

A LOOK AROUND LA VISTA

New Projects & Developments

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MINUTE WITH THE MAYOR

Take a look around La Vista and you will see monumental change and growth happening in our community. Construction on public projects in La Vista City Centre such as The Link and public parking garage #2 continue to move swiftly. With private developments such as the continued construction on the Nebraska MultiSport Complex and Smash Park projects in Southport, as well as The Astro in City Centre, La Vista is growing, adding amenities and businesses like we've never experienced before.

With growth comes financial opportunities and obligations. The development that generates revenue and enables our City to prosper requires funding. As a La Vista resident, you play an important role in deciding what funds are available for future development and infrastructure projects across the City. On pages 3 and 4 of this newsletter you will find information about two questions La Vista voters will see on the ballot this November that will greatly impact the direction of the City's growth. Both questions relate to existing taxes that draw revenue primarily from sources outside of the City's residents.

One of the ballot questions will ask about renewing a half-cent sales tax that is currently in place. This sales tax was originally approved in 1990 and renewed by voters in 2000 and 2008. **The approximately \$2.5 million in revenue generated annually from this tax is used for necessary upkeep and improvement of roads and sidewalks, parks, and public facilities.** If the tax were to expire, the City will have less funding available for planned capital improvements and new projects.

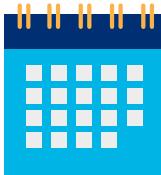
La Vista voters will also decide on an amended restaurant tax. La Vista's current 1.5% restaurant tax that was put in place in 2019 has an annual state mandated cap of \$700,000. The tax revenue generated each year has exceeded that amount. La Vista has an opportunity to remove the cap—this would help the City diversify its revenue stream and share the burden of growth associated with development with non-residents who are enjoying La Vista's amenities. Voters will decide whether to eliminate the cap and raise the tax to 2.5%, which would provide millions of dollars in revenue and help prevent the need to raise property taxes to pay for existing debts and future growth.

The majority of revenue from both the sales tax and restaurant tax is generated by visitors to the City, NOT La Vista residents. Research shows that on average, more than 90% of consumers at businesses, including restaurants, in La Vista are non-residents.

Evidence of the progress happening in La Vista is visible all across the City. And there are more developments coming. This season, as fall's vibrant colors begin to appear, I encourage you to take time to pause and look closely at the exciting changes and growth happening around you as we continue to build and invest in our City.



MAYOR *Douglas Kindig*



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

August 2022

- 2 **City Council, 6 p.m.**
- 4 **Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.**
- 8 **La Vista-Metropolitan Community College Condominium Owners Association, 4 p.m., La Vista Public Library**
- 16 **City Council, 6 p.m.**
- 17 **Park & Recreation Advisory Board, 6 p.m.**
- 18 **Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.**

September 2022

- 1 **Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.**
- 5 **Offices closed for Labor Day holiday**
- 6 **City Council, 6 p.m.**
- 8 **Library Advisory Board, 5:30 p.m., La Vista Public Library**
- 8 **Citizen Advisory Review Committee, 6 p.m.**
- 10 **Pancakes in the Park, 8-10 a.m., Ardmore Park**
- 15 **Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.**
- 20 **City Council, 6 p.m.**
- 21 **Park & Recreation Advisory Board, 6 p.m.**

October 2022

- 1 **Pancakes in the Park, 8-10 a.m., Central Park Lakes**
- 4 **City Council, 6 p.m.**
- 6 **Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.**
- 8 **Pancakes in the Park, 8-10 a.m., Southwind Park**
- 9 **Fire Department Open House, Station 4**
- 9 **Fall Kite Festival, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., La Vista Soccer Complex**
- 15 **Pancakes in the Park, 8-10 a.m., Southwind Park**
- 18 **City Council, 6 p.m.**
- 19 **Senior Carnival, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., La Vista Community Center**
- 19 **Park & Recreation Advisory Board, 6 p.m.**
- 20 **Howl-o-ween, 4:30-6:30 p.m., La Vista Dog Park/Southwind Park**
- 20 **Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.**
- 31 **Halloween Safe Night, 5-6:30 p.m., La Vista Community Center**

For more info on these events & more, visit
CityofLaVista.org/2022Events.



