

STAFF REPORT

DATE: September 10, 2024

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

FROM: Brian Hayes, Recreation Director

RE: August Activities

Recreation

- Another successful summer of Day Camp finished at capacity on August 2nd. There were very few incidents and the kids had a fun filled school break while providing the parents an important service of needed childcare. Looks as if most of our camp staff will return next year.
- Pickleball participation was up with 374 compared to 331 last month.
- August Taekwondo participation was up with 20 compared to 11 in July.
- Exercise classes were steady with 23 participants.
- Drop-in use was up with 597 sign-ins compared to 540 in July.

The winter-killed Bermudagrass continued to fill in and some of the overseeded areas survived due to the unexpected rains. Outdoor fall sports will be held but will be moved to the outfields of the baseball/softball fields where there is better turf. Bad areas will top-dressed to improve drainage and participant safety.

- Upcoming Rec programs include, Outdoor Soccer, Flag Football, & Volleyball.

Seniors

- 960 seniors signed in for cards, line & folk dance, book club, exercise, sewing, walking, educational, & special activities compared to 843 in July.
- August programs included a Free Health Screening, a community housing engagement event, Trivia, Medications Management presentation, several games, and arts/craft activities. In all there were 14 ongoing activities, 5 special activities and 5 educational sessions offered.
- Upcoming Senior activities include a dinner with music, an outing to the Nifty Nut House, as well as the many ongoing baseline programs, games, crafts, presentations, and communications.

Swimming Pool

- Another successful pool season came to a close in early August. 2024 participation was steady compared to the last few years. *See graph below.*
- The pool’s last day was August 5th with the annual Hot Dawgs Pool Party. There were 60 furry participants this year.
- The American Leak Detection Company came out on August 22nd and conducted a comprehensive leak test on the pool. All major plumbing and basin components passed but did find a leak in the zero-depth gravity drain line and some cracks in the skimmers and water line tile that aren’t leaking but need attention. These issues will be addressed before opening next spring.
- Staff assisted in the winterization and covering of the pool for the season.

Pool Participation	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Daily Attendance	6,488	4,346	5,326	4,728	4,837
Swim Lessons	78	134	118	133	122
Rentals	26	40	43	45	42
Community Memberships	51	58	64	66	61

