

## **STAFF REPORT**

DATE: October 11, 2023

TO: Ty Lasher, City Manager & Bel Aire Governing Body

FROM: Brian Hayes, Recreation Director

RE: September Activities

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### **Recreation**

- 238 participants on 18 teams continue in this year's record setting Outdoor Soccer program. Games began September 16 and weather permitting will run through October 21.
- Bel Aire Flag Football is underway with 29 boys & girls on 3 teams compared to 19 participants on two teams last year. Practices began early in the month and games kicked off on September 30. This program is offered with 8 additional teams from Valley Center and Andover and will run through October 28.
- 27 girls on 3 Bel Aire Volleyball teams also began practices in Sept. and Saturday games will be held in October. Last year there were 19 girls on two teams. This program is offered with 12 additional teams from Valley Center and Maize.
- Over 50 participants are attending our outdoor partners' fall programs. These partners include Happy Feet Soccer, TGA Golf, and Girls on the Run.
- Two free events were held in September which brought in over 1000 estimated spectators. Offered were a Model Train exhibition by the Chisholm Trail Model Train Club and a Cross Country meet hosted by Sunrise Christian Academy.
- Pickleball participation was slightly down with 254 compared to 283 participants last month.
- Taekwondo participation was steady with 13 students compared to 12 in August.
- Exercise classes were steady with 24 participants.
- Drop-in use was slightly down with 497 compared to 543 in August.
- The fescue lawn around the building was de-thatched, top-dressed, overseeded, and fertilized. Preliminary facility preparations for the Fall Festival have begun and will continue up until October 21. Athletic field maintenance tapered off other than some weed control and routine mowing.
- Upcoming Rec programs include Fall Festival, Little Dribblers, and Youth Basketball leagues.

## Seniors

- 855 seniors participated in Tai Chi, cards, line & folk dance, book club, exercise, sewing, walking, educational, & special activities compared to 895 last month.
- Special programs included a lunch with a presentation from WAMPO, cornhole, more craft activities, and 5 educational sessions were offered. 30 of the 35 required educational sessions have been held to date and all of the other required components required by the county funding have already been met for the year.
- Upcoming Senior activities include, Medicare Counseling, Senior Expo, outings to a pumpkin patch & a glass studio, Halloween craft activities, as well as the many ongoing baseline programs, presentations, and communications.

## Swimming Pool

- A replacement pump was ordered, and the replastering project has been scheduled for late winter/early spring 2024.

