

STAFF REPORT

DATE: March 14, 2023

TO: Ty Lasher, City Manager & Bel Aire Governing Body

FROM: Brian Hayes, Recreation Director

RE: February Activities

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Recreation

- 97 youth basketballers completed their season on Feb. 25.
- A near record 182 participants have begun Coed Indoor Soccer which runs thru mid-April.
- Pickleball participation was steady with 283 compared to 294 participants last month.
- Taekwondo participation was steady with 18 students compared to 17 in February.
- Tippi Toes Dance continues with 13 participants.
- Exercise classes were steady with 23 participants.
- February drop-in use was steady with 540 compared to 597 in January.
- Landworks Studio prepared a survey for the master plans of the 2 parks and Rec Center. The link has been published in the Breeze, social media, city website, and on flyers in the March water bill. A community open house will be scheduled later this spring.
- Work continues on the baseball/softball infields. Additional red shale has been leveled, rolled & drug out. SCA have begun practicing. Rec staff & volunteer groups have been and will continue to pick-up rocks out of the new shale.
- Upcoming Rec programs include WHJBSL, Spring Break Schools Out Camp, Short Sports, & Blastball.

Seniors

- 740 seniors participated in bridge, line dance, exercise, sewing, walking, book club, educational, and special activities compared to 750 last month. Special programs included making Valentines Day cards, a Tech class, and a well attended presentation by the Alzheimer’s Association.
- The Senior Advisory committee met on Feb 13 to give input on this year’s programing and activities.
- Upcoming Senior activities include another session of Tai Chi, a day trip, a meal with music, as well as the many ongoing programs, presentations, mailings and virtual activities.

Swimming Pool

- Again met with the returning pool manager to discuss the upcoming season. We will need to hire 3-5 lifeguards which is now posted on Indeed and the Breeze. Pool prep work will begin next month.
- Rec staff assisted the City manager is sending out RFP’s for a pool to splashpad conversion.

