

STAFF REPORT

DATE: June 14, 2023

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

FROM: Brian Hayes, Recreation Director

RE: May Activities

Recreation

- Pickleball participation was steady with 279 compared to 272 participants last month.
- Taekwondo participation was steady with 18 students compared to 19 in April.
- Tippi Toes Dance continues with 13 participants.
- Exercise classes were steady with 24 participants.
- Summer Ball leagues all are underway with nearly 200 participants on 16 teams. Barring any more rainouts, games will continue through the end of June.
- Summer Day Camp began on May 30th and registration is at capacity for the remainder of the summer. Camp runs M-F from 7:30 am – 6:30 pm through August 4th. We are a state licensed school aged childcare facility for up to 30 participants per day. Vans and busses are being contracted to provide transportation for swimming and field trips.
- Drop-in use was steady with 534 compared to 540 in April.
- The Parks Master Plans Open House will be held at the Rec Center on June 27th. See attached flyer.
- Mowing is in full swing as well as routine field maintenance and repair. There is a moderate amount of Bemudagrass that winterkilled therefore will have to be tended to through August.
- Upcoming Rec programs include a Disc Golf Clinic, TGA Golf, Happy Feet Soccer, and Bel Aire Ball.

Seniors

- 895 seniors participated in Tai Chi, cards, line & folk dance, book club, exercise, sewing, walking, educational, & special activities and others compared to 835 last month.
- Special programs included several crafts and 4 educational sessions were held.
- Upcoming Senior activities include a cookout, more craft activities, presentations, as well as the many ongoing programs, mailings and virtual activities.

Swimming Pool

- Minimal work was done per request to prepare for the pool's May 27th opening. Pool contractors attempted to patch and smooth the worn plaster but there were issues with groundwater and/or water trapped in voids between the plaster and the concrete basin. As a result, some of the patching failed again resulting in a rough surface in one area. This will be a major consideration as pool discussions continue. Swimmers are allowed to wear water shoes in the pool.
- So far pool participation has been moderate due to the rainy cool weather. Staff is hopeful that things pick up as swimming lessons begin and warmer weather arrives.