

# FIREWISE TRUMPET

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## 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  
October 29, HIZ Evaluator Training, 9:00 am,  
Mesquite Room

## November

No meetings scheduled  
New Resident Orientation, November 18, 8:45 am,  
SCB

## Firewise Group Notes

The September 22 Firewise Group Meeting included 6 members and 2 liaisons..

The following were discussed:

- \* Carlton reported Level 3 fuel break mowing was completed. The fall mowing will start in October.

- \* Brian Richard, EMC announced EMC Emergency Operating Procedures were approved by the BOD.

- \* Firewise Town Hall is October 5. The theme will be "Wildfires, Embers and Houses, A Good Fit?"

- \* 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 October 27, 1 pm in the Mesquite Room in The Oaks, 301 Del Webb Blvd.

## Home Ignition Zone (HIZ) Numbers

The HIZ completion status:

Month ending	8/25	9/22
Received	1,043	1,044
New requests	1	1
Completed	993	994
Open	51	52

## From The Chair

Even though the area has received some rain, and the threat of wildfires has been reduced, please keep your guard up. All it takes is one ember to start a wildfire.

Landscape Supervisor, Carlton Mathis reported that Level 3 mowing has been completed, and they are now starting the second round of Level 3 mowing as grasses and brush in the first neighborhoods done are already high enough to be of concern. They are also working on removing trees downed from the freeze earlier this year.

EMC liaison, Brian Richard reported that the EMC approved the Emergency Operating Procedures and assume that Firewise is in the process of accomplishing its operations as approved. EMC is working on organizing flu shot clinics, and will have table at the Town Hall.

David Hubbell, Firewise Group Chair

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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

**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

So its raining this week? Over at least the last 6 weeks, Sun City has had well below average rainfall. There have also been a number of small vegetation fires around Georgetown. Remember, we are always 6 weeks of low rainfall from a dry period.

What will October give us? Join the Sun City Texas Firewise Group on Tuesday, October 5 at 9:30 AM in the Social Center Ball Room, for our Town Hall. Research and documentation have shown that embers from a nearby wildfire are the major contributor to home fires that occur during a wildfire event. We will discuss and use videos to review the information.

Is your home prepared for embers from a nearby wildfire? Knowing where your Sun City home is vulnerable, what is around it, and other factors can assist you in taking actions that reduce the possibility of your home burning.

Join us as we present information about wildfires, wildfire behavior, and how a wildfire could affect your Sun City home. Using this information will give you things you can do now to reduce the potential for embers to ignite your home.

Texas A&M Forest Service and the Georgetown Fire Department will have presentations. Emergency Management Committee, COPs, Property & Grounds Committee, and Wildlife Management Committee plan to be available with information and answer questions.

REMEMBER: It could be too late for action once a wildfire threatens.

### **Firewise Volunteer Clearing Crew News**

September was a great month for the Clearing Crew! The weather cooperated with us (no rain, nor too hot) and we managed to work the entire month. Wow! I know this has not only made the residents happy, but the Crew has a big smile on their faces too.

We are continuing our clearing efforts in N2. This green space was impacted by the storm and the tree's own life cycle. But once we've completed the area not only will we have reduced the fuel for fire there- but will have helped the wildlife and native plants thrive as well.

A BIG Thank you to everyone! And remember to look around the outside of your homes and see what you can do to help reduce the chances of a fire igniting.

Stay Safe,

Petra Garren, Firewise Volunteer Clearing Crew Coordinator



The Firewise Volunteer Clearing Crew continues to work near N2.

