



My Firewise

Community Information

Community ID: 00640 Community: Sun City Texas Community Association
City/Town: Georgetown State: TX
Original Application Date: 12/15/2009 Total Residents: 9810

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Annual Investments

Year	Amount	Number of Residents
2009	\$448,042	9810
2010	\$4,645,925	11232
2011	\$4,167,709	10972
Total Investments	\$9,261,676	

Firewise Event Information - Add Firewise Event

Date	Description
10/20/2011	Reviewed Firewise Program and explained how wildfires could affect Sun City, 427 plus TV audience. Similar event held in January 2011.
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06/09/2010	The June 9 Town Hall meeting in the Sun City Social Center Ballroom was attended by approximately 100 people plus those viewing on the community cable channel. Current activities and plans were reviewed.
08/13/2009	August 13, 2009, 1 pm. Presentation to the SCTX Board of Directors explaining how Firewise Will benefit SCTXCA and requesting to apply for certification.

Sun City Texas by Del Webb **Sun City Texas Community Association**

Sun City Texas, a Pulte/Del Webb development, is located within the Georgetown, Texas city limits, 5.5 miles from Interstate 35 on Williams Drive. Sun City Texas is an urban community with wild land vegetation (juniper, hardwood, and native grasses) in the parks, open spaces and adjacent properties. When built out, Sun City Texas will have 7,500 homes on 4,100 acres. As of November 30, 2011, there are 6,069 homes with a Sun City population of 10,972 residents with an estimated population of over 13,000 at build out. Sun City is presently the largest Home Owners Association as a Certified Firewise Community in Texas.

The CA (Community Association) is responsible for the management of all non-residence property guided by a set of maintenance classifications levels including karst protection areas with endangered species. Three golf courses are under the control of the CA. Firewise is working with the CA, Property and Grounds Governance Committee, and Golf Governance Committee to reduce the potential for wildfires in Sun City.

Two creeks, Berry and Cowan, have hardwood and cedar trees in the flood plain. The presence of Ashe Juniper (cedar) trees, an invasive native, poses a fire hazard along with the collection of flood debris following the 2010 flood which increases the wildfire hazard. Selective removal of the Ashe juniper and flood debris will reduce the wildfire and flooding hazard.

Sun City has 740 Landscaped Maintained Homes managed by the CA. The lawns, beds, and trees are maintained under a contract with the CA. Working with the CA Staff and the Landscaped Maintained Homes Governance Committee, the application of Firewise principles are continuing.

The Residential Plan will rely heavily on providing information to community residents and to encourage the management of defensible spaces around their homes. This will include presentations and participation at events such as CA Quarterly Update, special town halls, New Homeowners Orientation, clubs, community events, and neighborhood meetings.

2011 Accomplishments

The Sun City Firewise Group took advantage of the drought and large wildfires in the Austin-Bastrop area to promote Firewise principles and practices in Sun City. Combining the wildfires in the area and Ashe juniper trees dying mid-summer near houses brought the potential of wildfires in or near Sun City as a potential. We had a flurry of volunteers and increased activities for all our programs.

Sun City Texas obtained Firewise Certification for 2010. The Sun City Texas Firewise Group is a subcommittee of the Sun City Emergency Management Committee. As a result of Certification the Community Association's Property Insurance premium was reduced by 15%. The residents of Sun City were requested to supply information in a survey and the results are in Table 1 and Table 2. The Sun City Community Association Staff provided support to Firewise projects including managing the volunteer vine/cedar cutting program and for Firewise maintenance related to mowing of Level 3 areas and flood debris removal.

The Firewise Group and its subcommittees provided 1,458 volunteer hours to manage the program. In addition, volunteers conducted 281 Home Ignition Zone Assessments providing 600 hours. The Firewise volunteer time represents over 61 equivalent 40-hour weeks.

Two publications for residents, an article for the monthly *Sun Rays* resident magazine, and an article about Firewise in *Community Association Living*, a publication of the Community Association Institute-Austin Chapter were produced by the group. Additional information items were produced for the weekly *CA Communnucator*.

