

## **July 13, 2011 - Sweltering Forecast Keeps ``Cooling Centers'' Open**

The City will keep its 15 ``cooling centers'' open at least through Thursday as daytime temperatures remain near or above the century mark.

Mayor Cedric Glover said his staff will evaluate the situation on Friday to determine whether the centers need to also be open over the weekend. The present forecast calls for temperatures to fall into the upper 90s but the heat index may still hover near 100 degrees.

In addition to the impact the oppressive heat has on citizens, Fire Chief Craig Mulford also warns pet owners to be especially careful with animals. Like small children, pets also should not be locked inside vehicles during hot, summer days, Mulford said.

The centers are available to anyone seeking to escape the heat. Cold water is distributed free of charge in a secure, air-conditioned environment.

For locations and times of operations, visit the City's website: [www.shreveportla.gov](http://www.shreveportla.gov).

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