

# FIREWISE TRUMPET

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**Sun City Texas**  
**Firewise Group**  
Residents Reducing Wildfire Risks

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## September

September 15, Education/Training Work Group,  
1:00 pm; Mesquite Room  
September 28, Firewise Group, 1:00 pm, Mes-  
quite Room

## October

October 4, Firewise Town Hall, 9:30 am, SCB  
October 20, Education/Training Work Group, 1:00  
pm; Mesquite Room  
October 26, Firewise Group, 1:00 pm, Mesquite  
Room  
October 28, Home Ignition Zone Evaluator Train-  
ing, October 28, 9:00 am, Adice Room

## Firewise Group Notes

- \* The August 24 Firewise Group Meeting includ-  
ed 8 members and 2 liaisons.
  - \* Meeting Notes for previous meetings can be  
found on the web site.
  - \* HIZ Evaluator training was discussed. Revi-  
sions to the HIZ report will be included in the train-  
ing.
  - \* Received an update on the 5 community reor-  
ganization.
  - \* 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 September 28, 2022 at 1 pm in the Mesquite  
Room in The Oaks.

## Home Ignition Zone (HIZ) Numbers

The HIZ completion status:

<u>Month ending</u>	<u>7/27</u>	<u>8/24</u>
Received	1,071	1,074
Completed	1,069	1,072
New requests	4	2
Open	3	2

# Think **Fire** Safety!

## Sun City Texas Firewise Web Links

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

## From The Chair

Well, we survived the heat wave and drought from  
earlier this summer. Even though we have gotten  
some rain, obviously, it has not been enough to  
completely alleviate all of the drought conditions.  
At least, the grass in the area has turned green.  
This will help slow down the potential grass fires  
that have occurred in the recent past and have  
been mentioned in previous publications. I will not  
claim to be a meteorologist, but hopefully, we will  
not see the extreme heat or dry conditions that we  
saw in earlier months. Still, please be careful,  
since the temperatures and humidity are still in  
our forecast. Stay hydrated and safe!

David Hubbell  
Firewise Group Chair

## Our Partners



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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

## Firewise Town Hall - Embers, Fuel Breaks, Fire Breaks, Houses

October 4, 9:30 am, SCB

How do fuel breaks and fire breaks reduce embers, the primary wildfire hazard for Sun City?

Drought and nearby wildfires have gotten the attention of Sun City residents. Extensive research relating to wildfire spread has found that over 80% of structures are ignited by embers from wildfires.

Having fire control preparations using fuel breaks and fire breaks can reduce the danger. These control measures are practiced in Sun City using both.

The resident applies these to their home and the surrounding yard.

Sun City maintains fuel breaks in neighborhoods, golf courses, and other common Sun City areas. There are also fire breaks around houses, community buildings and other areas.

Our Firewise Town Hall this year will explain the difference and function with examples of each.

Texas A&M Forest Service, Georgetown Fire Department, and Georgetown Emergency Management Coordinator will each have a short presentation.

Additionally, we have invited the Emergency Management Committee, COPs (Citizens on Patrol), Property & Grounds Committee, and Wildlife Management Committee to be available to answer questions you might have regarding their function.

## Firewise Volunteer Clearing Crew News

Hooray! The Firewise Clearing Crew is back at work now. The team has re-energized and was roaring to go on our first day back at work. Good thing too, because our first work area returning was a tough one- plenty of Juniper Ash and rocks to go around for everyone. (LOL.) Now that the fire fuel has been reduced, residents in N71 will have more peace of mind with the green space due to our efforts. If you're interested in helping keep our community a Firewise Certified community, go to the CA's Firewise Group website and volunteer. You can help make a difference in our community.

Petra Garren

Volunteer Firewise Clearing Crew Coordinator



The Firewise Clearing Crew- helping to reduce fire fuel in our community.

## Can a cigarette start a Fire? This one did!



### 2022 Major Firewise Events

Firewise Town Hall

October 4, 9:30 am, SCB

Home Ignition Zone Evaluator Training

October 28, 9:00 am, Adice Room

New Resident Orientation

November 17, 8:30, SCB