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Residents Reducing Wildfire Risks

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Firewise Group Notes

- * The September 28 Firewise Group Meeting included 8 members and 4 liaisons.
 - * 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 October 26, 2022 at 1 pm in the Mesquite Room in The Oaks.



Sun City Texas Firewise Web Links

[Web Site](#)
[Meeting Notes](#)
[Current Publications/Renewal Documents](#)
[Town Hall videos](#)

October

October 4, Firewise Town Hall, 9:30 am, SCB
October 20, Education/Training Work Group, 1:00 pm; Mesquite Room
October 26, Firewise Group, 1:00 pm, Mesquite Room
October 28, Home Ignition Zone Evaluator Training, October 28, 9:00 am, Adice Room

November

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

December

December 7, Education/Training Work Group, 1:00 pm; Mesquite Room

Home Ignition Zone (HIZ) Numbers

The HIZ completion status:

Month ending	8/24	9/28
Received	1,074	1,075
Completed	1,072	1,074
New requests	2	0
Open	2	1

From The Chair

October is Fire Prevention Month. Officially, Fire Prevention Week is October 9 - 15. The purpose of Fire Prevention Week/Month is to raise awareness for fire safety, and to ensure that homes and families are protected. The second week of October was named Fire Prevention Week by National Fire Protection Association to commemorate the Chicago fire of 1871. During the month of October, fire departments across the country provide education for fire safety and encourage families to practice fire prevention.

"Fire won't wait, Plan your escape." This is the 2022 campaign for the NFPA. With that in mind, this is the perfect time for families to discuss and practice fire drills, escape plans and meeting place. The designated meeting

Our Partners



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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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places are the place for the family to meet after they have gotten out of the house. It's wise to have at least one alternate meeting place. On a personal note, we have an occasional fire drill at our house, and even the dog knows to run through the dog door and go to the back of the yard.

David Hubbell

Firewise Group Chair

Firewise Town Hall - Embers, Fuel Breaks, Fire Breaks, Houses October 4



Walter Flocke, Texas A&M Forest Service, was the first speaker. He is with Dan Dodson (left) and Paul Ohlenbusch.



Christy Rogers, Georgetown Emergency Management Coordinator, discussed how residents are notified.

2022 Major Firewise Events

Home Ignition Zone Evaluator Training

October 28, 9:00 am, Andice Room

New Resident Orientation

November 17, 8:30, SCB

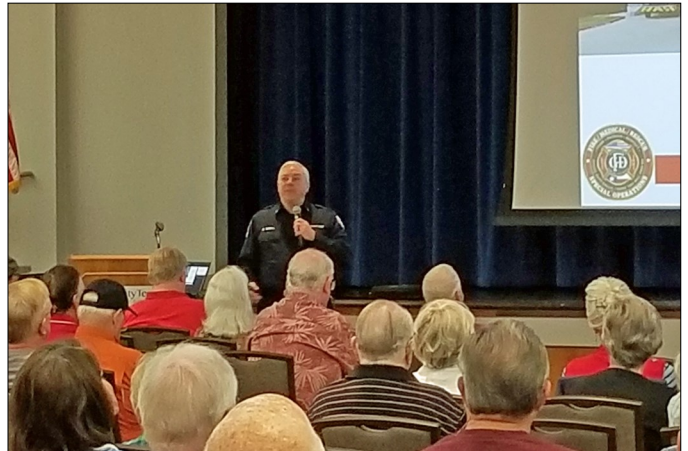
Firewise Volunteer Clearing Crew News

The Firewise Clearing Crew is hard at work to help keep our community safe as well as a Firewise certified community. Work has been completed in the new section of N71, and that area has definitely been improved with the reduction of fire fuel in a large green space there. Work has now taken us to N12 to help remove downed wood and as usual- Juniper.

Our Clearing Crew proudly supported the Firewise Group's Town Hall Meeting on the 4th of Oct with the wearing of their "Red Caps" (See photos for red caps of the crew!). Presenters from Texas A&M Forest Service, the City of Georgetown's Fire Department and Emergency Management Coordinator, and our own Firewise Group provided information that will help not only the Crew, but all residents from our community. They can be prepared and proactive in the mitigation of fires and emergencies.

Petra Garren

Volunteer Firewise Clearing Crew Coordinator



Clay Shell, Assistant Chief, Georgetown Fire Department, discussed 'What is a Wildfire? Can it Happen



Paul Ohlenbusch, Training Coordinator, and Dan Dodson, Education Coordinator (not shown), discussed 'Embers, Fuel Breaks, Fire Breaks, Houses'.

Photos by Petra Garren