



150 W. Jefferson Street, Joliet IL 60432

Media Release

Contact: Communications Office 815-724-3720 pctomas@jolietcity.org

June 8, 2017

HIGH HEAT INDEX POSSIBLE THIS WEEKEND COOLING CENTERS AVAILABLE FOR JOLIET RESIDENTS

The City of Joliet reminds residents to take precautions to ensure their health, safety, and well-being during days of high heat and humidity. The forecast for this weekend calls for high temperatures possibly reaching into the 90's.

Residents can seek shelter at the following locations:

- Louis Joliet Mall
- Illinois Department of Unemployment Services located at 45 East Webster
- Illinois Rehabilitation Services Center located at 1617 West Jefferson
- Other Public Places

Please remember to check on the elderly, those with medical conditions, and those with special needs during periods of extreme hot weather.

These hot and humid conditions may lead to an increased risk of heat-related stress and illness, particularly for the very young, the elderly, and those participating in strenuous outdoor activities.

CAR INTERIORS CAN REACH LETHAL TEMPERATURES IN A MATTER OF MINUTES. NEVER LEAVE CHILDREN OR PETS UNATTENDED IN A VEHICLE. BEAT THE HEAT, CHECK THE BACK SEAT!

Special Keeping Cool Tip For Seniors: During heat emergencies, seniors are urged to contact their local area agencies on aging or the Illinois Department on Aging Senior Help Line at (800) 252-8966 for assistance with locating senior centers, adult day service sites, and other buildings that serve as cooling centers.

It is against the law to open a fire hydrant. An open hydrant hinders the Fire Department's ability to fight fires, reduces water pressure in your home, and may cause basement flooding.

Anyone needing assistance during a period of extreme heat should call 9-1-1.

**Martin J. Shanahan, Jr.
Interim City Manager**

The City of Joliet is the fourth largest city in the state of Illinois, located just 45 miles southwest of Chicago's Loop. Home to 149,386 residents, in addition to thriving businesses and attractions, the City of Joliet is easily accessible by rail, auto and bus transit. A perfect place to live, work and play, Joliet is constantly striving to promote growth and diversity. For more information on Joliet visit www.cityofjoliet.org or call 815-724-4000.