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Cooling Centers Open Again

Michigan City, IN (July 6, 2010) With extreme hot and humid weather conditions in our area, Mayor Chuck Oberlie announced that several cooling centers will be open again this summer.

"The Senior Center is open to people of all ages," Mayor Oberlie said, "and anyone who needs immediate relief from the heat can go there or to City Hall. The Police/Fire Training Center will also be available, located at 2510 East Michigan Blvd. We are concerned about the safety of our citizens, and we've taken steps to make cool areas available to them during these extreme weather conditions."

Mayor Oberlie urges residents to continue checking on the elderly to make sure they are healthy, hydrated and cooled. "Call or visit your elderly family and neighbors to make sure they are able to get cool. Drinking lots of water during high heat index days helps keep the body hydrated," Mayor Oberlie said.

"Public health officials recommend that people spend at least part of the day in an air-conditioned environment. If they don't have air conditioning or can't get to an air-conditioned location, they should take a cool shower or bath during the day," John Jones, Emergency Management Director said. "Health officials say that even a brief spell in air conditioning allows the body to recover from the cumulative effects of high heat indexes such as we've been having."

The Senior Center is open from 8:00 a.m. until 4p.m. daily; City Hall is open 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. daily; The Police/Fire Training Center is open from 7:00 until 4:00 p.m.

The lobby at the Michigan City Police Station will be available 24 hours a day. Any citizen needing transportation may call the M.C. Police Dept. non-emergency number at 874-3221.

For more safety tips on dealing with very hot weather, please log on to our website: www.emichigancity.com/cityhalldepartments/ema/InClementweather. For specific hardships, Dial 211 for possible resource assistance.

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