The Sun City Texas Community Association Board of Directors approved an additional full time employee in the 2012 budget for Ashe juniper removal plus an additional \$250,000 was earmarked for equipment and contractor removal of flood debris. This operation will continue to benefit Firewise plus reducing the flooding potential while improving wildlife habitat.

As part of the process to make residents aware of the importance of earning a Firewise Certification and explaining the Firewise Mission several briefings were given to Sun City neighborhoods. Two Firewise Town Hall meetings were held and a new display was developed and used at four Community Association meetings, four New Home Owners Orientation meetings, and two Emergency Management Town Hall meetings. Three Subcommittees were implemented to carry out Firewise functions and 2 are being combined. During 2011, over 60 new volunteers were recruited for Firewise. These Subcommittees are:

- Education Plan
- Home Ignition Zone Assessment Program
- Community Wildfire Protection and Re-certification Process Group
- Volunteer Vine and Cedar Cutting Program (managed by CA Staff)

Forty nine volunteers were trained in three sessions for the Firewise Home Ignition Zone Assessment Program. A total of 51 trained Home Ignition Zone Assessment Evaluators are currently active. A Firewise Neighborhood Team Program has been developed and is being promoted. The Firewise Group is working with landscape service providers to help them understand Firewise landscaping.

2012 Goals

- Develop re-certification materials for 2012.
- Continue development of Firewise Neighborhood Teams.
- Distribute information to the neighborhoods.
- Continue training for the Home Ignition Zone Assessment Program and landscape service providers.
- Explain Home Ignition Zone Assessment Procedures to the resident and neighborhoods.

Table 1. The hours and costs contributed by homeowners, volunteers, and CA Staff to Firewise in the survey.

<u>item</u>	<u>hours</u>	<u>spent</u>
maintenance by homeowners	89,948	\$951,283
homeowners made changes	3,981	\$199,810
Landscape Maintained Homes	--	\$897,000
Home Ignition Zone Assessments	419	--
Firewise volunteers	1,458	--
Vine/Cedar cutting volunteers	600	--
Community Association		
Creek Clearing crew	--	\$44,800
Staff and Contractor Work	--	\$15,605
Totals	96,406	\$2,108,498

Table 2. The response of homeowners to questions ask in the survey.

<u>question</u>	<u>yes</u>
Have you had a Home Ignition Zone Assessment made on your home?	15%
Were you aware that Sun City was a Certified Firewise Community?	84%
Have you attended a Firewise Town Hall or watched on Channel 79?	27%

- Continue working with Governance Committees such as Property and Grounds, Golf, and Wildlife Management together with the golf course management.
- Continue to complete and expand 2011 accomplishments as appropriate.

With your help, we can do our part to maintain our Firewise certification, making each of us safer and as a side benefit, reducing our community insurance costs.

Request a Firewise Home Ignition Zone Assessment if you are not sure how safe your house is. Sign up as a Vine/Cedar cutting volunteer on the Firewise web site or at the Monitors Desk.

For help with finding a landscape company, check the Vendor Notebook at the Monitor Desk in the Social Center and Cowan Creek Amenity Center.



Want to help with making Sun City safer from wildfire. Sign up as a Vine/Cedar cutting volunteer on the Firewise web site or at the Monitors Desk.

Prepared for the Sun City Firewise Group

- Emergency Management Committee
- Modifications Committee
- Property and Grounds Committee
- Wildlife Management Committee
- Community Association Staff

Being Firewise Around Your Home



In 2009, Sun City Texas earned the status of Certified Firewise Community, a voluntary program administered through the Texas Forest Service. The receipt of this certification saved the community 15% on property insurance premium costs in 2010. The Firewise approach is designed to supplement the services of the Georgetown Fire Department by involving homeowners in the effort to protect people, their property and our natural resources from wild fires or yard fires. A Firewise Community includes a resident effort to provide and maintain an environment around your home that is based on safer design and landscaping.



Wildfires up to one mile from your house can produce embers that may fall on your property.

What Does Firewise Do?

Firewise is a two part program. First, each resident can assist by reducing fire risk on their own property even if living in a maintained home. We don't want our own homes to contribute to the spread of a wildfire. Second, the Community Association staff leads the effort to manage the common or green space area maintenance. Included is the removal or pruning of vines and ash juniper or cedar. Volunteer opportunities exist for residents to help the CA landscape staff with vine and ash juniper removal.

