

## **STAFF REPORT**

DATE: Sept 8, 2026

TO: Ted Henry, City Manager  
Bel Aire Governing Body

FROM: Brian Hayes, Recreation Director

RE: August Activities

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### **Recreation**

- 209 participants on 19 fall sports teams began practicing in late August. Games begin on September 12<sup>th</sup> and will run through October. Sports offered include Soccer, Volleyball, and Flag Football.
- Taekwondo class participation was up with 17 compared to 12 students in July.
- Exercise classes continued to be steady with 19 participants.
- August drop in gym use was up with 567 compared to 436 in July.
- Another successful summer of Day Camp wrapped up at capacity on August 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Bermudagrass turf fields were fertilized and treated for crabgrass. Unfortunately, the hot dry spell has stressed the turf resulting in some early dormancy.
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- The Rec center lawn took an even bigger hit due to the heat. Staff plans to renovate once the weather turns cooler.
- Upcoming rec programs include Soccer Stars, Short Sports, Little Dribblers and the Fall Festival on October 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **Seniors**

- 808 seniors signed in for cards, line & folk dance, book club, exercise, sewing, walking, educational, & special activities compared to 793 in July
- Highlights included a dessert outing, presentations by Wesley Medical & Natural Grocers , and the usual arts & crafts activities. In all there were 16 ongoing programs, 4 special activities, and 4 educational sessions.
- Upcoming Senior activities include a home health presentation, an ice cream outing, vaccine clinic, as well as established baseline programs, games, and arts & crafts.

# Swimming Pool

- Attendance picked up the last few weeks of the season due to the hot weather. Overall, staff is pleased that participation was consistent with past seasons. It appears that the new pool in Park City did not affect our participation. *Please refer to the graph below for this year's total participation.*
- The pool closed for the season on August 9<sup>th</sup>.
- The Hot Dawgs Pool Party was held on August 10<sup>th</sup> with 25 dogs and their families making one last splash. The number of participants gets smaller every year, and we will be discussing the possibly of discontinuing the event in the future.
- The equipment has been stored away, and the pool has been winterized for the season.

| Pool Participation    | 2024  | 2025  | 2026  |
|-----------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Daily Attendance      | 4,837 | 4,891 | 4,818 |
| Swim Lessons          | 122   | 138   | 160   |
| Rentals               | 42    | 33    | 35    |
| Community Memberships | 61    | 67    | 60    |

