

STAFF REPORT

DATE: August 4, 2026

TO: Ted Henry, City Manager
Bel Aire Governing Body

FROM: Brian Hayes, Recreation Director

RE: June & July Activities

Recreation

- 255 T-Ball, Machine Pitch, Baseball & Softball participants completed another successful season. Thanks to the 49 volunteer coaches that helped out this summer.
- Taekwondo class participation averaged 12 students in June and July. Classes typically are low this time of year but picks up in the fall.
- Exercise classes continued to be steady with 20 participants.
- June drop in gym use was steady with 467 in June and 436 in July.
- Summer Day Camp continued at or near capacity. The program is licensed by KDHE for 30 school-age children. Camp consisted of field trips, swimming, games, clubs, arts & crafts education, and much more. Camp wrapped on August 7th.
- Challenger Soccer Camp was held the week of July 6th with 12 campers this year.
- Tumbling Tykes began in mid-June and ran through the end of July with 12 participants.
- The remaining 2024 winterkilled Bermudagrass areas were overseeded after summer ball and are finally beginning to fill in. Staff is now preparing fields for upcoming fall sports programs.
- Upcoming rec programs include Soccer, Flag Football, & Volleyball

Seniors

- 757 seniors signed in for cards, line & folk dance, book club, exercise, sewing, walking, educational, & special activities in June and 793 in July
- Highlights included a Medicare presentation, annual cookout, Singo, Tea Party, and the usual arts & crafts activities. In all there were 16 ongoing programs, 7 special activities, and 6 educational sessions. The Senior Planning committee also met in July to discuss activities for the remaining year.
- Upcoming Senior activities include Walk with Ease, Jam Session, an outing, as well as established baseline programs, games, and arts & crafts.

Swimming Pool

- June attendance started slowly due to several weeks of cool weather but rebounded as the summer warmed up. Swimming Lessons and pool rental participation was comparable to previous years. Final participation numbers will be in next month's report.
- The new young pool staff performed reasonably well and expect several to return next summer.
- The pool closes for the season on August 10th.