

## STAFF REPORT

DATE: November 11, 2024

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

FROM: Brian Hayes, Recreation Director

RE: November Activities

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### Recreation

- Little Dribblerz was held on Tuesday & Thursday evenings in November. 35 boys & girls were instructed on dribbling, passing, shooting and defense in this program for PK-K basketballers.
- Youth Basketball practices began November 28<sup>th</sup>. This season there are 103 players on 17 teams compared to 102 last year. There is still room on several teams so should sign-up a few more. We partner with Valley Center Rec in the 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade divisions and play coed in the 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> grade 3 on 3 division. Referees are currently being trained on Saturdays and games begin Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Pickleball participation was down with 248 compared to 334 last month due to being closed 2 days for Thanksgiving.
- November Taekwondo participation was steady with 18.
- Exercise classes were steady with 21 participants.
- Drop-in use was down with 450 sign-ins compared to 536 in Oct also due to being closed 2 days.
- Upcoming Recreation programs include Basketball Games, Christmas events & Indoor Soccer.

### Seniors

- 711 seniors signed in for Medicare Counseling, cards, line & folk dance, book club, exercise, sewing, walking, educational, & special activities compared to 834 in October.

November programs included Medicare Counseling (*Sedgwick County funding requirement*), several games, a Spice Merchant outing, and arts/craft activities. In all there were 15 ongoing activities, 3 special activities and 7 educational sessions offered. All of the required 2024 county funding requirements have been completed early.

- Upcoming Senior activities include final Medicare Part D Counseling, several Christmas activities including a dinner with entertainment, an outing to a Prairie Rose Dinner, as well as the many ongoing baseline programs, games, crafts, presentations, and communications.