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**FORESTPARK**

## City Council Agenda Item

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**Subject:** Autism Awareness Month 2024: Building Community Within Forest Park – Recreation & Leisure Services

**Submitted By:** ReShai Reeves

**Date Submitted:** April 08, 2024

**Work Session Date:** April 15, 2024

**Council Meeting Date:** April 15, 2024

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### Background/History:

Autism Spectrum Disorder, also known as ASD, is a developmental disability caused by differences in the brain. Individuals with ASD often have problems with social communication and interaction or restrictive or repetitive behaviors or interests. According to studies conducted by the CDC in 2020, within Georgia, around 1 in 46 children aged 8 were identified with Autism. Studies also show that early detection can help children with Autism achieve optimum health and reach their full potential when they reach adulthood. April is Autism Awareness Month where it strives to bring social and community awareness about autism acceptance and promotes inclusion and connectedness for people with autism as cases continue to rise. On Saturday, April 27, 2024 at 9:00am in the rear parking lot of the Elaine Corley Recreation Center, the Recreation & Leisure Services Department will host its first annual Autism Awareness Walk to bring more awareness to the City of Forest Park.

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**Cost:** \$ 0

**Budgeted for:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Yes** \_\_\_\_\_ **No**

### **Financial Impact:**

N/A

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### **Action Requested from Council:**

No action is needed from Council.