



From The Chair

TODAY, it's a breezy spring day. The wind is not just a bad hair day.

A risk of a wildfire is in the air. Define a vegetation fire. The fire is burning up the landscape.

Define a wildfire. The land is burning at a swift rate due to wind pushing an out of control fire. Inside FIREWISE, we agree that the embers are the bigger threat than the flames. The embers can be blown over a mile away from the source.

The National Fire Protection Agency's Firewise program has suggestions for keeping our Sun City safer.

HOUSE NUMBERS - clearly posted to be seen from the street and lighted at night.

PORCHES/DECKS - made of fire resistant materials.

ROOF - fire resistant material such as asphalt, tile, or metal.

EXTERIOR WALLS - brick, stucco, stone and cement board are used in Sun City.

Sun City Texas has done well with a building code.

The first 5 feet around the home is critical. Keep deadwood, dead leaves, branches cleared in the yard. Keep the gutters clear of dead leaves and debris (get a handyman service if you must). Have a garden hose attached and ready to use. Make fire resistant plant choices around the home. Keep trees on the lawn trimmed to a walking height at least 4 feet above the roof. Windows and other screened (1/8 inch mesh) will help keep out embers. If embers threaten, move flammable cushions and items indoors at threat of wildfire or when gone from home for a lengthy absence.

Mark Marino, Firewise Group Chair

May

May 9 - Wildfire Preparedness and Appreciation Day, 8:30am, Cowan Creek Amenity Center

May 15 - Meet Your Community Welcome Day, 8:30am, SCB

May 15 - Education-Training Work Group, 1:00pm, Mesquite Room/The Oaks

May 28 - Firewise Group Meeting, 1:00pm, Mesquite Room/The Oaks **!!!!CANCELLED!!!!** ←

June

June 11 - Education-Training Work Group, 1:00pm, Mesquite Room/The Oaks

June 25 - Firewise Group Meeting, 1:00pm, Mesquite Room/The Oaks

Firewise Volunteer Clearing Crew News

Residents in the following neighborhoods- N16, N28, N31 and N32 have seen a lot of the **Firewise Clearing Crew** this past month. We've removed downed dead wood, small Ashe Juniper, limbed up low limbs, collected various piles of yard waste material in different spots, picked up trash and, yes, even managed to do a little flood control in the ditches in the area. Residents living along the tree lines were happy with the work being done and we were greatly appreciative of the positive feedback that we received.

Stay "Firewise" Safe
Petra Garren



This is only one of the piles we made!
(The CA grounds crew will remove or chip the piles left after the workday.)

Firewise Partners Corner

Our next event is the Firewise Town Hall, October 7 in the ball room. Planning will at with the June Education-Training Work Group Meeting June 19.

Questions? Send an email!



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 April 23 Firewise Group Meeting was attended by nine members and liaisons.

The items covered were:

- * May 9 Community Wildfire Preparedness Day preparation was reviewed.
- * NRO Meeting report
- * N68 Firewise Presentation report
- * N56 Firewise Presentation report
- * Clearing Crew Report
- * Recorder position still open

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

The next Firewise Group meeting will be May 28, 2025 at 1 pm in the Mesquite Room.

May 28 meeting
CANCELLED!

Dan Dodson's Status

We have learned Dan Dodson has moved to the Waco area. Dan joined the Firewise Group in March 2011. He was active as Education Coordinator, Home Ignition Zone Evaluator and helped with training events, town halls, and more. He has been inactive for several months because of health issues.

Dan, you will be missed!



The work crew The workday volunteers. Thank you for your participation.



Sun City celebrated Wildfire Community Preparedness and Volunteer Appreciation Day on May 9. There were 61 folks in attendance. Four volunteers were recognized for five years of volunteer service.

We thank the Sun City Texas Community Association staff for providing the lunch the Level 3 / 4 Maintenance Crew for their support."

Special thanks to our sponsors Bartlett Tree Experts, Brightview Landscaping, Don Homeyer State Farm Insurance and TCB Quality Landscaping! Bartlett Tree Experts provided red buckeye seedlings!

An area near the Cowan Creek Amenity Center was cleared of Ash juniper, dead wood and trash. Vines were cut and left to be removed later.

Five year certificates were awarded to:

Gerald Handlos as a Volunteer Clearing Crew member

Doug Lane as a Volunteer Clearing Crew member, a Home Ignition Zone Evaluator and current EMC Liaison

Melissa Lane as a Volunteer Clearing Crew member and Web Master

Tom Li as a Volunteer Clearing Crew member

Be sure to congratulate them the next time you see them!

Thank you to everyone who worked to make it a successful day! Thank you to all who came out to help and celebrate the Wildfire Community Preparedness and Volunteer Appreciation Day!

The Planning Committee



Thank you for helping us!!

Upcoming Events

May 15, Meet Your Community Welcome Day, 8:30am, SCB

August 21, Meet Your Community Welcome Day, SCB

October 7, Firewise Town Hall, 9:30 am, SCB

October 24, Home Ignition Zone Evaluator Training, 9:00 am, Andice Room

May Holidays

- 1 May Day
- 5 Cinco de Mayo
- 8 National Teacher Day
- 11 Mother's Day
- 12 May's Flower Moon
- 16 National Barbecue Day
- 17 National Armed Forces Day
- 26 Memorial Day



Sun City Texas Firewise Web Links

- [Web Site](#)
- [Meeting Notes](#)
- [Current Publications](#)
- [Home Ignition Zone Evaluation](#)
- [Annual Renewal Documents](#)
- [2024 Town Hall video](#)
- [Landscape Vendor Service Provider list](#)

Home Ignition Zone Evaluations

As of:	3/26	4/23
Received	1,165	1,169
Completed	1,157	1,165
New requests	12	4
Open	8	4

Firewise Group Leadership

- Chair - Mark Marino
- Vice-Chair - Pete Mollidor
- Recorder - **open**
- Webmaster - Melissa Lane
- HIZ Coordinator - Paul Ohlenbusch
- Firewise Clearing Crew Coordinator - Petra Garren
- Education Coordinator - Dan Dodson
- Training Coordinator - Paul Ohlenbusch

Wildfire Community Preparedness and Volunteer Appreciation Day



Petra providing instructions and safety information.



There was a lot to remove!



The debris pile was all along the sidewalk!



Georgetown Fire Department folks visiting with Mae Lopez.

**Thank you to
our Sponsors**

Barteltt Tree Experts

Brightview Landscaping

Don Homeyer

State Farm Insurance

TCB Quality Landscaping



Thank you for helping us!!



Kari Hines, TFS
Firewise Liaison,
came ready to
work!



Georgetown Fire Department
arrived late due to a call!

**Thank you to the
Sun City Texas Com-
munity Association
for supporting the
Sun City Firewise
Group!**



Gerald Handlos
was recognized
for five years of
volunteer service
with Firewise.
The other recipi-
ents were not
able to attend.



Everyone enjoyed the lunch and t-shirts supplied by the SCTXCA!

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