COUNCIL CLIPS

Highlights of recent City Council action.

- Administered the oath of office to Josh Frey to serve on the City Council in Ward II.
- Approved the Conditional Use Permit for the Nebraska MultiSport Complex.
- Accepted the Wayfinding Framework Plan.
- Approved the 2023-2027 Capital Improvement Program.
- Approved an upgrade and expansion of the City's Wi-Fi network at City facilities.
- Designated Central Park West as the site of a new future City swimming pool.
- Held budget workshops for the FY23 and FY24 Biennial Budget
- Approved placement of the question of continuing the half-cent sales tax for an additional 30 years on the Nov. 8, 2022 general election ballot.
- Approved placement of the question of a 2.5% restaurant and drinking places tax on the Nov. 8, 2022 general election ballot.

A LOOK AT LA VISTA'S FUTURE: TWO INTEGRAL UPCOMING BALLOT QUESTIONS

La Vista voters will face two important issues this fall during the Nov. 8, 2022, General Election that will significantly impact the City's future.

Our community has set an unmatched pace in providing services and amenities to our residents. The City Council has established a positive climate for economic growth in La Vista, and the fruits of those efforts can be seen in the progress being made on marquee projects, including City Centre and the 84th Street corridor, the Nebraska MultiSport Complex and the Southport area.

None of the City's progress would have been possible without strategic financial planning, which includes a responsible approach to investing the City's tax revenues.

The two ballot questions before La Vista voters in the November 8 general election include continuation of the City's half-cent sales tax and replacement of the restaurant tax.



HALF-CENT SALES TAX CONTINUATION

Since its inception, the half-cent sales tax has provided over \$35 million for many public infrastructure projects, including the construction of and improvements to:



- All major four-lane roads
- La Vista Sports Complex parking areas
- Traffic signalizations
- Annual street resurfacing and sidewalk improvements

The half-cent sales tax is set to end in 2025 unless La Vista's voters choose to continue it. Voter approval of the half-cent sales tax would be a continuation of the existing tax customers currently pay on purchases inside city limits, which has been in effect since 1990.



90%

On average, 90% of the business transactions in La Vista in 2021 involved visitors from outside the city limits (according to market studies).

If voters do not approve the continuation of the City's half-cent sales tax on November 8, alternative solutions such as service reductions or tax increases would need to be considered in order to pay for existing debt. The City Council would also have to determine which current and future projects to delay or cancel.

It is important to remember that voter approval for continuation of the City's half-cent sales tax would not be an increase from the current level collected in the City—it would be maintaining what exists. This half-cent sales tax has been in place since 1990 and was reapproved by La Vista voters for renewal in 2000 and 2010.

MARQUEE PROJECTS

CITY CENTRE ALONG 84TH STREET



NEBRASKA MULTISPORT COMPLEX ALONG GILES ROAD



SOUTHPORT AREA NEAR THE I-80 INTERCHANGE



RESTAURANT TAX REPLACEMENT

In 2019, the City established a restaurant tax to help ensure its fiscal strength and address the challenges resulting from rapid growth.

The tax was initially established at the rate of 1.5%, which was expected to generate revenue amounts consistent with the statutory limit of \$700,000. After two years of collecting the tax, however, revenues exceeded this amount, collecting \$765,323 in FY20 and \$993,675 in FY21. The ordinance approved by the City Council required a review after two years. The review has identified the restaurant tax to be a potentially significant source of funding to help shoulder the burden of growth.

Due to the types of development currently underway in La Vista, the food, beverage and tourism business is expected to continue to grow, and the number of visitors will continue to increase. La Vista voters will be asked to remove the \$700,000 limit and continue the restaurant tax at a rate of 2.5% in order to share the cost of funding increased service demands and infrastructure repair and improvements with non-residents.

Recent market studies indicate that on average, 90% of the business transactions, including restaurants, is generated by non-residents eating and drinking at La Vista establishments.



In short, the lion's share of the sales tax and restaurant tax revenue is being generated by visitors from outside of La Vista—and these revenues enable the City to rely less on property taxes and share the burden of growth associated with development with non-residents who enjoy La Vista's amenities.

