Saturday, December 13, 10:30 a.m.

Children become elves-in-training and work their way through different stations to see if they qualify to be one of Santa's elves. Official Elf Certificates are awarded at the end of each session. **Ideal for ages 4-12. Elf costume welcome!**

Holiday Songs and Meanings

Thursday, December 18, 6 p.m.

Join us as we listen to some of our favorite holiday songs and chat about their meanings. Bring your favorite to discuss. Holiday songs from all traditions are welcome! Please e-mail Cedate at **CShultz@CityofLaVista.org** no later than Friday, December 12, with your song titles.

Families welcome. **FREE**

Christmas Colorland Drop-In

Monday, December 22, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Stop by anytime and get creative at our Christmas Colorland Drop-in program. Color Santa, snowflakes, reindeer, Christmas trees and more. This is a fun and relaxing way for families to enjoy the season together!

Storytelling and Poetry Night

Monday, December 22, 5 p.m.

Join us for a night of local stories! Ages 12+ are invited to submit a story or poem to read aloud (or have library staff read for them if preferred). Submissions should be no more than 1,500 words and family friendly. Invite your friends and family! Hot chocolate will be served.



BOOK CLUBS

La Vista Library offers multiple book clubs to the community. Copies of each month's book will be available to book club attendees at no cost. Contact Cedate Shultz to reserve a copy. Not able to attend, but want to read along? Lists of 2025 selected books are in the library. The 2026 lists will be available in December 2025. Library membership is not required to participate.

History Book Club

Second Saturday of every month except for November, 2 p.m.
9/13, 10/11, 11/15, 12/13, 1/10, 2/14

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

September: *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store*
by James McBride

October: *When the Sea Came Alive: An Oral History of D-Day* by Garrett Graff

November: *Shelterwood* by Lisa Wingate

December: *Challenger: A True Story of Heroism and Disaster on the Edge of Space* by Adam Higginbotham

January: *The Lions of Fifth Avenue* by Fiona Davis

February: *Gilded Lives, Fatal Voyage: The Titanic's First-Class Passengers and Their World* by Hugh Brewster

Evening Book Club

Second Monday, 7 p.m.
9/8, 10/14*, 11/10, 12/8, 1/12 & 2/9

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

*Meets on the second Tuesday in October due to Columbus Day

September: *The Measure* by Nikki Erlick

October: *Open Carry* by Marc Cameron

November: *Have You Seen Luis Velez* by Catherine Ryan Hyde

December: *Christmas Bells* by Jennifer Chiaverini

January: TBD

February: TBD

Page to Screen Book Club

Third Tuesday, 6 p.m.
9/16, 10/21, 11/18, 12/16, 1/20, 2/17

The related movie will be screened on a later date. Check the library calendar for specific movie dates and times.

September 16: *Hidden Figures* by Margot Lee Shetterly

October 21: *I am Legend* by Richard Matheson

November 18: *Unbroken* by Laura Hillenbrand

December 16: *Babe, The Gallant Pig* by Dick King-Smith

January 20: *The Fellowship of the Ring* by J.R.R. Tolkien

February 17: *The Lovely Bones* by Alice Sebold

Afternoon Book Club

Third Wednesday, 2 p.m.
9/17, 10/15, 11/19, 12/17, 1/21, 2/18

Our afternoon book club meets monthly, and a variety of genres are read throughout the year.

Ages 18+

Discussing in *I'll Be Gone in the Dark* by Michelle McNamara

September: *The Hunter* by Tana French

October: *The Paris Agent* by Kelly Rimmer

November: *The Santa Suit* by Mary Kay Andrews

December: *Margo's Got Money Troubles* by Rufi Thorpe

January: *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver





At Your Service

Meet Neptune the Turtle

The library's most unique employee is a friendly turtle named Neptune, who may not shelve books or check out materials, but brings smiles and calm to everyone who visits. Neptune has her own tank behind the front desk, where she "supervises" the library staff and greets patrons with slow blinks and a quiet charm.

LVPL: What is your name, and how'd you get it?

NEPTUNE: My name is Neptune, and I am a red eared slider. Neptune was the god of the sea in Roman Mythology. I love water so my name is fitting.

LVPL: Describe yourself.

NEPTUNE: I have a beautifully patterned shell with a blend of deep olive greens and browns. My head has two signature red streaks right behind my eyes like tiny tattoos, marking me as one of a kind. I'm a silent swimmer who has sturdy and muscular limbs, firm claws, and a cute tail.

LVPL: Do you like living at the library?

NEPTUNE: I've lived at the library for about eight years. The library is more than just a building full of books. It's a home where everyone, even a turtle like me, belongs. I like the quietness of the library, watching children discover new stories, and seeing families spend time together.

LVPL: What is your role at the library?

NEPTUNE: My role is to make the library feel welcoming, peaceful, and just a little more magical.

LVPL: Who is your favorite librarian?

NEPTUNE: Ohhhh, that's a tough one! I love all librarians. They're like magical book wizards with kind eyes. But if I had to pick...it's Jean. She is my caretaker, loves me, and feeds me pellets, treats, and goldfish. Jean also cleans my tank, fixes my lamp, and makes sure I am healthy.

LVPL: Do you ever "borrow" books when no one is looking?

NEPTUNE: I wouldn't say borrow. I simply explore them when they wander into my vicinity, and I get curious. My favorite book is The Tortoise and the Hare! I cheer every time the tortoise wins.

LVPL: If you could invite one storybook character over for hot chocolate, who would it be?

NEPTUNE: Paddington Bear. He always brings marmalade sandwiches, and I bring lettuce wraps. Perfect picnic!

LVPL: If you could live in any book, which one would it be?

NEPTUNE: Winnie-the-Pooh. I'd love to be friends with Piglet and take naps in the cozy forest. I bet Pooh has a great reading nook.

LVPL: Any advice for young readers?

NEPTUNE: Read slowly. Think deeply. Return your books on time!





CityofLaVista.org/Events