

## STAFF REPORT

DATE: April 10, 2024  
TO: Ted Henry, City Manager & Bel Aire Governing Body  
FROM: Brian Hayes, Recreation Director  
RE: March Activities

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### Recreation

- 16 teams of 181 youth ages 4-11 continued their Indoor Soccer season in March. Games ended on April 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Tippi Toes Dance continued with 6 participants.
- Happy Feet Soccer & TGA Golf began at near capacity with 30 participants.
- Schools Out Camp was again a success with 15 campers over spring break.
- Over 100 participants began practicing on 8 Bel Aire Rec teams playing in the Wichita Heights Junior Baseball/Softball League. Games begin in late April and will run through early July.
- Pickleball participation was slightly up with 288 compared to 269 participants last month.
- March Taekwondo participation was steady with 22 compared to 23 in February.
- Exercise classes were steady with 26 participants.
- Drop-in use was barely up with 548 compared to 504 in February.
- The Spring Festival was a great way to kick off this year's community events! There were an estimated 2000 people that came to enjoy festivities at the Bel Aire Rec Center. Around 700 kids participated in the egg hunts, inflatables, games, kite flying, face painting, photo booth and pictures with the Bunny.
- The Bel Aire Lions Club graciously arranged and paid \$1730 to restripe the Rec Complex parking lot. Rec staff with the assistance of Public Works cleaned and prepared the surface to be painted. **Thank You Lions Club!**
- Upcoming Rec programs include Blastball, T-Ball, Machine Pitch Baseball, and Summer Day Camp which is already at 90% capacity.

### Seniors

- 919 seniors participated in Tai Chi, cards, line & folk dance, book club, exercise, sewing, walking, educational, & special activities compared to 795 in February.
- 35 attended the Quarterly Senior Dinner complete with live music provided by our own Jam Session group.
- Other March programs included several arts & craft activities, an outing to Paramount Marketplace as well as 5 additional special activities and 3 educational sessions.
- Upcoming Senior activities include a presentation on wills & trusts, scavenger hunt, and an outing to the Wichita Art Museum, as well as the many ongoing baseline programs, games, crafts, presentations, and communications.

## Swimming Pool

- Replastering of the pool began on March 13<sup>th</sup>. Please see *Pool Resurfacing Update* in this packet for information.
- The replacement pump and 4 valves were installed by our local pool company who will also be assisting with the start-up of the pool once the resurfacing project is complete.
- Rec Staff will soon begin other needed maintenance in April. The coping, entrance tile, and deck will require additional patching and painting. Additionally, Rec and Pool staff will begin other needed seasonal tasks in May.
- 3 new part-time lifeguards have been offered positions and will join 6 returning staff beginning in May.

