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## **Mayor Menino Declares Heat Emergency with Temperatures Expected to Reach 100 Degrees**

With temperatures expected to reach 100 degrees this week, Mayor Thomas M. Menino today declared a heat emergency in the city and will expand services during this dangerous stretch of hot weather.

“The heat that we are expecting in our city this week presents a dangerous situation to many of our residents,” Mayor Menino said. “We are preparing by adding additional resources to help assist residents keep cool and healthy. I am appealing to everyone in our city to check on your neighbors, especially those who are elderly or infirmed.”

Starting today and going through Thursday, the city will extend pool hours until 9:00 p.m. and will open cooling centers. A list of locations can be found below. The city will also be making automated phone calls to all households asking residents to check on neighbors and alerting residents to city services.

Elderly residents are particularly vulnerable to heat-related illnesses and injuries, but everyone should remember to limit their activities during very hot weather, drink plenty of fluids, and avoid beverages that contain caffeine or alcohol. Additional measures to beat the heat include avoiding cooking, taking cool showers or baths, and wearing loose, light-colored clothing.

The city's Commission on the Affairs of the Elderly has put out alerts and will distribute information to the elderly about the upcoming heat wave. Elderly residents are advised to call the Elderly Commission at 617-635-4366 or the Mayor's 24 - Hour hotline at 617-635-4500 if they experience problems and to drink plenty of water and avoid outside activity. The city is also reaching out to all elderly homebound clients and congregate housing sites to make sure they have what they need. The Mayor's Senior Shuttle will be on call all to accommodate any requests for rides to cooling centers.

Residents are reminded that fire hydrants should not be tampered with or opened; doing so may hinder fire prevention capabilities. Residents who see open hydrants should immediately report the situation to the Mayor's 24 Hour Hotline at (617) 635-4500. Open hydrants reduce water pressure and put both neighborhoods and firefighters at risk in the event of a fire.

The City has been in touch with NStar on any possible power outages due to expected record-breaking demand for electricity and is asking all residents to conserve energy over the next few days.

All residents should limit their exertion outdoors and should be mindful of warning signs for heat illness, which include: dizziness, weakness, fainting and vomiting, stomach cramps or cramping of the legs or arms, and confusion and agitation. If anyone experiences any of the symptoms listed above, they should first stop what they are doing and, if possible, move themselves to a cooler area. If symptoms persist, call 9-1-1 immediately. Family, friends and neighbors are also urged to check in frequently with elderly residents who may need assistance during the hot weather.

For questions about heat-related city services, residents should call the Mayor's 24-Hour Hotline at 617 635-4500.

**BOSTON CENTERS FOR YOUTH & FAMILIES (BCYF)**  
**2006 COOLING CENTERS & POOLS LIST**

The following BCYF sites are available, based on required needs, as Cooling Centers and/or Pool Sites when Mayor Menino declares a Heat Emergency or after the city's temperatures have reached 90 degrees or higher for three (3) or more consecutive days.

BCYF sites with an asterisk (\*) are Pool Only sites.

