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## *During this Heat Wave, Chill Out and Have a Blast at any of Jersey City's Cooling Sites for Residents*

**JERSEY CITY** – Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy and the Jersey City Office of Emergency Management (OEM) announce sites throughout the city for residents to beat the heat **today, June 29<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, July 1<sup>st</sup>** when temperatures are expected to be in the mid- to high-90 degrees Fahrenheit (90 °F).

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 facilities if necessary.

“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.”

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, 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

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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, which are **turned on daily from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.** (weather permitting) at the following locations:

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

During this heat wave, the following pool sites and schedules are as followed:

- **P.S. # 27**, 201 North St.  
Hours: Saturday and Sunday, 12PM – 6PM
- **P.S. # 41**, 59 Wilkinson Ave.  
Hours: Saturday and Sunday, 12PM – 6PM
- **Ferris High School**, 35 Colgate St.  
Hours: Saturday and Sunday, 12PM – 6PM
- **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)

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**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.

There are also two community centers open to the public:

- **Mary McLeod Bethune Community Center**, 140 Martin Luther King Dr.  
Hours: 9 AM TO 5 PM

**Special Hours:**

**Saturday, June 30<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, July 1** the site will be open to the public from 9AM-8PM

- **Pershing Field Community Center, Pershing Field Complex**

Corner of Summit Ave. and Pershing Field Plaza

Hours: Monday through Friday, 9 AM TO 5 PM,

**Special Hours:**

**Saturday, June 30<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, July 1** the site will be open to the public from 8AM-10PM

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.

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. ///**