



CITY OF SCRANTON

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Scranton Helping Others ‘Beat The Heat,’ Encourages Wellness Checks

SCRANTON, PA. – As severe weather batters the City of Scranton, residents are reminded of ways to check in on neighbors and, later this week, help others “Beat The Heat.”

“Scranton has always been a community where we take care of each other,” Mayor Paige G. Cagnetti. “As we all deal with ongoing extreme weather, including storms that can cause power outages or regular heat waves, it’s important to check in on friends and neighbors. Our residents need to know that the City is here to help.”

Citizens who would like to request a wellness check for a neighbor dealing with power outages or extreme heat can call the following non-emergency numbers:

- **Scranton Fire Department, (570) 348-4132**
- **Scranton Police Department, (570) 348-4141**

In addition to checking in on fellow residents, the City is conducting a “Beat The Heat” donation drive this week to help the unhoused and other members of our population.

On Friday, July 19, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Weston Field House, 982 Providence Rd., Scranton, teams will be collecting heat-related items to help others. Suggested donations include water, sunscreen, electrolyte packets like Liquid IV or Gatorade powders, and other heat-related items. A Pop-Up City Hall will follow the Beat The Heat drive until 4 p.m.

Donations collected Friday will be shared with social service organizations including the Catherine McAuley Center, Catholic Social Services, the Crisis Intervention Center, Keystone Mission, NEPA Youth Shelter, the Scranton Vet Center of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, St. Francis of Assisi Kitchen, United Neighborhood Centers, and the Women’s Resource Center.

ABOUT THE CITY OF SCRANTON: Incorporated in 1866, the City of Scranton has a population of approximately 80,000 residents and is the sixth-largest municipality in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Scranton City Hall is located at 340 N. Washington Ave., Scranton, PA 18503. Residents requiring services should visit www.scrantonpa.gov.