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

June

June 15, Education/Training Work Group, 1:00 pm; Mesquite Room
June 28, Firewise Group, 1:00 pm, Mesquite Room

Firewise Group Notes

- * The April 26 Firewise Group Meeting was changed to a work session with 8 members and 2 liaisons.. The following were the topics:
- * The May 5 Firewise Appreciation Day was discussed.
- * Training for Neighborhood Firewise Partners was discussed
- * The new display board was reviewed.

The next Firewise Group meeting is scheduled for May 24, 2023 at 1 pm in the Mesquite Room in The Oaks.

Home Ignition Zone (HIZ) Numbers

The HIZ completion status:

Month ending	3/22	4/24
Received	1,093	1,095
Completed	1,091	1,094
New requests	3	1
Open	2	1

From The Chair

There are often events that change what we normally do. That has happened to me and caused a hopefully short term change. I anticipate being able to have a full report next month.

Dan Dodson
Firewise Group Chair

Firewise Group Leadership

Chair - Dan Dodson
Vice-Chair - vacant
Recorder - Judy Whitmore
Webmaster - Melissa Lane
HIZ Coordinator - Doug Lane
Firewise Clearing Crew Coordinator - Petra Garren
Education Coordinator - Dan Dodson
Training Coordinator - Paul Ohlenbusch

Firewise Volunteer Clearing Crew News

Wow, The Firewise Clearing Crew has been extremely busy and productive since our last update! Our work continues with us assisting the CA's crew with pre-area preparation by consolidating the downed limbs in to piles for chipping. We've also tackled a few of the broken limbs and getting it limbed up off the ground.

Residents in these following neighborhoods 16 (2x's),31,30,19 and 17 have expressed their appreciation for our efforts and now have safer area/fuel break near their homes. And not to mention- a great improvement in aesthetics of their natural areas.

Remember to look around the exterior of your homes to see what you can do to help fire mitigation in your neighborhoods. And don't forget to get your hoses hooked up again to allow you quick access if needed, putting out a fire.

We're always looking for volunteers to come and help us on Tuesday mornings. Sign up on the CA's Firewise Group website and we'll get you on the weekly mailing list.

The Crew and I thank you for all for your support.

Petra Garren
Firewise Clearing Crew Coordinator

Our Partners



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**May 5 Firewise Group Appreciation Day
A Quick Recap**

The Firewise Group Appreciation Day was a success! We had 60 people attending. Thirty six were volunteers.

Recognition began with the CA Staff with Jim Romine, Katie Newnam, Jenny Phillips, Carlton Mathis, and Charles Moore.

Our Liaisons from Emergency Management Committee, NRO, and Property & Grounds Committee were recognized.

The first Firewise group recognized was the new Neighborhood Firewise Partners. Training is in the works to help them with their mission.

The Clearing Crew, Home Ignition Zone, Education-Training, and Renewal Work Groups were recognized.

Sponsors for the Community Wildfire Preparedness Day were presented with Certificates of Appreciation. They were Bartlett Tree Experts, Brightview, Homeyer State Farm Insurance, Russell Glass Co., and TCB Quality Landscaping, Inc.

Our outside partners also received Certificates of Appreciation. They were Georgetown Fire Department, Georgetown Office of Emergency Management, and Texas A&M Forest Service.

Thanks to everyone for attending.



Some of the staff and liaison (l-r) were Carlton Mathis, (Common Area & Irrigation Superintendent) Karen Shawhan, Don Shawhan (NRO Liaison), Charles Moore (Water Control & Conservation - L3 - L4 Maintenance), and Duane Murray (P&G Liaison).



Before the meal and program folks visited.

Thanks to All Who Helped

The Firewise Group wishes to thank the CA Staff, Firewise volunteers, sponsors and agencies for their help and support over the years.

Firewise is in its 15th year of maintaining Sun City Texas as a Firewise Community in good standing to protect people, property and natural resources from wildfires **BEFORE THEY START!**

We look forward to continuing the work.

Jim Romine, Executive Director, thanked everyone for their work with the Firewise Group.

He indicated Sun City is unique with an organization promoting the Firewise concept.



Lunch was provided by the Community Association. Thank you!



2023 Firewise Events
 May 18, New Resident Orientation, 8:30am, SCB
 October 10, 9:30 am, Firewise Town Hall, SCB
 October 27, 9:00 am, Home Ignition Zone Evaluator Training, Andice Room

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David Hubbell presents Matt Tabola, Bartlett Tree Experts, with a certificate.



David Hubbell presents Garrett Williams, Brightview, with a certificate.



David Hubbell presents Bill Mateja with certificates for Homeyer State Farm Insurance and Russell Glass Co.

The Firewise Group presented Certificates of Appreciation to companies and agencies for their continuing support.

Photos by Petra Garren



David Hubbell presents the TCB Quality Landscape, Inc. cert with a certificate to Carlton Mathis for dedlivery.



David Hubbell presents Assistant Chief Clay Shell with certificates for Georgetown Fire Department and Georgetown Office of Emergency Management.



David Hubbell presents Walter Flocke, Texas A&M Forest Service, with a certificate.