

FIREWISE TRUMPET



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Firewise Group Notes

The Firewise Group met January 23 with 11 members and 3 liaisons present

Education/Training - Landscape Vendor Training will be January 24, 2 pm, AC Atrium. A new format is being used.

May 3 will begin at the February 21 Education Work Group Meeting, 10 am, AC Conference Room.

HIZ Numbers Update See box to right.

Volunteer Clearing Crew News See details on page 2.

For additional details see the Meeting Notes on the website.

Home Ignition Zone (HIZ) Numbers

The HIZ completion status:

Month ending	12/5/18	2/1/19
Received	959	959
New requests	7	0
Completed	935	941
Open	23	17
On hold	1	1

May 3 Wildfire Preparedness Day Planning

Planning for the May 3 Wildfire Preparedness Day will begin at the February 21 Education Work Group Meeting at 10 am in the AC Conference Room. The Education Work Group is looking for 2-3 individuals to take over the leadership of this event. The current leaders feel it is time for new leadership that may come up with new ideas. This year's event will focus on clearing small junipers in several areas around the Social Center.

Planning starts in February to allow for promotion materials to be prepared for the Sun Rays (sent by March 1 and April 1) plus the Weekly Communicator, and NRO Newsletter. Coordinating with the CA Staff for their required help and the meal is also a priority.

Come to the February meeting to learn more!

2019 Special Dates

May 3 - Firewise Wildfire Preparedness Day
October 8 - Firewise Town Hall

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

Our Partners



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Firewise Group Leadership

Chair - Petra Garren
Vice-Chair - Ron Thompson
Recorder - Fred Hill
Education Coordinator - Dan Dodson
Training Coordinator - Paul Ohlenbusch
Volunteer Clearing Crew Coordinator - Petra Garren

Links for Firewise and NFPA Info

Fire Break Newsletter - Saving Lives and Property from Wildfire

Each month, Firewise USA publishes the Fire Break, a newsletter to keep folks working in Firewise communities up to date. The January issue *included Firewise USA® sites increase achievements in 2018, Why wildfire mitigation matters, and Does it take a miracle to survive a wildfire?*. The last one is particularly interesting since it references a New York *Times* video about the wildfire aftermath in Paradise, California. It looks at Paradise after the wildfire and how the fire have impacted the town.

You are encouraged to subscribe to the Fire Break by [clicking here](#).

Understanding the Wildfire Threat to Homes

This online learning module is an overview of fire history, fire basics, and how homes burn. It has a downloadable transcript as an aid to follow the slides. [Click here](#) to start.

NFPA Journal

National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) publishes 6 times annually online articles on many topics related to fire safety. In the January-February issues, Michele Steinberg, Director of the Wildfire Division, has an article, *Why It Matters*, about her history with Firewise. Another article, *Old & In Harm's Way* describes how demographics and topography collided to make the Camp Fire California's deadliest and most destructive wildfire ever.

[Click here](#) to reach the NFPA Journal.

Sun City Texas Firewise Group needs our HIZ Evaluators and Clearing Crew volunteers to help with our ongoing functions. If you can help, contact any of the officers!

CURRENT PUBLICATIONS

[Click here for copy](#)

Being Firewise Around Your Home
What is Firewise? It's All About the **EMBERS!**
Sun City and Firewise Ignition Zones
Ashe Juniper (Cedar) in Sun City Texas

Firewise Town Hall videos

You can view the October 3, 2017 and previous Town Hall videos by [clicking here](#).

Firewise Volunteer Clearing Crew News

Workday Updates:

22 Jan- 129 Prairie Creek Trail, 11 FWCC and Bob from N47 came out this windy morning to clear the green space between Level 3 and the golf course. Plenty of vines and baby junipers that needed to be removed in this area. The mulch machine decided to start right up so the work went pretty quick. Had resident come out and thank us for the work we were doing.

15 Jan- Rodeo Dr., Area completed. 13 FWCC and 2 NR residents came out to finish clearing this area. Who'd thought that little area could have so much to clear out. Area is safer from both a FW stand point and also for walkers. NR was informed of CA's policy of trash/yard waste that we found behind a home on Larkspur.

8 Jan 19- Rodeo Dr., 10 FWCC and 5 NR residents volunteering. Area needed additional clearing and clean up. One injury- individual hit head on rock requiring stitches. Numerous neighbors commented on how much better the area looked and appreciated our efforts to stay a Firewise Community..

25 Dec and 1 Jan 18 on Holiday break

18 Dec- Great Frontier. 9FWCC members cleared and cleaned this green space. Elm trees were limbed up and off property line. Many were already dead. Juniper trees were removed in the level 3 area.

11 Dec- Yukon Terrace. Area was cleared by 10 FWCC members. Quite a few piles of limbs "sprouted" since our last trip out there. NR was informed of CA's policy of trash/yard waste that we found behind residents homes.

Volunteer Crew List Total (as of 23 Jan 19):

53 Volunteers/ Weekly Emails: 37

New Volunteers total to date 2019: 2

Additional Information:

Last year's volunteers work hours for the FWCC were 717.5hrs - Outstanding!

Thank you everyone for the support you give to the Crew to get the job done!

Petra Garren

Firewise Volunteer Clearing Crew Coordinator

2018 and previous years Firewise Renewal Documents

The narrative file for the Firewise Recognition are available on the web site. Click [here](#) to read the documents.