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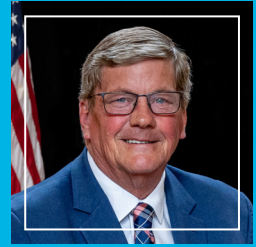


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## MINUTE WITH THE MAYOR



If you noticed orange traffic cones dotting La Vista's landscape this summer, it's because construction crews were busy working to complete eight resurfacing and concrete rehabilitation projects. The Public Works Department successfully coordinated these street projects that led to significant improvements to roads and parking lots in several areas of the city.

Four of the improvement projects, such as the street resurfacing in the Parkview Heights neighborhood, were done using a maintenance method called the Ultra-Thin Bonded Asphalt System, otherwise known as UBAS. Working proactively to maintain and preserve the integrity of our roads using UBAS is helping the City avoid larger, more costly repairs in the future. If you want to learn more about the projects and the related cost savings, see page 13 of this newsletter.

I want to commend Public Works staff for the effort they put into organizing and managing these large street projects.

If you happen to notice a street that needs repair, or you have another concern to report, it is easier than ever to relay the issue to City staff. The City recently adopted a new reporting system called SeeClickFix. You can read about this new system on page 3, and see how it offers residents an easier, more streamlined reporting experience.

I hope to see you in Central Park for National Night Out on Tuesday, August 5. The event begins at 6 p.m. and it offers a chance to talk to members of the Police Department. I invite you to ask questions and get to know the men and women in uniform working to keep your neighborhood safe. The more our residents and police officers work together, the safer we can make La Vista.

Speaking of safety, pages 15 and 16 of this newsletter highlight safety information shared by our Police Department—including valuable back-to-school safety reminders. I urge you to follow these tips to help make our school zones safe for students commuting to and from school.

**MAYOR**

*Douglas Kindig*

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



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

## August

- 5 National Night Out, 6 p.m., Central Park**
- 6 City Council, 6 p.m.** (Note: This meeting will take place on Wednesday)
- 7 Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.**
- 11 La Vista-Metropolitan Community College Condominium Owners Association, 4 p.m. Library**
- 13 Travelin' Trivia, 6 p.m., Lucky Bucket (11941 Centennial Rd.)**
- 15 Moonlight Movie (Captain America: Brave New World), dusk, Outside Library**
- 19 City Council, 6 p.m.**
- 20 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, 6 p.m.**
- 21 Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.**
- 23 La Vista Local Market, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., City Centre**



## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

**Tuesday, August 5, 6-8 p.m.**  
**Central Park**  
**Free**

Gather in Central Park to celebrate our community and connect with your neighbors and local first responders.

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

## September

- 1 Offices Closed for Labor Day**
- 2 City Council, 6 p.m.**
- 4 Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.**
- 11 Library Advisory Board, 6 p.m., Library**
- 11 Citizen Advisory Review Committee, 6 p.m.**
- 13 La Vista Loop Fun Run, 8 a.m., The Nines Plaza and Central Park**
- 16 City Council, 6 p.m.**
- 17 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, 6 p.m.**
- 18 Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.**
- 27 Oktoberfest, 2-10 p.m., City Centre**

## October

- 2 Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.**
- 4 Public Works Expo, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Public Works Facility**
- 5 Fire Department Open House, 8-11 a.m., Station 4 (8110 Park View Blvd.)**
- 7 City Council, 6 p.m.**
- 13 Offices Closed for Columbus Day**
- 15 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, 6 p.m.**
- 16 Howl-O-Ween, 4:30-6:30 p.m., Dog Park at Southwind Park**
- 16 Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.**
- 21 City Council, 6 p.m.**
- 27 Back the Boo, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Police Department**
- 31 Falloween, 4-6 p.m., City Hall Campus (outdoors)**

## COUNCIL CLIPS

*Highlights of recent City Council action.*

- Awarded a contract for construction of Reflections Plaza in Central Park.
- Authorized purchase of furniture for the game room at the Community Center.
- Authorized renovation of soccer fields 9 and 10 at the La Vista Sports Complex.
- Awarded a contract for the replacement of the asphalt roof at the Police Department.
- Renewed the lease with Metropolitan Community College for the operation of the dog park at the Library/Metro site.

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

## New system in place for resident reports

La Vista residents now have a new, streamlined way to report requests and concerns to city staff.

