



Emergency Preparedness

Topic: Emergency Preparedness

Wednesday, March 17, 2021



Agenda

- Welcome & Introduction
- Emergency Preparedness – Carrie Little Director of Emergency Management
- Plano's response to the winter storm – Greg Rushin, Deputy City Manager
- Department updates
- Wrap up



City of Plano Department of Emergency Management



Severe Weather Hazards

- Severe Thunderstorm
- Lightning
- Hail
- Flooding
- Damaging Winds
- Tornado



Three Actions to Take

- Watch vs. Warning
- Severe Weather Shelter
- Family Emergency Preparedness

Watch vs. Warning



Warning Options

- Wireless Emergency Alerts
- NOAA Weather Alert Radios
- Media
 - Television
 - Radio – 820 AM or 96.3 FM
- Subscription Services/Apps
- Plano City Call
 - www.plano.gov/1937
 - Text PLANO to 99411



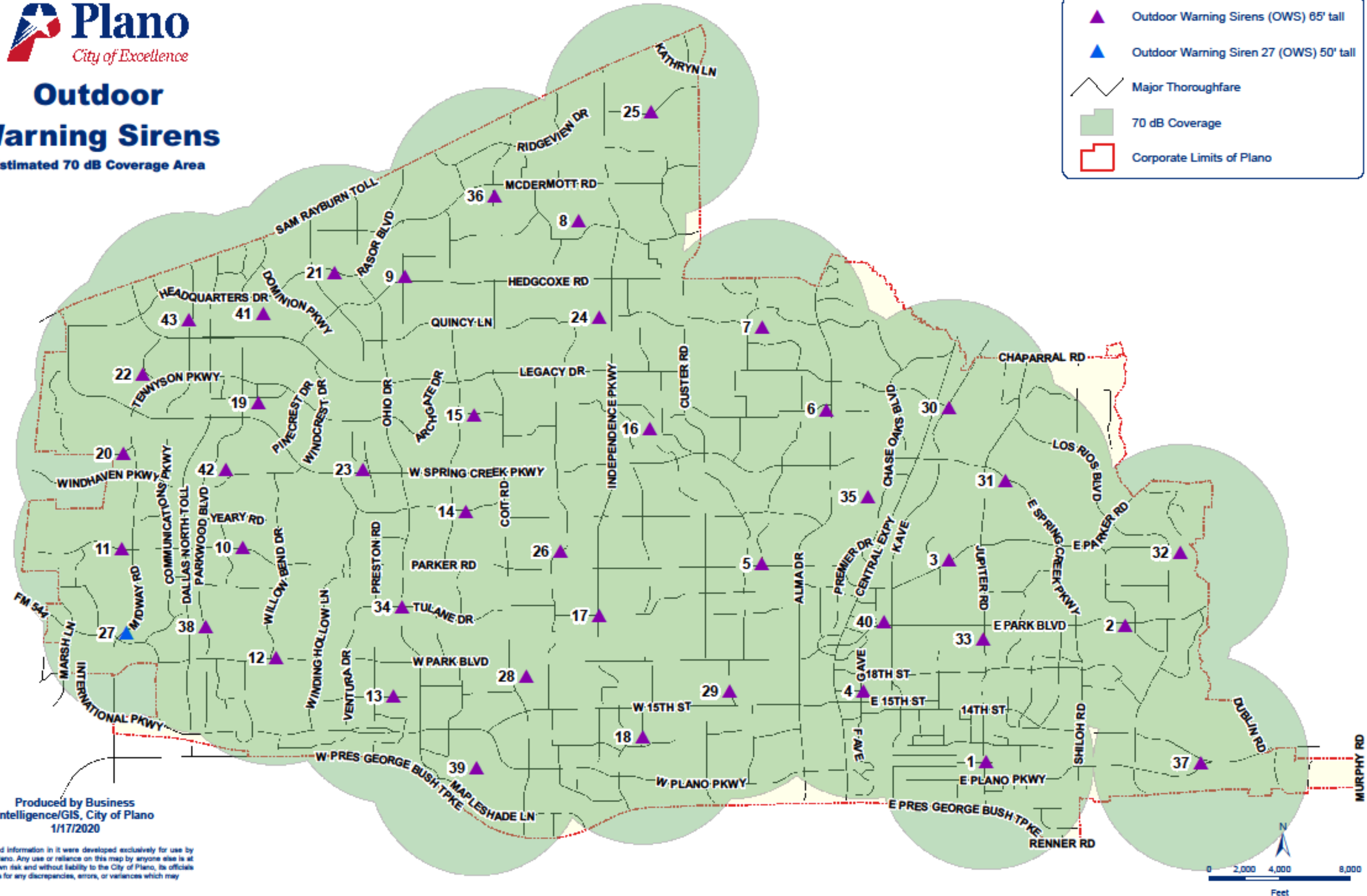
WIRELESS
**EMERGENCY
ALERTS**



Outdoor Warning Sirens

Estimated 70 dB Coverage Area

- Outdoor Warning Sirens (OWS) 65' tall
- Outdoor Warning Siren 27 (OWS) 50' tall
- Major Thoroughfare
- 70 dB Coverage
- Corporate Limits of Plano



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Why are Sirens Sounded?

- Tornado Warning naming Plano
- Hail larger than 1 ½ inches
- Destructive winds in excess of 70 miles per hour
- Tornado spotted by a trained storm spotter in Plano



Tornado Sheltering Guidelines

Seek the best available refuge area **immediately** when a Tornado Warning is issued.
Your chance of surviving a tornado is excellent if you follow these guidelines.

