

FIREWISE TRUMPET

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Sun City Texas
Firewise Group
Residents Reducing Wildfire Risks

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April

April 21, Education/Training Work Group, 1:00 pm; Mesquite Room
April 27, Firewise Group, 1:00 pm, Mesquite Room

May

May 6, Wildfire Community Preparedness Day, CCP, 8:30 am
May 19, New Resident Orientation, 8:30 am, SCB
May 19, Education/Training Work Group, 1:00 pm; Mesquite Room
May 25, Firewise Group, 1:00 pm, Mesquite Room

Firewise Group Notes

The March 23 Firewise Group Meeting included 8 members and 2 liaisons.

The following were discussed:

* The EMC Town Hall on March 25th will focus on the Sun City Emergency Operations Plan (EOP).

* Firewise Wildfire Preparedness Day will be May 6th.

* Dividing Sun City into 5 communities has begun.

* Volunteer Clearing Crew report on page 2.

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

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

Home Ignition Zone (HIZ) Numbers

The HIZ completion status:

Month ending	2/23	3/23
Received	1,058	1,059
Completed	1,037	1,048
New requests	3	1
Open	20	11

From The Chair

Thanks greatly for everybody that participated in the EMC's town hall. Jim Romine, Executive Director of Sun City Tx CA began the program. Afterwards the interim Police Chief, Cory Tchida, of the Georgetown Police Department gave a detailed presentation about the Police department. Fire Chief John Sullivan of the Georgetown Fire Department presented selected information about the Fire department. Brian Richard gave an overview of the Sun City Emergency Operations Plan. Christy Rogers, Office of Emergency Management Coordinator for Georgetown was introduced. Allen Lovins, Director for Technology Information for Sun City presented information about the Sun City App that is being rolled out. Dan Dodson concluded the town hall by discussing the table top exercise that the EMC will be having in the month of April.

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Sun City Texas Firewise Web Links

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Firewise Group Leadership

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

Wildfire Community Preparedness Day Volunteer Training and Schedule

May 6 will be coming soon! The following is the agenda for the volunteers and staff who will help as group leaders and other tasks

Thursday, May 5, 1:30 pm
For Group Leaders
training for group leaders
safety
procedures
emergency response

Friday, May 6,
8:00 - set up Pavilion,
8:30 - Registration at Pavilion
9:00 - Welcome, recognize guests and
Contributors, Safety Items, Instructions
9:20 - Take photo
9:30 - Clear juniper and pick up trash
11:30 - Return to CCAC Pavilion for Lunch
After lunch - clean up Pavilion, volunteers and
CA Staff



The 2019 Preparedness Day Crew!
This was the last time the event was held!



2022 Major Firewise Events

Firewise Wildfire Preparedness Day
May 6, 9:00 am, CCP
New Resident Orientation
May 19, 8:30, SCB
August 18, 8:30, SCB
November 17, 8:30, SCB
Firewise Town Hall
October 5, 9:30 am, SCB
Home Ignition Zone Evaluator Training
October 28, 9:00 am, Mesquite Room

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Next big event for the Firewise Group is the Sun City Wildfire Preparedness Day on May 6, 2022 at the Cowan Creek Amenity Center. Volunteers are welcome to sign up online April 29 to May 2.. Or, at least come out and support the people that are helping with the clean up.

David Hubbell
Firewise Group Chair

Firewise Volunteer Clearing Crew News

Warmer weather is definitely helping to spurt the spring growth. New shoots of Juniper twigs are starting to pop up and the old growth is starting to hang lower. The Firewise Clearing Crew recently completed work in N64. Although the area was narrow (but long) we were amazed at how much potential fire fuel we pulled out of the area.

As I look around our community and the with the recent National Weather Service, Critical Fire Weather Conditions notice (due to the drought level), it brings to mind things that we need to do such as to clear the dead debris around our homes (leaves, dead limbs/twigs and dead plants) due to winter. This can help in reducing fire fuel and potentially the spread of embers as well.

Together by volunteering, with the Clearing Crew's work behind the resident's property line and the resident working on their property- we do make a difference.

Petra Garren
Volunteer Firewise Clearing Crew Coordinator



The Volunteer Clearing Crew at work!