

# FIREWISE TRUMPET

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Sun City Texas Community Association

## Firewise Group

Residents reducing wildfire risks

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### November

#### No Firewise Meetings

### December

December 6, Firewise Group Meeting, 1:00 pm,  
Mesquite Room

### January

January 18, Education-Training Work Group, 1:00  
pm, Mesquite Room

January 24, Firewise Group Meeting, 1:00 pm,  
Mesquite Room

January 26, Landscape Vendor Training,  
1:30 pm, Atrium

### Firewise Group Notes

\* The October 25 Firewise Group Meeting had 10 members and 3 liaison. The following were the topics:

- \* Received Liaison reports from Landscape Supervisor, EMC, and P&G.
- \* October Town Hall was reviewed.
- \* HIZ training will be October 27.
- \* Firewise Clearing Crew report on Page 2.
- \* Firewise renewal for 2023 has begun.

Meeting Notes for this and previous meetings can be found on the [web site](#).

The next Firewise Group meeting will be December 6, 2023 at 1 pm in the Mesquite Room in The Oaks.

### Home Ignition Zone (HIZ) Numbers

The HIZ completion status:

<u>Month ending</u>	<u>9/26</u>	<u>10/25</u>
Received	1,126	1,130
Completed	1,121	1,124
New requests	8	3
Open	5	6

### From The Chair

Texas weather – from summer to winter almost overnight. With the cold comes some much needed rain. It is time to make our national annual Firewise report. We will again have more than enough to apply meet the national reporting requirements needed to keep our certification.

Thanks to Paul Ohlenbusch and everyone for accumulating the information needed.

Dan Dodson

Firewise Group Chair



### 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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### Firewise Group Leadership

Chair - Dan Dodson

Vice-Chair - Mark Marino

Recorder - Judy Whitmore

Webmaster - Melissa Lane

HIZ Coordinator - Doug Lane

Firewise Clearing Crew Coordinator - Petra Garren

Education Coordinator - Dan Dodson

Training Coordinator - Paul Ohlenbusch

## Firewise Town Hall

The Firewise Town Hall was held October 10 with about 150 residents present. The theme was 'Drought, Embers, and 15 Years of Firewise.'

Jim Romine, Executive Director was presented with a Certification of Recognition for his 15 years of dedication and support as he retires from Sun City.

'A Quick Review for 15 years, Paul Ohlenbusch, Firewise Group

'2023 Texas Fire Season' Walter Flocke, Wildland Urban Interface Coordinator, Texas A&M Forest Service

'Your Georgetown Fire Department' Clay Shell, Assistant Chief

'Your Office of Emergency Management' Christy Rogers, Emergency Management Coordinator, Georgetown

'Maintaining a Firewise Home' Dan Dodson and Paul Ohlenbusch, Firewise Group

Before and after the program, residents were able to visit with representatives from:

Firewise Group  
Emergency Management Committee  
COPs (Citizens on Patrol)  
Property and Grounds Committee  
Wildlife Management Committee  
Georgetown Fire Department  
Georgetown Office of Emergency Management  
Texas A&M Forest Service

Thank you to all who made the Town Hall a success!



## Firewise Volunteer Clearing Crew News

Many thanks to all the residents who support and understand the need to help clear a fuel break behind their homes. And a special thank you to the many volunteers that come out to accomplish this work that benefits the residents and as well as our whole community.

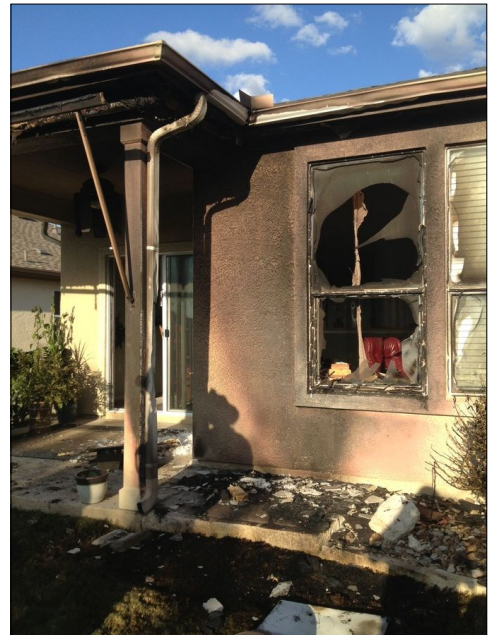
Everyone can help by looking around your yards to see what you can do to help reduce fuel for potential fires.

Petra Garren

Firewise Clearing Crew Coordinator



Clearing Crew Volunteers Hard at Work- just look at what they've accomplished.



Check all hoses and connections on grilling equipment!

### 2023 Firewise Events

October 27, 9:00 am, Home Ignition Zone Evaluator Training, Andice Room  
November 16, 8:30 am, New Resident Orientation, SCB