WORST OPTIONS

Mobile homes

Vehicles

Underneath a
highway overpass

BAD OPTIONS

Large open rooms
like gymnasiums

Manufactured housing

GOOD OPTIONS

Interior room
of a well-constructed
home or building

Basement

BEST OPTIONS

Above or below ground
Tornado Storm Shelter
(NSSA/ICC 500 compliant)*

Specifically-designed
FEMA Safe Room*

Find another option



Stay in place until all clear

PHOTO: U.S. Air Force -Tech. Sgt. Bradley C. Church

*Recommended by FEMA



Personal Emergency Kit

- Water
- Radio
- First Aid Kit
- Dust Mask
- Wrench or pliers
- Local Maps
- Food
- Flashlight/Batteries
- Whistle
- Personal Sanitation
- Can Opener
- Cash



Websites for More Information

- knowwhat2do.com
- ready.gov
- fema.gov
- plano.gov

Questions?

Contact Information

Department of Emergency Management

972-769-4824

dem@plano.gov



Plano's response to the winter storm

- Greg Rushin, Deputy City Manager

Upcoming BEST Breaks in April

- April 7 - How CDBG and HOME funds impact the lives of Plano residents
- April 21st - May's Bond election

Save the Date!



Sat. June 12
8:30am to noon
on ZOOM

No cost to attend



Watch for registration information coming out soon!

FREE Legal Clinic for HOA board members.

Speakers include attorneys, banking and loan administrators, community managers and more!

Additional Resources

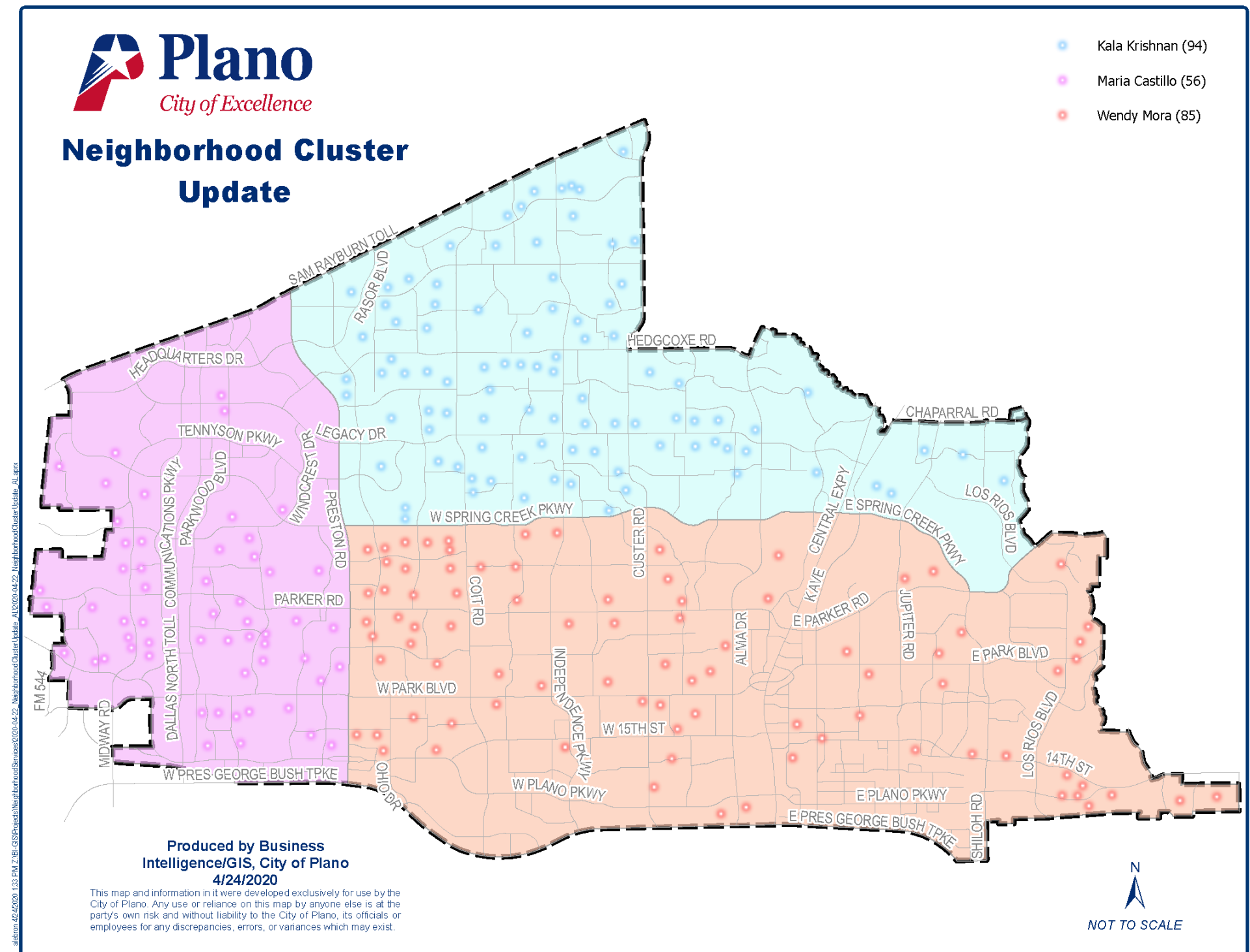
If you live in a neighborhood that doesn't have a neighborhood group- contact one of us to help you and your neighbors create one!

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Thank you!

- City Covid-19 Resources Page Link: <https://www.plano.gov/1818/COVID-19>
- Email us to sign-up to receive the Building BEST Neighborhoods Newsletter!

We'd love to hear from you, email us at: best@plano.gov

