

STAFF REPORT

DATE: May 13, 2026
TO: Ted Henry, City Manager
Bel Aire Governing Body
FROM: Brian Hayes, Recreation Director
RE: April Activities

Recreation.

- Indoor Soccer teams completed their season on April 11th.
- 110 youth on 9 Bel Aire WHJBSL baseball & softball teams have begun games and will run up until July 4th.
- Blastball and Short Sports were held in April with 35 participants. These are introductory instructional programs for preschoolers.
- Taekwondo class participation was down a bit with 14 students compared to 18 in March.
- Exercise classes continue to be steady with 21 participants.
- April drop in gym use was down with 478 compared to 540 in March.
- SCA Baseball & Softball teams have completed their seasons.
- A Tree & Bench Dedication ceremony was held on May 2nd. An estimated 70 residents turned out to celebrate former City Clerk Sheryl Cutter and her family's contributions to the City of Bel Aire.
- Day Camp registration is nearly complete with only a few openings remaining.
- 2 new Day Camp staff have been finalized as well as a seasonal Front Desk assistant.
- Athletic fields were sprayed for weeds and fertilized. The turf is starting to come out of the winter kill event and draught of 2024. There is still some work to do on the baseball & softball fields but will wait to seed Bermudagrass after the ball seasons in July. The Soccer field is looking good and should be back to its normal condition by the time our Outdoor Soccer season starts in August.
- Upcoming rec programs include Summer Day Camp, T-Ball, & Machine Pitch Baseball.

Seniors

- 778 seniors signed in for cards, line & folk dance, book club, exercise, sewing, walking, educational, & special activities compared to 868 in February.
- Highlights included a Scavenger Hunt, a presentation by the Central Plains Area Agency on Aging, and the usual arts & crafts activities. In all there were 15 ongoing programs, 3 special activities, and 4 educational sessions.
- Upcoming Senior activities include the Senior Expo, a presentation on Home Health as well as the established baseline programs, games, and arts & crafts.

Swimming Pool

- Minor repairs are nearly complete, and pool staff will begin to report in May as college and high school ends for the year.
- The new pool filter is in transit, but installation may be postponed due to the late arrival. The old filter is still working properly.
- We have only 2 returning seasonal staff this year and have made offers to 6 applicants who must be certified. 2 of those have yet to register for a class so the search continues. If we are unable to secure those positions, adjustments may need to be made.
- Registration for lessons, memberships, and rentals are underway, The new online system is being well utilized by residents.