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Residents reducing wildfire risks

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Firewise Group Notes

* The July 26 Firewise Group Meeting had 9 members and 2 liaisons. The following were the topics:

* October Town Hall topic will be determined by the weather.

* Training for Neighborhood Firewise Partners was discussed.

* The new display board was reviewed.

* Firewise 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 August 23, 2023 at 1 pm in the Mesquite Room in The Oaks.



Sun City Texas Firewise Web Links

[Web Site](#)
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August

August 17, New Resident Orientation, 8:30 am, SCB

August 17, Education/Training Work Group, 1:00 pm; Mesquite Room

August 23, Firewise Group, 1:00 pm, Mesquite Room

September

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

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

Home Ignition Zone (HIZ) Numbers

The HIZ completion status:

| Month ending | 6/28 | 7/26 |
|--------------|-------|-------|
| Received | 1,095 | 1,095 |
| Completed | 1,094 | 1,094 |
| New requests | 0 | 0 |
| Open | 0 | 0 |

From The Chair

If you haven't noticed it is been HOT and DRY! We are seeing **RED FLAG WARNINGS** regularly. This means burning conditions included increased wind speeds.

We are seeing wildfires in areas that had fires in 2011 in Bastrop and Burnet Counties. Locally, Georgetown Fire is responding to multiple incidents daily.

The highest concern is from windblown embers from a nearby wildfire. They can fall into leaves and other flammable debris and start a fire.

What should home owners be doing?

Clean up any leaves and other debris including under shrubs and plantings if possible. This includes near doorways since the frames are usually wood. Don't forget the garage door!

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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

From The Chair (continued)

Make sure the gutters don't have leaves and other debris in them.

Keep a hose connected to each faucet along with a nozzle. It will be ready to use if needed.

If embers from a nearby wildfire are present, remove any flammable furniture, door mats, or other items inside.

If you see a fire in the common area or a neighbor's yard, **CALL 911 IMMEDIATELY!**

Dan Dodson

Firewise Group Chair

Firewise Volunteer Clearing Crew News

Is it hot out there or what?! Well, the Crew is now officially on **"Siesta Time"** thanks to that heat. We'll be back in September when hopefully it will be much cooler.

Petra Garren

Firewise Clearing Crew Coordinator

Suggestions for the Neighborhood Partners (and others)

The Neighborhood Partners training is in the works.

The drought looks like it will be here for a while. Here are some suggestions:

- * Feel free to use the information in the Trumpet.
- * Promote the Home Ignition Zone (HIZ) Evaluation.
- * The material on the web site may provide you with more ideas. ([Link](#))
- * If your neighborhood is having an event maybe they can invite the Firewise Group to speak.

If you have other ideas, send them to the Editor who can pass them along.

Firewise Firsts!



The original Firewise Clearing Crew - 2011.



The first Home Ignition Zone Training Class - 2011.



The crews for the first Community Wildfire Preparedness Day - 2014.



It's HOT & DRY!

Be careful!

Hydrate Regularly.

Protect your skin.

2023 Firewise Events

August 17, 8:30 am, New Resident Orientation, SCB

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

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

November 16, 8:30 am, New Resident Orientation, SCB