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Residents reducing wildfire risks

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Firewise Group Notes

No meeting in November!

* The December 6 Firewise Group Meeting had 10 members and 1 liaison. The following were the topics:

- * The HIZ Evaluator Training had 6 Evaluators and 3 new Evaluators.
- * Landscape Vendor Training will be January 26.
- * Firewise Clearing Crew report on Page 2.
- * The Firewise USA status is up to date.

Full Meeting Notes can be found [here](#).

The next Firewise Group meeting will be January 24 at 1 pm in the Mesquite Room at The Oaks.

2023 Firewise Renewal Narrative

The Renewal Document is prepared each year to review the status of the Firewise program and its accomplishments. Click [here](#) to read.

Sun City Texas Firewise Web Links

[Web Site](#)
[Meeting Notes](#)
[Current Publications](#)
[2023 Town Hall Video](#)
[Annual Renewal Documents](#)
[Landscape Vendor Service Provider list](#)

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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

February

February 15, 2024, New Resident Orientation, 8:30 am, SCB

February 15, 2024, Education-Training Work Group, 1:00 pm, Mesquite Room

February 28, 2024, Firewise Group Meeting, 1:00 pm, Mesquite Room

Home Ignition Zone (HIZ) Numbers

The HIZ completion status:

Month ending	10/25	12/6
Received	1,130	1,131
Completed	1,124	1,130
New requests	3	0
Open	6	1



From The Chair

Have a wonderful holiday season!

Dan Dodson

Firewise Group Chair

2023 Firewise Town Hall Video

The video from the October 10 Town Hall is available by clicking [here](#).

Merry Christmas!

Happy Hannukah!

Happy New Year!

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

2024 Firewise Group Calendar Dates

Education/Training Work Group

1:00p-3:00p , Mesquite Room
Thursday, January 18 2024
Thursday, February 15, 2024
Thursday, March 21, 2024
Thursday, April 18, 2024
Thursday, May 16, 2024
Thursday, June 20, 2024
Thursday, July 18, 2024
Thursday, August 15, 2024
Thursday, September 19, 2024
Thursday, October 17, 2024

Firewise Group Meetings

1:00p-3:00p, Mesquite Room
Wednesday, January 24, 2024
Wednesday, February 28, 2024
Wednesday, March 27, 2024
Wednesday, April 24, 2024
Wednesday, May 22, 2024
Wednesday, June 26, 2024
Wednesday, July 24, 2024
Wednesday, August 28, 2024
Wednesday, September 25, 2024
Wednesday, October 23, 2024

Events

Landscape Vendor Training
Friday, January 26, 2024 - 1:30p-3:00p, AC Atrium
Community Wildfire Preparedness/Appreciation Day, Friday May 3, 2024 - 8:30a 12:00p, Retreat Lone Star Room
Firewise Town Hall
Tuesday, October 8, 2024, 9:30a-11:00a, SCB
Home Ignition Zone Evaluator Training
Friday, October 25, 2024, 9:30a-12:00, Andice



Texas A&M Forest Service donated equipment to the Clearing Crew. (l-r Walter Flocke (TFS), Petra Garren, and Mark Marino.

Firewise Volunteer Clearing Crew News

Gobble, Gobble... hope you aren't wobbling from that big Thanksgiving meal you had. Lol. Well, the Firewise Clearing Crew had definitely worked up their appetites for that meal, and now will continue to work it off, just in time for the upcoming next winter Holiday Season.

Weather has slowed us down some since our last update due to concerns for the safety of our volunteers, as well preventing damaging the ground. At N33 there was plenty of Juniper Ashe that needed to be removed- large and tiny. And N43 more of the same, but more dead limbs that also needed removing. Great Firewise improvements in both areas.

Remember you can help by checking for and removing dead vegetation around your home and yard, but never place that debris in the Level 3 behind your property.

With the holiday season coming up, be sure to use outdoor lighting, plugs, and extension cords, checking on them regularly.

Be Safe and Happy Holidays to you!

Petra Garren

Firewise Clearing Crew Coordinator



2024 Firewise Events

Landscape Vendor Training, Friday, January 26
Community Wildlife Preparedness-Appreciation Day, Friday May 3
Firewise Town Hall, Tuesday, October 8
Home Ignition Zone Evaluator Training, Friday, October 25