

STAFF REPORT

DATE: February 14, 2023, 2023

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

FROM: Brian Hayes, Recreation Director

RE: January Activities

Recreation

- 97 youth basketballers began games in January to 104 last year. Games run thru Feb. 25.
- Pickleball participation was up with 294 compared to 236 participants last month.
- Taekwondo participation was steady with 17 students compared to 16 in December.
- Tippi Toes Dance continues with 14 participants.
- Exercise classes were steady with 23 participants compared to 20 in December.
- January daily use was up with 597 compared to 409 last month.
- Landworks Studio conducted a site visit for the Parks Master plan project. A draft survey will be prepared in February for review and revision.
- Work has begun on the baseball/softball infields. Additional red shale has been delivered and Rec staff will level, roll & drag 6 infields in February. Sunrise CA is scheduled to begin practices in early March.
- Upcoming Rec programs include Indoor Soccer, WHJBSL, & Spring Break Schools Out Camp.

Seniors

- 750 seniors participated in bridge, line dance, exercise, sewing, walking, book club, Tai Chi, educational, and special activities compared to 512 last month.
- There has been some discord between the walkers and pickleball players. Their times are scheduled back to back and there are several individuals who aren't getting along in the transition of activities. Staff has addressed the issues several times and will continue to serve as referee for those not getting along.
- Upcoming Senior activities include an advisory committee meeting, several Valentines Day events, as well as the many ongoing programs, presentations, mailings and virtual activities.

Swimming Pool

- Met with the returning pool manager to discuss the upcoming season. Several other pool staff have informed us that they will not be returning so will need to hire additional lifeguards. Plans are to only perform needed repairs and plaster patching/smoothing until decisions are made on the future of the facility.