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Firewise Group
Residents Reducing Wildfire Risks

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July

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

August

August 18, New Resident Orientation, 8:30 am, SCB
August 18, Education/Training Work Group, 1:00 pm; Mesquite Room
August 24, Firewise Group, 1:00 pm, Mesquite Room

Firewise Group Notes

The June 22 Firewise Group Meeting included 8 members, 3 liaisons, and 5 residents.

The following were discussed:

- * Discussed Communicator and NRO Bulletin articles.
- * Topics for the October 5 Town Hall were discussed.
- * Dividing Sun City into 5 communities was discussed.
- * 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 July 27, 2022 at 1 pm in the Mesquite Room in The Oaks.

Home Ignition Zone (HIZ) Numbers

The HIZ completion status:

<u>Month ending</u>	5/25	6/22
Received	1,067	1,067
Completed	1,064	1,066
New requests	3	0
Open	3	1

From The Chair

How hot is it? It's so hot that you can't make a chili dog.

How hot is it? It's so hot that my kite crashed and burned.

How hot is it? It's so hot that farmers are feeding ice to the chickens so they won't lay boiled eggs.

Yes, it is hot outside, and the area is well into a drought and heat wave comparable to 2011.

That's right, we're into the Dog Days of Summer, which is July 3 to August 11. The term "Dog Days" refers to the period where the Northern Hemisphere. In ancient Greece and Rome, the Dog Days were believed to be a time of drought (sound familiar?), bad luck and unrest, when dogs and men alike would be driven mad by the intense heat! Today, such bad imagery isn't brought (continued on page 2)

**Have a
cool, fun, and safe
Summer!!**

Sun City Texas Firewise Web Links

[Web Site](#)
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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

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to mind. The “Dog Days” are associated with the summer’s peak temperatures and humidity.

However, living in Central Texas, we know the season of Summer will last until New Year’s Day. Seriously, the weather seems to change for the better about the third week of October. Anyway, please stay safe and stay hydrated in the heat.

David Hubbell
Firewise Group Chair

Firewise Volunteer Clearing Crew News

The Firewise Clearing Crew is now on “**Siesta Time**”. A well-deserved break for this hard-working crew- especially now that the heat is kicking in! Don’t worry though we’ll be back in September to continue our work.

Petra Garren
Volunteer Firewise Clearing Crew Coordinator

Hazards of Drought Conditions

The Drought Monitor on July 5 shows the Sun City area as being in severe drought to extreme drought. Soaking rains over time are needed to reduce the drought conditions. The late June rainfall had little effect on the drought.

Georgetown Fire Department has been responding to vegetation fires in recent weeks. The difference between a vegetation fire and a wildfire is primarily wind speed. On July 3, a 600 acre fire occurred about 2 miles north of Sun City. It was contained within 3 days.

The dry conditions in Sun City increase the potential for vegetation fires to start. Dry grass and other fine fuels are easy to ignite. Ignition can be as simple as smoking material, automobile exhaust, and many more ignition sources.

Drought Monitor - Texas ([link](#)) is released every Thursday morning.

Vegetation Fires in Sun City

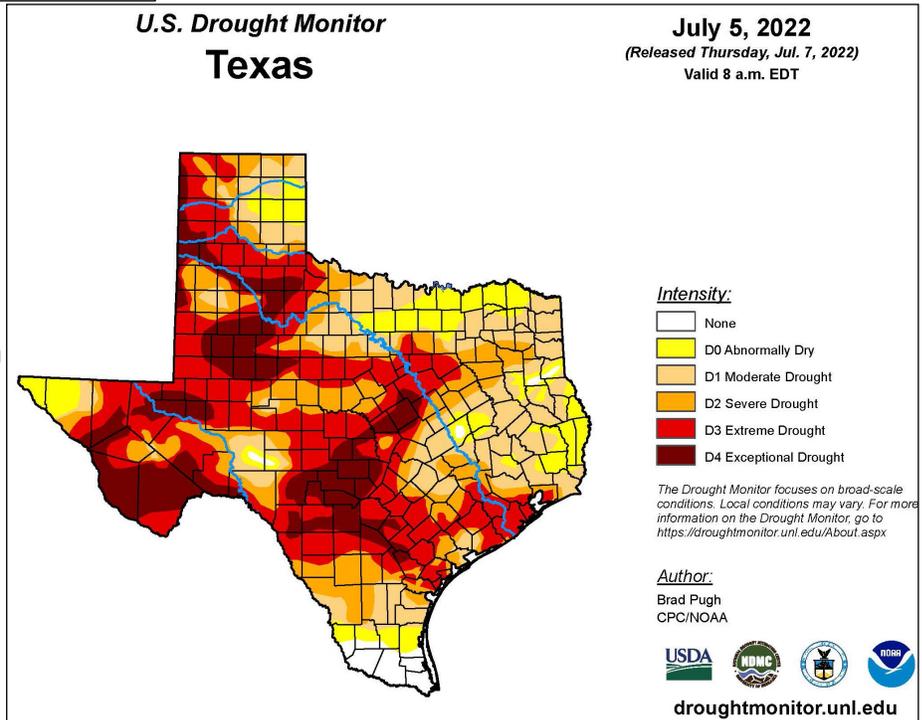
Vegetation fires occurred in 2008 and 2011. Both were small and the vegetation recovered quickly.

The 2008 fire was on the Bonita Loop of Tranquility Trail and covered about 10 acres. Georgetown Fire Department controlled the fire.

The 2011 fire originated near the fifth green of Cowan Creek Golf Course. It reached Cool Springs Way and then crossed McKinney Falls Lane and Cooper Lake Drive. Georgetown Fire Department stopped it before it reached Palmetto Drive.

In 2014, a fire occurred just outside Sun City behind Walgreens. It was about 6 acres in size. The Hacienda Retirement complex is being built in the space.

Sun City currently has about 800 acres of common area with just over 1,000 acres projected at build out. Areas range from about 100 acres to a few thousand square feet.



2022 Major Firewise Events

- New Resident Orientation
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, Adice Room

