

STAFF REPORT

DATE: July 12, 2022

TO: Ty Lasher, City Manager
Bel Aire City Council

FROM: Brian Hayes, Recreation Director

RE: **June Activities**

Recreation

- Pickleball participation was up with 273 compared to 244 participants last month.
- Taekwondo participation was down slightly with 15 students compared to 18 in May. TKD participation is typically down in the summer.
- Exercise classes were steady with 19 participants compared to the same in May.
- Tippi Toes Dance started a small summer session with 8 participants.
- Happy Feet Soccer was near capacity with 18 participants compared to 10 last summer.
- Summer Day camp started off with a bang but averaged just 15 kids per week. We were inspected by KDHE on June 28th with no violations and therefore received the permanent license. We are a little disappointed in the registration but could be attributed to KDHE issuing the temporary license only the week before the camp was scheduled to start. On the bright side it allowed staff to get acclimated in delivering our own camp and becoming compliant to strict KDHE regulations.
- T-Ball and Machine Pitch Baseball completed another successful season on June 30th.
- Wichita Heights Junior Baseball/Softball League games run through the second week in July.
- June daily use was steady with 540 compared to 545 last month.
- Routine mowing continued with the Bermuda turf beginning its typical summer growth. The Bermuda began requiring mowing 2-3 times a week by the end of June. July plans are to treat for grubs, Bermuda aeration and fertilizing approximately 3 acres that were damaged or killed this past winter and spring. Additionally, some brown patch disease began showing up in the fescue yard around the building.
- Upcoming programs include Basketball Mini Camp, Bel Aire Ball, Outdoor Soccer & Flag Football.

Seniors

- 640 seniors participated in bridge, line dance, exercise, sewing, walking, book club, educational, and special activities compared to 645 last month.

Seniors continued

- Over 30 folks attended a cookout held in the pavilion at the Rec Center on June 27th. Staff manned the grill and everyone enjoyed a mild outdoor day of food, stories and fellowship.
- Staff continues to engage Bel Aire Seniors by phone, newsletters, and e-mail. Every week virtual tours of interesting venues, fun activities, and useful information are presented.
- Upcoming Senior activities include a semi-annual planning committee meeting, several craft activities, Tai Chi, movie night, a Veterans presentation as well as the many ongoing programs.

Swimming Pool

- June weather was not very conducive for pool activities. The first few weeks were cool and the excessive rainfall affected attendance. Staff is hopeful that the remaining season will improve.
- Open Swim attendance was still up with 2364 compared to 2000 last year.
- Membership sales were up a bit with 60 compared to 58 last year.
- Pool Rentals were up with 14 compared to 10 last year.
- Swim lessons were up with 57 compared to 45 last year although the first session was cancelled due to cool water & air temperatures
- The Hot Dogs Pool Party will again be held to close out the season on August 8th. The last day for Open Swim is August 7th.

