

## **STAFF REPORT**

DATE: November 12, 2024

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

FROM: Brian Hayes, Recreation Director

RE: October Activities

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### **Recreation**

- Soccer, Flag Football, & Volleyball concluded successful seasons on October 26<sup>th</sup>. There were 268 participants on 24 teams.
- About 50 Super Soccer Stars (*formerly Happy Feet*), TGA Golf, and Girls on the Run participants also completed their sessions. These partnerships will be offered again in the spring.
- Pickleball participation was steady with 334 compared to 341 last month.
- October Taekwondo participation was steady with 18.
- Exercise classes were steady with 23 participants.
- Drop-in use was slightly up with 536 sign-ins compared to 504 in August.
- The Fall Festival was a great success, offering a variety of activities for attendees of all ages. Highlights included a car show, vendor fair, live music, food, children's activities, medallion & scavenger hunts, and fall-themed contests. This year, the car show featured 47 participants, and the vendor fair showcased 87 vendors who provided a diverse range of goods and services to the community. The event attracted an estimated 3,500 attendees. As the festival continues to grow, we look forward to expanding the schedule with additional events and activities throughout the day.
- The turf on the baseball & softball sports fields used temporarily for soccer and flag football held up about as expected. The winterkill areas which had partially grown in with weeds was down to dirt. Some temporary overseeding was done after fall sports and thanks to the recent rains has germinated. These areas as well as the large area of winterkill on the permanent soccer field will need to be addressed permanently next year.
- Upcoming Recreation programs include Little Dribblerz, Basketball, and Christmas events.

## Seniors

- 834 seniors signed in for Medicare Counseling, cards, line & folk dance, book club, exercise, sewing, walking, educational, & special activities compared to 937 in September.

October programs included Medicare Counseling (*Sedgwick County funding requirement*), outings to Meadowlark Farm & Cocoa Dulce, several games, and arts/craft activities. In all there were 15 ongoing activities, 4 special activities and 3 educational sessions offered. All of the required county funding requirements have been or will be completed by the end of the year.

- Upcoming Senior activities include Medicare Part D Counseling, several holiday activities, as well as the many ongoing baseline programs, games, fall crafts, presentations, and communications.

## Eagle Lake Park

- The RFQ for Playground Equipment & Safety Surfacing replacement at Eagle Lake Park has been published and is due on Nov. 22. Proposals will be presented to the governing body on Dec. 3.

