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City to Open Two Cooling Centers for Jersey City Residents to Stay Cool as Heat Wave Continues This Weekend

JERSEY CITY – Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy and the Jersey City Office of Emergency Management (OEM) announce that the City will open **two cooling centers** as the heat wave plaguing much of the United States continues through the weekend, with temperatures expected to reach 100 degrees Fahrenheit on Saturday.

The two community centers that will be opened as cooling centers are the **Mary McLeod Bethune Community Center, 140 Martin Luther King Drive** and the **Pershing Field Community Center, Pershing Field Complex (corner of Summit Avenue and Pershing Field Plaza)**. Both locations will be open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on both Saturday, July 7th and Sunday, July 8th.

All residents, especially the elderly, disabled people, pregnant women and children under the age of two are encouraged to stay indoors or take advantage of the cooling facilities if necessary, particularly since the heat has continued for several days.

“We hope to keep all of our residents healthy and cool during this hot summer,” said **Mayor Healy**. “It is not just the heat, but the humidity that can take its toll. We are hoping those Jersey City residents in need of air conditioning will take advantage of the cooling sites we have set up and conserve water wherever possible.”

Monday through Friday from 9 AM – 4:30 PM, the following centers are available to senior citizens:

- **The Joseph Connors Senior Center** (Paterson Street Center)
28 Paterson St. off of Central Avenue
- **The Maureen Collier Community Center**
335 Bergen Avenue between Ege and Virginia Aves.

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Several city libraries have Saturday hours, although they are limited.

The following libraries are open to the Jersey City community at large, as well as seniors who don't have access to air conditioning. The locations and time schedule are as follows:

- **Five Corners Library, 678 Newark Avenue**
Hours: Monday, 12Noon-8 PM; Tuesday through Thursday, 10AM-6 PM; Friday, 9AM -5 PM; and **Saturday 10AM- 2PM**
- **Jersey City Main Library, 472 Jersey Avenue**
Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9AM – 8PM; Friday, 9AM -5 PM; and **Saturday, 10AM – 2PM**
- **Greenville Library, 1841 John F. Kennedy Boulevard**
Hours: Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday 10AM-6 PM; Tuesday, 12Noon-8 PM; Friday, 9AM -5 PM; and **Saturday, 10AM – 2PM**
- **Glenn D. Cunningham Library, 275 Martin Luther King Drive**
Hours: Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 10AM-6 PM; Wednesday, 12Noon-8 PM; Friday, 9AM -5 PM; and **Saturday, 10AM – 2PM**
- **Miller Branch Library, 489 Bergen Avenue**
Hours: Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 10AM-6 PM; Wednesday, 12Noon-8 PM; Friday, 9AM -5 PM; and **Saturday, 10AM – 2PM**
- **The Heights Branch Library, 14 Zabriskie Avenue**
Friday, 9AM -5 PM; and **Saturday, 10AM – 2PM**

Aside from these stations, residents are welcome to cool off from this summer heat by taking advantage of our **Water Sprinkler Systems** located in City parks, which are **turned on daily from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.** (weather permitting) at the following locations:

Pershing Field Manhattan Ave. & Central Ave.	Wilkinson Avenue/Playground Wilkinson Ave. & MLK Drive	LaPointe Park DeKalb Avenue
Audubon Park Audubon Ave. & Kennedy Blvd.	Thomas McGovern Park Delmar & Sycamore Roads	Venator Watson Park Stevens Ave. & Martin Luther King Drive
Terrace Park Terrace Avenue & Thorne Street	Roberto Clemente Park – Enos Jones 8th Street & Brunswick Street	Hamilton Park McWilliams Place
Arlington Park Arlington Ave. & Minerva Street	Virginia Avenue Park Virginia Ave. & Bergen Ave.	Columbia Park Bartholdi Ave. & Kennedy Blvd.
	Rev. Ercel Webb/Lafayette Park Lafayette St. & Van Horne St.	Dr. Lena Edwards Park Johnston Avenue & Pine Street

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This weekend, during the heat wave and throughout the summer the following municipal pool sites and schedules are as followed:

- **Pershing Field Pool**, 201 Central Avenue
Hours: Monday – Friday, 7AM – 8PM; and **Saturday – Sunday 12Noon – 6PM**
***Entrance Fee/Membership Required per admittance*
- **Lafayette Pool & Aquatic Center**
Rev. Ercel Webb/Lafayette Park, Johnston Ave. & Van Horne St.
Hours: Monday – Friday, 7AM – 8PM; and **Saturday – Sunday 10AM – 7PM**
Lap swim Mon. – Fri., 7AM-9AM
- **Pavonia Pool**, West Side and Pavonia avenues
Hours: Monday – Thursday 8AM – 6PM;
Adult, lap swim: 8AM - 10AM; Open Swim: 10AM - 6PM
Friday, 12PM - 8PM (open swim), **Saturday & Sunday, 10AM - 7PM (open swim)**

There are also six **pools located at Jersey City Public Schools** that are available for residents to use during the summer months and also during excessive heat. The hours for the pools are listed below:

P.S. # 6 , 100 St. Paul’s Ave. Mon. – Fri., 10am - 4pm	P.S. # 40 , 88 Gates Avenue Mon. – Fri., 10am-8pm Sat. and Sun., 12pm-4pm
P.S. # 16 , 96 Sussex St. Mon. – Fri., 10am - 4pm	P.S. # 41 , 59 Wilkinson Ave. Mon. – Fri., 10am-8pm Sat. and Sun., 12pm-4pm
P.S. # 23 , 143 Romaine Ave. Mon. – Fri., 10am - 4pm	Ferris HS , 35 Colgate St. Mon. – Fri., 10am-8pm Sat. and Sun., 12pm-4pm
P.S. # 27 , 201 North St. Mon. – Fri., 10am - 4pm	

During this Heat Wave, **United Water** is urging residents that effective today customers should voluntarily cut back on their use of water. All users are urged to curtail watering of lawns and if they must do so to restrict watering between the hours of 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. At the present time, this is a voluntary restriction that may become mandatory as the heat spell continues.

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The **Jersey City Office of Emergency Management (OEM)** has issued the following tips for staying cool during this heat wave:

- Remain indoors (preferably in air conditioned space) as much as possible
- Wear lightweight, light colored and loose fitting clothing
- Keep hydrated by consuming plenty of water and natural juices and avoid beverages with alcohol and caffeine which increase dehydration
- Eat light meals
- Refrain from strenuous activities
- Recognize the symptoms of heat disorders

To protect others from heat exhaustion, residents are urged to check on elderly neighbors and those with disabilities. Apply sunscreen with a high SPF content to small children to avoid overexposure to the sun. Never leave children or pets in closed vehicles where temperatures could exceed 190 degrees in less than ten minutes, and provide shade and cool water to pets.

All media inquiries should be directed to Jennifer Morrill, Press Secretary to Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy at 201-547-4836 or 201-376-0699. ///