The City is now using the SeeClickFix system to manage all issues reported by its residents for things such as code enforcement, streets, and parks.



Using the City's website, [CityofLaVista.org/ReportAConcern](http://CityofLaVista.org/ReportAConcern), or the SeeClickFix app, residents can easily report an issue, which will be routed to the appropriate department for resolution.

The SeeClickFix system watches for repeat requests and will let the requestor know if someone else has reported the issue. Residents can report an issue with a SeeClickFix account or as a guest without an account.

Users who report issues as a guest without an account will not receive updates as staff works on the request. Certain request categories are also set up to allow the reporter to be anonymous, but their info is still visible to staff working the request.

If you would like to report an issue with your smartphone, please download the SeeClickFix app and search for "La Vista, NE". The SeeClickFix app is available for download for both Apple and Android devices.

City of La Vista staff responds to requests Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. If a request comes in on a holiday, weekend or after-hours, it will be received the next business day.

For more information on La Vista's issue reporting system, please visit the SeeClickFix page on our website.



## Stop, drop and explore at the Fire Station Open House

October is Fire Safety Month. You're invited to celebrate with an open house at Fire Station 4 in La Vista during Fire Prevention Week.

### Station 4 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**.



## Prevent fires at home, use Lithium-Ion batteries safely

Fire Prevention Week is October 5-11, and this year's theme is "**Charge into Safety.**"

Many of the electronics in your home are powered by lithium-ion batteries, including laptops, mobile phones, tablets, headphones, smartwatches, drones and other rechargeable items.

Because Lithium-Ion batteries store so much energy in a small space, they can sometimes overheat/explode and cause fires if used incorrectly or when damaged.

The Papillion Fire Department encourages everyone to be smart when using Lithium-Ion batteries, and **follow these safety tips** from the National Fire Protection Association:

- **Buy only listed products.** When buying a product that uses a lithium-ion battery, look for a safety certification mark such as UL, ETL, or CSA. This means it meets important safety standards.
- **Charge devices safely.** Use the cables that came with the product and follow the instructions from the manufacturer. Charge devices on a hard surface. Don't overcharge—unplug or remove the battery when your device is fully charged.
- **Stop using your device right away if the battery smells weird, gets too hot, makes popping noises, changes in shape or color.** If it is safe, move the device away from anything that can catch fire. Call 9-1-1.
- **Recycle batteries responsibly.** Don't throw lithium-ion batteries in the trash or regular recycling bins because they could start a fire. Instead, recycle devices/batteries at a safe battery recycling location. Visit **call2recycle.org** to find a recycling spot near you.



Residents of La Vista often remark that the City's small-town feel is one of its best attributes. There's just something special about the sense of community here, and how people look out for one another.

La Vista's community-minded and caring nature was on display recently during the annual La Vista Gives School Supply Drive. Throughout the month of July, donations of pencils, notebooks, markers, folders and other supplies poured in thanks to generous donors across the City.

This year's drive was held in support of students and classrooms at G. Stanley Hall Elementary School and La Vista Middle School. The La Vista Gives volunteer team is currently sorting the supplies and will deliver them to the schools prior to students' first day of class.

Thank you to all who donated supplies, as well as the businesses that participated in the drive. Your support makes a difference in La Vista schools!

## More Giving Opportunities Ahead

La Vista Gives will host two more community drives in 2025.

### SPREAD THE WARMTH COAT DRIVE

The Spread the Warmth Coat Drive will return in the early part of fall. This drive is held annually to collect new and used coats and cold weather attire for the Papillion-La Vista Community Closet, which provides clothing and other items at no cost to families in the school district. Visit [CityofLaVista.org/CoatDrive](https://CityofLaVista.org/CoatDrive) to learn more and see when and where items can be donated.

### HELPING HANDS FOOD DRIVE

During the months of November and December, La Vista Gives will host the Helping Hands Food Drive to benefit NeighborGood Pantry, which provides food to families in need from La Vista and surrounding communities. Donations of Hamburger Helper meals, along with other food, will be collected during this drive. Watch for more details in the coming months at [CityofLaVista.org/HelpingHands](https://CityofLaVista.org/HelpingHands).

## MAYOR'S YOUTH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

### Teaming up and taking pride in Thompson Creek

After hosting a successful creek clean-up event in the spring, the La Vista Mayor's Youth Leadership Council is organizing another clean-up at Thompson Creek on Saturday, October 18, 8:30-11 a.m.

