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October

October 10, Firewise Group Town Hall, 9:30 am, SCB
October 19, Education-Training Work Group, 1:00 pm, Mesquite Room
October 25, Firewise Group Meeting, 1:00 pm, Mesquite Room
October 27, 9:00 am, Home Ignition Zone Evaluator Training, Andice Room, Cowan Creek

November

No Firewise Meetings

December

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

Firewise Group Notes

* The September 27 Firewise Group Meeting had 10 members and 1 liaison. The following were the topics:

* October Town Hall topic will 'Drought, Embers and 15 years of Firewise'.

* HIZ training will be October 27.

* 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 will be October 25, 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>8/23</u>	<u>9/26</u>
Received	1,118	1,126
Completed	1,104	1,121
New requests	22	8
Open	14	5

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Evaluation
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Sun City Texas Firewise Web Links

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From The Chair

The Firewise Group presented Jim Romine a certificate of appreciation for his support of Firewise in Sun City Texas. Jim was an original member of the group and has supported Firewise continuously. Have a great retirement, Jim.

Fall has brought some relief from the heat but little long range precipitation amounts. Residents should remember to maintain their outside landscape when we have the seasonal leaf drop.

October is the end of the reporting time frame for the national Firewise program. We (continued page 2)

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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)

will be once again reporting numbers that rank us in the top echelon of the nation.

As we have just presented the annual Firewise Town Hall, we wish to thank all who have contributed to the program including all our resident volunteers, representatives from the Texas A&M Forest Service, the Georgetown Fire Department, and Georgetown Emergency Management.

Dan Dodson
Firewise Group Chair

CONGRATULATIONS, JIM!



Jim Romine, Executive Director, received a Certificate of Recognition from Dan Dodson, Firewise Chair, at the Firewise Town Hall. It read 'Certificate of Recognition presented to Jim Romine for your fifteen years of dedication and support for the Sun City Firewise Group to improve wildfire prevention and preparedness within Sun City Texas Community Association on this 10th day of October in the Year 2023'.



Firewise Volunteer Clearing Crew News

Well, this crew has been steadily working around Sun City since our summer break. And the weather has been great!

On the 19th of Sep we started off at N84, Cypress Springs Way, removing dead limbs and small Juniper Ashe, as well as some limbing up.

The 26th found us assisting the CA in the clearing of drainage ditches in N50. Willow Baccaharis is no fun, that's for sure.

On the 3rd Oct, the crew was back removing dead limbs, small Juniper Ashe, limbing up with just a hint of Willow Baccaharis.

The Crew was "forced" to do a little inside work at the Firewise Group's Town Hall on the 10th of Oct. Presenters from the Texas A&M Forest Service, City of Georgetown's Fire Department and Emergency Management "enlightened" the crew with new information on reducing fires and being prepared for an evacuation.

A special thank you goes out to the Texas A&M Forest Service, Kari Hines and Walter Flocke, for donating 2 Fire kits that included a wheelbarrow, signage and hand tools. Those loppers and hand-saws will be a big help for us on our workdays as well as those signs.

Petra Garren
Firewise Clearing Crew Coordinator



Walter Flocke (left) with the Texas A&M Forest Service provided the Firewise Group with 2 fire kits. Petra Garren, Clearing Crew Coordinator, and Mark Marino, Vice Chair accepted the dona-

2023 Firewise Events

- 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