The City Council has been entrusted with planning La Vista's growth for future generations, and the current local outlook is bright despite sagging national economic conditions. The associated revenue that could be generated from the sales tax continuation and an amended restaurant tax will help offset additional costs of providing public services and public facilities.

The City's conservative financial planning, when combined with these revenue streams, will ensure a strong La Vista for generations to come. Residents with questions about the half-cent sales tax or restaurant tax may contact Mayor Doug Kindig at **402.331.4343** or **DKindig@CityOfLaVista.org**.

STACK YOUR MORNING WITH GOOD EATS AND GREAT CONVERSATIONS

Introducing Pancakes in the Park: a series of community outreach events around La Vista designed to give residents an opportunity to meet and talk with their City elected officials.

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

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



SATURDAY PANCAKES IN THE PARK DATES

- WARD I** | September 10, Ardmore Park, 8-10 a.m.
- WARD II** | October 1, Central Park Lakes, 8-10 a.m.
- WARD III** | October 8, Southwind Park, 8-10 a.m.
- WARD IV** | October 15, Val Verde Park, 8-10 a.m.

Mark your calendar for the date in your council ward and join us for delicious pancakes and great conversations. To find your ward, visit CityofLaVista.org/217/Council-Member-Wards.

PICKLEBALL HAS COME TO LA VISTA!

The fastest-growing sport in the United States now officially has space for play in La Vista.

Pickleball has been increasing in popularity the last number of years and continues to grow at a rapid pace. This fun sport is played on a court the same dimensions as badminton and also combines elements of tennis and ping-pong. It can be played both indoors and outdoors with a paddle and a plastic ball with holes. The game can be played as doubles or singles and is a sport accessible by all ages and skill levels.



INDOOR COURTS

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

OUTDOOR COURTS

The three tennis courts at Central Park East will soon be a combination of pickleball and tennis courts with different colored lines to indicate each court while utilizing the existing tennis nets. First come, first served. There is no fee and you'll need to provide your own equipment.

HALLOWEEN IN LA VISTA. IT'S A SCREAM.

Our two Halloween-themed events planned for this October will delight doggos and kiddos alike.

For more information on these and other events in La Vista, visit CityofLaVista.org/2022Events.

LA VISTA HALLOWEEN SAFE NIGHT

Monday, October 31 | 5-6:30 p.m.
La Vista Community Center
(8116 Park View Blvd.)

After two years of drive-through events, La Vista's Halloween Safe Night tradition is finally back! Kids can trick-or-treat in the Community Center gymnasium and enjoy fun games and activities, including hayrack rides. Don't miss our photo opportunity by the giant hay bales and Halloween backdrop as well!



HOWL-O-WEEN

Thursday, October 20 | 4:30-6:30 p.m.
La Vista Dog Park at Southwind Park
Dress your dog in a Halloween costume for our first-ever Howl-o-ween.

Snap a pic of your furry friend at our fall-themed backdrop, and stop by the city booth to enjoy a locally baked treat from Long Dog Fat Cat.

We'll have giveaways for your dog, and you can treat yourself too with a free hot beverage from Jo-on-the-Go!

Don't have a camera or smart phone? Keep an eye on our Facebook page for event photos that you can download for free.



FIRE PREVENTION WEEK OPEN HOUSE & SAFETY TIPS

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

Station 4 (8110 Park View Blvd.)

October is Fire Safety Month, and the Papillion Fire Department is planning some fun activities for Fire Prevention Week. Come tour the station at their open house, climb on the equipment, meet your firefighters and enjoy some snacks! For more info, call **402.339.8617**.

The Fire Department also provided these tips for families from the National Fire Protection Association:

Keep matches and lighters out of the reach of children, up high, preferably in a locked cabinet, and closely supervise children, making sure that they are kept away from other fire sources, including lit candles, cigarettes, bonfires, and stoves.

Make a home escape plan, know at least two ways out of every room, have an outside meeting place, practice your home fire drill, practice using different ways out and teach children how to escape on their own in case you can't help them.

When it comes time to celebrate Halloween, make sure to choose a costume without long trailing fabric, make sure eye holes on masks are large enough to see out and provide a flashlight with your child's costume. Keep all decorations away from open flames and use battery operated lights in jack-o-lanterns.

