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***Mayor Fulop Announces Cooling Centers and Water Facilities
for City Residents OPEN For Residents to Cool Off During
Excessive Weekend Heat***

Three Cooling Sites to Open; All Park Sprinklers and Pools Are Also Available for Residents

JERSEY CITY - Mayor Steven M. Fulop and the Jersey City Office of Emergency Management (OEM) announce that the City is opening **three cooling sites** from Friday, August 12th through Sunday, August 14th as temperatures are expected to reach into the high 90's. The weather forecast indicates that in addition to the high temperature, people must be aware of increased humidity levels and poor air quality.

The **Mary McLeod Bethune Community Center, 140 Martin Luther King Drive**, will be open from **9 a.m. to 9 p.m.** all weekend for residents to cool off. The City's two senior centers - the **Joseph Connors Senior Center**, at 28 Paterson Street and the **Maureen Collier Senior Center**, at 335 Bergen Avenue, will be open as well from **10 a.m. until 6 p.m.**

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.

"In preparation of yet another weekend of excessive heat and humidity, we want to remind residents to remain safe, and also to continue to keep watch of the elderly and disabled who may need assistance," said **Mayor Fulop**. "We are offering full access to our community centers and municipal pools, and we strongly encourage those in need to take advantage of them throughout the weekend until the uncomfortable weather subsides."

In addition, all city parks and pools are open for residents to enjoy. For a **full schedule of pool and sprinkler locations**, please visit: <http://jerseycitynj.gov/swimming/sprinklers/>

The Jersey City Free Public Library system is also open for residents looking for a cool place on weekdays and Saturdays. For a full listing of library hours, please visit: <http://www.jclibrary.org/hours>.

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