

Valparaiso Offers Relief From Heat

The City of Valparaiso has partnered with a number of community organizations to offer cooling centers to help keep the city safe during this week's heat wave. "We encourage people to visit these cooling centers and to check on those who may not have functioning air conditioning," said Mayor Matt Murphy. The following Cooling Centers will be in place for this week and future heat waves:

- Valparaiso YMCA
219-462-4185
1202 Cumberland Crossing
Mon-Fri 5 am to 10 pm
Sat 7 am to 6 pm
Sun 12:30 pm to 6 pm
- Porter County Public Library, Valparaiso Branch
219-462-0524
103 Jefferson Street
Mon-Fri 9 am to 6 pm
Sat 9 am to 5 pm

In addition, the Valparaiso Police Department offers a special program for individuals who may need special help during weather emergencies, including times when the heat index exceeds 100 degrees for consecutive days. 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 Captain Joe Hall at jhall@valpopd.com or 219-462-2135.