

STAFF REPORT

DATE: April 7, 2026
TO: Ted Henry, City Manager
Bel Aire Governing Body
FROM: Brian Hayes, Recreation Director
RE: March Activities

Recreation.

- Indoor Soccer games began on March 7th and run through April 11th.
- 107 youth on 9 Bel Aire WHJBSL baseball & softball teams have begun practicing. Games begin in April and run through June.
- Taekwondo class participation was steady with 18 students.
- Exercise classes continue to be steady with 20 participants.
- March drop in gym use was slightly up with 540 compared to 503 in February.
- Schools out camp had 15 participants during spring break.
- SCA Baseball & Softball practices are underway and will continue until May.
- The new playground opened on March 13th. Many positive comments have been received.
- New sod & seed were installed around the playground and the areas damaged due to the fall water line leak.
- Offers have been made for 2 seasonal positions, but we are still are interviewing for a couple of other open positions.
- The Spring Festival was again a success. An estimated 700 kids and their families participated in the egg hunts, inflatables, games, kite flying, face painting, photo booth and pictures with the Bunny. Thanks to the Chamber and Lions Club for their help.
- The Tree Board will be hosting an Arbor Day event on May 2nd at the Rec Center. Several trees will be planted near the playground.
- Upcoming rec programs include Short Sports, Blastball, & Soccer Stars.

Seniors

- 868 seniors signed in for cards, line & folk dance, book club, exercise, sewing, walking, educational, & special activities compared to 728 in February.
- Highlights included a dinner with musical entertainment, an outing, Singo Bingo, and the usual arts & crafts activities. In all there were 14 ongoing programs, 6 special activities, and 3 educational sessions.
- Upcoming Senior activities include another outing, a presentation by the Central Plains Area Association on Aging, as well as the established baseline programs, games, and arts & crafts.

Swimming Pool

- The pool was uncovered on March 3rd. Fortunately this year, only a few needed repairs were presented. A pool maintenance company drained, cleaned, and completed a majority of those repairs by the end of the month. Rec & pool staff will finish the remainder of the minor repairs before opening in May.
- Delivery of the new pool filter has been delayed but installation plans are still in place to be completed before opening.
- We will have only 2 returning seasonal staff this year but offers have been made to 6 applicants which would round out the staff.

