

STAFF REPORT

DATE: November 8, 2022

TO: Ty Lasher, City Manager & Bel Aire Governing Body

FROM: Brian Hayes, Recreation Director

RE: October Activities

Recreation

- Pickleball participation was up with 267 compared to 225 participants last month.
- Taekwondo participation was up slightly with 19 students compared to 14 in September.
- 14 youngsters participated in Tippi Toes Dance compared to 11 last month.
- 22 Happy Feet & TGA Golf participants finished their fall session.
- Exercise classes were steady with 22 participants compared to 20 in October.
- August daily use was down with 427 compared to 480 last month.
- 239 youth participants completed their fall seasons in soccer, flag football, & volleyball compared to 173 last year.
- Several proposals for updated Rec and Park master plans are being revised and will be presented in December. Things being discussed are ADA access at the Rec Center as well as renovation/relocation/repurpose of the Bel Aire Park tennis court to the Rec Complex and/or Central Park.
- The fescue lawn around the building was dethatched, aerated, overseeded & fertilized after the Fall Festival and is filling in nicely.
- Upcoming Rec programs include Little Dribblers, Youth Basketball Leagues, & Holiday Events.

Seniors

- 611 seniors participated in bridge, line dance, exercise, Tai Chi, sewing, walking, book club, educational, and special activities compared to 542 last month.
- October highlights included Medicare counseling, Pumpkin Painting, Flu Shots, and a trip to Meadowlark Farm.
- Upcoming Senior activities include final Medicare counseling & enrollment, Holiday Dinner, a fossil outing, as well as the many ongoing programs, presentations, mailings and virtual activities.

Fall Festival & Holiday Celebration

- The Fall Festival was full of fun for all! Including a car show, vendor fair, live music, food, kids activities, medallion hunt & fall contests. We had 100 cars in this year's car show. 30 vendors sold a variety of goods and services to our community. There was an estimated attendance of around 2,000 attendees at our Fall Festival. As this event continues to grow we would hope for more events and activities to take place throughout the day in the future.
- This year's Holiday Celebration will be on December 3rd from 5:30-7:30 @ City Hall. Santa is coming and is excited to talk with all the children! We will also have treats to eat and decorate. We will also have some holiday crafts as well. We will also kick off our holiday light show for the first time this season!

