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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 cooling centers as temperatures expected to reach close to 90 degrees Fahrenheit tomorrow, Friday and 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 **11 a.m. to 7 p.m.** tomorrow, Thursday, May 30th, Friday, May 31st, and Saturday, June 1st.

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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The following sites will be 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 through Saturday, 9AM -5 PM.
- **Greenville Library, 1841 John F. Kennedy Boulevard**
Hours: Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday 10AM-6 PM; Tuesday, 12Noon-8 PM; Friday through Saturday 9AM -5 PM.
- **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, 9AM – 2PM
- **Miller Branch Library, 489 Bergen Avenue**
Hours: Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 10AM-6 PM; Wednesday, 12Noon-8 PM; Friday through Saturday, 9AM -5 PM
- **The Heights Branch Library, 14 Zabriskie Avenue**
Monday through Wednesday, 10AM -6PM; and Thursday, 12PM – 8PM; and Friday through Saturday, 9AM- 5PM.
- **Pavonia Branch Library, 326 Eighth Street**
Monday, 11AM- 7PM; and Tuesday through Thursday, 10 AM- 6PM; and Friday, 9AM -5PM.
- **Lafayette Library, 307 Pacific Avenue**
Monday through Friday, 9AM- 5PM.
- **Marion Library, 1017 West Side Avenue**
Monday through Friday, 9AM- 5PM.
- **West Bergen Library, 475 West Side Avenue**
Monday through Friday, 9AM- 5PM.

During the heat wave the following municipal pool sites and schedules are as follows:

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

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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. The sprinklers will be **turned on from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.** (weather permitting) at the following locations:

Pershing Field Manhattan Ave. & Central Ave.	Country Village Park 30 Sycamore Road	Hamilton Park McWilliams Place
Audubon Park Audubon Ave. & Kennedy Blvd.	Roberto Clemente Park – Enos Jones 8th Street & Brunswick Street	Columbia Park Bartholdi Ave. & Kennedy Blvd.
Terrace Park Terrace Avenue & Thorne Street	Rev. Ercel Webb/Lafayette Park Lafayette St. & Van Horne St.	Dr. Lena Edwards Park Johnston Avenue & Pine Street
Arlington Park Arlington Ave. & Minerva Street	LaPointe Park DeKalb Avenue	Bayside Park 480 Garfield Avenue

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.

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