



City Council Report - May 2024

RAC Report for April 2024

We hosted roughly 60 people from 8 states at the aquatic center for Eclipse Russellville. Everyone was so appreciative of the free parking and handicap accessible restrooms. We heard many comments about how lovely our center is, and that some families from OK and MO plan on returning to visit this summer.

Terry Thomas, Janna Martin, Brandon Warner and Zoe Keen had the opportunity to speak with the Lions Club and Rotary Club about our Learn-to-Swim partnership and other programming at the center, and we attended the 5th grade Summer Kick-Off event highlighting our summer events for families. We also hosted the Leadership Russellville class this month. We have partnered with businesses, clubs and individuals to provide 49 free Level 1 lessons this summer.

We trained 8 new water safety instructors to teach our summer swim lessons, and mentored them during 13 classes this month. A total of 66 children participated in these classes.

A new water aerobics class was added to our schedule that started with a free demo. This demo resulted in bringing in new members to RAC. Kathleen Cooney, certified Aqua Zumba instructor led the class.

We began our summer hiring, and will certify new guards in May. We held our monthly staff meeting to hone our lifesaving skills. We welcomed Rhonda Loveall, our new custodian, to the full-time staff. Olivia Gaspard transitioned to the Parks and Rec team.

RAC stayed full this month with party rentals (22), aerobics classes (3), member check-ins (2,175) and day passes (1,034). Our second 2nd Friday water polo and 3-on-3 basketball event doubled in size (24). We acquired 96 new members and had a total of 544 Silver Sneakers and Renew Active check-ins for the month. We offer free memberships to qualifying seniors, and then get reimbursed. We were reimbursed \$857 for the month of April.

Our final capital fund project, new LED lighting around the pool, was completed 4/29/24. Come by and take a look. The new lights make the water look great.