

STAFF REPORT

DATE: Oct. 13, 2026

TO: Ted Henry, City Manager
Bel Aire Governing Body

FROM: Brian Hayes, Recreation Director

RE: September Activities

Recreation

- 209 participants on 19 fall sports teams continue practices & games that run through October. Sports include Soccer, Volleyball, and Flag Football.
- Super Soccer Stars, an instructional program for preschoolers began in September with 15 participants.
- Girl Scout Troop 40565 and Bel Aire Girls on the Run began meeting at the Rec Center in September. These groups use a room at no charge in exchange for community service.
- Taekwondo class participation was down a bit with 15 compared to 17 students in August.
- Exercise classes continue to be steady with 19 participants.
- September drop in gym use was down a bit with 544 compared to 567 in August.
- Bermudagrass turf athletic fields are nearly back to where they were before the winter kill in 2024.
- Rec staff completely renovated the lawn around the Rec Center to repair areas damaged by the heat. That renovation included dethatching, aeration, top dressing, overseeding, and fertilization. The results were successful with only a small portion that will need to be addressed in the spring.
- Upcoming rec programs include the Fall Festival, Little Dribblers, Bel Aire Ball, and youth basketball.

Seniors

- 752 seniors signed in for cards, line & folk dance, book club, exercise, sewing, walking, educational, & special activities compared to 808 in August.
- Highlights included a dinner with entertainment from Handpan Dan, a vaccine clinic, as well as the usual arts & crafts activities. In all there were 16 ongoing programs, 3 special activities, and 6 educational sessions.
- Upcoming Senior activities include Medicare Counseling, a tech presentation, several outings, as well as established baseline programs, games, and arts & crafts.