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CITY TO IMPLEMENT HEAT PROTOCOLS AGAIN TODAY

Due to a National Weather Service heat advisory in effect until 7 p.m. this evening, the City of Memphis is once again implementing Operation HEAT – Heat Emergency Assistance Team – and heat advisory protocols.

Citizens are urged to escape excessive temperatures by visiting City of Memphis libraries, community centers, or senior centers during regular business hours. If citizens need a ride to one of those facilities, they should call the Mayor’s Citizens Service Center at 576-6500.

The designated official cooling center, the Orange Mound Community Center at 2590 Park Avenue, will have extended hours of 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. today. Other community centers are currently open until at least 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

In addition, residents are also encouraged to check on their neighbors, especially those who may be elderly or infirm, during these times of extreme heat.

“Last year, the community rallied around our ‘Check on 4 Door to Door’ initiative,” said Mayor A C Wharton, Jr. “Please, if you know of someone who doesn’t have air conditioning or who might be struggling with the heat, just stop by and see how they are doing.”

City of Memphis firefighters will also be going door-to-door to check on residents.

After-hours calls should be directed to 515-2525. Citizens experiencing an emergency should call 911.

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