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City of El Paso and OEM Activate Cooling Centers in Anticipation of Heat Wave

EL PASO, **Texas**—The City of El Paso and Office of Emergency Management (OEM) are once again activating the community's cooling centers beginning tomorrow, Tuesday, June 10, until further notice.

Residents, particularly our most vulnerable residents to include seniors and children, are reminded to be prepared and find solutions to avoid heat-related illnesses such staying hydrated, wearing light clothing and taking advantage of the City's cooling centers. The public is also asked to check on their elderly neighbors, friends and family who may be at risk.

The cooling centers provide an indoor, air conditioned, environment for residents to visit and cool down throughout the day. The centers are a collaboration between OEM, the City of El Paso Parks and Recreation, Public Libraries and the Extreme Weather Task Force.

The following cooling centers are available 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday:

- Galatzan Recreation Center (650 Wallenberg)
- Marty Robbins Recreation Center (11620 Vista Del Sol)
- Valle Bajo Community Center (7380 Alameda)
- Nations Tobin Sports Center (8831 Railroad)
- Chalio Acosta Sports Center (4321 Delta)

The community can also visit any of our City Public Libraries which are open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday and Saturday; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday; and Friday from 1 to 6 p.m.:

- Armijo Library (620 E. 7th)
- Clardy Fox (5515 Robert Alva)
- Esperanza Moreno (12480 Pebble Hills)
- Irving Schwartz (1865 Dean Martin)
- Jose Cisneros/Cielo Vista (1300 Hawkins)
- Judge Marquez (610 N. Yarbrough)
- Memorial Park (3200 Copper)
- Richard Burges (9600 Dyer Ste. C)
- Sergio Troncoso (9321 Alameda)
- Westside (125 Belvidere)

Officials also urge residents to keep their pets safe, especially outdoor pets, by providing proper shade; giving them plenty of fresh, clean water in a shaded area; and not taking them on walks during peak temperatures when their sensitive paw pads can burn.

Residents who require after-hours/overnight assistance can dial 311 to receive information about our shelter network partners. For emergencies, please dial 9-1-1.

For more information about heat safety, please visit elpasoready.org/extreme-heat.

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