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Harlingen To Open Warming Shelter for Residents

HARLINGEN, Texas—The City of Harlingen is opening a warming center today to help the thousands of residents that are still without power in the community as a result of the ongoing freezing weather conditions and the associated rolling blackouts dictated by the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT).

The warming center will be at the Harlingen Community Center located at 201 E. Madison. Mayor Chris Boswell says the community center is being converted into a warm place for residents to spend the night. “Some of our residents have been without power for more than 48 hours now at no fault of their own and with no clear end in sight; we’ve decided to open one of the few buildings in the City that does have power to our residents. Here they will have a warm place to lay their heads for the night and get a reprieve from the freezing temperatures that we’ve experienced this week.”

The warming center will open at 5 p.m. today and will remain open 24 hours a day through Saturday, February 20. Residents are asked to bring sleeping bags, blankets, food, and any medications they may need. They can also bring electronics such as phones and iPads to charge. The center will be available to residents who just want to recharge batteries or their electronic devices. At this time, no pets will be allowed.

Because of COVID-19, masks are required and temperatures will be taken at check-in.

For more information, Harlingen residents can call 956-216-5940.

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