How Can You Help?

When landscaping initially or replacing shrubbery, choose plants that:

- ! Have little accumulation of dead material/litter/debris
- ! Are non-resinous and have low oil content
- ! Have open, loose branching
- ! Are drought resistant
- ! Hold high moisture content in their leaves
- ! Are easy to maintain and prune

Upright rosemary, pampas grass, yaupon holly and similar plants are ignitable and should be at least 3 feet from the house. A list of recommended plants is available.

Here is a checklist of some of the things needed to create a Firewise residence:

- ◇ Mow the lawn regularly.
- ◇ Keep the hedges and other plants trimmed. Shrubs should not touch the wall.
- ◇ Keep gutters clear of leaf litter and debris to protect the roof.
- ◇ Prune tree branches so the lowest one is at least 6 feet off the ground, inhibiting the spread of fire from the ground.
- ◇ Please do not take grass clippings or branches from your yard and dispose of them in common areas.



Plants should be trimmed away from the walls.



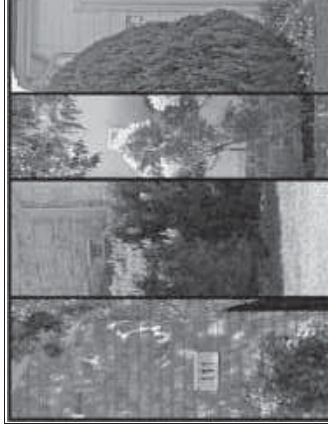
Keep leaves away from all wood surfaces around the house.

◇ Reduce fuel around the exterior of your house in any way possible.

◇ Keep a garden hose by each outdoor faucet.

◇ Trellises are not the best idea but if you have one or more, keep the vines away from the eaves.

◇ House numbers should be visible.



Make sure your house numbers are visible.



Plants on trellises can provide a "ladder" for fire to reach the eaves.



Rosemary and similar plants should be planted at least 3 feet from the house and definitely not under windows.



Keep tree limbs 4-6 feet above the roof if possible.

Do not plant near the foundation:

Common Name	Scientific Name	deer
Agarito	<i>Mahonia trifoliolata</i>	H
Ornamental Grasses	(native & non-native)	H
Possumhaw Holly	<i>Ilex decidua</i>	M
Yaupon Holly	<i>Ilex vomitoria</i>	M

AVOID the following:

Common Name	Scientific Name	deer
Baldcypress	<i>Taxodium distichum</i>	M
	(& <i>Montezuma - mucronatum</i>)	
Juniper (Cedar)	<i>Juniperus</i> (native & non-native)	H
Pampas grass	<i>Cortaderia selloana</i>	H
Pine	<i>Pinus</i> (native & non-native)	H
Upright rosemary	<i>Rosmarinus officinalis</i> (all varieties)	H

References: *Texas Parks & Wildlife's 'Passport to Texas – Fire-wise Landscaping' and 'Wildscapes – Plant Guidance for Edwards Plateau' Deer Resistance – www.wildflower.org/explore*

For help with finding a landscape company, check the Vendor Notebook at the Monitor Desk in the Social Center and Cowan Creek Amenity Center.



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Prepared by Members of the Firewise Group

FireWise Landscaping Plants



There is no such thing as a “fireproof” landscape (unless it is completely covered in concrete), but there are landscapes that are “Firewise” and can help prevent the spread of fire damage.

General concepts to keep in mind when choosing and planting Fire-Wise species are:

A plant’s moisture content is the single most important factor governing its volatility. However, oil and resin content plus other factors in some species render them flammable even when the plant is well-watered.

1. Deciduous plants tend to be more fire resistant because their leaves have higher moisture content and their basic chemistry is less flammable. When deciduous trees are dormant, there is less fuel to carry fire through their canopies.
2. In some cases, there is a strong correlation between drought tolerance and fire resistance. For example, a plant may shed its leaves or needles during extreme drought. Other drought-tolerant species may have smaller leaves or thick, succulent leaves. These plants offer less fuel or have a higher moisture content, both of which help reduce fire hazard.
3. During extended periods of drought, when the risk of wildfires is highest, your plant choices and their placement in the landscape could make your home vulnerable to fire damage.

