



City of San Antonio

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DEPARTMENT: Office of the City Manager

DEPARTMENT HEAD:

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Briefing on City-Wide Summer Youth Programming and Summer Preparedness.

SUMMARY:

City staff will provide a briefing on City-Wide Summer Youth Programming and Summer Preparedness for heat mitigation strategies, along with hot weather reminders offered by city departments.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The City of San Antonio, through various public-facing departments, is committed to offering opportunities centered around youth programming and development during the summer months.

The Parks and Recreation Department has many Summer Youth Programs for children ages six to fourteen and activities at 24 swimming pool sites. The program operates for approximately eight weeks each summer and this year has the capacity to serve approximately 4,460 children at 24 Parks' facilities and 13 partnering school sites. Parks and Recreation will operate 24 outdoor swimming pools, with staggered openings beginning in May and staggered closings concluding in September.

The San Antonio Public Library offers a variety of free activities and events for the whole family. Programs like “Summer with SAPL” is designed to spark new interests and keep kids and teens busy and engaged during the summer break. Summer at SAPL helps each member of the family make joyful connections with reading, books, their library, and their neighbors. All programs and activities are provided at no cost.

Human Services offers two main programs for youth. The Ambassador Summer Internship program focuses on funding summer internships for college students who have completed at least 2 semesters of college. The program receives over 600 applications to fill 200 internships for the summer, and over 75% of internships offered are in non-COSA organizations, including nonprofits, private-sector, and medical fields. The NXT Level: AlamoPROMISE Scholars partners with the Alamo Colleges District and is the only non-traditional pathway for young adults to attend AlamoPROMISE.

San Antonio Fire Department offers Co-Ed Heroes and HeroLikeHer Camps, which introduce youth to the career of firefighting with hands-on experiences with SAFD firefighters. The camps provide the opportunity to develop skills and build relationships with SAFD role models. Camps for 2025 will be held over three weekends in June, July, and August: Two days for ages thirteen to eighteen, and one-day mini camps are offered for kids eight to twelve. There is no charge to attend any SAFD Camp.

In 2021, the San Antonio Police Department created the High School Summer Camp for students ages fourteen (14) to seventeen (17) to promote and reinforce positive relationships between the Department, local youth, and their families. The Camp is designed to take the attendees through the life of a cadet and an officer. The two-week camps this year will be held June 23-25 and June 30 - July 2, 2025, from 9:00 am -1:00 pm each day. Plus, the Public Safety Corps program continues to offer an opportunity for young adults interested in law enforcement year-round.

Heat Mitigation Planning and Activities

The City of San Antonio is prepared to activate community centers, libraries, senior centers, and other public-facing facilities to serve residents as Places to Stay Cool during extreme heat days. One of many tips to prevent heat-related illnesses is to stay in air-conditioned spaces, drink plenty of water, and avoid strenuous activity during the hottest times of the day, normally between 3-6 p.m.

In addition, the City of San Antonio has designated six of these facilities as Resilience Hubs. community-facing facilities that are activated during extreme weather as safe spaces for individuals to gather and provide resources, temporary shelter, and information. This summer, to create awareness of Resilience Hubs and other Places to Stay Cool, the City of San Antonio is hosting the BeReady “Heat Preparedness” Resilience Hub Summer Series, which will provide residents resources and information to combat extreme heat while bringing partners together at each location.

The Office of Resilience will provide an update on the development of the Heat Resiliency Playbook, an interdepartmental effort to align all city and partner initiatives to better serve our

communities. The Playbook is a comprehensive heat management strategy that provides alignment across departments for existing heat-related work, as well as identifying neighborhood-based and Citywide projects, programs and policies to combat extreme heat and address gaps in heat relief, communications and outreach, infrastructure and green spaces.

The Office of Sustainability will provide an update on the Cool Neighborhoods Program that provides a data-driven approach to deploying heat mitigation measures, such as cool pavement, trees, reflective roofs, shade structures, weatherization resources, and temperature sensors in target neighborhoods based upon heat vulnerability. The update will include a status update on the COSA/VIA Bus Shade Project to deploy new bus shelters and shade amenities in Cool Neighborhood areas and other high heat vulnerability locations and UTSA's ongoing research.

Finally, the Communications & Engagement Department has launched the SA.GOV/HotWeather webpage to give the community and media a central location for all information pertaining to the City's response to the hot weather. This site includes all heat-related information, including how to stay safe, a map of places to stay cool, and other resources and information that our residents may need.

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ALTERNATIVES:

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FISCAL IMPACT:

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RECOMMENDATION:

Staff does not recommend any action.