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Firewise Group Notes

The April 28 Firewise Group Meeting included 9 members and 2 liaisons.

The following were discussed:

- * A survey of HIZ Evaluators will be done in June to determine the availability after the last year.
- * Petra reported on the Clearing Crew activities. See Page 2 for details.
- * A discussion of of the Group's Operating Procedures was held.
- * A discussion of the NRO Neighborhood Firewise Reps.

Meeting Notes for this and previous meetings can be found on the web site.

The next Firewise Group meeting is scheduled for June 23, 1 pm in the Mesquite Room, 301 Del Webb Blvd.

June

June 17, Education Work Group, 1:00 pm, Mesquite Room
June 23 Firewise Group Meeting, 1:00 pm, Mesquite Room

July

July 15, Education Work Group, 1:00 pm, Mesquite Room
July 28, Firewise Group Meeting, 1:00 pm, Mesquite Room

Home Ignition Zone (HIZ) Numbers

The HIZ completion status:

Month ending	4/28	5/26
Received	1,040	1,042
New requests	3	2
Completed	991	991
Open	49	51

Upcoming Events

Firewise Town Hall October 5, 9:30 am, SCB
Home Ignition Zone Evaluator Training, October 29, 9:00 am.

From The Chair

There are now over 40 HIZ Evaluation outstanding requests, although some of these may not be true HIZ evaluations, but rather would be forwarded to the Community Association and/or Carlton Mathis Property and Grounds Supervisor.

Efforts are being made to distribute a survey to HIZ evaluators, to determine those who are interested in continuing that position. Please respond when you receive it.

Paul Ohlenbusch reported that the renewal process will begin in September, with a submission in early November.

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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

From The Chair (continued)

Sun City is in the process of being split into four Firewise sections. This is only for paperwork purposes, not for operational purposes.

Summer is the time of year when many people uncover the grill and fire them up for the first time this season. Grill Safely!

- * Before using your grill, carefully inspect it. All rusted parts should be thoroughly cleaned or replaced. Keep the grill at least ten feet away from combustible materials such as plastic, wood, patio covers window covers and even plants.

- * When using a grill always ensure that a fire extinguisher rated "ABC" or heavy blanket is on hand to help extinguish errant flames.

- * If using a gas or propane fuel, turn the fuel off at the valve first, then after the flames have died out, then turn the grill off. This will help prevent accidental gas leaks or even fires.

David Hubbell, Chair

Firewise Volunteer Clearing Crew News

It has been an extremely slow time for the Clearing Crew this past month. The CA Grounds Crew has been busy clearing areas around our community after the February freeze. Then with all the rain we are in a "holding pattern". But fortunately, as of 4 May, we were able to assist in removing Willow Baccharis and the yard debris in a major drainage ditch in N58 to reduce flooding and debris build up.

Interesting facts to share with you. As of May we were only able to work 4 of the 9 possible Clearing workdays. Of 5 resident requests to review the Level 3 areas behind their homes, the CA and/or the Brightview Contractor had already taken care of 4 of them. (Great jobs guys!)

Stay safe.

Petra Garren, Firewise Volunteer Clearing Crew Coordinator



The Firewise Group received the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce 2019 Cornerstone Award

More History

Sun City has changed over the years. When the Firewise Group filed for its first recognition there were just about 9,800 residents and almost 5,700 houses (Figure 1). At the end of 2020 there was about 15,600 residents in just over 8,400 houses. When build out comes there will be about 10,000 houses with about 18,000 residents!

The wildfire risk reduction investment the Firewise Group must document each year is the equivalent of one volunteer hour per house in wildfire risk reduction actions including volunteer hours and costs. For Sun City the costs include those associated with fuel break mowing and maintaining Ashe juniper removal in waterways. Figure 2 shows the wildfire risk reduction investment through 2020 of about \$60,000,000!

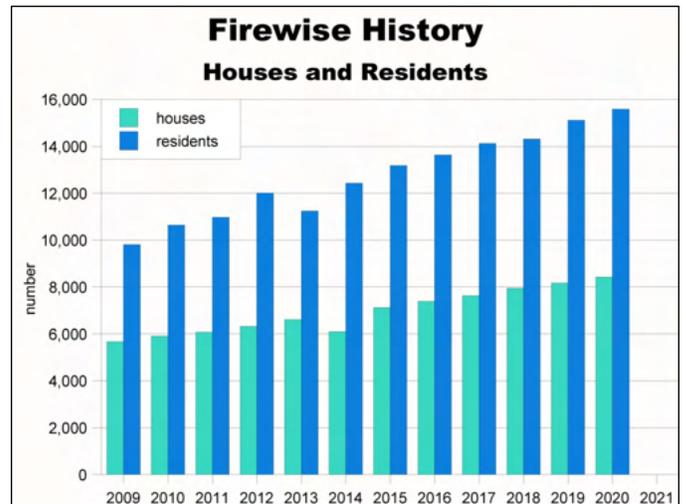


Figure 1. The number of houses and residents.

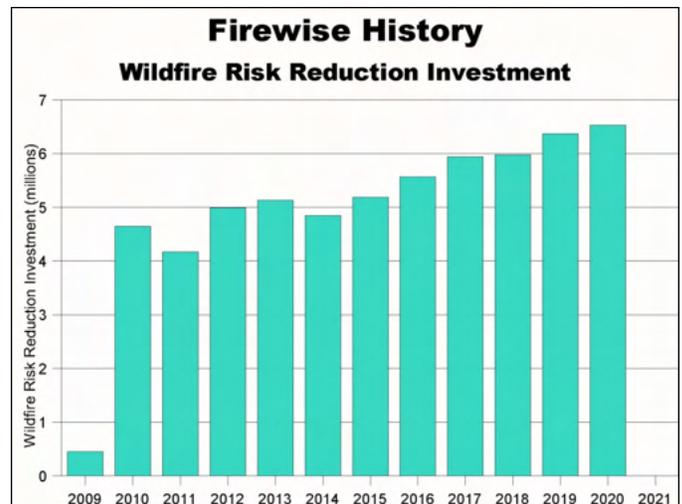


Figure 2. The wildfire risk reduction investment.