4. While we do want to encourage the use of shrubs and brush around the home, we don’t want to encourage it right up against the home. Especially things that are extremely flammable.

5. Consider the following when choosing plants and laying out landscaping:

- ! Plants that’s have a higher water content.
- ! Plants that don’t tend to take fire from the ground towards windows or the roof, because these are



Plants should be planted and trimmed away from the house.

the sensitive area in our homes.

- ! Avoid tall grasses like Pampas grass, because they have a tendency to dry out and become easily ignitable.
- ! Use the areas near your house for your hard scapes like rocks, fountains and walkways. These are a good barrier that the fire has difficulty jumping, unless you get high winds (forty mile per hour or higher).
- ! Mulch to conserve moisture and reduce weed growth. Mulch can be organic (wood chips or small bark pieces) or inorganic (gravel or rock). Avoid pine bark, pine needles, or other materials that can easily carry fire.

Plants marked with * on the Design Guidelines pre-approved list.

Deer resistance (*deer' column) - N=none, M=medium, H= high

Recommended large hardwood trees:

Common Name	Scientific Name	deer
Maple, Big-toothed or Red Mexican Sycamore	<i>Acer grandidentatum</i> or <i>A. rubrum</i> <i>Platanus mexicana</i>	N H
Oak	<i>Quercus</i> (Post-stellata, Texas Red-texana, Shumard-shumardii)*	N
Pecan	<i>Carya illinoensis</i>	N
Plateau Black cherry	<i>Prunus serotina</i> var. <i>eximia</i>	N
Sugar Hackberry*	<i>Celtis laevigata</i>	M
Texas Ash*	<i>Fraxinus texensis</i>	N
Texas Pistache	<i>Pistacia texana</i>	M
Sycamore	<i>Platanus occidentalis</i>	H
Walnut, Black or Texas	<i>Juglans nigra</i> or <i>microcarpa</i>	N

Medium-sized trees could include:

Common Name	Scientific Name	deer
Mexican Buckeye*	<i>Unguadia speciosa</i>	M
Mexican Plum*	<i>Prunus mexicana</i>	N
Mexican redbud*	<i>Cercis canadensis</i> var. <i>mexicana</i>	M
Roughleaf Dogwood - Texas persimmon - Texas redbud* - Western soapberry -	<i>Cornus drummondii</i> <i>Diospyros texana</i> <i>Cercis canadensis</i> var. <i>texensis</i> <i>Sapindus drummondii</i>	N M M H

Recommended small trees/shrubs are:

Common Name	Scientific Name	deer
American beautyberry	<i>Callicarpa americana</i>	N
Anacacho Orchid	<i>Bauhinia congexsta</i>	H
Black Dalea	<i>Dalea frutescens</i>	M
Dessert Willow	<i>Chilopsis linearis</i>	M
Elbowbush	<i>Forestiera pubescens</i> var. <i>pubescens</i>	M
Esperanza (Yellow bells)	<i>Tecoma stans</i>	M
Evergreen Sumac	<i>Rhus virens</i>	M
Fragrant Sumac	<i>Rhus trilobata</i> (<i>R. aromatica</i>)	M
Flame Acanthus	<i>Anisacanthus quadrifidus</i> var. <i>wrightii</i>	H
Texas Mountain Laurel	<i>Sophora secundiflora</i>	H

Recommended herbaceous perennials:

Common Name	Scientific Name	deer
Black-eyed Susan	<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>	H
Blanketflower	<i>Gaillardia x grandiflora</i> (some Native)	M
Butterflyweed	<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	H
Columbine	<i>Aquilegia</i> (some Native)	M
Coreopsis - perennial species	<i>Coreopsis</i>	M
Englemann daisy	<i>Engelmannia peristenia</i>	N
Fleabane	<i>Erigeron</i> (some Native)	M
Lantana	<i>Lantana horrida</i> (some Native)	H
Lupine	<i>Lupinus</i> (some Native)	M
Primrose	<i>Oenothera</i> (some Native)	N
Penstemon	<i>Penstemon</i> (some Native)	N
Salvia, Sage	<i>Salvia</i> (some Native)	H
Shrubby boneset	<i>Ageratina havanensis</i>	M
Skullcap	<i>Scutellaria</i> (some Native)	H
Turk's cap	<i>Malva viscus arboreus</i> var. <i>drummondii</i>	M
Yarrow	<i>Achillea</i> (some Native)	H

