

## **STAFF REPORT**

DATE: July 9, 2024

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

FROM: Brian Hayes, Recreation Director

RE: June Activities

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### **Recreation**

- 103 participants on 8 Bel Aire Rec teams playing in the Wichita Heights Junior Baseball/Softball League have completed their seasons. 5 of the 8 teams finished in 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> place in their divisions.
- 138 participants on 12 T-Ball & Machine-Pitch Baseball teams also have completed another successful season.
- About a dozen preschoolers are participating in Tippi Toes Dance & Happy Feet Soccer mini sessions.
- Pickleball participation was steady with 307 compared to 313 last month. The Tuesday & Thursday morning trial continues and so far, is on pace to permanently be added to the schedule.
- June Taekwondo participation was steady with 21 compared to 24 in May.
- Exercise classes were steady with 26 participants.
- Drop-in use was pretty much steady with 512 sign-ins compared to 544 in May.
- Some of the winter-killed Bermudagrass is showing slight signs of life but will not be enough to be suitable for fall sports. Rec staff are experimenting with a couple of varieties of grass seed to see if anything will even germinate in the pre-emerged soil. There are several plans being worked on in order to still be able to offer soccer and flag football this fall. The most likely scenario will be to move soccer to the outfield of the baseball field East of the building with flag football and spot seed any needed areas there as soon as we feel comfortable with it germinating. The soccer field would then be taken out of play and seeded at a later date. The fields will need to be reestablished over the remaining growing seasons this year and next year.
- Upcoming Rec programs include Challenger Soccer Camp, Disc Golf Clinic, Bel Aire Ball, Outdoor Soccer, Flag Football, and Volleyball.

### **Seniors**

- 784 seniors signed in for cards, line & folk dance, book club, exercise, sewing, walking, educational, & special activities compared to 877 in May.
- Highlights this month included an outing to Papas General Store, the annual summer cookout, and National Mascot Day.

- Other June programs included several game and arts/craft activities. In all there were 12 ongoing activities, 5 special activities and 3 educational sessions offered in June.
- Upcoming Senior activities include making red, white & blue ice cream sandwiches, lava lamp science, an outing to the Great Plains Nature Center as well as the many ongoing baseline programs, games, crafts, presentations, and communications.

## Swimming Pool

- The pool opened as scheduled and was a pretty typical month compared to previous years. Day fees were up but sales of memberships, lessons, and rentals were slightly down over last year. *(see graph below)*
- Many positive comments on the new plaster surface have been received.
- There are 2 remaining sessions of swimming lessons and all remaining Saturday and Sunday evenings are booked with rentals.
- Two additional events are also scheduled: Family Night on 7/27 & Hot Dawgs Pool Party on 8/5
- The pool will be open through August 5<sup>th</sup>.

