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City of El Paso and OEM Activate Cooling Centers During Extreme Heat

EL PASO, Texas—With triple-digit temperatures forecasted over the next several days, the City of El Paso and Office of Emergency Management (OEM) are activating the community's cooling centers beginning tomorrow, Wednesday, June 5 through Friday, June 7.

City and Emergency officials are once again working to support the community, particularly our senior residents, to stay as cool and find solutions to avoid heat-related illnesses. The public is 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 free cooling centers are available from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.:

- Galatzan Recreation Center (700 E. 7th)
- 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 Wednesday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. 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)

Staff will monitor temperatures to determine if the centers need to remain open beyond Friday.

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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