

## **STAFF REPORT**

DATE: August 9, 2023

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

FROM: Brian Hayes, Recreation Director

RE: July Activities

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### **Recreation**

- Pickleball participation was up slightly with 277 compared to 258 participants last month.
- Taekwondo participation was steady with 15 students compared to 14 in June.
- Exercise classes were steady with 26 participants.
- Summer Day Camp finished the summer with a talent show on August 4<sup>th</sup>. Other than a few minor issues, camp was a success and was at capacity for the majority of the summer. There was a tampering issue with one of the leased vans which BAPD is investigating.
- The first ever disc golf clinic was held with 7 participants. Disc golf instructor Kenny Underkofler also worked with the 30 day campers teaching the basics of the sport.
- June Drop-in use was up a bit with 512 compared to 479 in June. Typically, drop-in use and ongoing program participation drops in the summer.
- The Parks Master Plans presentation will be held at the September 12<sup>th</sup> governing body workshop.
- Routine mowing continues and showed no signs of slowing. The diseased turf areas seem to be improving but bindweed has now arrived. This invasive weed will be treated as needed.
- Upcoming Rec programs include Soccer, Flag Football, Volleyball & Dance.

### **Seniors**

- 735 seniors participated in cards, line & folk dance, book club, exercise, sewing, walking, educational, & special activities and others compared to 830 last month.
- Special programs included bingo, a planting, an outing, several crafts and 5 educational sessions were held.
- The senior planning committee also met in July and discussed options for programs and activities for the remainder of the year.
- Upcoming Senior activities include another outing, ice cream social, Tai Chi, more craft activities, presentations, as well as the many ongoing programs, mailings and virtual activities.

Swimming Pool

- Pool usage continued to be moderate although participation ended up being average despite the weather. Day fee usage was down but all other areas were slightly up. *See graph.*
- The pool was scheduled to close for the season on August 6<sup>th</sup> but on August 5<sup>th</sup> the circulating pump failed which forced the pool to close early. The Hot Dawgs Pool Party was also cancelled. The pool must be circulating to safely and legally be open to the public. Staff has contacted the city’s electrician and equipment supplier to troubleshoot what the problem is.

