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Rockville Public Library Available as Cooling Center as Temperatures Soar; Town Swimming Areas Also Open

(VERNON, Connecticut) – The Town of Vernon is opening a cooling center at the Rockville Public Library to help residents who do not have access to air conditioning keep cool. Town swimming areas are also open to help residents beat the heat.

Oppressive heat and humidity is forecast for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Mayor Dan Champagne and the Town Office of Emergency and Risk Management have been monitoring weather forecasts and directed town staff to make the library available as a cooling center.

“Extreme heat can be dangerous and I urge people to stay hydrated, stay out of the sun and avoid exerting themselves,” Mayor Champagne said. “For people who do not have access to air conditioned spaces, the Rockville Public Library is available Wednesday until 6 p.m., Thursday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday from 1 to 6 p.m. The library staff also has water available for patrons.”

People can also keep cool at Vernon’s swimming areas. The schedule is as follows:

- Newhoca Beach, 185 Grier Road, is open Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Community Pool, 375 Hartford Turnpike, is open Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Valley Falls Beach, 300 Valley Falls Road, is open Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

“As we endure these few days of oppressive heat, I ask our residents to look out for each other, “ Mayor Champagne said. “Check on your relatives and neighbors, especially those who are older. And please remember not to ever leave children or pets unattended in a hot car.”

About the Town of Vernon

The Town of Vernon is a celebrated place to live, work and visit. From its beautiful parks and lakes, to its vast trails and historic homes and buildings, Vernon is a resilient and thriving community that promotes the health and

wellbeing of its residents and values the natural environment. With a resident population of approximately 30,000 and occupying 18.03 square miles, Vernon combines a balanced appreciation of history, and a strong economic base for growth, both residential and commercial. Located 15 minutes east of the Connecticut capital of Hartford, and 25 miles from the City of Springfield, Massachusetts, the Town of Vernon is strategically located in “New England's Knowledge Corridor” with close proximity to some of the top colleges and universities in the country.

Designated a certified Sustainable Community, the Town of Vernon offers a wide range of benefits and services to its residents. The Town of Vernon is a full-service municipality that practices a management philosophy of continuous quality improvement. To learn more about the Town of Vernon, please call (860) 870- 3670 or visit www.vernon-ct.gov.

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