When the weather turns cold this fall, be sure to keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from heating equipment and keep a three-foot kid-free zone around open fires and space heaters. Remember to turn off portable heaters when leaving the room or going to bed and test your smoke alarms at least once a month.

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

LA VISTA POLICE DEPARTMENT WELCOMES NEW OFFICERS

The La Vista Police Department has recently added several new officers to its ranks—three officers who have transferred laterally from other agencies, and two recruits who will attend the Sarpy-Douglas Law Enforcement Academy.



When you see these officers out in the community, please welcome them!

LATERAL OFFICERS



Jacob Thome

Officer Jacob Thome made a lateral move after five years with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. He relocated to Nebraska to raise his family.



Michelle Johnston

Officer Michelle Johnston made a lateral move after four years with the Grand Island Police Department.



Eliseo Guzman

Officer Eliseo Guzman made a lateral move after four years with the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department. He relocated to Nebraska to raise his family.

NEW RECRUITS

Recruit officers Chase Hammons and Caden Woodington began their law enforcement careers on July 5 at the Sarpy Douglas Law Enforcement Academy. They are expected to graduate in November.



Chase Hammons



Caden Woodington

A LOOK AROUND LA VISTA



With safe, inviting neighborhoods, scenic parks, timeless traditions and budding developments, La Vista puts life in perspective. Take a look around, and see how our city is improving points of view.

A LOOK AROUND OUR FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOODS



Pine Drive at dusk



Giles Corner in the summer



Southwind sunset

A LOOK AROUND OUR ENTERTAINING EVENTS



Salute to Summer
May 28

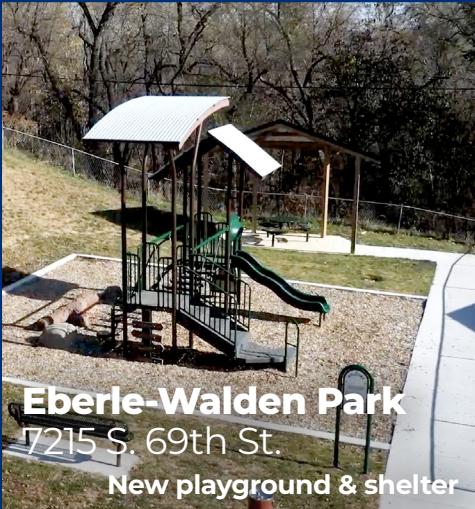


Yappy Hour
June 23



Music & Movie Night
July 8

A LOOK AROUND OUR SCENIC PARKS



Eberle-Walden Park

7215 S. 69th St.

New playground & shelter



Sports Complex

7346 S. 66th St.

New mowing technique



Southwind Park

8120 S. 92nd St.

New dog park

Central Park

Some of our park spaces have taken on new names around Central Park, and we wanted to remind the community of these new references. When events, programming and other announcements are published for these areas, the City will use these names, so here is a handy map to use and keep in mind for the future.



CENTRAL PARK EAST CONSTRUCTION

Central Park East has been a construction zone since this spring and work will continue in this area through the end of the year.

Crews continue to put the finishing touches on the Thompson Creek project in the park. The project improved and widened the creek channel to slow down storm water as it moves through the area. In addition, new trails were installed from Edgewood Boulevard to the west end of the park.

Although the project required the demolition of the restroom building, metal shelter and playground, the City has programmed funding for the replacement of these amenities in the next fiscal year, which begins in October. Exact placement and timing hasn't been determined yet, so stay tuned for more information.



The next phase of work in Central Park East will be the construction of an access road from Park View Boulevard to the City Centre fire access road. This will include the demolition of the pedestrian bridge and the installation of a box culvert over Thompson Creek. The project will provide safer access for delivery trucks going to The Astro music venue and The Link. Work began this summer and is expected to be complete by this winter.

The next phase of work in the park will be the replacement of the existing asphalt road in Central Park East. This work is anticipated to take place in the 2024 construction season.

