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Mayor Mike McCabe announces that City Hall will “Light it Up Blue” In honor of World Autism Day.

To join the worldwide effort of raising awareness of Autism Spectrum Disorder, City Hall will “Light it Up Blue” beginning April 1, 2022.

The 15th annual World Autism Awareness Day, an internationally recognized day designated by the United Nations General Assembly in 2007 is on Saturday April 2. In 2010 the autism advocacy charity and largest autism research organization in the US, Autism Speaks, began its “Light It Up Blue” campaign to encourage municipalities, businesses and homes to shine a blue light as a way to begin the conversation about Autism.

“Westfield is home to many children and adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder, this is our way to let all of these folks know that we see you, we value you,” said Mayor McCabe, “We also have families, educators and health professionals who work to help those affected overcome hurdles inherent to the disorder, and we appreciate them as well, so we will let our blue light shine as a show of support.”

Autism Spectrum Disorder is a lifelong neurodevelopment disorder that causes a wide range of impairments in social communication and restricted and repetitive behaviors. Today, Autism Spectrum Disorder affects about 1 in 68 children in the US from all racial, ethnic and socioeconomic groups. With 3 million new diagnoses yearly. To learn more, log onto

[What is Autism Spectrum Disorder? | CDC](#)

[Autism Spectrum Disorder Fact Sheet | National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke \(nih.gov\)](#)