

STAFF REPORT

DATE: July 8, 2025

TO: Ted Henry, City Manager & Bel Aire Governing Body

FROM: Brian Hayes, Recreation Director

RE: June Activities

Recreation.

- Despite the record-breaking June rain, 158 T-Ball and Machine Pitch Baseball participants completed their seasons on June 30th.
- A few rain-out make-up baseball & softball games remain to be played in the Heights League. Bel Aire has 112 players on 9 teams.
- Summer Day Camp continues at capacity and will run through August. The camp received an outstanding score with no violations during the annual KDHE survey on June 26th.
- Taekwondo class participation was down with 14 compared to 17 in May.
- Exercise classes continue to be steady with 21 participants.
- Tippi Toes Dance is taking a break for the summer.
- 20 Soccer Stars (*formerly Happy Feet*) are meeting once a week this summer.
- June drop-in use was steady with 557 compared to 540 in May.
- The summer session of Tumbling is underway with 10 participants.
- The Tyler Tech hardware issues are close to being resolved.
- A contractor seeded the winterkilled areas of the Soccer Field on June 13th. This was later than planned due to excessive rain. Unfortunately, 4 days after seeding, the area received another 5" of rain compromising the work. Some areas germinated but success was limited. Staff recently reseeded the non-germinated areas and are hoping it will fill in.
- Upcoming Programs include a disc golf clinic, outdoor soccer, flag football, & volleyball.

Seniors

- Longtime senior member and former Bel Aire City Clerk Sheryl Cutter passed away June 10th. Memorial contributions were gifted to the Bel Aire Seniors.
- 1067 seniors signed in for cards, pickleball, line & folk dance, book club, exercise, sewing, walking, educational, & special activities compared to 991 in May.

Seniors continued

- Programs included Enhance Fitness, annual cookout, and a tech presentation. In all there were 16 ongoing programs, 5 special activities, and 4 educational sessions offered.
- The Enhance Fitness class is being funded thanks to another grant from Sedgwick County. Currently the class is at capacity with 42 participants. This evidence-based class meets 3 times a week through the end of August.
- Upcoming Senior activities include several outings, a Comcare presentation, as well as the many ongoing baseline programs, games, crafts, and communications.

Swimming Pool

- The first half of the summer was hampered by rain, storms and cool weather. There were 2090 swimmers compared to 2520 last year. 57 Memberships were sold, only 2 less than last year. Swimming lessons were up a dozen with 56 participants. 10 rentals were held, down 6 due to rain.
- Upcoming programs include 2 sessions of swimming lessons, family night, and Hot Dawgs Pool Party.

