

FIREWISE TRUMPET

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Firewise Group
Residents Reducing Wildfire Risks

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February

February 16, Education/Training Work Group, 1:00 pm; Mesquite Room
February 22, Firewise Group, 1:00 pm, Mesquite Room

March

March 16, Education/Training Work Group, 1:00 pm; Mesquite Room
March 22, Firewise Group, 1:00 pm, Mesquite Room

Home Ignition Zone (HIZ) Numbers

The HIZ completion status:

Month ending	12/7	1/25
Received	1,089	1,089
Completed	1,087	1,089
New requests	2	0
Open	1	0

From The Chair

Are you interested in doing something for the community? Are you interested in doing something different? Or, are you the type of person that is willing to "let somebody else do that". "That" is volunteering for one of many organizations to help Sun City maintain the reputation as a quality and safe living area. One of the organizations where a person could volunteer, and not only do something different, but help provide a service to the community, is the Firewise Group.

The Firewise Group cooperates with organizations such as: the Texas A&M Forest Service, the Sun City Texas Community Association (CA), City of Georgetown Fire Department, Williamson County agencies, and the active participation of Sun City Texas residents.

Another task that the Firewise Group performs is a Home Ignition Zone Evaluation by trained Evaluators. The group also works with the CA (continued - Page 2)

Firewise Group Leadership

Chair - David Hubbell
Vice-Chair - Petra Garren
Recorder - Judy Whitmore
Webmaster - Melissa Lane
HIZ Coordinator - Doug Lane
Volunteer Clearing Crew Coordinator - Petra Garren
Education Coordinator - Dan Dodson
Training Coordinator - Paul Ohlenbusch

Firewise Group Notes

- * The January 25 Firewise Group Meeting included members and liaisons.
- * February is officer election. Candidates are needed for Chair and Vice-Chair.
- * Community Wildfire Preparedness Day is May 5. A Chair is needed.
- * Firewise Town Hall work is October 10. A Chair is needed.
- * Volunteer Clearing Crew report on page 2. Meeting Notes for this and previous meetings can be found on the [web site](#).

The next Firewise Group meeting is scheduled for February 22, 2023 at 1 pm in the Mesquite Room in The Oaks.

Sun City Texas Firewise Web Links

[Web Site](#)
[Meeting Notes](#)
[Current Publications](#)
[Annual Renewal Documents](#)
[Town Hall videos](#)
[Landscape Vendor Service Provider list](#)

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staff to reduce the potential spread of wildfires in common areas. Also, they stay abreast of latest information on structures and ways to reduce risks in common areas

The Firewise Group can provide a vast experience of learning and activities that would prove to be very effective in helping Sun City mitigate the potential of wildfires resulting in property or personal loss.

Please consider getting involved with the Firewise Group. Don't be that person that expects somebody else to take care of you, your property and even your community.

David Hubbell

Firewise Group Chair

Firewise Opportunities in February

Is Firewise important to you and Sun City?

The election of officers will be held at the February 22 meeting. Currently we have no candidates identified for Chair and Vice-Chair. The Community Association requires all committees and subcommittees (including Firewise) have at least a Chair to remain active.

In addition, Chairs or Co-Chairs for the Community Wildfire Preparedness Day and Firewise Town Hall are in need of a volunteer to lead each event. The Community Wildfire Preparedness Day work starts in late February with preparation of promotion materials. The Firewise Town Hall work starts in July.

Guides have been or are being developed for each event. Those who have worked with them are available to assist.

If Firewise is important to you and Sun City, please volunteer for one of these opportunities.

Landscape Vendor Training

Landscape Vendor Service Training was January 27 with 3 companies and 14 individuals in attendance. Here is the [link to the list](#).

2023 Firewise Events

February 16, 2023, 8:00 am, New Resident Orientation, SCB

May 5, 8:30 am, Community Wildfire Preparedness Day, CCF/G

October 10, 9:30 am, Firewise Town Hall, SCM

October 27, 9:00 am, Home Ignition Zone Evaluator Training, Andice Room

Firewise Volunteer Clearing Crew News

The Firewise Clearing Crew is finally back at work...Yey. This new year found us starting at North Point and in a new neighborhood, N69. Amazing the amount of Juniper Ashe, we were able to remove to reduce fuel for fire, yet still maintain the beauty of the green space there. Our next workday found us clearing small Juniper Ashe behind homes at N11, another area successfully completed.

Remember you can remove the debris from around your yard to help be Firewise safe, just remember not to put it in the green space behind your property but in your monthly yard waste pick up.

If you'd like to volunteer with this great crew, go to the Firewise Group's website and go to the volunteer tab and sign up. Once your information is received, you'll be placed on the weekly email list. Come when you can.

Petra Garren

Volunteer Firewise Clearing Crew Coordinator



The Clearing Crew worked on the Level 3 fuel break in Neighborhood 11 on January 17.

We Have Opportunities!



**Firewise Meeting, February 22,
1:00 pm, Mesquite Room**