A LOOK AROUND NEW DEVELOPMENTS



Nebraska MultiSport Complex

Anticipated to open this fall, the much anticipated Nebraska MultiSport Complex (NMSC) planned for the former sod farm near Giles Road and Eastport Parkway is under construction.

The complex's first phase, anticipated to be open this fall, will include 12 fields that will be home to several sports including soccer, fast-pitch softball, baseball, lacrosse, flag football and rugby. Several of the fields will be ready this fall with the rest complete by spring 2023.

The Complex is a private development by a non-profit organization and will not be a City facility. The facility will attract and host large-scale national, regional and local competitive events that will have significant and recurring economic impact for our community.

"This is exciting for the City of La Vista," said Mayor Douglas Kindig at a press conference in May. "The Nebraska MultiSport Complex will encourage economic development, growth and bring visitors to our City. We will have a significant increase in room nights and out of town visitors that will drive tourism development."

The NMSC applied for and received a \$3 million award from the City's Economic Development Program. They were also the recipient of a \$12.6 million Shovel-Ready Capital Recovery & Investment Grant award by the Nebraska Department of Economic Development. For more information on the NMSC, visit their website at NebraskaMultiSport.org.

A LOOK AROUND **OUR STREET IMPROVEMENTS**



Giles Corner Street Resurfacing

Completed: June 2022

96th & 108th Streets Resurfacing

Completed: 2021



RECREATION

FALL KITE FESTIVAL, OCT. 9

COMMUNITY CENTER INFO

FITNESS CENTER

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

HOURS

Monday-Friday: 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Saturdays (Before Sept. 10): 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Saturdays (After Sept. 10): 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Sundays (Before Sept. 10): Closed
Sundays (After Sept. 10): 1-9 p.m.

FEES

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

Punch Cards

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

Adult Memberships

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

DROP-IN ADULT BASKETBALL

Wednesdays & Fridays

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

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

OPEN GYM

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

DROP-IN FEES

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

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

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

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

VIRTUAL RECREATION CENTER

Look for more fun and exciting virtual and hybrid virtual/live activities by checking out the FYI on the DIY with Ms. Jodi and Mr. David, and Fun Friday Adventures with Mr. David and Friends. These unique, fun, and sometimes silly programs can be found on the City's website and social media platforms.



Updated Hours (Starting September)

Monday-Friday
8 a.m. - 9 p.m.
(Adults only 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.)

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

Sunday
1 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Weekdays with
scheduled school days off
1:30 - 9 p.m.
(Youth 8-18)

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RECREATION PROGRAMS

Health & Wellness

Morning Indoor Walking Club

Monday, Wednesday & Friday | 8-10 a.m.

Tuesday & Thursday | 8:30-9:30 a.m.

The Community Center gym is open weekdays for all La Vista residents and seniors in the surrounding metro areas. Time is set aside for walkers, so there will be less interference with other programs.

Cost: Free

Age: Adults (19+)

Fit4Mom Stroller Strides®

Stroller Strides® is a functional full-body conditioning workout designed for moms with kids in tow. Each 60-minute workout is comprised of strength training, cardio, and core restoration, all while entertaining little ones with songs, activities, and fun! Each Stroller Strides instructor is skilled to meet you where you are mentally and physically. You'll leave class feeling connected, successful, and energized! No more mama guilt! This class is all about self-care in a supportive and encouraging environment.

For more info, costs, dates and times, call **402.302.1117**, or contact Marcia McConnell at **marciamcconnell@fit4mom.com** or visit **omahasouth.fit4mom.com**.

Racquetball/Wallyball

The La Vista Community Center currently has one court available that can be reserved. To reserve a court time, call **402.331.3455**.

Cost: Residents—\$7 per hour; Non-Residents—\$14 per hour
Age: Must be 18 and out of high school to rent

Kids Can Run

Wednesday & Friday | 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Fall Session: August 24 - September 30

Community Center (or Gym during inclement weather)

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

Cost: \$59 for one day per week, \$89 for two days per week

Age: 2nd-6th Graders

Dancing

Ballroom Dance Lessons

By appointment: Monday, 7-8 p.m.

Group class: Wednesday, 7-8 p.m.

