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Residents Reducing Wildfire Risks

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Firewise Group Notes

- * The October 26 Firewise Group Meeting included 8 members and 4 liaisons.
 - * The new display board was shown.
 - * Firewise Town Hall plans were reviewed
 - * HIZ Evaluator training was discussed. Revisions to the HIZ report will be included in the training.
 - * Received an update on the 5 community reorganization.
 - * 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 7, 2022 at 1 pm in the Mesquite Room in The Oaks.



Sun City Texas Firewise Web Links

[Web Site](#)
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[Town Hall videos](#)

November

November 17. New Resident Orientation, November 17, 8:30, SCB

December

December 7, Firewise Group, 1:00 pm; Mesquite Room

January

January 19, Education/Training Work Group, 1:00 pm; Mesquite Room

January 25, Firewise Group, 1:00 pm, Mesquite Room

January 27, 2023, 2:00 pm Firewise Landscaper Vendor Training, Atrium

Home Ignition Zone (HIZ) Numbers

The HIZ completion status:

<u>Month ending</u>	<u>9/28</u>	<u>10/26</u>
Received	1,075	1,086
Completed	1,074	1,082
New requests	0	11
Open	1	4

From The Chair

Why did the cranberries turn red? Because they saw the turkey dressing.

What did the turkey tell the hunter on Thanksgiving Day? "Quack, quack"

What's the key to a successful Thanksgiving celebration? Tur-key.

Another Thanksgiving season is upon us. Since many of us will be roasting turkeys this year, perhaps some tips that we may have taken for granted or just forgotten about.

A food thermometer should be used to ensure a safe minimum internal temperature of 165 °F has been reached to destroy bacteria and prevent food borne illness.

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Firewise Group Leadership

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

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Many variables can affect the roasting time of a whole turkey:

- * A partially frozen turkey requires longer cooking.
- * A stuffed turkey takes longer to cook (stuffing vs. dressing: stuffing is inside the turkey, and dressing is prepared separately and outside of the bird).
- * The oven may heat food unevenly.
- * Temperature of the oven may be inaccurate.
- * Dark roasting pans cook faster than shiny metals.
- * The depth and size of the pan can reduce heat circulation to all areas of the turkey.
- * The use of a foil tent for the entire time can slow cooking.
- * Use of the roasting pan's lid speeds cooking.
- * An oven cooking bag can accelerate cooking time.
- * The rack position can have an effect on even cooking and heat circulation.
- * A turkey or its pan may be too large for the oven, thus blocking heat circulation.

David Hubbell
Firewise Group Chair



2022-2023 Major Firewise Events
 New Resident Orientation, November 17, 8:30, SCB
 January 27, 2023, 2:00 pm Firewise Landscaper Vendor Training, Atrium

Firewise Volunteer Clearing Crew News

Firewise clearing work from now until the end of November (and part of December possibility) has stopped. The Crew has been asked to hold off on our work until after the CA completes its Level 3 mowing.

As you know the CA Ground Maintenance Crew is short personnel. Priorities have been shifted to get the Level 3 mowing completed before the winter season sets in. We're such hard workers and the piles of Juniper we leave requires them to stop their work and focus on chipping or removing our piles, which then takes time away from their efforts to complete their work.

Happy Veterans Day and Thanksgiving to all.
Petra Garren
Volunteer Firewise Clearing Crew Coordinator

Some Holiday Thoughts

There are things that you and other residents can do to help reduce fire fuel in your own yards. Here are a few things to think about for this coming winter season:

- * Mulch the dead leaves and remove limbs around your property and away from your home's foundation.
- * Remove flammable items that are outside. If you are leaving for an extended time- move it to your garage to storage.
- * Check your outside electrical cords for serviceability and wear. Replace if necessary.
- * Be sure to check the gas line to outdoor grills or disconnect them if no longer using. Store fuel canister outside.
- * If you have outdoor gas fire pits, make sure the area is clear of limbs and other flammable items. Be safe and always use caution. Don't use in high winds.
- * Never put trash or yard waste in the area beyond your property (Level 3). This area is not regularly maintained and provides fuel for fires.

One more thought for you with the holidays coming- please use caution and care if deep frying your turkeys.

Take all necessary precautions to prevent accidents!

Contributed by Petra Garren

*Have a Safe Holiday
this Year!*