

STAFF REPORT

DATE: January 9, 2024,
TO: Ty Lasher, City Manager & Bel Aire Governing Body
FROM: Brian Hayes, Recreation Director
RE: December Activities

Recreation

- Little Dribblez was held twice a week in November. This year 32 PK/Kindergarten age kids participated in this instructional program compared to 28 last year.
- 102 youth in grades 1-5 began basketball practices in December. Games begin in January and run through late February.
- 15 schoolkids were registered for Schools's Out Camp during winter break. School's Out Camp is an extension of our Day Camp program that offers licensed childcare during school breaks.
- December Pickleball participation was up with 289 compared to 228 participants November.
- Taekwondo participation was down with 12 compared to 16 in November.
- Exercise classes were steady with 25 participants.
- Drop-in use was steady with 455 in December compared to 474 in November.
- Upcoming Rec programs include Indoor Soccer and Schools Out Camp.

Seniors

- 654 seniors participated in Medicare Counseling, Tai Chi, cards, line & folk dance, book club, exercise, sewing, walking, educational, & special activities compared to 663 in November.
- Special programs included outings to Prairie Rose chuckwagon & Milkfloat Bakery, and several Holiday activities & dinner. Six special activities were held, and 7 educational sessions were offered. All required components for county funding were successfully completed for the year.
- Upcoming Senior activities include a fraud & scam presentation, several new game & arts and crafts activities as well as the many ongoing baseline programs, presentations, and communications.

Holiday Celebration

- This year's event was held on December 2nd. Hundreds came out and visited with Santa, made ornaments, decorated cookies & enjoyed other treats. The light show is always a success and new this year was a real reindeer. Thanks to the Chamber of Commerce, Lions Club and all the sponsors for making this year's event another success.



Pickleball



Milk Float Bakery



Craft & Ornament Making
Holiday Celebration



Ornament Class



Cookie Decorating
Holiday Celebration



Basketball League



Christmas List
Holiday Celebration



Winter Camp Snowball Fight



Little Dribblers



Holiday Bingo



Fall Welcome Sign Class



Glass Blowing Class