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

Cost: \$40 per person, per 4-class session

Age: 16+

Square Dance Lessons

Sundays | 2-6 p.m. | Fall classes: Start September 25

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

Cost: \$50 for 5 weeks Age: Adults

Beginner Belly Dancing

NEW INSTRUCTOR: ELIANAE STONE

Tuesdays | 6-7 p.m.

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

Age: All ages

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

Advanced Belly Dancing

Tuesdays | 7-8 p.m.

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

Age: All ages

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

For more info and to register, visit **accelerationbellydancefitness.com**, call **402.370.9021** or contact Elianae at **elianaethebellydancer@gmail.com**.



Safe Hands Healing Hands

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

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

Cost: \$125

Age: Adult

Fall Kite Festival

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

La Vista Soccer Complex

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

Howl-o-Week

Thursday, October 20 | See page 4 for details.

Halloween Safe Night

Monday, October 31 | See page 4 for details.

Miniature Club

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

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

Cost: Free

Age: All ages

Preschool Playtime

Tuesdays and Thursdays | 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Zip around the gym on our tricycles and Cozy Coupe cars; play preschool-sized basketball; kick balls; or just run, jump, and play with others! It's a great playdate for kids and parents! (Please do not bring your own bikes, tricycles, or scooters.)

Cost: Free

Age: Preschool with Adult

ADULT & YOUTH SPORTS



ADULT FALL SOFTBALL

Registration will run July 1-August 1
(or until leagues are full)

Coed League: Tuesdays & Fridays

Men's League: Tuesdays & Fridays

Cost: Coed/Men—\$120 (plus 1 separate \$44 check for forfeit deposit fee)

Umpire Fees: Coed/Men—\$22 per team/per game
Cash only, paid directly to the umpire prior to the game.

SEASON BEGINS AUGUST 22

SEASON ENDS OCTOBER 17

7-week season. Start/end date is subject to change.



COED YOUTH VOLLEYBALL

Practices will tentatively begin the week of October 4. Practices are held at coach's discretion on Monday-Friday evenings with no practices on Wednesdays. All games are held on Saturday mornings/afternoons and some Monday evenings beginning in November. Games are played at the Bellevue Junior Sports Association.

Ages: Boys and Girls grades 3-6 as of fall 2022

Early-Bird Registration Deadline: September 12

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

Final Registration Deadline: September 26

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

SEASON BEGINS IN NOVEMBER

**Start/end date is subject to change.*



SOCCER ACADEMY & LEAGUE

Focusing on different soccer skills to develop each player with individual attention and maximum ball touches. Sessions are twice a week for five weeks. Academy trains/practices Tuesdays, with games on Saturdays. Parent volunteers are needed to assist instructors.

ACADEMY

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

Cost (Until August 8): Resident—\$43, Non-resident—\$63

LEAGUE

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

Cost (Until August 8): Resident—\$43, Non-resident—\$63

BEGINS SEPTEMBER 6

ENDS OCTOBER 8

Both the Academy and League will meet on Tuesdays from 6-7 p.m. On Saturdays, the Academy meets from 9-10 a.m. and the League from 10-11 a.m.

All sessions will take place at the La Vista Sports Complex on or near Soccer Field #5.

COED SOCCER CLINIC

The soccer clinic is comprised of 5 one-hour sessions to be held on Saturday mornings from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the La Vista Community Center. This is a parent-instructed clinic designed to teach fundamentals of soccer while having fun. Volunteer parent instructors are needed to conduct this clinic. Clinic is limited to 16 participants.

BEGINS SEPTEMBER 10

ENDS OCTOBER 8

Ages: Boys and Girls age 3 as of April 1

Cost (Until August 8): Resident—\$27, Non-resident—\$32

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BUY LOCAL CRAFT & VENDOR FAIR

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

A variety of local crafters, independent vendors and small business owners will be selling their goods, just in time for the upcoming holidays. The fair will be open 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. and admission is free (lunch will be available for purchase). If you are interested in being a vendor, contact Jodi Norton to register at JNorton@CityofLaVista.org. Handcrafted and direct sales companies welcome. No fee for vendors.

Library Staff had a turtle-y radical summer interacting with the community and returning to in-person programming. The Summer Reading Board Game Challenge was a huge success, and we are shell-abrating!