**You're invited to meet at the shelter in Central Park East (7702 Edgewood Blvd.) and be part of the clean-up crew.**

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.

This is a great opportunity to give back, connect with neighbors, earn service hours and help beautify the park.

Volunteers should wear sturdy shoes and pants that can get dirty. All participants must complete a waiver prior to volunteering. (Parents must sign the waiver for minors.) The waiver is available in advance at [CityofLaVista.org/CreekWaiver](https://CityofLaVista.org/CreekWaiver) and paper copies can be completed in person on the morning of the event.

If you would like more information or have questions about the event, please email [MYLC@CityofLaVista.org](mailto:MYLC@CityofLaVista.org).



# CITY EVENTS

## TRAVELIN' TRIVIA NIGHT

Wednesday, August 13, 6 p.m.

Lucky Bucket Brewing Company  
(11941 Centennial Rd.)

Don't miss the last Travelin' Trivia night of summer. Two quizmaster hosts will be serving up questions as teams of up to six battle it out for prizes and bragging rights. No phones are allowed to find clues or answers.

A food truck will be on site and Lucky Bucket will offer a full menu of drinks for purchase.

## LA VISTA LOCAL MARKET

Saturday, August 23, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

La Vista City Centre • FREE ADMISSION

If you haven't shopped the NEW La Vista Local Market yet this summer, stop by in August before it disappears for the season. This is your chance to discover one-of-a-kind, hand-crafted items. Come explore the City Centre, shop, mingle, and enjoy the atmosphere. Every purchase supports a talented artisan in your community. Mark your calendar—you won't want to miss it!



**1 MILE FUN RUN**  
*Presented by La Vista Recreation*  
Saturday, September 13, 8 a.m.-12 p.m.  
The Nines Plaza and Central Park

**Cost: \$15 with a shirt or \$5 without a shirt.**  
**Run begins at 9 a.m.**

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.

Visit [CityofLaVista.org/LaVistaLoop](http://CityofLaVista.org/LaVistaLoop) to register. Deadline to register with a t-shirt order is Friday, August 22.



**Saturday, September 27, 2-10 p.m.**  
*City Centre*

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, hearty food, and of course a beer garden.

Live music will be provided by local bands Evans & Moore, Kenny Janak Orchestra and Heartland Boogie Band.

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





## 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.)



## FALLOWEEN

Friday, October 31, 4-6 p.m.  
Community Center - Outdoors

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.



### Want to know when events are happening in La Vista?

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

Sign up at [CityofLaVista.org/WeeklyNewsletter/Subscribe](https://CityofLaVista.org/WeeklyNewsletter/Subscribe).

# RECREATION

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## Community Center Hours:

Monday-Friday: 8 a.m. - 9 p.m. | Saturday: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. | Sunday (May 1-August 31): Noon - 6 p.m.  
Sunday (September 1-April 30): 1-9 p.m.



## CLASSES & CLUBS

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

For a full list, visit

[CityofLaVista.org/Classes](http://CityofLaVista.org/Classes).

Learn more about these classes by contacting the instructor.



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### BALLROOM DANCE

**INSTRUCTOR:** Terry  
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### BEGINNING HULA

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### BELLY DANCING

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## S'mores and Sunsets

| **August 12** (Central Park East, 7702 Edgewood Blvd.)

| **August 26** (Ardmore Park, 6830 Michelle Ave.)

| **September 9** (Nines Plaza, adjacent to The Astro Amphitheater)

| **September 23** (Giles Corner Park, 7514 Michelle Ave.)

5-6 p.m. each day

Join us for a cozy evening of sweet treats and beautiful views at S'mores and Sunsets! Gather around the fire in La Vista parks, where we'll be making delicious s'mores, playing in the park and enjoying time spent with others in our community.

**Cost :** Free **Ages :** All

These family-friendly events are open to all ages, and no registration is required. Bring your appetite for marshmallows and a love for the great outdoors!





## Teen Café

Tuesday, August 12 (Back to School Snacks, 3-5 p.m.)

Tuesday, September 2 (Popcorn Bar, 1-3 p.m.)

Monday, September 22 (Button Making, 1-3 p.m.)

