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September

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

October

- October 5, 9:30 am, Firewise Town Hall, SCB
- October 21, Education Work Group, 1:00 pm, Mesquite Room
- October 27, Firewise Group Meeting, 1:00 pm, Mesquite Room

Upcoming Events

- October 5, 9:30 am, Firewise Town Hall, SCB
- New Resident Orientation, November 18, 8:45 am, SCB

Home Ignition Zone (HIZ) Numbers

The HIZ completion status:

<u>Month ending</u>	<u>8/28</u>	<u>9/22</u>
Received	1,043	1,044
New requests	1	1
Completed	993	994
Open	51	52

From The Chair

As a carryover from the August EMC Meeting, the Safety Moment topic concerned golf carts. There have been an increase in the number of accidents involving golf carts and other vehicles. Sun City streets are mixed vehicle usage, and all vehicle have a responsibility to share the road. Also, the laws of Physics applies to golf carts as well as any other vehicle. They require a certain amount of space just as any other vehicle does to stop. Please be courteous to golf carts as they have the right to use the streets in Sun City.

Property and Grounds Supervisor, Carlton Mathis, reported that work continues with the
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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

Firewise Group Notes

The August 25 Firewise Group Meeting included 6 members and 2 liaisons..

The following were discussed:

- * Carlton reported on Level 3 fuel break mowing progress.

- * Brian Richard, EMC announced EMC approved the updated Firewise Operating Procedures.

- * 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.

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

The next Firewise Group meeting is scheduled for September 22, 1 pm in the Mesquite Room, The Oaks, 301 Del Webb Blvd.

Sun City Texas Firewise Web Links

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From The Chair (continued)

Because of rain this year, the weeds are extra high and are taking more time to clear.

The Clearing Crew is set to start working in mid-September after their "Summer Siesta".

The Firewise Town Hall is set for October 5, 2021, SCB 9:30 a.m. An email was sent to the EMC Chair to formally invite the EMC and sub-groups to set up a display table at the Firewise Group Town Hall.

David Hubbell, Firewise Group Chair

Share this with your friends and neighbors to promote the Town Hall!**Wildfires, Embers and Houses, A Good Mix?**

Firewise Town Hall, October 5, 2021, SCB 9:30 am

Drought and wildfires continue to be a concern in central Texas. Research and documentation show that embers from a nearby wildfire are the major cause of home fires.

Over the years, the Georgetown area has experienced many small vegetation fires. In the past 13 years, 3 small wildfires have occurred in or adjacent to Sun City. Homes were never threatened, but the potential for a wildfire is always a possibility.

Is your home prepared for embers from a nearby wildfire? How your house was constructed, what is around it, and other factors may contribute to the possibility of your home burning.

Join us on October 5 as we review the research about how a nearby wildfire could affect your Sun City home. There are ways to reduce the potential for embers igniting your home.

Texas A&M Forest Service and the Georgetown Fire Department will participate. Emergency Management Committee, COPs, Property & Grounds Committee, and Wildlife Management Committee plan to be available.

Firewise Volunteer Clearing Crew News

Well our summer Siesta is over. After taking care to ensure their homes are Firewise safe, the Clearing Crew is now happily back at work in our Sun City neighborhoods. Work started on the 7th of September in N2 to remove some downed trees and all the dead limbs. That winter storm managed to kill or break a lot of limbs in that area. I know we will have a few more work sessions there for sure.

Remember that there are things that you can do around your homes to help reduce fuel for fires and help keep our community safe. Check out the Firewise Group website and consider having a Home Ignition Zone Evaluation to help identify any potential areas that need attention.

Stay Safe.

Petra Garren, Firewise Volunteer Clearing Crew Coordinator