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Firewise Group
Residents Reducing Wildfire Risks

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Firewise Group Notes

The December 1 Firewise Group Meeting included 8 members and 1 liaison.

The following were discussed:

- * Brian Richard - EMC is planning a Town Hall March 25.
- * Planning for the 2022
- * Firewise Landscape Training reviewed.
- * Discussion concerning the HIZ Evaluation status.
- * Volunteer Clearing Crew report on page 2.
- * Election of officers will be at the February meeting.

Meeting Notes for this and previous meetings can be found on the web site.

The next Firewise Group meeting is scheduled for February 23, 2022 at 1 pm in the Mesquite Room in The Oaks.

Election of Officers at February meeting!
Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary will be elected!

Sun City Texas Firewise Web Links

[Web Site](#)
[Meeting Notes](#)
[Current Publications/Renewal Documents](#)
[Town Hall videos](#)

Our Partners



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February

February 17, Education/Training Work Group, 1:00 pm; Mesquite Room
February 23, Firewise Group, 1:00 pm, Mesquite Room

March

March 17, Education/Training Work Group, 1:00 pm; Mesquite Room
March 17, 8:30 am, New Resident Orientation, SCB
March 23, Firewise Group, 1:00 pm, Mesquite Room

Home Ignition Zone (HIZ) Numbers

The HIZ completion status:

Month ending	12/1	1/26
Received	1,051	1,054
New requests	7	3
Completed	998	998
Open	53	60

From The Chair

Sun City has almost 18,000 people living there. Unfortunately, the pervasive thought seems to be "let somebody else do that". "That" is volunteering for one of many organizations to help Sun City maintain the quality and reputation as a quality and safe living area. One of the organizations is the Firewise Group.

The Firewise Group cooperates with like minded organizations for the protection of people, property and natural resources. This is accomplished by four tasks. The first is educating residents about the dangers from wildfires. The group informs residents of steps they may take to reduce potential loss. The second is performing Home Ignition Zone Evaluations by trained Evaluators. The group also works with the CA staff to reduce the potential spread of wildfires in common (continued on page 2)

Firewise Group Leadership

Chair - David Hubbell
Vice-Chair - Doug Lane
Recorder - Judy Whitmore
HIZ Coordinator - Ron Thompson
Education Coordinator - Dan Dodson
Training Coordinator - Paul Ohlenbusch
Volunteer Clearing Crew Coordinator - Petra Garren

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areas. Lastly, they stay abreast of latest information on structures and ways to reduce risks in common areas. Lastly, they stay abreast of latest information on structures and ways to reduce risks.

The Firewise Group can provide a vast experience of learning and activities that would prove to be very effective in helping Sun City mitigate the potential of wildfires resulting in property or personal loss.

Please consider getting involved with the Firewise Group. Don't be that person that expects somebody else to take care of you, your property and even you community.

David Hubbell
Firewise Group Chair

Some Firewise Related Videos

(click link to view)

[**If your home doesn't ignite it can't burn**](#)

Learn what you can do to be safer from the wildfire threat. time-2:00

[**Firewise Series: Why Homes Burn**](#)

An introduction to the susceptibility of homes in the wildland/urban interface to the threat of wildfire. time-3:32

[**Reducing Wildfire Risks at TGO**](#) (The Great Outdoors)

The Firewise program at TGO (The Great Outdoors Park) encourages neighbors to work together and take action as a community to reduce everyone's wildfire risk. time-7:48

[**Your Home Can Survive a Wildfire**](#)

Dr. Jack Cohen, a highly respected expert on wildfire behavior and fire science research, explains how fireproofing your home helps. time-13:19

2022 Major Firewise Events

New Resident Orientation

February 17, 8:30, SCB

May , 8:30, SCB

August , 8:30, SCB

November , 8:30, SCB

Firewise Wildfire Preparedness Day

May 6, 9:00 am, CCP

Firewise Town Hall

October 5, 9:30 am, SCB

Home Ignition Zone Evaluator Training

October 28, 9:00 am, Mesquite Room

Firewise Volunteer Clearing Crew News What Can You Do Around Your Home to Help?

Welcome to the New Year from the Firewise Clearing Crew!



Members of the Firewise Clearing Crew removing small Ashe Juniper in the Level 3 green space behind homes on Dove Hollow Dr. Removal and limbing of low hanging limbs helps control the spread of ground fire and helps the native plants and wildlife flourish.

Petra Garren

Firewise Volunteer Clearing Crew Coordinator

What is the Firewise Wildfire Preparedness Day?

Firewise USA started the Wildfire Preparedness Day in 2014. Sun City held the first day on May 3, 2014 clearing small Ashe junipers around the Social Center and a nearby preserve area. A grant from State Farm Insurance and donations from 3 local landscape companies helped fund the costs.

Wildfire Preparedness Days were held in 2015 -2017 clearing additional areas. However, 2018 was a last minute rainout. 2019 was rain also but an indoor program was presented. In 2020 and 2021 events were not held because of COVID-19 restrictions.

This year the plans are to hold a Wildfire Preparedness Day on May 6 near the Cowan Creek Amenity Center. Planning for the day will begin at the Education/Training Work Group meeting on February 17 at 1:00 pm in the Mesquite Room.

2022 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 Service	512-864-9898				X	2023
Bartlett Tree Experts	512-310-7545				X	2025
Barringer Landscapes	512-868-0363	X	X	X		2025
Big Country Trees	512-869-2200				X	2025
Brightview Landscape Services*	512-373-2567	X	X	X	X	2025
Bravo Curb Appeal	512-573-6670	X	X	X	X	2025
Certified Abor Care	512-671-8733				X	2024
Good Guys Tree Service	512-743-3909				X	2023
Greenbelt Patio & Landscape	512-748-7847	X	X			2025
Russell Glass	512-863-4527	X	X			2025
TCB Landscaping	512-864-2722	X	X	X	X	2025
T. Payne Services	512-818-3319	X	X	X		2023
Victor Marek Tree Trimming & Landscaping	254-527-3822	X	X	X	X	2025
Z's Landscape & Lawn Co	512-639-8646	X	X	X		2025

* commercial

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