

### City of Valparaiso Updates Warming Centers

The City of Valparaiso has coordinated with local efforts to announce the availability of Warming Centers available when temperatures and wind chills dip below freezing. To reduce the risk of COVID-19, Warming Centers require masks and enforce social distancing. The following organizations are serving as warming centers:

- **Valparaiso YMCA**, (219) 462-4185  
1202 Cumberland Crossing, open Mon – Fri 5:00 am – 10:00 pm, Sat 7:00 am – 6:00 pm, Sun 11:00 am – 6:00 pm.
- **Porter County Public Library, Valparaiso Branch** (219) 462-0524  
103 Jefferson Street, open Mon – Thurs 9:00 am – 7:00 pm, Fri 9:00 am – 6:00 pm, Sat 9:00 am – 5:00 pm.
- **Housing Opportunities** (219) 548-2800  
2001 Calumet Avenue, Mon – Fri 10 am – 2 pm.  
Housing Opportunities has opened a Winter Shelter with limited overnight beds for adult men and women. Check in is 7:00 pm. For needs after 8:00 pm, call Courtney Dix at 219-400-0203. To learn current hours and availabilities during office hours (Mon – Fri 8:00 am – 4:00 pm), call Housing Opportunities at (219) 548-2800.

In addition, the Valparaiso Police Department offers a special program for individuals who may need special help during weather emergencies. The Contact Assistance Referral (CARE) Program means the VPD will check on residents during harsh weather. To register yourself or a loved one for CARE, contact the Records Division at (219) 462-2135.