

STAFF REPORT

DATE: May 10, 2022

TO: Ty Lasher, City Manager
Bel Aire City Council

FROM: Brian Hayes, Recreation Director

RE: **April Activities**

Recreation

- Indoor Soccer completed its season on April 16th. There were 119 players on 12 teams compared to 60 last year.
- Blastball began on April 18th with 20 four year olds compared to 21 last year.
- 6 Bel Aire Rec Heights League teams continued practicing in April. There are 76 players this year compared to 57 last year. The Sunrise Christian Academy baseball & softball teams have completed their seasons.
- 30 participants were registered in Tippi Toes Dance and Happy Feet Soccer compared to 36 last year.
- The licensing survey for summer day camp finally took place on April 28th. Newly created procedures, policies, schedules, staffing, and other required components were reviewed. Two lead staff have been hired and interviews are being conducted for another position. We got word from KDHE last week that our license has been approved and will be issued in May. Registration is now underway.
- Pickleball was up with 277 compared to 234 last month.
- Taekwondo was steady with 21 students compared to the same last month.
- Exercise classes were steady with 17 compared to 16 last month.
- April daily use was up with 590 compared to 579 last month. 80 paid day fees, 245 were pass holders, and 265 participated in various senior activities.
- The Spring Festival was held in April after a 2 year absence. An estimated 2000 from the community enjoyed an afternoon of egg hunts, games, inflatables and food.
- Outdoor field maintenance and routine mowing is underway. Ballfields have been fertilized and treated for weeds. Weeds are abnormally bad this year and will require additional herbicide applications through the fall.
- Current & upcoming programs include & T Ball, Machine Pitch, swimming activities and Summer Day Camp.

Seniors

- 722 seniors participated in line & folk dance, sewing, walking, bridge, exercise, arts & crafts, book club, a dinner, several educational presentations & special events compared to 726 last month.
- Only 9 Senior Club members of a capacity crowd of 28 total seniors attended the scheduled monthly Senior club dinner on April 25th. Word has got back to staff that some club members continue to be upset with the new policy therefore they are deciding not to attend.
- Staff continues to engage Bel Aire Seniors with weekly and monthly emails and newsletters. Every week virtual tours of interesting venues, fun activities, upcoming programs and useful information are presented.
- Upcoming programs include the regular ongoing programs and several new educational & special events including a day trip to Botanica and a dinner and presentation on flower gardening at the Rec Center.

Swimming Pool

- The pool was uncovered, cleaned and filled in late April. Repair work will be performed by Rec staff and should be minimal this year and ready for the 5/28 opening.
- The majority of the seasonal staff are returning from last summer but additional staff will be hired to fill the gaps.



Blastball



Indoor Soccer



Decoupage Basket Craft



Decluttering & Organization Talk



Spring Festival



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