

**STAFF REPORT**

DATE: May 10, 2023

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

FROM: Brian Hayes, Recreation Director

RE: April Activities

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**Recreation**

- 182 participants completed their Coed Indoor Soccer season on April 15<sup>th</sup>.
- 28 three-year olds participated in the 3 week-long Blastball program. Blastball is an introductory Coed T Ball program.
- Pickleball participation was slightly down with 272 compared to 298 participants last month.
- Taekwondo participation was down with 19 students compared to 25 in March.
- Tippi Toes Dance participation was steady with 13 participants.
- 22 Happy Feet Soccer & TGA Golf participants finished the spring sessions.
- Exercise classes were steady with 25 participants.
- Practices continue for 4 Wichita Heights Junior Baseball/Softball League teams. Games begin in May and will run through July,
- Summer Day Camp staff is now in place and will begin training in May. Currently we are at capacity for 5 out of the 10 weeks offered. Camp is scheduled to begin after Memorial Day.
- Drop-in use was steady with 540 compared to 571 in March.
- The Parks Master Plan survey closed on April 19. Landworks Studio has compiled the results and is beginning to assemble the conceptual plans for the 3 parks. A community open house will be scheduled soon.
- Work continues on the athletic fields. Herbicide and fertilizer has been applied and mowing is increasing. There is a small amount of diseased athletic field turf that may have to be dealt with after ball leagues are complete. Rec staff & volunteer groups continue to pick-up rocks out of the red shale on the infields.
- Upcoming Rec programs include T Ball, & Machine Pitch Baseball, Swimming, Summer Day Camp, and a Disc Golf Clinic.

**Seniors**

- 835 seniors participated in Tai Chi, cards, line & folk dance, book club, exercise, sewing, walking, educational, & special activities and others compared to 791 last month.
- Special programs included several crafts and outings. 5 educational sessions were also held.
- Upcoming Senior activities include several craft activities, outings, presentations, as well as the many ongoing programs, mailings and virtual activities.

**Swimming Pool**

- We continue meeting with the returning pool manager interviewing guard applicants and planning the upcoming season. We need to hire 3-5 additional guards. Many applicants are no longer interested due to higher pay available at the YMCA and City of Wichita.
- Pool was uncovered and prep work will begin in early May.
- Pool is scheduled to open on May 27<sup>th</sup> depending upon the weather.