Friday, October 10 (Pumpkin Spice & Game Night Café, 5 - 8 p.m.)

*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



## 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 and simple.

**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 Bingo

September 19 & October 17

6:30-7:30 p.m.

*Community Center*

Join us for monthly bingo nights on the third Friday of the month.

**Cost :** Free **Ages :** All

## 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



## 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.

Registration is required and space is limited. Call **402.331.3455** or visit [CityofLaVista.org/Zombie](http://CityofLaVista.org/Zombie) by October 16 to reserve your spot.

**Cost :** Free **Ages :** 6 years and older

## Preschool Playtime + Special Activities

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

*Community Center*

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

Tuesday, September 2	Activity with Rachel
Tuesday, October 7	Activity with Rachel
Thursday, October 30	Halloween Craft
Tuesday, November 4	Activity with Rachel

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



## NATIONAL COACHES DAY IS OCTOBER 6.

Dedicated volunteer coaches are an integral part of every successful recreational sports program. La Vista Recreation would like to thank all its coaches (past and present) for giving their time and talents to support La Vista's young athletes.

On the field and in the gym, coaches teach, encourage, comfort, challenge and cheer on their players. These actions build confidence and

skills that extend beyond the game and make a positive impact on our community. Thank you, coaches!

Coaches are needed for all upcoming fall and winter sports. Interested in volunteering? Contact [Recreation@CityofLaVista.org](mailto:Recreation@CityofLaVista.org) or call **402.331.3455** to sign up.

### IN THEIR OWN WORDS

Coaches don't often realize the full impact they have on their players. From funny moments at practice, to lessons learned throughout the season, a few of La Vista's flag football players shared what they enjoy about their coaches, along with teachings they will take away.



**SAM, age 11**  
"They're nice and listen to what we have to say. They tell jokes and taught me how to properly throw the ball."



**JAXSON, age 9**  
"When we do stuff wrong, they don't get mad at us. They taught me patience."



**MADDIE, age 9**  
"They're nice and they mean business when they speak. When we do coaches against players, it always ends up really funny."



**ISAAC, age 10**  
"Something I've learned from them: Don't stop running and just keep going. Even if you're not playing football, don't stop trying - keep trying, and you'll get better."

## ART WALL OFFERS NEW, IMPROVED VIEWS

The plain walls outside the Community Center's meeting rooms that were once overlooked are now bursting with color, creativity and community art. The Recreation Department recently transformed this area into an Art Wall to showcase work by local artists and add a splash of beauty to an otherwise bare space.

"The goal of the Community Center's Art Wall is to encourage creative expression, celebrate local talent and make art accessible to everyone," said Recreation Director Heather Buller.

Artists of all ages and experience levels are welcome to submit pieces to be displayed. Artwork is rotated monthly and there is no cost to show art.

Buller said that since the Art Wall's introduction, a number of different art mediums—from watercolor paintings, to drawings, to collages and even diamond art—have been showcased.

"It's been inspiring to see all the different and vibrant pieces community members have created," said Buller. "We're thrilled to be able to provide a place where artists' work can be viewed and enjoyed by our community."

The public is welcome to drop by to view the Art Wall anytime during the Community Center's regular hours. Anyone interested in submitting art for the Art Wall should contact the Recreation Department at [Recreation@CityofLaVista.org](mailto:Recreation@CityofLaVista.org) or **402.331.3455**.





# Registration is going on now for fall sports!

Sign up at [CityofLaVista.org/Active](http://CityofLaVista.org/Active)

## COED FALL SOCCER ACADEMY/LEAGUE

SEPT 9-OCT 11

Registration Deadline: August 21

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



## COED FALL SOCCER CLINIC

SEPT 6-OCT 4

Registration Deadline: August 21

AGE	COST
ACADEMY Boys & Girls 4-5	Resident: \$27 Non-resident: \$32
LEAGUE Boys & Girls 6-7	

## 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

# SENIOR PROGRAM



The La Vista Senior Program is designed to enhance the lives of those 55+ by providing high-quality services that offer wellness, leisure, life-long learning and social opportunities.

La Vista residents and non-residents who are 55 and older can participate in the Senior Program and become part of its thriving community free of charge. Visit the front desk at the La Vista Community Center to join.

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



## Senior Carnival

**Wednesday, October 22, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.**

*La Vista Community Center  
(8116 Park View Blvd.)*

Step right up and enjoy a day of games and prizes.

