

STAFF REPORT

DATE: September 13, 2022

TO: Ty Lasher, City Manager
Bel Aire City Council

FROM: Brian Hayes, Recreation Director

RE: **August Activities**

Recreation

- Pickleball participation was up with 292 compared to 256 participants last month.
- Taekwondo participation was steady with 11 students compared to the same in August. TKD participation is typically down in the summer.
- Exercise classes were steady with 21 participants compared to 20 in August.
- Day Camp finished the summer with another near capacity count of 25 registered campers. Staff is reviewing the program and is already planning for next year.
- August daily use was steady with 556 compared to 548 last month.
- The annual Bel Aire Ball was held on August 12th. Nearly 50 family members enjoyed an evening of food, fun and dancing.
- Outdoor Soccer practices began on August 29th. Over 200 youth ages 4-10 are participating this year which is the largest turnout since 2005. There are additionally 38 youth participating in volleyball and flag football jointly with teams from Valley Center, Andover, and Maize. Volleyball hasn't sported any teams since before the pandemic.
- The summer drought continues to take a toll on the health of all the turf grasses at the Recreation complex. A bit more fertilizer was applied to some of the stressed Bermuda in August and Fescue areas around the building will be renovated and re-seeded due to brown patch disease and drought kill.
- Rec staff have visited with several planners and have asked for proposals for an updated Rec Complex and Bel Aire Park master plans. Things being discussed is ADA access at the Rec Center as well as renovation and possible relocation of the tennis court to the Rec Complex that can accommodate outdoor pickleball as well.
- Upcoming Rec programs include, Tai Chi, Happy Feet Soccer, TGA Golf, Dance, and the annual Fall Festival.

Seniors

- 644 seniors participated in bridge, line dance, exercise, sewing, walking, book club, educational, and special activities compared to 554 last month.
- A few August events included Singo, several trips & presentations and an ice cream social.
- Staff continues to engage Bel Aire Seniors by phone, newsletters, and e-mail. Every week virtual tours of interesting venues, fun activities, and useful information are presented.
- Upcoming Senior activities include a craft activity and Tai Chi as well as the many ongoing programs. Potluck dinners will also return in September.

Swimming Pool

- Pool attendance finished strong and 25% up over last year.
- The Hot Dog Pool party closed out the season on August 8th. Doggy attendance was down a bit over previous years with 60 pets & their families taking a dip in the pool.
- The pool has been winterized and stored away for the year.
- Staff is currently collecting information and estimates on pool liners and re-plastering.

