

## **STAFF REPORT**

DATE: July 12, 2023

TO: Ty Lasher, City Manager & Bel Aire Governing Body

FROM: Brian Hayes, Recreation Director

RE: June Activities

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### **Recreation**

- Pickleball participation was down slightly with 258 compared to 279 participants last month.
- Taekwondo participation was down with 14 students compared to 18 in May.
- TGA Golf and Happy feet Soccer finished its summer session with 40 participants.
- Exercise classes were steady with 25 participants.

Nearly 200 participants on 16 teams completed another successful summer ball season on June 29<sup>th</sup>. Rains made it a bit difficult to finish but were able to get all the rainouts made up before the holiday weekend.

- Summer Day Camp continues to be at capacity for the remainder of the summer. Other than a few minor issues, camp has been a success. KDHE conducted their annual inspection/survey on June 21<sup>st</sup>, scoring high with no violations and our license was renewed for another year. The last day of camp is August 4<sup>th</sup>.
- June Drop-in use was also down with 479 compared to 534 in May. Typically, drop-in use and ongoing program participation drops in the summer.
- The Parks Master Plans Open House held at the Rec Center on June 27<sup>th</sup> was an overwhelming success. Nearly 200 residents enjoyed seeing conceptual drawings, visiting with staff, and topped it off with an ice cream social. Landworks Studio is working to finalize everything and will be presenting findings and final master plans in September.
- Mowing has increased and the rains made maintenance difficult at times. The Bermudagrass is now requiring mowing every 2-3 days. We continue to repair the winterkill spots and have treated weeds and crabgrass.
- Upcoming Rec programs include a Disc Golf Clinic, Bel Aire Ball, and Hot Dawgs Pool Party.

### **Seniors**

- 830 seniors participated in cards, line & folk dance, book club, exercise, sewing, walking, educational, & special activities compared to 895 last month.
- Special programs included a cookout, an outing, several crafts and 3 educational sessions were held.
- Upcoming Senior activities include another outing, more craft activities, presentations, as well as the many ongoing programs, mailings and virtual activities.

Swimming Pool

- Pool participation continued to be moderate due to the rainy weather although participation ended up being better than we anticipated. Day fee usage was down but all other areas were slightly up. *See graph.*
- The large plaster patch that failed hasn't become much worse but continues to be a concern for future discussion. Staff is visiting with pool companies and will present those findings after the season. It has not been possible to track and compare potential water loss due to the rains. Hopefully this can be accomplished if it stops raining for an extended period.
- The pool will close for the season on August 7<sup>th</sup> with the annual Hot Dawgs Pool Party. Some residents would like for the pool to remain open longer but most of the staff reports to their colleges the week of August 7<sup>th</sup> leaving only two 15-year-old first year guards and they start school the next week.

