



City of Yonkers
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PRESS RELEASE

Yonkers to Open Cooling Centers During Heat Wave

Locations throughout city will provide refuge from 100+ degree heat

Yonkers, N.Y. (July 31, 2006)-- With heat indices this week expected to climb in excess of 100 degrees, the City of Yonkers will maintain several cooling center locations throughout the city, providing residents-- especially the elderly--with sheltered relief from the sweltering conditions outside. Details below.

FORECAST INFORMATION:

The National Weather Service has issued an "Excessive Heat Watch" for the New York Metro Area for Tuesday, August 1 and Wednesday, August 2. Forecast information is as follows.

Tuesday, August 1: Widespread haze after 9:00 a.m.. Mostly sunny and very hot, with a high around 97. Heat index values as high as 107. West wind between 5 and 13 mph.

Wednesday, August 2: Widespread haze after 9:00 a.m.. Mostly sunny and very hot, with a high around 100. West wind between 3 and 11 mph.

COOLING CENTER INFORMATION:

The city will make cooling center locations available for residents on Tuesday, August 1 and Wednesday, August 2, free of charge. Senior Nutrition Sites are also available as cooling centers all week. Please note hours of operation are different for each location.

*COOLING CENTER: Coyne Park Community Center, located at 777 McLean Avenue. Free water provided. Open 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday only.

*COOLING CENTER: Nodine Hill Community Center, located at 140 Fillmore Street. Free water provided. Open 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday only.

*COOLING CENTER: Cola Community Center, located at 945 North Broadway. Free water provided. Open 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday only.

*COOLING CENTER/SENIOR CITIZEN NUTRITION SITE: Chema Community Center, located at 435 Riverdale Avenue. Free water; meal provided at lunchtime. Open 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday. Open 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 during the rest of the week.

*COOLING CENTER/SENIOR CITIZEN NUTRITION SITE: Bronx River Road Community Center, located at 680 Bronx River Road. Free water; meal provided at lunchtime. Open 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday. Open 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 during the rest of the week.

*COOLING CENTER/SENIOR CITIZEN NUTRITION SITE: St. John's Park Care Pavilion at St. John's Hospital (old Yonkers General Hospital), located at 2 Park Avenue. Seniors in frail medical condition are encouraged to attend this site. Meal provided at lunchtime. Open 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. all week.

*COOLING CENTER/SENIOR CITIZEN NUTRITION SITE: Sacred Heart H.S. Cafeteria, located at 34 Covenant Avenue. Meal provided at lunchtime. Open 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. all week.

*COOLING CENTER/SENIOR CITIZEN NUTRITION SITE: Congregation Sons of Israel, located at 155 Elliott Avenue. Meal provided at lunchtime. Open 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. all week.

*COOLING CENTER/SENIOR CITIZEN NUTRITION SITE: Nepperhan Community Center, located at 342 Warburton Avenue. Meal provided at lunchtime. Open 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday only.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Meals and transportation are free at Office for the Aging Senior Nutrition Sites. However, a voluntary contribution is suggested. No one will be denied for not contributing. Please call (914) 377-6822 for meal and transportation reservations.

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