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VERNON OPENS COOLING CENTERS FOR RESIDENTS

VERNON – Mayor Daniel A. Champagne announced that the Town will open cooling centers for Vernon residents at the Rockville Public Library, Vernon Teen Center, and the Vernon Police Department Community Room. The hours of operation are listed below and the centers will follow this schedule until 8:00 PM Sunday evening.

“Our Office of Emergency and Risk Management is closely monitoring the weather,” said Mayor Champagne. “In response to the high temperatures and excessive humidity forecasted for this weekend, I have ordered cooling centers to be opened for anyone seeking refuge from the heat. As a reminder, other resources are available to help residents cool down such as Town lakes and pools. I also urge residents to take heed of the Red Cross safety tips included with this message.”

Town Cooling Centers

Rockville Public Library

52 Union Street
Saturday, July 20, 2019
10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Vernon Teen Center

Center 375, 375 Hartford Turnpike
Saturday, July 20 and Sunday, July 21, 2019
12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM

Vernon Police Department Community Room

725 Hartford Turnpike
24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Town Pools and Swimming Areas

Camp Newhoca

Grier Road
Saturday, July 20 and Sunday, July 21, 2019
10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Valley Falls Park

Valley Falls Road
Saturday, July 20 and Sunday, July 21, 2019
10:00 AM to 7:30 PM

Horowitz Pool

Henry Park, South Street
Saturday, July 20 and Sunday, July 21, 2019
11:00 AM to 7:30 PM

Community Pool

375 Hartford Turnpike
Saturday, July 20 and Sunday, July 21, 2019
11:00 AM to 7:30 PM

The American Red Cross has issued the following safety tips for a heat wave.

- **NEVER LEAVE CHILDREN OR PETS ALONE IN ENCLOSED VEHICLES.**
- Stay hydrated by drinking plenty of fluids. Avoid drinks with caffeine or alcohol.
- Avoid extreme temperature changes.
- Wear loose-fitting, lightweight, light-colored clothing.
- Slow down, stay indoors and avoid strenuous exercise during the hottest part of the day.
- Postpone outdoor games and activities.
- Use a buddy system when working in excessive heat. Take frequent breaks if working outdoors.
- Check on those who do not have air conditioning, or who spend time alone.
- Check on animals frequently, and make sure they have plenty of cool water.
- Discuss heat safety precautions with members of your household.
- Those without air conditioning should seek relief from the heat during the warmest part of the day at places such as libraries, theaters, and shopping malls.

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