

## STAFF REPORT

DATE: October 9, 2024

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

FROM: Brian Hayes, Recreation Director

RE: September Activities

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### Recreation

- Fall Sports which includes Soccer, Flag Football, & Volleyball were in full swing last month. There are 268 participants on 24 teams which is down a bit from last year's 294.
- About 50 participants are attending our outdoor partners' fall programs. These partners include Super Soccer Stars (*formerly Happy Feet*), TGA Golf, and Girls on the Run.
- Pickleball participation was with 341 compared to 374 last month.
- September Taekwondo participation was steady with 20.
- Exercise classes were steady with 22 participants.
- Drop-in use was down with 504 sign-ins compared to 597 in August.
- The turf on the sports fields being used for soccer and flag football are holding up about as expected. The winter kill areas which had grown in with weeds is now down to dirt. As a result of the recent dry conditions and water conservation, cracks and holes have reappeared in some of the bare areas. Staff inspects these areas daily and top dresses appropriately in order to present safe conditions. After the season, staff plans to address the bad areas by topdressing & temporary seeding and hope it rains.
- Upcoming Rec programs include the annual Fall Festival, Little Dribblerz, & Basketball.

### Seniors

- 937 seniors signed in for cards, line & folk dance, book club, exercise, sewing, walking, educational, & special activities compared to 960 in August.

September programs included a dinner with music from Handpan Dan, an outing to the Nifty Nuthouse, several games, and arts/craft activities. In all there were 15 ongoing activities, 4 special activities and 5 educational sessions offered.

- Upcoming Senior activities include Medicare Part D Counseling, pumpkin patch & chocolate shop outings, Singo, as well as the many ongoing baseline programs, games, fall crafts, presentations, and communications.

## Eagle Lake Park

- I have been working with City Management and Public Works on researching, planning and preparation of an RFP to replace & upgrade the playground equipment at Eagle Lake Park. The RFP is nearing completion and will be presented to the governing body yet this fall.