**10 a.m. Carnival games begin**  
**11:30 a.m. Lunch served**  
**11:50 a.m. Entertainment begins**

**Cost:** \$10, includes lunch (Sorry, no refunds.)

Registration is required. Sign up by Wednesday, October 15 at La Vista Community Center or Papillion Landing. Maximum 100 registrations.

For more information, call the Recreation Department at **402.331.3455**.

## Bump, Set, Sit & Spike

The saying "Nebraska is a volleyball state" has grown in popularity in recent years due to the success of local college and professional volleyball teams. Fans of volleyball know the sport is both fun to watch and play. La Vista's Senior Program aims to give everyone a chance to enjoy playing volleyball. It offers a chair volleyball activity every Wednesday at 10:15 a.m. at the Community Center.

**"Players are seated and we use a beach ball and lower the net," said Kaily Stanley, Recreation Manager – Seniors. "This allows participants of different abilities an opportunity play and socialize."**

Chair volleyball is free to play and there is no registration required. Adults 55 and older are welcome to show up, grab a seat and play.

Stanley said the Senior Program has offered chair volleyball for many years.

"People really enjoy it—it is always well-attended," said Stanley. "One reason it's popular is because everyone is very encouraging of one another. Even when the games get competitive at times, there is always a lot of laughter."

New players are invited to drop in anytime. For more information about chair volleyball or other Senior Program activities, call **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 many of our other activities. View the monthly lunch menu at [CityofLaVista.org/Seniors](http://CityofLaVista.org/Seniors).

**Suggested donation:** \$5 for those 60 and older

**Required fee:** \$9.50 for those younger than 60



## 55 AND UP ONGOING ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITY	DAY	TIME	FEE
<b>GOLDEN BALLROOM DANCING EXERCISE</b>	Mondays	9-10 a.m.	FREE
<b>SENIOR PICKLEBALL CLASS</b>	Third Monday of the month	3:30 p.m.	FREE
<b>TAI CHI FOR BALANCE</b>	Tuesdays & Thursdays	10:45-11:30 a.m.	Age 60+ \$0.50 suggested
<b>VARIOUS CARD GAMES</b>	Tuesdays	12-4 p.m. or 2-4 p.m.	FREE
	Wednesdays and Fridays	2-4 p.m.	FREE
<b>BASIC SIGN LANGUAGE CLASS</b>	Third Tuesday of the month	1-2 p.m.	FREE
<b>MOVIE SHOWINGS</b>	Every other Tuesday	1 p.m.	FREE
<b>DROP-IN QUILTING</b>	Wednesdays	9-11:30 a.m.	FREE
<b>CHAIR VOLLEYBALL</b>	Wednesdays & Fridays	10:15-11:15 a.m.	FREE
<b>HAND &amp; FOOT (CARD GAME)</b>	Wednesdays	1 p.m.	FREE
<b>PITCH (CARD GAME)</b>	Fridays	1 p.m.	FREE
<b>BINGO</b>	Fridays	1 p.m.	\$1/5 games

# PUBLIC WORKS ZONE

9900 Portal Rd | 402.331.8927 | [PublicWorks@CityofLaVista.org](mailto:PublicWorks@CityofLaVista.org) | [CityofLaVista.org/PublicWorks](http://CityofLaVista.org/PublicWorks)

**La Vista Public Works Hours:** Monday–Friday: 7 a.m.–3:30 p.m. Saturday–Sunday: Closed

## Discover how Public Works serves La Vista

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.

## Public Works Expo Day

**Saturday, October 4, 9 a.m.–1 p.m.**

*La Vista Public Works, 9900 Portal Rd.*

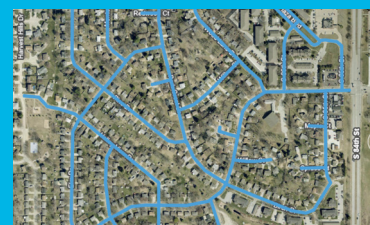


## Public Works drives progress with major infrastructure projects

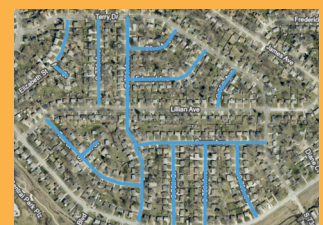
Driving through La Vista feels noticeably smoother thanks to a series of recent street improvements. This summer, the Public Works Department managed a full slate of major infrastructure projects—four concrete rehabilitation projects and another four street/parking lot resurfacing projects.

