

Building a Resilient Neighborhood
Neighborhood Emergency Response Plan
A PROPOSAL

Purpose

Enhancing our resilience to power outage during extreme heat, and to other crises

Goal

To convene an emergency-response planning team that will develop a neighborhood-wide plan with guidelines for:

- 1) Emergency response by residents in the event of extended power loss
- 2) Preparing our households ahead of time to minimize the risk of harm or inconvenience in such an event
- 3) Applications to other types of community-wide emergency

Features

A protected and connected neighborhood will have the following:

- Designated neighborhood, quadrant, and block leaders who will be in communication with each other in event of power outage
- A contact list informing residents whom to reach out to for what kind of event. Depending on the need or issue, contacts would be:
 - Block liaisons
 - Quadrant coordinators
 - NA officers or their delegates
 - University or City offices
- A plan and schedule for updating and distributing the list to residents
- Designated gathering spots for respite and communication (e.g., churches, schools, parks, and pocket parks)
- Knowledge of other cooling centers nearby and whether the City will allow access to pools
- A plan for communication:
 - How to inform residents when extreme heat is expected, and to remind them of actions to take in preparation
 - Networking and coordination if power outage occurs

Steps to making the plan

- Convene a small committee to develop and articulate a plan addressing the specifics above, and other issues as arise in the process
- Establish a network of Block Liaisons who know their neighbors and check regularly on those who may need help
- Recruit 1-3 coordinators for each quadrant to serve as first-contacts for Liaisons
- Recruit an officer of the board, or a delegate, to serve as central coordinator

For a safer, happier, and more connected neighborhood