

STAFF REPORT

DATE: November 15, 2023

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

FROM: Brian Hayes, Recreation Director

RE: October Activities

Recreation

- 334 participants on 30 fall outdoor sports teams completed another fun season on October 21st or 28th.
- Pickleball participation was steady with 248 compared to 254 participants last month.
- Taekwondo participation was steady with 14 students compared to 13 in September.
- Exercise classes were steady with 25 participants.
- Drop-in use was steady with 491 compared to 497 in September.
- Upcoming Rec programs include Little Dribblers, Youth Basketball leagues & Holiday events.

Seniors

- A \$2,949.21 ARPA funding grant was awarded to the Senior Department from Sedgwick County. This is the 3rd supplemental Seniors grant this year in addition to the annual funding grant. The grant will be used for audio visual upgrades and some new furnishings at the Senior and Recreation Centers.
- 848 seniors participated in Medicare Counseling, Tai Chi, cards, line & folk dance, book club, exercise, sewing, walking, educational, & special activities compared to 855 last month.
- Special programs included outings to Meadowlark Farms, Art Glass Studio & the Senior Expo. Several craft activities were held, and 7 educational sessions were offered. All but one of the required components for county funding have already been completed for the year.
- Upcoming Senior activities include a fall prevention presentation, another outing, as well as the many ongoing baseline programs, presentations, and communications.

Fall Festival

- The Fall Festival was full of fun for all! Including a car show, vendor fair, live music, food, kids activities, medallion hunt & fall contests. We had 35 cars in this year's car show and 65 vendors sold a variety of goods and services to our community. There was an estimated attendance of around 2,500 attendees. As this event continues to grow we would hope for more events and activities to take place throughout the day in the future.

