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Firewise Group Notes

- * The February 22 Firewise Group Meeting included 8 members and 2 liaisons.
- * A Chair is needed for the Community Wildfire Preparedness Day is May 5.
- * A Chair is needed for the Education part of the Education-Training Work Group.
- * Volunteer Clearing Crew report on page 2.
- * February election results - Chair - Dan Dodson, Vice-Chair, vacant, Recorder - Judy Whitmore.

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

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

May 5 Firewise Appreciation Day

The Community Wildfire Preparedness Day has been migrated to the **Firewise Appreciation Day**. This will be an opportunity for the various work groups to meet and visit. There will be a short program to welcome our Neighborhood Partners and thank some people including our outside partners and supporters.

MARK your Calendars! More in the April Trumpet!



Our Partners



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Residents reducing wildfire risks

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March

March 16, Education/Training Work Group - CANCELLED

March 22, Firewise Group, 1:00 pm, Mesquite Room

April

April 20, Education/Training Work Group, 1:00 pm; Mesquite Room

April 26, Firewise Group, 1:00 pm, Mesquite Room

Home Ignition Zone (HIZ) Numbers

The HIZ completion status:

| Month ending | 1/25 | 2/22 |
|--------------|-------|-------|
| Received | 1,089 | 1,090 |
| Completed | 1,089 | 1,089 |
| New requests | 0 | 1 |
| Open | 0 | 1 |

From The Chair

Well, it's been an interesting two years as Chair of the Firewise Group. Thanks to Dan Dodson for stepping in to be the Interim Chair. That helps prevent the Firewise Group from disbanding.

I would like to thank the Firewise Clearing Crew for their work and dedication. They are probably the most visible and active group of the Firewise group. This group are ambassadors for the Firewise Group.

Secondly, I would like to thank all of the HIZ Evaluators for their efforts.

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Education-Training Work Group

The March meeting of the Education-Training Work Group has been cancelled for March. The next meeting will be April 20.

Firewise Group Leadership

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

From The Chair (continued from Page 1)

I sincerely appreciate the support and guidance that Petra Garren gave me while serving as the Vice Chair for the past year. I also would like to thank Doug Lane for being the Vice Chair last year.

Thanks to Judy Whitmore for being the Recorder for the past two years. Thanks to Doug Lane for taking on the responsibility of the HIZ Coordinator and resolving the back log. Thanks to Melissa Lane for taking the burden of website administrator.

My deepest gratitude to Paul Ohlenbusch and Dan Dodson for their support, guidance and patience over the past two years.

Although I am not the chair anymore, I will continue to try to help the Firewise Group in the next year. This is my last submission for print to The Trumpet.

Good Luck.

David Hubbell

Firewise Group Chair

FIREWISE NEIGHBORHOOD PARTNERS

Welcome to the Firewise Neighborhood Partners! The Firewise Group and the NRO have developed a job description for the Firewise Neighborhood Partners.

What are the qualifications for a Neighborhood Partner?

The only qualification is a desire to help my neighborhood.

What are the Neighborhood Partners asked to do? Share:

- * Firewise information and where to find more
- * promote the Home Ignition Zone (HIZ) Evaluations
- * promote the Firewise Clearing Crew
- * promote Firewise events
- * if possible, attend Firewise meetings to provide input, gain information, and ask questions, etc.
- * review the Firewise *Trumpet* newsletter to keep up to date

We are preparing a short training session to help understand what Firewise is and what resources are available.

2023 Firewise Events

May 5, 10:30 am, **Firewise Appreciation Day**, CCF/GT

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

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

Firewise Volunteer Clearing Crew News

The Firewise Clearing Crew has returned to work again. We are assisting our Community Association with the ice storm clean up by clearing the downed debris and preparing it for removal from the Level 3 areas. N12 found us preparing a large amount of downed limbs, as well as helping with some drainage control in this area. In N36, we had double duty while clearing this Level 3 area near the golf course we had to make sure that no stray golf balls were heading in our direction. The Crew definitely enjoys their work days. Look around the exterior of your homes and see what you can do to help keep our community a "Firewise Safe" community.

Petra Garren

Volunteer Firewise Clearing Crew Coordinator

The First Five Feet

The Firewise concept is based on critical zones around the perimeter of the house. The most important is the 0-5 feet zone next to the house. The zone is known as the immediate or noncombustible zone. The goal is to reduce the potential for embers landing near the house to ignite dry fuels exposing the house to flames.

Shrubs can be a hazard if dry material builds up under them. The hazard can be reduced by maintaining a 6-12 inch clearance from the wall and a 4-6 inch clearance above the mulch. Some shrubs may not be easily maintained and more care is needed to reduce the dry material under them.

Exposed wood is another concern. Examples are door frames (including garage) and posts would be areas of concern. Keep these areas clear of accumulated leaves and other dry material.

You can get more information in the publication *Being Firewise Around Your Home* ([click here](#)).



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