The street upgrades were guided by the City's Pavement Management Plan, which helped Public Works prioritize projects based on road conditions. Work was completed (or is nearly complete) on these projects:

- Harrison Street reconstruction from the intersection at Giles & Harrison to the I-80 overpass
- Park View Boulevard reconstruction from 84th Street to 85th Street
- Panel repair along 72nd Street
- Storm sewer inlet top replacements along Harrison Street and 72nd Street
- Parkview Heights neighborhood street resurfacing (UBAS)
- Resurfacing north of Park View Blvd. between 72nd Street and 78th Street (UBAS)
- City Hall parking lot resurfacing (UBAS)
- Resurfacing the parking lot drive lane in front of Cabela's (UBAS)



**Parkview Heights Neighborhood**



**Park View Blvd. 72nd–78th**



**Cabela's Parking Lot Drive Lane**



**City Hall Parking Lot**

Four resurfacing projects used Ultra-Thin Bonded Asphalt Surfacing (UBAS), a method preferred for its cost efficiency. UBAS is typically one-third to one-half the cost of traditional 2-inch mill and overlay. As a result, the City's nearly \$1.5M spend on resurfacing was significantly lower than it would have been with conventional methods and allowed more projects to be completed this year.

Beyond the eight street projects, Public Works oversaw the final stages of the multi-year East La Vista Sewer Project. The project is substantially complete, with all major sewer and related pavement rehabilitation completed. At the time this newsletter went to print, crews were finishing up lining manholes and sewer pipe—the last steps prior to closing out the project.



# 2025 FALL CLEANUP DAYS

**OCTOBER 20-26**  
**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 20-26, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.**

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

## Bring Identification. Residential Items Only.

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

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

## FALL CLEANUP DAYS SITE MAP

96th & Portal Rd



# POLICE

7701 S 96th St | Non-emergency: 402.331.1582

## Lifesaving Awards

The Police Department proudly presented Lifesaving Awards recently to four La Vista police officers.

Officer Conner Barnett was presented with an award for his response to an incident at the La Vista Sports Complex. He responded to a call and found that three community members were administering CPR and using an AED on an individual experiencing a medical emergency.

Officer Barnett stepped in and administered compressions until fire department personnel arrived. He was recognized for his prompt and alert actions that helped save a life.



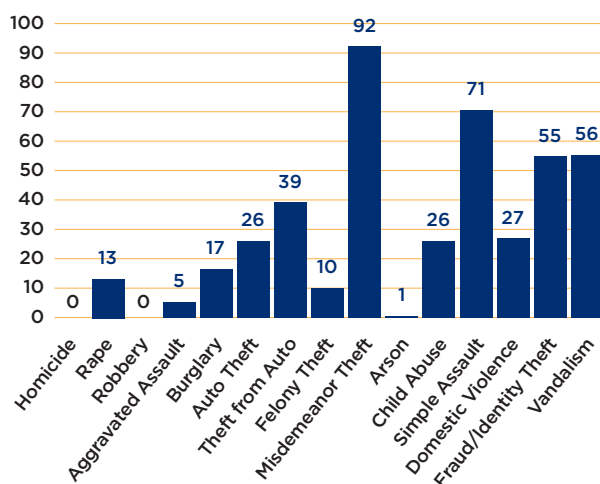
Officers Cody Bittner, Matthew Orduna and Caeden Woodington also received awards for their role during a different emergency situation. These officers provided assistance (over the phone and in person) while an individual was having a serious heart attack. Their rapid response led to the individual quickly receiving CPR. According to doctors, this saved the person's life.

All three officers received Lifesaving Awards. Congratulations to all!