**BCYF Cooling Centers**

|                                  |                                     |          |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------|
| Agassiz Community Center         | 20 Child Street, Jamaica Plain      | 635-5191 |
| Archdale Community Center        | 125 Brookway Rd, Roslindale         | 635-5256 |
| Blackstone Community Center      | 50 West Brookline Street, Boston    | 635-5162 |
| Charlestown Community Center     | 255 Medford Street, Charlestown     | 635-5169 |
| Cleveland Community Center       | 11 Charles Street, Dorchester       | 635-5141 |
| Condon Community Center          | 200 D Street, South Boston          | 635-5100 |
| Curley Community Center (L St.)  | 1663 Columbia Road, South Boston    | 635-5104 |
| Curtis Hall Community Center     | 20 South Street, Jamaica Plain      | 635-5193 |
| Gallivan Community Center        | 61 Woodruff Way, Mattapan           | 635-5252 |
| Golden Age Center                | 382 Main Street, Charlestown        | 635-5175 |
| Grove Hall Community Center      | 48 Geneva Avenue, Dorchester        | 635-2648 |
| Harborside Community Center      | 312 Border Street, East Boston      | 635-5114 |
| Hennigan Community Center        | 200 Heath Street, Jamaica Plain     | 635-5198 |
| Jackson Mann Community Center    | 500 Cambridge Street, Allston       | 635-5153 |
| JP/English Community Center      | 144 McBride Street, Jamaica Plain   | 635-5244 |
| Kent Community Center            | 50 Bunker Hill Street, Charlestown  | 635-5177 |
| Marshall Community Center        | 35 Westville Ave. Dorchester        | 635-5148 |
| Mattahunt Community Center       | 100 Hebron Street, Mattapan         | 635-5159 |
| Mildred Avenue Community Center  | 5 Mildred Ave., Mattapan            | 635-1328 |
| Murphy Community Center          | 1 Worrell Street, Dorchester        | 635-5150 |
| Nazarro Community Center         | 30 North Bennet Street, North End   | 635-5166 |
| Ohrenberger Comm. Center         | 175 West Boundary Rd., West Roxbury | 635-5183 |
| Orchard Gardens Community Center | 2 Dearborn Street, Roxbury          | 635-5220 |
| Orient Heights Comm. Center      | 86 Boardman Street, East Boston     | 635-5120 |
| Paris Street Community Center    | 112 Paris Street, East Boston       | 635-5125 |

### **BCYF Cooling Centers (cont)**

|                            |                                  |          |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------|----------|
| Perkins Community Center   | 155 Talbot Avenue, Dorchester    | 635-5146 |
| BCNC/ Quincy Comm. Center  | 885 Washington Street, Boston    | 635-5129 |
| Roche Family Comm. Center  | 1716 Centre Street, West Roxbury | 635-5066 |
| Shelburne Community Center | 2730 Washington Street, Roxbury  | 635-5213 |
| Thomas Johnson Comm. Ctr.  | 68 Annunciation Road, Roxbury    | 635-5212 |
| Tobin Community Center     | 1481 Tremont Street, Roxbury     | 635-5216 |
| Tynan Comm. Ctr.           | 650 East 4th Street, So Boston   | 635-5110 |
| Vine Street Comm. Ctr.     | 339 Dudley Street, Roxbury       | 635-1285 |
| Walsh Community Center     | 535 East Broadway, So Boston     | 635-5640 |

### **BCYF Centers with Pools**

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|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------|
| Blackstone Community Center     | 50 West Brookline Street, Boston  | 635-5162 |
| Charlestown Community Center    | 255 Medford Street, Charlestown   | 635-5169 |
| Condon Community Center         | 200 D Street, South Boston        | 635-5100 |
| * Curtis Hall Community Center  | 20 South Street, Jamaica Plain    | 635-5193 |
| * Draper Pool                   | 5279 Washington St., West Roxbury | 635-5021 |
| * Flaherty Pool                 | 160 Florence Street, Roslindale,  | 635-5181 |
| Harborside Community Center     | 312 Border Street, East Boston    | 635-5114 |
| Hennigan Community Center       | 200 Heath Street, Jamaica Plain   | 635-5198 |
| Marshall Community Center       | 35 Westville Ave. Dorchester      | 635-5148 |
| * Mason Pool                    | 159 Norfolk Avenue, Roxbury       | 635-5241 |
| Mattahunt Community Center      | 100 Hebron Street, Mattapan       | 635-5159 |
| Mildred Avenue Community Center | 5 Mildred Ave., Mattapan          | 635-1328 |
| Murphy Community Center         | 1 Worrell Street, Dorchester      | 635-5150 |
| * Paris Street Pool             | 113 Paris Street, East Boston     | 635-5125 |
| Perkins Community Center        | 155 Talbot Avenue, Dorchester     | 635-5146 |
| Quincy Community Center         | 885 Washington Street, Boston     | 635-5129 |

### **BCYF Outdoor Pools Only Sites (11AM-8PM)**

|                 |                                     |          |
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| Clougherty Pool | 150 Bunker Hill Street, Charlestown | 635-5173 |
| Mirabella Pool  | 475R Commercial Street, North End   | 635-5235 |