

FIREWISE TRUMPET

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August 19, Education Work Group, 1:00 pm, Mesquite Room
August 25, Firewise Group Meeting, 1:00 pm, Mesquite Room

September

September 16, Education Work Group, 1:00 pm, Mesquite Room
September 22 Firewise Group Meeting, 1:00 pm, Mesquite Room

Firewise Group Notes

The June 23 Firewise Group Meeting included 5 members and 2 liaisons..

The following were discussed:

- * Carlton reported on Level 3 mowing progress.
- * New Resident Orientation, August 19
- * Firewise Town Hall is October 5. The theme will be "Wildfires, Embers and Houses, A Good Mix?"
- * HIZ Training will be October 29.
- * Petra See Page 2 for report.
- * Approved the Firewise Group Operating Procedures and forwarded to EMC for approval.

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

The next Firewise Group meeting is scheduled for August 25, 1 pm in the Mesquite Room, The Oaks, 301 Del Webb Blvd.

Home Ignition Zone (HIZ) Numbers

The HIZ completion status:

Month ending	6/23	7/28
Received	1,042	1,043
New requests	1	1
Completed	992	993
Open	50	51

Upcoming Events

New Resident Orientation, August 19, 8:45 am, SCB

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

From The Chair

David Hubbell, Firewise Group Chair

A continued warning about the danger of snakes, scorpions, and spiders and to watch for them when we go through junk in the garage or debris and mulch in the garden. Another warning is that folks are seeing centipedes including the Texas red-headed centipede which can measure 5 to 12 inches long. They can inject venom using huge pinchers. Unless a person has an allergic reaction, the bite is like a bee sting with localized swelling and pain that subsides in hours. So be careful and be aware!

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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)

Residents are often confused about the difference between Levels 3 and 4 Maintenance Areas. Paul Ohlenbusch and Dan Dodson will prepare an article for the NRO Bulletin and Communicator.

The Firewise Town Hall is set for October 5, 2021, SCB 9:30 a.m. Paul Ohlenbusch shared an article for the Sun Rays about the event entitled "Wildfires, Embers and Houses, A Good Mix?" with a photos to accompany the announcement.

A report of outstanding HIZ evaluations was not submitted.

The Clearing Crew is on summer hiatus.

A website, Fire, Weather, & Avalanche Center, was discussed. This website shows active wild fires, weather and avalanche information.

David Hubbell, Firewise Group Chair

Firewise Volunteer Clearing Crew News

Folks, we know it's hot out there and with all this rain- please don't assume that we can let our guard down in keeping our homes and community Firewise safe.

During your time off, be sure to use some of your Firewise knowledge around your homes. Check around your homes and yard and look for ways to reduce fuel for fires. Keep those hoses attached and ready to use. And move those grills away from your house when you use them. Most importantly periodically check around your homes and yards and be aware of what's going on!

The "Crew" and I wish everyone a safe summer and stay cool.

Petra Garren, Firewise Volunteer Clearing Crew Coordinator

