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Firewise Group Notes

The February 24 Firewise Group Meeting was a virtual meeting.

There were 11 members present.

Election of 2021 officers: Dave Hubbell-Chair, Doug Lane-Vice Chair, Judy Whitmore-Recorder.

Landscape Vendor Training was held virtually on January 29 with 4 companies renewing.

The Community Wildfire Preparedness Day April 30 is cancelled.

Firewise Volunteer Clearing Crew reported (see page 2).

Petra Garren will help with the Firewise web site.

Meeting notes for previous meetings can be found on the web site.

The next Firewise Group meeting is scheduled for March 24 with Go To Meeting.

Sun City Texas Firewise Web Links

[Web Site](#)
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March

March 18, Education Work Group, 10:00 am, **VIRTUAL**

March 24, Firewise Group Meeting, 1:00 pm **VIRTUAL**

April

April 15, Education Work Group, 10:00 am, **VIRTUAL**

April 28, Firewise Group Meeting, 1:00 pm **VIRTUAL**

Home Ignition Zone (HIZ) Numbers

The HIZ completion status:

Month ending	1/27	2/24
Received	1,037	1,037
New requests	7	0
Completed	989	989
Open	48	48

Looking Back - 2019-2020

2019 Volunteer Time

Firewise Volunteers	23 weeks
Home Ignition Zone Evaluations	5 weeks
Volunteer Clearing Crew	26 weeks
Total	54 weeks

Firewise Landscape Vendor Training was held January 24 with 7 companies and 8 CA Staff personnel.

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Firewise Town Hall was held October 8 with Sun City Texas Firewise Group, Texas A&M Forest Service, and Georgetown Fire Department (see page 2)

Firewise Group Leadership

Chair - Dave Hubbell

Vice-Chair - Doug Lane

Recorder - Judy Whitmore

Education Coordinator - Dan Dodson

Training Coordinator - Paul Ohlenbusch

Volunteer Clearing Crew Coordinator - Petra Garren

From The Chair

The Firewise Education Group met virtually on February 23rd and the attendees agreed to cancel the 2021 Wildfire Preparedness Day which had been scheduled for April 30. This was due to the combination of short prep time and the uncertainty relating to COVID-19 face-to-face restrictions in Sun City. We announced that Petra Garren has volunteered to assist Dan Dodson in the role of Website Administrator. Dan will be undergoing surgery in the near future and we all wish him well. In addition, it was noted that the EMC Group controls the frequency with which we are able to publish Sun Rays articles. I took the action to discuss the limitation with Dick Mills, the EMC Chair.

The Firewise Group also met virtually, on February 24th and our annual elections were held. Dave Hubbell was elected Chair, Doug Lane was elected Vice-Chair and Judy Whitmore was elected Recorder. I wish all of them the best of luck and I sincerely hope that 2021 will be a less restrained year for the Group than 2020. My thanks also go out to all of our Group volunteers for their support during a trying time for everyone.

My wife and I will be leaving Sun City on March 29th and we'll be moving back to Arizona after a very enjoyable stay in Texas. It's always difficult to turn the page and I will personally look back on my time with the Firewise Group with a level of regret and fond memories. I wish you all the best.

Dick Bruneau, Chair

Looking Back - 2019-2020 (continued)

providing Wildfires and Sun City Homes: Perceptions and Reality information. Attendance was about 80 people plus TV live.

The Firewise Group held one Home Ignition Zone Evaluation training session on October 24 for 3 new evaluators, 9 trained evaluators and 3 CA Staff members.

Firewise participated in four New Resident Orientations providing information and materials.

The Firewise Volunteer Clearing Crew held 33 workdays during the year. Rain and other weather conditions cancelled some workdays.

Georgetown Chamber of Commerce recognized the Sun City Texas Firewise Group with the Cornerstone Public Safety Award.

The Firewise Trumpet newsletter was published monthly.

2020 Volunteer Time

Firewise volunteers	16 weeks
Home Ignition Zone Evaluations	3 weeks
Volunteer Clearing Crew	25 weeks
Total	44 weeks

The Firewise Landscape Vendor Training was held January 24 for 7 companies.

The Firewise Group participated in one New Resident Orientation providing information about Firewise and how a resident can reduce the ignition potential of their home.

Community Wildfire Preparedness Day, Firewise Town Hall, and Home Ignition Zone Evaluation training were canceled.

The Firewise Volunteer Clearing Crew held 33 workdays during the year despite the COVID-19 closure.

The Firewise Trumpet newsletter was published monthly.

Firewise Volunteer Clearing Crew News



The FWC Crew happily posing to celebrate their completion of Willow Baccaharis removal in N57.



Neither rain nor cold will keep our CA Rep's, Glenn and Dewayne, from supporting the FWCC crew.

Stay Safe.

Petra Garren, Firewise Volunteer Clearing