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Firewise Group
Residents Reducing Wildfire Risks

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Firewise Group Notes

- * The March 22 Firewise Group Meeting included 13 members and 3 liaisons.
- * A note from Firewise USA was reviewed.
- * The May 5 Firewise Appreciation Day was discussed with details in April.
- * 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 March 22, 2023 at 1 pm in the Mesquite Room in The Oaks.

From The Chair

From the Chair will return next month.
Dan Dodson
Firewise Group Chair

April

April 20, Education/Training Work Group, 1:00 pm; Mesquite Room
April 26, Firewise Group, 1:00 pm, Mesquite Room

May

May 18, New Resident Orientation, 8:30am, SCB
May 18, Education/Training Work Group, 1:00 pm; Mesquite Room
May 26, Firewise Group, 1:00 pm, Mesquite Room

Home Ignition Zone (HIZ) Numbers

The HIZ completion status:

<u>Month ending</u>	<u>2/22</u>	<u>3/22</u>
Received	1,090	1,093
Completed	1,089	1,091
New requests	1	3
Open	1	2

May 5 Firewise Group Appreciation Day

There will be a meal and a short program. We will welcome our newest group, the Neighborhood Firewise Partners. We will also recognize some Firewise folks as well as several groups that have supported the Firewise cause.

The plans for the May 5 Appreciation Day are:

10:30 - arrive
11:00 - meal
11:30 - program

Registration will be by email April 21-30.

Look for the email!

Firewise Group Leadership

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

Spring is HERE!

Our Partners



Click logo for information!

The Future of the Firewise Group

The Firewise Group is in need of new ideas and faces.

The Firewise Group Roster has been updated. This is the first comprehensive update in 4 years. Over the years, there have been over 155 volunteers. Currently there are at least 56 active volunteers. The volunteers with less than 5 years includes 42 volunteers. There are five with 5-9 years and nine with more than 10 years.

The Parts of Firewise

The Education-Training Work Group and Renewal Work Group have 7-9 people involved. For 2022, they added 1,210 hours for meetings, preparation, coordination, and other work. Their time was the equivalent of over 30 work weeks.

The Firewise Clearing Crew is made up of 40 people. These folks work one day a week for about 2 hours, weather permitting. Last year, they logged 29 work days for 928 hours, the equivalent of over 23 work weeks.

The Home Ignition Zone Work Group has 17 trained Evaluators. They performed 30 evaluations, the equivalent of about 3.5 work weeks.

Three events were held during the year. Volunteer and residents attending added another 440 hours or just over 11 work weeks.

The newest addition is the Neighborhood Firewise Partners. They currently represent 15 neighborhoods to promote Firewise activities and services. The number of neighborhoods with Partners should increase.

Who are the leaders?

The leadership oversees and coordinate events, shares information, and other functions to insure Firewise Group is keeping current. The length of time these volunteers have been volunteering is interesting. Two have over 10 years, two have 5-9 years, and the remaining have less than five years. Most are active in 2-4 of the work groups.

Where Does Firewise Go From Here?

The Firewise Group is in need of new ideas and faces. There is a need for additional folks to help with the management of events, Home Ignition Zone Evaluations, maintaining the Good Standing status with Firewise USA, and other functions.

Who will help?



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Firewise Volunteer Clearing Crew News

The Firewise Clearing Crew has been steadily working to help our Community Association clear up damages caused by February's ice storm. We've been working in the Level 3 green space areas at N2,12, N36, N25 and as well as in the common area. Our task is to prepare areas for the CA to come in after our work to chip or debris removal.

We've lost count of the piles we've left due to the downed limbs and removal of broken limbs still hanging on the trees. But our work greatly reduces fuel for any potential fires that could happen there.

Remember to look around the exterior of your homes to see what you need to do to help prevent fuel for a fire. Excessive leaves and limbs on the ground could continue to spread flames.

If you enjoy contributing to our community-consider joining us on our Tuesday morning work-days. Sign up on the CA's Firewise website.

Petra Garren

Firewise Clearing Crew Coordinator



Boy, clearing ice storm damage is FUN!

2023 Firewise Events

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

May 18, New Resident Orientation, 8:30am, SCB

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

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

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