

## **Region 1A – 2025–2026 Winter Contingency Plan**

**Counties Covered:** Lake County

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### **CITY OF GARY – UPDATED 2025–2026 WARMING CENTERS**

(Updated per City of Gary Winter Plan Flyer)

#### **Monroe Smith Warming & Cooling Center**

Women, Children & Men

4101 Washington St., Gary, IN

Hours: 6:00 PM – 6:00 AM

#### **Calumet Township Multipurpose Center**

Women, Children & Men

1900 W. 41st Ave., Gary, IN

Hours: Monday–Friday | 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

#### **Brother's Keeper**

Men & Women (Adults)

2120 Broadway, Gary, IN

Hours: Monday–Friday | 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

#### **Activation Rule (City of Gary):**

Warming centers activate at 32 degrees or below, during extreme weather conditions, or for emergency sheltering needs.

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### **EAST CHICAGO**

#### **Martin Luther King Center**

4802 Melville Ave., East Chicago, IN  
Hours: 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM  
*Opens when wind chills are below zero for two consecutive days.*

### **Heritage Hall Recreation Center**

4506 Tod Ave., East Chicago, IN  
219-391-8380  
*Call for hours.*

### **Salvation Army – East Chicago**

513 W. Chicago Ave., East Chicago, IN  
219-398-2939  
*Extreme conditions only.*

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## **GARY – ADDITIONAL FACILITIES**

(From the uploaded contingency document)

### **Glen Ryan Park Pavilion**

4220 E. 6th Pl., Gary, IN  
219-886-7113  
*Call for hours.*

### **Hudson-Campbell Sports & Fitness Center**

455 Massachusetts St., Gary, IN  
Mon–Fri: 6 AM–8:30 PM  
Sat–Sun: 9 AM–1 PM

### **Fire Department Warming Locations (Call Ahead)**

Station #1 – 2800 E. 5th Ave. | 219-881-1408  
Station #2 – 1618 Adams St. | 219-882-1814  
Station #4 – 330 W. 25th Ave. | 219-882-1814  
Station #7 – 380 S. Grand Blvd. | 219-881-5215  
Station #12 – 1901 Mississippi St. | 219-881-1412  
Station #13 – 6012 W. 26th Ave. | 219-881-1412

### **Transportation (Gary):**

The GPTC bus/van system will activate “Code 32.” Operators will stop as close to a warming center as possible.

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## **MERRILLVILLE**

### **Dean & Barbara White Community Center**

6600 Broadway, Merrillville

219-980-5911

Hours: 8 AM – 8 PM

*Activates during dangerous wind chills (near -25 degrees).*

### **Merrillville Fire Stations (Call for Hours)**

Station #71 – 18 W. 73rd Ave.

Station #72 – 7950 Taft St.

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## **HAMMOND**

### **Jean Shepherd Community Center**

3031 JF Mahoney Dr.

Hours: Monday–Friday | 7 AM–9 PM

All are welcome.

### **Hammond Sportsplex**

6630 Indianapolis Blvd

219-853-7660

Hours: 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

### **Lost Marsh Clubhouse**

1001 129th St.

Hours: Monday–Friday | 8 AM – 5 PM

Emergency activation only when temperatures reach 32 degrees or below.

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## **HOBART**

### **Hobart Fire & Police Facilities (Call for Hours)**

Fire Station #1 – 400 E. 10th St.  
Fire Station #4 – 7710 S. Colorado St.  
Police Department – 705 E. 4th St.  
Substation – Southlake Mall

**Additional Emergency Warm Sites (Historically Used):**

PCC Community Room – 705 E. 4th St.  
Hobart Public Library – 100 Main St.  
Maria Reiner Center – Seniors only

*The City of Hobart posts warming-center updates on the official city website and the City of Hobart Facebook page.*

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**HIGHLAND**

**Lincoln Center**

2450 Lincoln St.  
Mon–Fri: 5 AM–10 PM  
Sat–Sun: 7 AM–6 PM

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**LAKE STATION**

**Lake Station Fire Department**

1876 Fairview Ave.  
219-962-8295  
*Call for hours.*