Our young readers read more than 5,000 books and our school aged-adult readers read for more than 350,000 minutes!

Thank you for participating and congratulations to our raffle winners.

NEW PROGRAMS

STEAM CLUB | Ages 8-12

STEAM Club allows children to explore science, technology, engineering, art & math.

CRAFTERNOON | Ages 4-8

Crafternoon encourages younger children to draw, paint and create.

These programs will begin at the end of August and registration is not required.



BOARD GAMES

Turn Family Night into Family Game Night with the help of La Vista Public Library's board game collection. Playing board games is a great way to develop critical thinking skills, plus it can help reduce stress—all while having fun! With over 45 games, you'll be sure to find a fun new one to play, and we are always adding different games to the collection. We have the classics like Sorry! and Operation. Or if you want something really challenging, we also have fun roleplaying games like Last Night to Live. Whatever your skill level is, we have a game for you! Active library cards are required to checkout all board games.

OTHER PROGRAMS

IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL STORYTIMES

PASSIVE CRAFT DAYS

VIRTUAL LEGO CLUB

HALLOWEEN

STORYBOOK WALK

TEEN GAME NIGHT

Our virtual programs will use Zoom and/or Discord and some may be recorded and saved on our social media platforms. Stop by the library or visit our website to learn more about upcoming programs.

TINKER BOXES

Located in the Library's Makerspace area, a tinker box is simply a box filled with a variety of supplies that encourages library users to freely build, create and problem-solve with little to no guidance. All supplies are in each box and can be tinkered with at the library. Don't worry about using all the supplies, we'll replenish as needed. Stop by the circulation desk to learn more about these new learning tools. We hope you stay and play at the library soon!

SENIOR CENTER



SPECIAL SERVICES BUS

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

The service operates Mon.-Fri., 7 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and does not operate on City of La Vista holidays or when Papillion La Vista or Ralston Public Schools are closed due to weather conditions.

For reservations call 402.657.3550 at least 48 hours in advance.

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

For more information about service, fees, etc., please call the La Vista Recreation Department at 402.331.3455, or visit us at CityofLaVista.org.

The La Vista Senior Center, located in the Community Center, offers friendship, fitness, field trips and many more fun activities. The Eastern Nebraska Office on Aging (ENO) is sponsoring the Congregate Meal Program Monday-Friday at 11:30 a.m., which is catered by Treat America. The suggested contribution amount for the meal is \$4.25 for adults over 60 years of age. For those younger than age 60, the lunch cost is \$11.

To make a lunch reservation, either call the Center or sign up at the Center by noon on the business day before. Please visit CityofLaVista.org/Seniors for the monthly senior newsletter and to look at scheduled activities/trips and lunch menus. For more info, contact Kaily Stanley at **402.331.3455** or KStanley@CityofLaVista.org.

55 AND UP ONGOING ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITY	DAY	TIME	FEES
BINGO	FRI	1 p.m.	\$1 total for 4 games
CHAIR VOLLEYBALL	WED, FRI	10:15-11:15 a.m.	FREE
TAI CHI FOR BALANCE	TUES, THURS	11-11:45 a.m.	60+: \$0.50 suggested
MOVIE SHOWINGS	EVERY OTHER TUES	1 p.m.	FREE
DROP-IN QUILTING	WED	9-11:30 a.m.	FREE
HAND & FOOT (CARD GAME)	WED	1 p.m.	FREE
PITCH (CARD GAME)	FRI	1 p.m.	FREE

Bingo

Unless noted, there will be no bingo on days when there is a scheduled speaker or other entertainment.

Chair Volleyball

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

Tai Chi

Series of rhythmic, slow, coordinated and gentle movements. Tai Chi means great energy, because it helps the energy to flow through your body. It strengthens your heart, lungs and circulatory system, and can improve balance, coordination, deep breathing, mood and calmness. This Tai Chi class is Moving for Balance Tai Chi or Tai Chi 8, with eight different movements.

Movie Showings

Various movies shown on the big screen, all while eating fresh popcorn and candy with your favorite soda.

