

## STAFF REPORT

DATE: March 10, 2026  
TO: Ted Henry, City Manager  
Bel Aire Governing Body  
FROM: Brian Hayes, Recreation Director  
RE: February Activities

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### Recreation.

- Another successful youth basketball season was completed on February 21<sup>st</sup>. 100 boys & girls on 15 teams participated this season. Basketball was the first ever youth sport program offered at Bel Aire Rec in 1995-96.
- Indoor Soccer practices began on Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>. Nearly 160 youth are participating on 15 teams. Games begin on March 7<sup>th</sup> and run through April 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Taekwondo class participation was up a bit with 17 students.
- Exercise classes were steady with 21 participants.
- February drop in gym use was steady with 503 compared to 534 in January.
- VersaSport is still on site renovating the playground. Work has been delayed due to a damaged piece of equipment that had to be reordered. The playground itself should be open before spring break but we still will be planting some trees and repairing the lawn this spring.
- Rec staff continues to prep the baseball & softball fields. WHJBSL and SCA teams begin practicing in early March.
- Over 100 applications have been received so far for 10 seasonal lifeguard, reception, and summer camp positions. Interviews have begun and will continue into March.
- Upcoming programs include Heights Baseball & Softball, Schools Out Camp, and Spring Festival on March 28<sup>th</sup>.

### Seniors

- 228 seniors signed in for cards, line & folk dance, book club, exercise, sewing, walking, educational, & special activities compared to 748 in January.
- Highlights included a planning committee session, a memory support presentation and several arts & crafts activities. In all there were 14 ongoing programs, 3 special activities, and 5 educational sessions.
- Upcoming Senior activities include an outing, a medication management presentation, quarterly dinner with a musical program as well as the many ongoing baseline programs, games, crafts, and communications.

### Swimming Pool

- Rec staff began some needed painting of the pool building. Six inside metal doors and one entrance door were beginning to rust. Additionally, some outside trim was beginning to fade so was given a fresh coat of paint where needed.
- The pool basin will be uncovered in March to determine what repairs will be needed before opening in May.

