# FIREWISE TRUMPET



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**Residents Reducing Wildfire Risks** 

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# **Firewise Group Notes**

The October 27 Firewise Group Meeting included 6 members and 2 liaisons..

The following were discussed:

- \* Carlton reported
- \* Brian Richard, EMC
- \* HIZ Training will be October 29.
- \* 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 December 1, 1 pm in the Mesquite Room in The Oaks, 301 Del Webb Blvd.

# **Sun City Texas Firewise Web Links**

Web Site

Meeting Notes

Current Publications/Renewal Documents

Town Hall videos

#### **Our Partners**







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## November

No meetings scheduled New Resident Orientation, November18, 8:45 am, SCB

#### **December**

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

Home Ignition Zone (HIZ) Numbers		
The HIZ completion status:		
Month ending	9/22	<u>10/27</u>
Received	1,044	1,051
New requests	1	7
Completed	994	998
Open	52	53

#### From The Chair

Landscape Supervisor - Carlton Mathis reported that mowing continues in the Level 3 areas. The mowing is moving along well, despite the tall grass and rain.

A HIZ Evaluators Training was held October 29, 2021. There are four new evaluators and eight evaluators that were taking the training as a refresher.

Paul Ohlenbusch attended the Neighborhood Emergency Coordinator (NEC) meeting. A point was brought up that the Firewise Group did not know who the Firewise NEC representative are. The NRO will divide Sun City into five regions in January, the Firewise Group desires to use these regions to meet Firewise USA requirements. Representation to Firewise will be determined.

Training for Landscapers is being prepared for sometime in December.

With the approaching holidays, something completely different.

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# Firewise Group Leadership

Chair - David Hubbell
Vice-Chair - Doug Lane
Recorder - Judy Whitmore
HIZ Manager - Ron Thompson
Education Coordinator - Dan Dodson
Training Coordinator - Paul Ohlenbusch
Volunteer Clearing Crew Coordinator - Petra Garren

Nobody wants to get sick during the Holidays. Here are some helpful tips that will prevent Holiday illnesses.

Clean everything - the first rule of safe food preparation is to keep everything clean, including hands, food-contact surfaces and fruits and vegetables.

Separate – Don't give bacteria the opportunity to cross-contaminate (spread from one food to another).

Cook – Ensure that food is safely cooked so that the internal temperature is hot enough to kill harmful bacteria, 165°.

Chill – Promptly refrigerate foods because harmful bacteria grow at room temperature .

David Hubbell, Firewise Group Chair

# **Firewise Volunteer Clearing Crew News**



We finally completed our work in N2 and it looks great, as well as less fire fuel! It took us 6 working days (6 Tuesday's), 22 Crew members volunteered (every workday or part of that time) and we contributed 177.5 hours of physical labor on this one area. This is definitely a hard-working group of volunteers who knows what it takes to help keep our community a "Firewise Safe Community".

Remember there are things that you can do around the exterior of your own homes and in your backyards to help. Please go to our Firewise website to read all about it.

Stay Safe,

Petra Garren

Firewise Volunteer Clearing Crew Coordinator

