

STAFF REPORT

DATE: June 9, 2026

TO: Ted Henry, City Manager
Bel Aire Governing Body

FROM: Brian Hayes, Recreation Director

RE: May Activities

Recreation

- 145 T-Ball and Machine Pitch participants on 13 teams began practicing in early May. Games will be played in June and depending on the weather, will be done by July 4th.
- 110 Bel Aire WHJBSL baseball & softball participants are about half-way through their seasons. Due to rain, many games have to be made-up so the season now could run past July 4th.
- This year there are 49 volunteer coaches assisting with the 22 teams currently playing summer ball. Each volunteer undergoes annual comprehensive background screening and attends a mandatory orientation session conducted by Rec Staff. Please assist us in thanking these folks for what they do for the youth of our community.
- Taekwondo class participation was steady with 12 students. Classes typically are low this time of year but picks up in the fall.
- Exercise classes continue to be steady with 20 participants.
- May drop in gym use was steady with 484 compared to 478 in April.
- Several Summer Day Camp staff training sessions were held in May. Camp staff is required to complete 16 hours of continuing education per year.
- The new seasonal Front Desk assistant now is fully trained and working on their own. The other seasonal position fell through and we are still discussing alternatives.
- Summer Day Camp began at capacity on May 25th. The program is licensed by KDHE for 30 school-age children. Camp consists of field trips, swimming games, clubs, arts & crafts education, and much more. An extra week was added this year due to demand and runs through August 7th.
- Upcoming rec programs include Tumbling Tykes and Challenger Soccer camp.

Seniors

- 676 seniors signed in for cards, line & folk dance, book club, exercise, sewing, walking, educational, & special activities compared to 778 in April.
- Highlights included an outing to the annual Senior Expo, a Home Health presentation, and the usual arts & crafts activities. In all there were 15 ongoing programs, 4 special activities, and 5 educational sessions.
- Upcoming Senior activities include the annual summer cookout, a desert outing, as well as established baseline programs, games, and arts & crafts.

Swimming Pool

- Minor repairs were completed in mid-May and pool staff reported on May 22 for orientation and finishing touches on the facility.
- The new pool filter was delivered a few days before opening therefore will be installed after the season in order not to interrupt the pool schedule. The old filter continues to work properly, and staff anticipates it to work properly one last season.
- The pool opened as scheduled on May 23rd. Attendance started slowly due to cool weather & cold water but has picked up since.
- Many pool parties have been reserved, and swimming lessons begin on June 16th.