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Firewise Group Notes

The January 27 Firewise Group Meeting was a virtual meeting.

There were 5 members present.

Election of 2021 officers will be held in February 2021 meeting.

EMC assisted with the COVID-19 vaccinations.

Landscape Vendor Training will be held virtually on January 29.

Sun City is a Recognized Firewise Community for another year.

Firewise Volunteer Clearing Crew reported (see page 2)

Meeting notes for previous meetings can be found on the web site.

The next Firewise Group meeting scheduled for February 24, 2021 with Go To Meeting.

February

February 18, Education Work Group, 10:00 am, **VIRTUAL**

February 24, Firewise Group Meeting, 1:00 pm **VIRTUAL**

March

March 18, Education Work Group, 10:00 am, **VIRTUAL**

March 24, Firewise Group Meeting, 1:00 pm **VIRTUAL**

Home Ignition Zone (HIZ) Numbers

The HIZ completion status:

Month ending	11/30	1/27
Received	1,030	1,037
New requests	1	7
Completed	989	989
Open	43	48

Looking Back - 2017-18

2017

Renewal volunteer data:

Firewise volunteers	33.8 weeks
Home Ignition Zone Evaluations	4.3 weeks
Volunteer Clearing Crew	12.3 weeks
Total-Volunteer Contribution	50.4 weeks

The January 27 Landscape Vendor Training included 8 companies with 14 individuals plus 8 Community Association Landscape Staff.

Wildfire Preparedness Day was held on May 5 with 36 volunteers and 8 Staff members. An 8 acre common area was cleared. The CA Staff prepared brats and hot dogs, chips, and drinks for lunch.

The Firewise Volunteer Clearing Crew, supported by the CA staff, assembled weekly, weather permitting, to remove small Ashe junipers and ladder fuel in the common areas. (see page 2)

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Firewise Group Leadership

Chair - Dick Bruneau

Vice-Chair - Dave Hubbell

Recorder - Judy Whitmore

Education Coordinator - Dan Dodson

Training Coordinator - Paul Ohlenbusch

Volunteer Clearing Crew Coordinator - Petra Garren

From The Chair

The Firewise Group is now carrying out regular meetings and training meetings virtually, via Go To Meeting and all of our volunteers are welcome to attend. My thanks go out to Paul Ohlenbusch for his efforts in making this happen. The upcoming regular Group Meeting and Education Group Meeting will be held virtually at least through February, until we are allowed to meet in person in the Mesquite Room at the former Legacy location. Our first Landscape Vendor Training Meeting was successfully held on January 29th.

The upcoming February 24th Group Meeting is an important one, because it includes Board elections. Both Judy Whitmore and Dave Hubbell have stepped up to assume Board positions currently and both will run again for the 2021 year. We will need to replace me as Sun City Firewise Group Chair, given that my wife and I will be moving out of Sun City no later than the end of March. In addition, we need a Webmaster to help Dan Dodson, who will be stepping down. If any of you are interested in these positions, please let me know prior to the upcoming Group meeting.

My thanks go out to all of our volunteers who have remained active throughout a very trying period of time during 2020. I have to be hopeful that 2021 will see us return to at least something that resembles normalcy. Please continue to stay safe.

Dick Bruneau, Chair

Looking Back - 2017-18

Two new publications were developed. *Being Firewise Around Your Home* and *What is Firewise?*

The Annual Firewise Town Hall was held October 4 with USAA Insurance, Texas A&M Forest Service, Georgetown Fire Department and Sun City Texas Firewise Group participating.

Participated in 4 New Residents Orientation sessions.

Home Ignition Zone Evaluation held 2 trainings. One new Evaluator and 21 Evaluators for continuing education.

2018 Celebrating 10 Years!

Renewal volunteer data:

Firewise volunteers	28.8 weeks
Home Ignition Zone Evaluations	5.9 weeks
Volunteer Clearing Crew	13.4 weeks
Total-Volunteer Contribution	48.1 weeks

Landscape Vendor Training was January 26 with 8 companies with 11 individuals. Currently there are 17 companies listed.

Firewise Volunteer Clearing Crew News

Sounds sad I know but we've closed our 2020 work year. But on the upside, more fun will be had in 2021. Yeay! 2020 started out looking promising- 9 fun months of workdays. Then of course COVID stopped us for a few months. Just slowed us down, that's all. Once we re-grouped and set new guidelines, we were off and running, and running... We volunteered 1,005hrs (January-December 2020).

We found some new areas to work in; a few special community events - helping the SC Hiking Club work on removing dead wood on the Bonita Trail and the Burr Oak Trail (both improved); found a new task to add to our Clearing resume- rock removal in the Level 3 area for mowing (we got that gold??); welcomed new volunteers and CA FW Representatives; enjoyed some fresh air and comradery; and a few others things I know I'm missing... besides our usual removal of Juniper and deadwood, naturally. But the one constant is keeping our community safer and less prone to the spread of fires.

Thank you to everyone who supported our hard work and to the Crew, for all that you've accomplished this past year! Looking forward to even a greater 2021.

Stay Safe.

Petra Garren, Firewise Volunteer Clearing Crew Coordinator

Wildfire Preparedness Day was to be held on May 4, 2018. After much planning, rain cancelled the event. Three local vendors supported the event which was greatly appreciated.

The Firewise Volunteer Clearing Crew held 17 workdays, supported by the CA staff, assembled weekly, weather permitting, to remove small Ashe junipers and ladder fuel in the common areas.

Participated in 4 New Residents Orientation sessions.

The Town Hall was held October 9 with Sun City Texas Firewise Group, Texas A&M Forest Service, and Georgetown Fire Department celebrating 10 years for Sun City Firewise Group! HIZ - October 18 session included 2 new evaluators and 14 evaluators for continuing education.

Next time, 2019-2020!

Stay Safe!