

## **STAFF REPORT**

DATE: June 11, 2025

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

FROM: Brian Hayes, Recreation Director

RE: May Activities

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### **Recreation**

- 30 Blastball & Short Sports participants completed their spring sessions on May 8<sup>th</sup>.
- 112 players on 9 third thru eighth grade WHJBSL teams near the midpoint of their seasons.
- 158 T-Ball and Machine Pitch Baseball athletes began practicing on May 21<sup>st</sup>. Participation is up 20 over last year. Games begin in June and run through July.
- Summer Day Camp began at capacity on May 27<sup>th</sup> and will run through August.
- Taekwondo class participation was steady with 17 compared to 18 in April.
- Exercise classes continue to be steady with 23 participants.
- Tippi Toes Dance class finished the spring session with 8 participants.
- Soccer Stars (*formerly Happy Feet*) finished their spring session with 12 participants.
- May drop-in use had 540 sign-ins which is slightly down from 587 in April.
- The first session of Tumbling finished with 9 participants. This collaboration with Wichita Gymnastics will hold another session beginning in June.
- The Tyler Tech hardware issues are still being worked around.
- Preparations to repair the winterkilled Soccer Field turf began and will continue in June. Repair of the baseball/softball fields will be determined after summer ball is completed.
- Challenger Soccer Camp is coming in July.

## Seniors

- 991 seniors signed in for cards, pickleball, line & folk dance, book club, exercise, sewing, walking, educational, & special activities compared to 847 in April.
- Programs included Enhance Fitness, an outing to the Great Plains Nature Center, Master Gardener Tips, and a nutritional presentation. In all there were 16 ongoing programs, 4 special activities, and 3 educational sessions offered.
- The Enhance Fitness class is being funded thanks to another grant from Sedgwick County. Currently the class is at capacity with 42 participants. This evidence-based class meets 3 times a week through the end of August.
- Upcoming Senior activities include the annual cookout, a museum outing, a lemonade social as well as the many ongoing baseline programs, games, crafts, and communications.

## Swimming Pool

- An excessive amount of pool repairs was completed in time for opening day.
- The annual staff training and workday was held on May 21<sup>st</sup>. 7 pool staff return from last year.
- The pool opened briefly on May 24<sup>th</sup> then the rain began. Unfortunately, the rain and cool weather kept the pool pretty much closed for the remainder of the month although many residents did register for swimming lessons, rentals, and memberships.
- The new Tyler platform was put in place at the pool but like the Rec Center, staff is having to work around issues. Tyler Technologies has been unable get the credit card reader and receipt printer devices to work properly.
- Upcoming pool programs include swimming lessons, family nights, and Hot Dawgs Pool Party.

