

### From The Chair

We had our 2024 WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS APPRECIATION DAY held at THE RETREAT on Friday, May 3rd. The outdoor activities were cancelled due to the rain occurring at the time of the meeting.

The alternative program that was planned for a rainout was used.

The Firewise Clearing Crew prepared the Retreat's Lone Star Room to run our meeting. We had a successful group photo made on the Retreat's porch. We had a sign-in of 70 persons (including 6 firemen from Georgetown Fire Department).

The Williamson County Press Conference had relocated from our meeting to a Williamson County office. Having a quick visit by Kari Hines, Texas A&M Forest Service was a good thing. Kari gave a short talk to our audience then had to leave for that press conference.

We had lunch served by the Sun City CA Staff after socializing and the table questions FIREWISE activity concluded. Firewise chair, Mark Marino gave keynotes about the 2024 Sun City Firewise. He told of the chapter of Firewise being in its "sixteenth year". The chair then announced the three names of the framed awards he was holding for 5/10/15 years of service to Sun City FIREWISE Group.

Meeting adjourned at 12-NOON.

Mark Marino

Firewise Group Chair

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### May

May 3 - Community Wildfire Preparedness Day, 8:30a, Lonestar Room, Retreat

May 16 - Education-Training Work Group, 1:00p, Mesquite Room

May 22 - Firewise Group Meeting, 1:00 pm, Mesquite Room

### June

June 3 - Community Wildfire Preparedness Day, 8:30a, Lonestar Room, Retreat

June 16 - Education-Training Work Group, 1:00p, Mesquite Room

May 22 - Firewise Group Meeting, 1:00 pm, Mesquite Room

### Firewise Volunteer Clearing Crew News

The Firewise Clearing Crew has been hard at work as these photos show. Just a few hours, once a week makes a difference and helps keep our community a "Firewise Recognized Community". Come and volunteer with us, go to the Firewise Group home page.

Petra Garen

Firewise Clearing Crew Coordinator

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### Home Ignition Zone (HIZ) Numbers

The HIZ completion status:

As of:	3/24	4/24
Received	1,131	1,142
Completed	1,131	1,142
New requests	7	1
Open	3	0

### Firewise Group Meeting Notes

\* The January 26 Firewise Group Meeting had 4 members present. The following were the topics:

\* Education/Training

-Wildfire Preparedness-Appreciation Day review

\* .HIZ report (above)

\* Firewise Clearing Crew report. (see page 1)

Meeting Notes for this and previous meetings can be found on the [web site](#).

The next Firewise Group meeting will be May 22, 2024 at 1 pm in the Mesquite Room.

### Partners Corner

The Firewise Volunteer Clearing Crew works for 2 hours on Tuesday morning (weather and staff availability) to help maintain the Level 3 mowed fire breaks. Safety requirements and training are provided. Only hand tools are used by the volunteers. Work is cancelled during the summer. New volunteers are always welcome.

Note: This item will appear each month to provide ideas and information for the Neighborhood Partners. Partners are invited to contribute information and what has worked for them.

### May Holidays

May 1	May 5
May Day	Cinco de Mayo
May 12	May 18
Mother's Day	Armed Forces Day
May 27	June 1
Memorial Day	National Go Barefoot Day

**Please promote the  
Home Ignition Zone Evaluation!**

### Sun City Texas Firewise Web Links

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[Meeting Notes](#)

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[2023 Town Hall video](#)

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### May 3 Community Wildfire Preparedness Day

May 3 was rained out for working outside.

Total attendance was 70 people. There were 42 residents, 16 CA Staff, 6 members of the Georgetown Fire Department, and 4 sponsor representatives. There were two people from other organizations. Kari Haines, Texas A&M Forest Service, complimented the Firewise program. Randa Sheller, Cimarron Hills Golf & Country Club, came to see what Firewise is and what we do.

The program was an exercise to gain input on the current status of the Firewise Program. The results will be available later.

Kari Hines, Texas A&M Forest Service, commented on what the Firewise Group has done.

The CA Staff provided a sandwich meal for everyone.

After lunch, an appreciation program was held.

The CA Staff was recognized for the lunch and their continued support.

The companies who have supported were recognized (see page 3 for the list)

Four volunteers were presented with Certificates of Appreciation for their time with Firewise. They were:

Five years

John Weber - Firewise Volunteer Clearing Crew.

Don Boricak - Firewise Volunteer Clearing Crew.

Ten years

Fred Hill - Home Ignition Zone Evaluator.

Fifteen years:

Paul Ohlenbusch - Home Ignition Zone Evaluator, Training Coordinator, and Firewise Trumpet editor

We thank everyone who participated in the day.

The 2025 Community Wildfire Preparedness Day will be May 9, 2025.

### Upcoming Events

The following events will be coming up.

May 16, 2024, Thursday - New Resident Orientation, 8:30a-9:15a, SCB

October 25, Friday - Home Ignition Zone Evaluator Training, 9:00a-12:00p, Andice Room

### Firewise Group Leadership

Chair - Mark Marino

Vice-Chair - Pete Mollidor

Recorder - Cheryl Taylor

Webmaster - Melissa Lane

HIZ Coordinator - Paul Ohlenbusch

Firewise Clearing Crew Coordinator - Petra Garren

Education Coordinator - Dan Dodson

Training Coordinator - Paul Ohlenbusch





Most of the folks at the 2024 Community Wildfire Preparedness Day.



Socializing before lunch.



Zac Seith and Josh Lockhart after lunch. Thank you for the lunch!



Kari Hines, Texas A&M Forest Service, commented on the Firewise Group.



Mark Marino, Firewise Group Chair, led the appreciation program.



Pete Mollidor (center) leads a group for the morning exercise to learn what folks know about Firewise.



The Georgetown Fire Department was represented by these fire fighters.

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Mark congratulates Paul Ohlenbusch for 15 years with the Firewise Group.