

STAFF REPORT

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TO: Ty Lasher, City Manager
Bel Aire City Council

FROM: Brian Hayes, Recreation Director

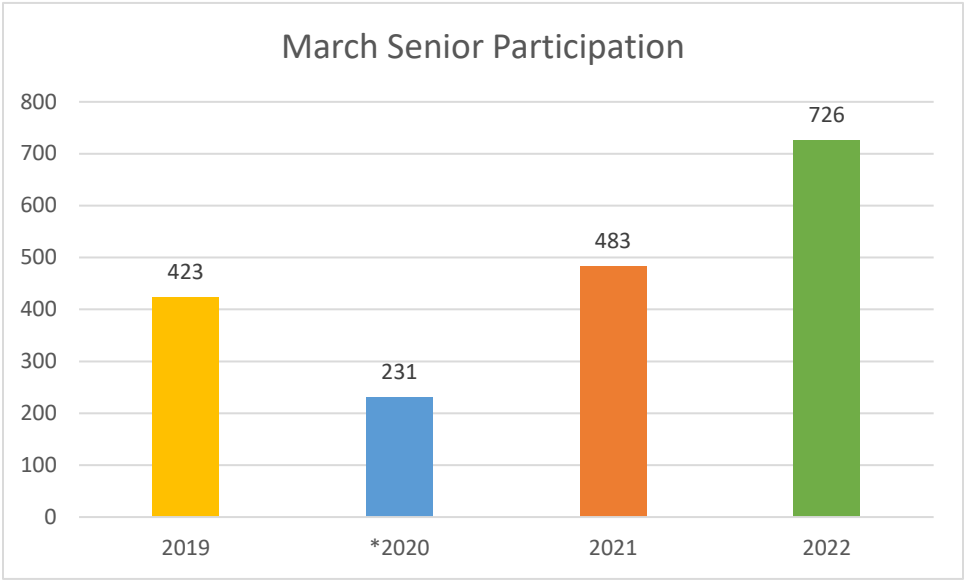
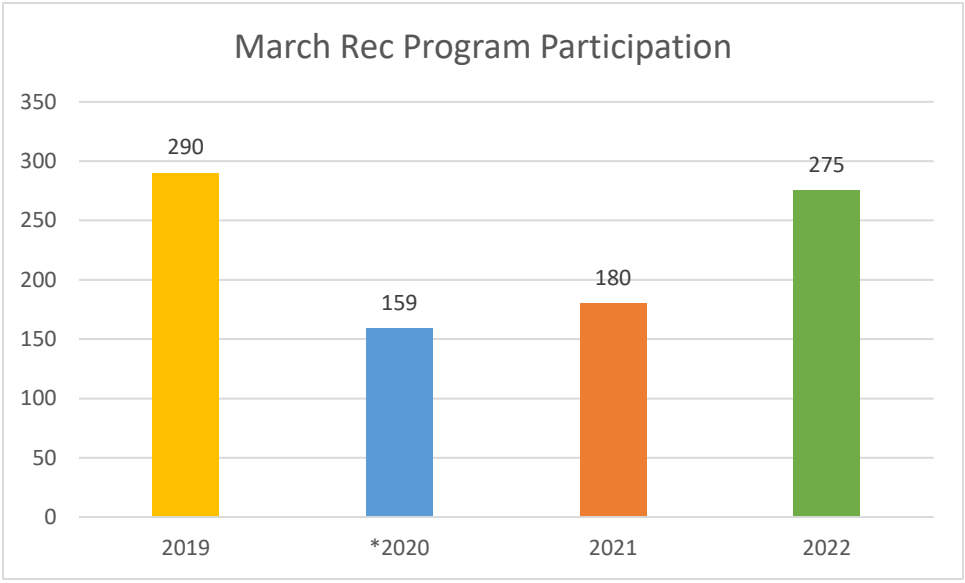
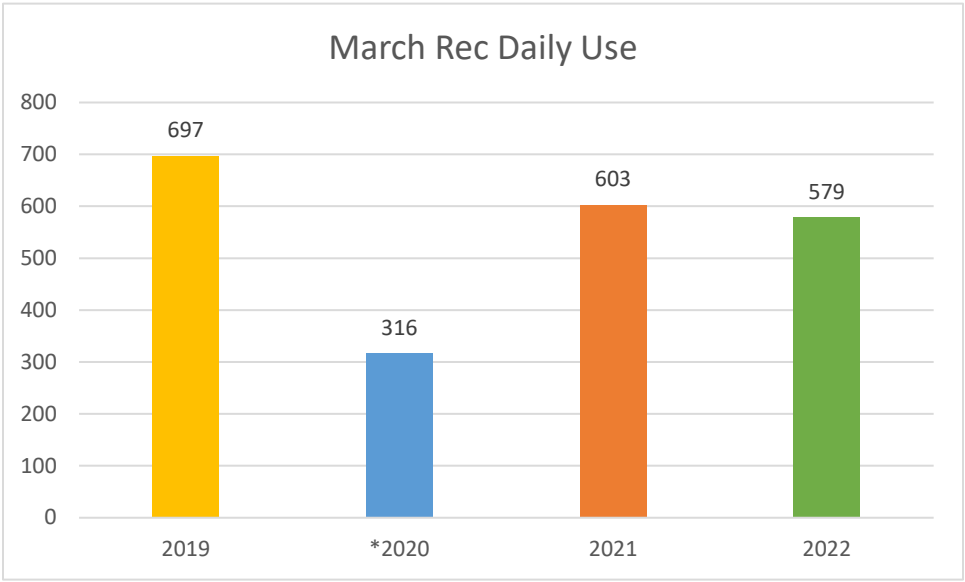
RE: **March Activities**

Recreation

- Indoor Soccer continues and will run through April 16th. This season there are 119 players on 12 teams compared to 60 last year.
- 6 Bel Aire Rec Heights League teams began practicing in March. There are 76 players this year compared to 57 last year. Sunrise Christian Academy baseball & softball teams also began practicing on Bel Aire Rec fields in March.
- 28 participants are registered in Tippi Toes Dance and Happy Feet Soccer compared to 36 last year.
- 15 school age children attended the Schools Out program during spring break. The program was not held in 2021.
- The licensing for Summer Day Camp is slow going. Two lead staff hires are currently being processed and applications for group leaders are being reviewed. An initial survey and site inspection is expected soon.
- Pickleball was up with 234 compared to 199 last month.
- Taekwondo was up with 21 students compared to 14 last month.
- Exercise classes were steady with 16 compared to 15 last month.
- January daily use was up with 579 compared to 456 last month. 95 paid day fees, 272 were pass holders, and 212 participated in various activities.
- Current & upcoming programs include & Spring Festival. Craft & Go and Blastball.

Seniors

- 726 seniors participated in line & folk dance, sewing, walking, bridge, exercise, arts & crafts, book club, 2 meals and several educational presentations compared to 539 last month.
- Tai Chi classes have been suspended. This evidence based program was being funded by Sedgwick County but it's time was up. Options were given to the participants to continue for a fee but the majority were unwilling to pay.
- Meetings & discussions continue with the Senior Club concerning the new funding policy. Staff is being patient but club comments and cooperation continues to be difficult. The main issue is with board members who don't want to and isn't following the policy. Staff is considering a different approach.
- Staff continues to engage Bel Aire Seniors with weekly and monthly emails and newsletters. Every week virtual tours of interesting venues, fun activities, and useful information are presented.
- Upcoming programs include the regular ongoing programs and several new educational & special events including a Decluttering presentation by a professional organizer on April 12th.



*Rec Closed on 3/18/2020