

# FIREWISE TRUMPET



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## Firewise Group Notes

The Firewise Group met January 25 with members and the P&G Liaison Work Group Reports

**Education Work Group** - No update.

**Training** - the January 27 Landscape Service Provider Training is January 27, 2017. More on page 2. There are 16 companies on the trained list (page 3).

**HIZ Activity** - The HIZ Evaluation numbers were reviewed (see HIZ Numbers).

**CWPP/Renewal Work Group** - Collecting data for the 2017 renewal in November.

**Firewise Volunteer Clearing Crew** - The Crew is active on Tuesday mornings weather permitting. Petra Garren has assumed the Volunteer Leader role.

## Other Topics

The next meeting will be February 22, 1 pm, AC MR 3-4. **Election of officers will be included.**

## 2017 Wildfire Preparedness Day - May 5

May 5 will be the 2017 Wildfire Preparedness Day at the Legacy Hills Pavilion. Planning is beginning. This will be a morning of removing juniper (cedar) trees and a good lunch.

Plan now to come and help keep Sun City Firewise!

## February Calendar

February 16, Education Work Group, 10 am, MR 3  
February 22, Firewise Group, 1 pm, MR 3-4

## March Calendar

March 16, Education Work Group, 10 am, MR 3  
March 22, Firewise Group, 1 pm, MR 3-4

## 2017 Major Events

**May 4, Wildfire Preparedness Day**  
**May 18, HIZ Training & Continuing Education**  
**October 3, Firewise Town Hall**  
**October 19, HIZ Training & Continuing Education**

**Please mark your calendar**

## Home Ignition Zone (HIZ) Numbers

The HIZ completion status:

Month ending	12/7/16	2/1/17
Received	821	825
Completed	817	819
New requests	11	4
Open	0	6
On hold	1	0

**The Firewise web site is available by [clicking here](#)**

## Firewise Town Hall October 4, 2016 video

You can view the October 4 and previous Town Hall videos by [clicking here](#).

## Firewise Group Leadership

Chair - Tom Kisinger  
Vice-Chair - Ron Thompson  
Secretary - Fred Hill  
Education Coordinator - Dan Dodson  
Training Coordinator - Paul Ohlenbusch

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## New Tree Pruning Guidelines



New tree pruning guidelines have been developed for Sun City. Based on information from Texas A&M Forest Service and others, our trees have a very low probability to ignite from falling embers. Pruning in the future should be done to prevent damage to the roof and walls of the house. A clearance of 4-6 feet above the roof when possible and is adequate and should provide 2-3 years before pruning again. For walls, 3-5 feet clearance is desirable although that may not always be possible.

We have requested our trained tree companies follow the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) A300 Standard.

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Sun City & Firewise Ignition Zones **NEW**

Describes the responsibilities of residents and CA for managing for Firewise in Sun City.



### Being Firewise Around Your Home

A revised version of *Being Firewise Around Your Home* is available. It has updated information on trimming shrubs, mulches, and more.



### What is Firewise?

*What is Firewise?* Is a new publication and available. It discusses what Sun City Firewise Group is and what it is doing to reduce the potential for homes to ignite from embers falling from wildfires and house fires.



## Firewise Landscape Service Vendor Training

Each year, the Sun City Firewise Group provides a short training for companies serving Sun City. The information includes a condensed version of the material Firewise Home Ignition Zone Evaluators receive.

Firewise trained landscape service vendors are listed in the Vendor Notebook at the Monitor Desk at the beginning of the Landscape Section. It is also posted on the Firewise web site. Other material is found on the web site also.

If you are looking for a landscape vendor, check out the list and get estimates from trained companies. The 2017 Firewise Landscape Service Provider Companies List is attached.

## Mark your Calendar!

**Sun City Wildfire Preparedness Day**  
**May 5, 2017**  
**Legacy Hills Pavilion**

## Ask An Expert Firewise Virtual Workshop Series

To review these, [click here](#).

### July 27, *Power of Embers* July 27

Steve Quarles, PH.D., IBHS Research Center

Learn about the impacts embers are capable of and the little things around the home that are vulnerable.

### August 16, *Get to Know the Home Ignition Zone*

Gary Marshal, NFA Wildfire Field Rep

A discussion of the revised three distinct areas surrounding structures within a home ignition zone and identify how mitigation and maintenance in each section plays a distinct role in improving survivability during a wildfire.

### September 15, *Understanding Insurance in the Wildland*

*Urban Interface*, 1 pm, MR 1 Carole Walker, Executive Director, Rocky Mountain Insurance Information Association  
Homeowner's insurance policies for residences located in wildfire prone areas are often misunderstood by the policy holder. Discover what insurance companies know about your property, how they make policy related decisions and most importantly how to ensure your policy is all you think it is when a wildfire strikes.

### Previous Ask An Expert Virtual Workshop Series

**October 11, *Community Risk Reduction Success Stories***  
Firewise programs in Colorado, Idaho, and Washington.

November 17

### ***Wildland Urban Legends***

Wildfire expert Pat Durland reviews the truth or falsehood to questions we all have. He draws upon his long career as a smoke jumper, wildland firefighter, policy maker, insurance consultant, and wildland fire educator. There are answers to questions from residents and practitioners alike to test your wildfire outreach and mitigation knowledge.



## 2017 Firewise Landscape Service Provider Companies

The Firewise Group provides this list for the use of Sun City Residents information but does not recommend companies. These companies have participated in a training session on Firewise recommended landscape practices.

company	phone	design	install	landscape maintenance	tree maintenance	expires January 31
Aabear Tree Care	512-864-9898				X	2019
Austin Land Service	512-260-1576				X	2018
Bartlett Tree Experts	512-310-7545				X	2020
Barringer Landscapes	512-868-0363	X	X	X		2019
Brightview Landscape Services	512-373-2567	X	X	X	X	2020
Central Texas Tree Care	512-973-9090				X	2018
Certified Arbor Care	512-671-8733				X	2019
DFA Lawn Care Service	512-567-5101			X		2019
DJ's Landscaping	512-966-0544	X	X			2019
Forever Lasting Gardens	512-915-9436	X	X	X	X	2019
Legacy Arbor Care	512-944-6240				X	2018
Russell Glass Company	512-864-2722	X	X			2018
Stout Services	512-297-4125			X		2020
T. Payne Services	512-520-3937	X	X	X	X	2018
Victor Marek Tree Trimming & Landscaping	254-527-3822	X	X	X	X	2018
Z's Landscape & Lawn Co	512-639-8646	X	X	X		2018

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