Also Recommended:

Common Name	Scientific Name	deer
Agave	<i>Agave</i> (some Native)	H
Cactus	<i>Cactaceae</i> (some Native)	H
Nolina	<i>Nolinaceae</i> (some Native)	H
Yucca	<i>Yucca</i> (some Native)	H

Firewise and Home Ignition Zone Assessments

Prepared for the Firewise Group by Dan Dodson, Bill Cates, Paul Ohlenbusch



Firewise is a national program to promote awareness of the potential damage that wildfires can do. It provides recommendations for taking positive steps

to improve a homeowner's ability to prevent or reduce damage from a wildfire should it intrude on Sun City. These recommendations also can apply to yard fires which can occur in Sun City.

Research shows the chances are lot of your home catching fire from radiation heat. Radiation heat is what you feel on your hands, for example, from a campfire. If a fire is hot enough and close enough, any combustible material will ignite from radiation. The key words are "Close" and "Hot". To be hot enough for radiation combustion, the fire must be a crown fire (the upper part of all the trees are burning). A grass fire, even with an occasional tree, usually doesn't have enough fuel to get hot enough for radiation combustion if there is at least 30 feet between the structure and tall grass. So, if there is enough space between your house and a wooded area, you will probably not experience heat radiation combustion. In most cases, houses in Sun City have the desired separation.

Sun City's major concern is airborne embers from a wildfire as far away as one mile. Within Sun City, almost 20% of the area is native grasslands and trees. The presence of the native areas presents a constant possibility of a wildfire starting. Our golf courses, walking trails, streets, and yards provide the areas where fires can start. A wildfire can start from a careless cigarette, a metal lawn tool hitting concrete or rock, or a vehicle on the side of the street with the hot motor running. Dry grass anywhere, including our yards, is a source for a wildfire. We could also be affected by fires beginning in subdivisions and rangeland surrounding us.

A tree of major concern is Ashe Juniper or Cedar. This tree is flammable and burns because it contains oils, producing a hot fire. It is a major source of burning embers or firebrands. All fires, even relatively cool ones, generate lots of embers. They rise with the heat produced in the fire and are carried away from the fire by the wind. These burning embers can start additional fires. Barriers such as a street or a river do not stop these additional fires. Thus, even a house two blocks from a wildfire can ignite from the burning embers if the embers land in a fuel source.

Our Sun City Texas Firewise Group offers a Home Ignition Zone Assessment to identify areas around your house where embers could start a fire. The good news is that even here we are relatively safe from the major risk areas. Nationally, the biggest risk is that embers catch the roof on fire. Our risk is minimized, as most roofs in Sun City are non-combustible composite shingles. The second biggest national risk is wood siding or decks. That risk is rare in Sun City. We are primarily concerned with the little things, such as leaves in the gutters, plants that can burn planted too close to the house, and combustible debris against the house. The Home Ignition Zone Assessment is designed to find and alert you about these risks.

If you would like to have a Home Ignition Zone Assessment (HIZA) conducted for your home, go to the Monitor's Desk in the Social Center or Cowan Creek Amenity Center and com-

plete the HIZA request form. You can also visit the Sun City Web Portal. Navigate to CA Board... > Committees & Task Forces > Emergency Management Committee > Firewise > Request HIZ Assessment. Provide the requested information and submit the request. You will be contacted by an HIZ Assessment team member to schedule the assessment.

Working together, we can reduce the odds of having a fire begin from these sources in Sun City.

Is Your "Grab and Go Bag" Packed?