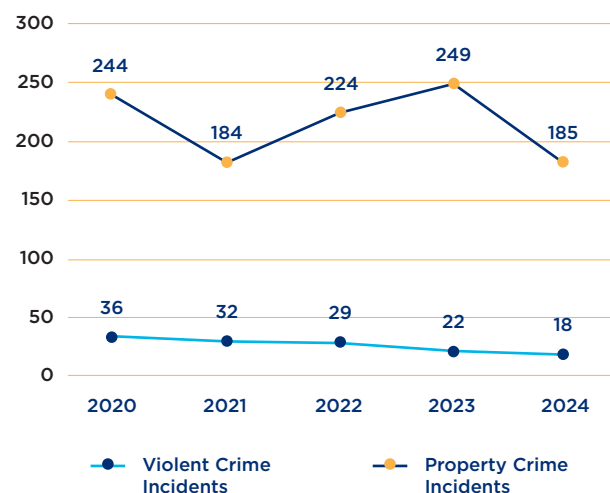
## Understanding Crime in La Vista

Reduction of crimes against citizens and property remains the highest priority for the La Vista Police Department. What crimes are most common in La Vista? According to the Police Department's 2024 Annual Report, property crime far outweighs violent crime.

Crime by Type, 2024



Violent and Property Crime 2020-2024



For a more detailed look at crime and other police data, visit [CityofLaVista.org/PoliceAnnual](https://CityofLaVista.org/PoliceAnnual) to view the 2024 Annual Report.



# Know Your 9 P.M. Routine

The La Vista Police Department is proud to announce its participation in the 9PM Routine program. Originally created as a social media campaign by a Sheriff's Office in Florida, the now nationwide program aims to reduce preventable crime by sharing easy-to-follow safety tips. It has been adopted by law enforcement agencies across the U.S. to improve crime prevention awareness in communities.

To see 9PM Routine tips from LVPD on social media, follow along on these platforms:



@LaVistaPolice



@lavistapolice

In the meantime, implement your own 9 p.m. nightly routine by taking actions to make your property less attractive to criminals.

- **Remove valuables from your vehicle.** Criminals target items that are visible from vehicle windows. This can include electronics, cash, high value sports equipment and other belongings that are hard to trace if stolen. Removing or obscuring these items makes vehicles less desirable targets.
- **Lock your car.** Unlocked vehicles invite simple thefts. According to nationally collected security footage, leaving vehicles unlocked is a growing trend in the U.S. Intentionally locking your doors each night can make a criminal skip your vehicle.
- **Secure your home.** Before heading to bed, and every time you leave the house, ensure all exterior doors are locked. Homeowners may want to utilize multiple types of locks including deadbolts and door chains, and turn on a home alarm and exterior light.
- **Close your garage door.** By securing your garage, you are also securing your home. Be sure to lock the interior entrance door from the garage for an added layer of protection.
- **Collect your mail.** La Vista has seen sporadic increases in mail theft throughout the year. Criminals target mail, particularly around April (tax returns), November/ December (gifts and packages), and manipulate stolen personal identity documents for scams or fraud. Retrieving mail from your mailbox daily helps reduce identity exposure and risk of fraud.

These simple and easy steps help protect property and vehicles from burglary and theft.



## Back to School Safety

With students heading back to school, traffic from walkers, bikers and drivers will increase in school zones. The Police Department offers these reminders to keep everyone safe:

- **Plan ahead.** Expect increased traffic during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up times—leave early and stay patient. Traffic near schools can be busy; keeping calm and following rules helps everyone stay safe.
- **Slow down in school zones.** Obey posted speed limits and be prepared to stop for crossing guards and students.
- **Watch for school buses.** Never pass a stopped school bus with flashing red lights. It's dangerous—and illegal.
- **Avoid distractions.** Put down the phone and stay alert. Children can be unpredictable near roads and crossings.
- **Yield to pedestrians.** Always stop for people in crosswalks, especially near schools and parks.
- **Avoid double parking or stopping in traffic lanes.** Double parking disrupts traffic flow and can put kids at risk crossing between cars.
- **Follow school rules & signs.** Schools usually have specific rules for parking and pick-up/drop-off areas—stick to them to keep kids safe and facilitate better traffic flow.



## Save the date:

### Back the Boo is October 27

Get your Halloween costume ready and make plans to fill up your candy bag during a trunk-or-treat event at the Police Department on Monday, October 27, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Come enjoy:

- Trick-or-treating from the back of cruisers/ motorcycles
- Photo ops with officers
- Free hotdogs
- Plenty of Halloween safety tips

It will be an un-boo-lievably good time!

