

STAFF REPORT

DATE: March 9, 2022

TO: Ty Lasher, City Manager
Bel Aire City Council

FROM: Brian Hayes, Recreation Director

RE: **February Activities**

Recreation

- 104 K-6th graders on 16 basketball teams completed their season on February 26th.
- Indoor Soccer began practices on February 28th. Registration is winding down and we anticipate having 120 players compared to 60 last year. Games begin March 12th and will run through April 16th.
- The application for Summer Day Camp is progressing. Several hurdles have sprung up but are still hopeful to be licensed by summer. The Wichita YMCA recently backed out of a 25 year long collaboration with us so we are planning to now offer this needed program ourselves. A director has already been hired and will be seeking additional part-time staff soon.
- Pickleball was steady with 199 compared to 218 last month.
- Taekwondo was up a bit with 14 students compared to 9 last month.
- Exercise classes were steady with 15 compared to the same last month.
- January daily use was steady with 456 compared to 491 last month. 91 paid day fees, 201 were pass holders, and 164 participated in various activities.
- Upcoming programs include WHJBSL, Happy Feet, TGA Golf, Schools Out Camp & Spring Festival.

Seniors

- 539 seniors participated in line & folk dance, sewing, walking, bridge, Tai Chi, exercise, arts & crafts, book club, and several educational activities compared to 499 last month.
- The current session of Tai Chi will continue until 3/17. This evidence based program is being funded by Sedgwick County. Staff will be exploring whether we can continue offering this class without county funding in the future.
- Several meetings & discussions have been held with the Senior Club concerning the new funding policy. Staff is being patient but club comments and cooperation thus far has not been ideal.
- Staff continues to engage Bel Aire Seniors by email, limited gatherings, and newsletters. Every week virtual tours of interesting venues, fun activities, and useful information are presented.
- The signed 2022 funding contract has been submitted but has not been signed and returned by the county yet. The county is also installing new hardware and software to track programming and participation. Training is complete and we expect to start utilizing the technology in some form soon.
- Upcoming programs include the regular ongoing programs and several new educational & special events including a lunch presentation by local celebrity Orin Friesen on March 23rd.



K-2 Basketball



3-4 Basketball



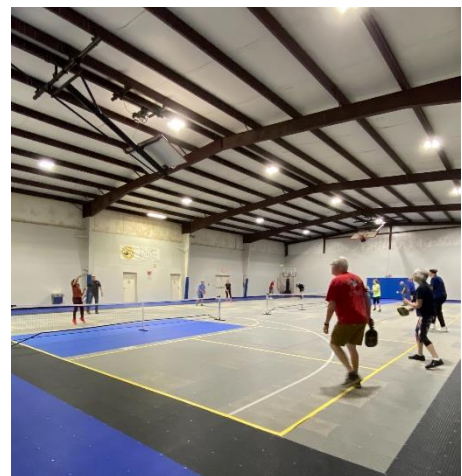
5-6 Basketball



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Pickleball



Crafting Coasters



Barn Quilt Workshop