Drop-in Quilting Group

Come join the Sew 'N' Sews quilting group, which gives folks of any skill level an outlet to show their creativity.

Pitch and Hand & Foot

Come create new friendships while playing a favorite card game!



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LIBRARY ROOF REPLACEMENT IS COMPLETE

Crews worked this spring and summer to replace the flat roof and gutter system at the La Vista Public Library and Metropolitan Community College Sarpy Center. The \$200,000 project was split between the college and the City, with the City paying \$100,000. The roof and gutter system was original to the building, which opened in 1997, and the project involved the replacement of the flat roof sections and underlying membrane as well as the gutter system.

GLEES CORNER STREETS RESURFACED THIS SUMMER

The City's first use of a street maintenance method called the Ultra-Thin Bonded Asphalt System (UBAS) was applied in the Giles Corner neighborhood this summer.

The \$210,000 project included grinding the top half inch of concrete off of all the streets in the area followed by an asphalt layer over the remaining concrete.

This method is a key strategy in the City's Pavement Management Plan, which calls for being proactive in maintaining the community's good streets and working to fix the streets that have degraded in quality.

The UBAS method allows crews to grind up any imperfections and potential future structural deficiencies and seals the roadway with a new surface.

The City has budgeted \$500,000 for the same method to be used in the 2023 construction season in the area from 72nd Street to 78th Street between Harrison and Josephine, as well as another \$500,000 for other areas of the City in 2024.

For more information on the UBAS method as well as other street-related questions, contact the Public Works Department at **402.331.8927**.

2022 FALL CLEANUP DAYS

OCTOBER 17-23, 7 a.m.-5 p.m. each day

The Public Works Department will co-host a fall cleanup event with the City of Papillion **October 17-23, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.** each day. This joint event will be located at 99th Circle and Portal Road on the south side of Portal Road, just east of the Papillion Public Works Facility. The event is open to Papillion and La Vista residents only.

Bring Identification. Residential Items Only.

Not sure if you're a resident? Check the map at CityofLaVista.org/AmIAResident.

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



FALL CLEANUP DAYS SITE MAP

96th & Portal Rd





DUMPING DOS & DON'TS

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

- Household and lawn furniture
- Mattresses and box springs
- Major appliances
- Grills and smokers
- Outdoor power equipment (please empty fuel prior to disposing)
- Residential construction materials
- Automotive parts and batteries
- Undamaged propane tanks

- Broken toys and play structures
- Bicycles
- Tree limbs and yard waste (must be free of garbage and bags)
- All types of TVs (rear projection, tube TVs, flat screens, etc. may be disposed of in the roll-off dumpsters)
- CRT computer monitors (may be disposed of in the roll-off dumpsters)

ELECTRONICS

The electronic recyclers will accept the following items in the designated area of the Cleanup Days site:

- Cassette tapes, CDs, and arcade games
- Computers (CRT monitors may be disposed of in the roll-off dumpsters). *Participants may request hard drives to be destroyed on site. The City of Papillion and its material recyclers are not responsible for loss of personal data.*
- Keyboards and mice
- Printers
- Cables and wires
- Batteries of any type and battery back-ups
- Data center equipment including raised flooring

- Networking equipment, routers, switches, hubs, etc.
- Audio and visual equipment, VCRs, CD players, radios, etc.
- Cell phones of any type and wall chargers
- Telephones
- Electric musical instruments including amplifiers
- Projectors
- Cable and satellite TV boxes
- Antennas
- Small appliances

NON-ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

Unfortunately, the following cannot be accepted:

- Tires
- Automotive oil
- Paint
- Hazardous waste
- Chemicals of any kind

Please visit www.underthesink.org for information on a facility that will accept some of these items.

DOCUMENT SHREDDING

Document shredding services will be available on **Saturday, October 22, 7 a.m. to noon**, or until the shredding truck is full. All shredding will be done at the La Vista Public Works facility, just north and across the street from the Papillion Public Works facility. Please limit shreddable material to 10 file-size boxes per residence. Shredding is restricted to residential material only. Material must be free of binders, binder clips, or anything else that may damage the shredder. Shredding boxes will have to be taken back by the resident, but can be disposed of across the street at the Cleanup Days site.

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