# LIBRARY NOOK

9110 Giles Rd | 402.537.3900 | [Library@CityofLaVista.org](mailto:Library@CityofLaVista.org) | [CityofLaVista.org/Library](http://CityofLaVista.org/Library)

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

## 500,000 minutes of reading

Library staff were tickled pink with all the reading that took place this summer. The end of the Summer Reading Program marks not just the conclusion of a season filled with color and discovery, but also the beginning of a lifelong love for reading. We're proud of every participant that challenged themselves, explored new genres and completed our summer reading goals. Together, Library members read for almost 500,000 minutes from June 1-July 19. WOW!!! Anyone else feeling berry happy today?

This fall, we invite all families, tweens, teens and community members to continue using our services, both in-person and digitally, including participating in our Library programs. We've even designed two new programs:

**Popcorn and Picture Books and Decorate It!**

### Popcorn and Picture Books

Popcorn and Picture Books will be offered after school one day a month. Listen to Ms. Rachel read picture books and enjoy eating freshly popped popcorn. This program is ideal for those ages 4-8.



### Decorate It!

Decorate It! encourages children ages 5-12 to bring unfinished crafts/projects to the Library and then use our supplies and quiet work area to complete them.



Both programs start in September and registration is not required. Along with our two new programs, the Library will continue to offer storytimes, Lego Club, Teen Game Night, book clubs and Adult Crafter Dark. Stop by or visit our website to learn more about upcoming programs.

See you at the Library or out and about!



## Preschool Halloween Party

Friday, October 17, 10 a.m.  
(Please note the new date!)

Get ready for some not-so-spooky fun at our Preschool Halloween Party! Little ones are invited to come in costume and enjoy Halloween-themed stories, a costume parade, crafts and plenty of opportunities for giggles and creativity. It's a safe and festive way for preschoolers to celebrate the season, meet new friends and love the magic of the Library.

This event is ideal for ages 6 and under.

## Buy Local Craft & Vendor Fair

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

Save the Date! On Saturday, November 8, a variety of local crafters, independent vendors and small business owners will be selling their goods, just in time for the holidays. Visit the Library and shop until you drop!

Admission is free! Lunch will be available for purchase.

If you are interested in being a vendor, contact Jodi Norton at [JNorton@CityofLaVista.org](mailto:JNorton@CityofLaVista.org). Handcrafted and direct sales are welcome. There is no fee for vendors.

## Library Makerspace—Sewing Machine

Learning how to use a sewing machine opens a world of creativity and practical skills. From threading the needle to learning basic stitches, beginners quickly discover how rewarding it is to turn fabric into something useful or beautiful.

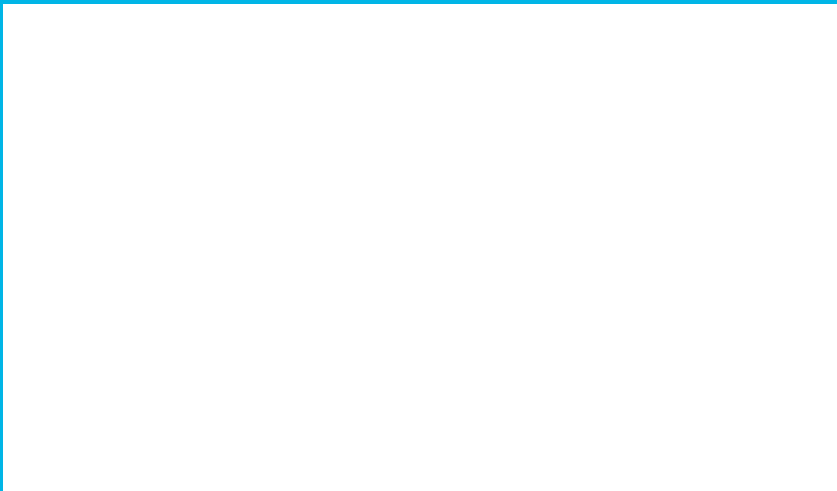
If you are interested in learning how to use the Library's sewing machine, please contact Marjie Shaw at [MShaw@CityofLaVista.org](mailto:MShaw@CityofLaVista.org) or **402.537.9000**.

\*Please note, this is not a sewing class.

## GED Program

GED classes are offered every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. This is a drop-in program where students can attend as needed in preparation for the official GED tests. Please contact the Library for more information about the GED Program or to register at **402.537.3900**.





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