

FIREWISE TRUMPET

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Sun City Community Association

Firewise Group

Residents reducing wildfire risks

From The Chair

HELLO, This is the first Trumpet newsletter of 2025 from the Sun City Firewise Group. Firewise USA, a part of National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA), has recognized Sun City as a Firewise site since 2009.

You may request a Home Ignition Zone Evaluation to see if your home is Firewise. An Evaluator will make an appointment to conduct the evaluation and provide you with a written report. Any suggestions are up to you. Also, the evaluation is free and confidential!

You may see the Firewise Clearing Crew working on the Level 3 mowed fuel breaks.

Did you know Sun City Firewise volunteers meet on the fourth Wednesday in the Mesquite Room at The Oaks monthly through October and the first Wednesday in December.

The Firewise Group leadership positions are: Chair (which I hold), Vice Chair and Recorder. Other Work Groups are: Annual Firewise Renewal; HIZ; Education; Training; Volunteer Firewise Clearing Crew Coordinator. We also have a Webmaster. There are Neighborhood Partners providing a link to the Firewise Group, We have liaisons from CA Landscape Supervisor, Property & Grounds. Emergency Management, Wildlife Management Committees and the NRO.

There are at least twelve volunteers living/working in various capacities. We have over 80 volunteers. These are VIP's in my viewpoint.

Mark Marino, Firewise Group Chair

February

February 20 - Meet Your Community Welcome Day, 8:30am, SCB

February 20 - Education-Training Work Group, 1:00pm, Mesquite Room/The Oaks

February 26 - Firewise Group Meeting, 1:00pm, Mesquite Room/The Oaks

March

March 20 - Education-Training Work Group, 1:00pm, Mesquite Room/The Oaks

March 26 - Firewise Group Meeting, 1:00pm, Mesquite Room/The Oaks

Firewise Volunteer Clearing Crew News

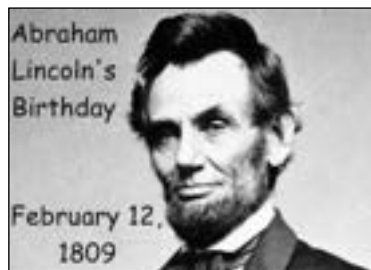
The Clearing Crew has returned to work! We've started the 2025 new year off in our efforts to help to keep our community a "Firewise Recognized Community". Our past workday found us removing dead vines and Ashe Juniper, along with a little flood control work.

In 2024 our volunteers worked 835 hours, clearing down dead limbs and removing Ashe Juniper trees and limbs compiling over 2,560 cubic yards of potential fuel for fire. (Great group of volunteers huh?) This helped the CA's Level 3 & 4's crew to quickly remove or chip in place. Big thank you to all!

If you're interested in volunteering- sign up on our website.

Petra Garren

Firewise Clearing Crew Coordinator



Upcoming Events

May 9, 2025, Community Wildfire Preparedness & Appreciation Day

Our Partners



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The Trumpet is published monthly except January. If you have information to share, please send it to ole7734@suddenlink.net by the 28th of each month.

Firewise Group Meeting Notes

The December 4th Firewise Group Meeting was attended by 16 members and 3 liaisons.

The items covered were:

* The Landscape Vendor Training on January 31st had 6 companies and 11 people. In addition, the Georgetown Fire Department had 8 members and 2 members of the Austin Area Firewise Alliance.

* Community Wildfire Preparedness Day is May 9 in the Cowan Creek Amenity Center.

* Clearing Crew needs better weather to work!

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

The next Firewise Group meeting will be February 26, 2025 at 1 pm in the Mesquite Room.

February Holidays American Heart Month

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Groundhog Day
9 Super Bowl Sunday
12 Lincoln's Birthday
14 Valentine's Day
17 Presidents' Day
22 George Washington's Birthday



Did you know more than 23,000 children experience cardiac arrest outside of the hospital each year?

Learn CPR today so you can be ready and become a part of the Nation of Lifesavers. Because no one, especially our most precious ones, should face a life-changing moment alone. ([more info](#))

Home Ignition Zone Evaluations

As of:	12/4	2/22
Received	1,151	1,154
Completed	1,151	1,151
New requests	0	3
Open	0	3

Upcoming Events

February 20, Meet Your Community Welcome Day, 8:30am, SCB

May 9, 2025, Community Wildfire Preparedness & Appreciation Day, Florence-Georgetown Rooms, Cowan Creek

Sun City Texas Firewise Web Links

[Web Site](#)
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[Annual Renewal Documents](#)
[2024 Town Hall video](#)
[Landscape Vendor Service Provider list](#)

ARE YOU FIREWISE?

What is all this Firewise stuff anyway?

The Firewise USA program is a project of the National Fire Protection Association aimed at small communities, community associations and master planned communities to assess risk and to create a network of cooperating homeowners, organizations within the community, and the community's fire department. The website for Firewise is [Firewise USA](#).

A Firewise Community identifies and implements local solutions to address mitigating wildfire hazards. In 2009, Sun City Texas was recognized by Firewise Community/USA as a Firewise Community. Being recognized as a Firewise Community requires that the community have an on-going commitment towards mitigating wildfire hazards within their community. Here is a link to the Sun City Texas Firewise Program website [SCTX Firewise](#).

One of the most significant benefits of Firewise is that individual homeowners can take advantage of the Home Ignition Zone Evaluation (HIZE) program. At the request of the homeowner, trained volunteers (Sun City residents) come to the home and evaluate possible exterior fire threats to the home, including surrounding landscape, roofs, exterior walls, and yard structures that may comprise the home's exterior ignition zone.

If you want to obtain an evaluation of your property, please complete the form at [HIZE Form](#). After your request has been processed, you will be contacted to schedule the evaluation. This is a free service and, while recommendations may be made, you will not be required to make any changes. The evaluation is confidential.

You may [contact](#) the Firewise Group for questions and/or advice concerning possible external fire threats to your home.

(This is an updated article from 2011 for Neighborhood 13 written by Ed Angel. Thanks Ed!)

Firewise Partners Corner

Feel free to distribute the Trumpet in your neighborhood.

Have you had a Home Ignition Zone Evaluation on your home? If not, request one so you know what it is and can better promote it!

The Education-Training Work Group meets at 1pm, February 20th, in the Mesquite Room at The Oaks. You a part of the Education-Training Work Group. Please come and ask questions, suggest topics and learn more about Firewise.

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