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COMMUNITY INPUT SOUGHT ON FUTURE OF PARKS IN FORSYTH COUNTY

County conducting Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan

Forsyth County, Georgia – Forsyth County Parks & Recreation is conducting a Comprehensive Master Plan, a major planning process to set the blueprint for the future of the parks system in Forsyth County.

“The Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan process is all about looking at our current facilities and resources, assessing needs and wants for how our system should grow, and using input from the community to develop a road map for the future of our parks system,” said Director of Parks & Recreation Jim Pryor.

As part of the process, a series of public meetings will be held to receive input from citizens. The format of the meetings will be drop-in and everyone who attends will have the opportunity to offer feedback during the scheduled meeting time.

“The public meetings are a chance for every individual citizen to be part of the strategic input process,” said Pryor. “All of the meetings are the same so you only need to attend one of them. They are being held at different dates, times and locations for convenience.”

The following is a schedule of the public input meetings:

Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan Public Input Meeting

Tuesday, March 8

6 - 7 p.m.

Central Park Recreation Center (2300 Keith Bridge Road, Cumming, GA, 30040)

Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan Public Input Meeting

Wednesday, March 9

10 a.m. - Noon

Midway Park Community Building (5100 Post Road, Cumming, GA, 30040)

Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan Public Input Meeting

Wednesday, March 9

6 - 8 p.m.

Old Atlanta Park Recreation Center (810 Nichols Road, Suwanee, GA, 30024)

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The plan will guide the county's park system through 2021, and the process is expected to take approximately nine months to complete. In addition to the public input meetings, the process will include a park and facility inventory, surveys and stakeholder meetings. This is the third Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan conducted by Forsyth County. The most recent one, for 2012 through 2017, was completed in 2012.

The Comprehensive Master Plan is being conducted by Alfred Benesch & Company. The company works with municipal and county agencies throughout the country to determine community park and recreation needs and develops plans to meet those needs.

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