Submitted by Meg Johnson, Emergency Management Committee Member



We know from recent experiences that Sun City is certainly not immune to tragedy striking our community. A few months ago, several of our residents were evacuated from their homes due to a hazardous chemical spill on Del Webb Boulevard. Many residents spent the next eight hours at the EMC temporary shelter in the Ballroom. It's been nearly a year since the flash flood of September 2010...folks were without a home for weeks, even months. And, what about the grass fire along Cool Springs Way near the Cowan Creek bridge this spring...that was a frightening experience for residents. The quick response of the Georgetown Fire Department was certainly appreciated!

If a disaster comes your way, are you prepared? One of the easiest things you can do to help in this stressful situation is to pack a "Grab and Go" bag long before the disaster is at your door. Below, you will find a list of a few items to consider prepacking:

- Identification
- Flashlight and batteries
- Important phone numbers
- Copies of important papers
- Personal hygiene products
- Portable radio and batteries
- Water and high calorie food bars
- Don't forget a list of all the other items to "grab and add" at the last minute
- A change of clothes/shoes
- Cash
- Medical history
- First aid kit
- Pet supplies

Want more information about preparing yourself, your family, and your pets for emergency situations...head to the 2011-2012 Sun City Texas Resource Guide and Directory (pages 86-91) and review the EMC Pamphlet! It will give you valuable, detailed information and instructions...everything from "Medical Emergencies, Knox Box info, Medical Information Forms, Evacuation Procedures and Kits, First Aid Kits, Pet Disaster care, Thunderstorms, Floods, Hurricanes, Tomados, Power Outages, Heat and Freezing Weather Emergencies, Fire, Carbon Monoxide, and Terrorism". Finally, you'll find a terrific list of emergency related phone numbers and websites! So, take a look and get "emergency ready"...it could save your life!

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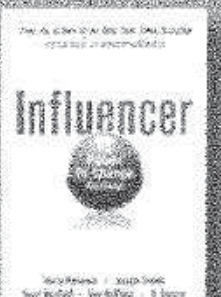
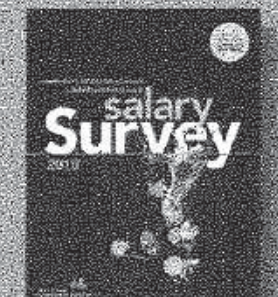
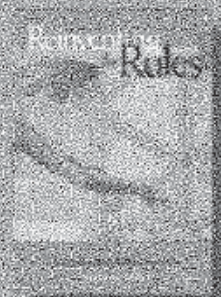
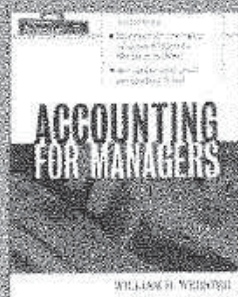
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FIREWISE COMMUNITY CERTIFICATION

BEFORE A FIRE STARTS

by Jim Romine, CMCA, PCAM



Sun City Texas is the largest HOA in the State of Texas with this designation and takes the protection of its residents and community very seriously. Its goal is to use a collaborative approach to help protect life, property and natural resources through community-based planning - before a fire starts!

The Firewise Community Certification program is administered through the Texas Forest Service and is designed to reach beyond the services of the local fire department by involving homeowners, community leaders and others in the effort to protect people, property and natural resources from the risk of wildland fire - before a fire starts. The Firewise Community approach emphasizes community responsibility for the planning and design of a safe com-

munity as well as effective emergency responses. This includes individual's responsibility for the environment around their home, neighborhood and community through safer design, landscaping and maintenance.

For example, Sun City Texas made the decision to move toward becoming a Certified Firewise Community. This effort was the result of a proposal in 2008 from our Habitat Management Subcommittee of the Wildlife Management Committee. It emphasized, among many things, the need for better maintenance of our natural areas to mitigate the chance of a wild land fire. In 2009, representatives of four advisory committees applied for and obtained this certification. The Firewise Group is comprised of representatives from Emergency Management, Modifications, Property and Grounds, and Wildlife Management Committees, Staff and the local fire department and

is part of the Sun City Texas Emergency Management Committee.

WHAT DOES FIREWISE DO?

Firewise is a two level program intended first to provide public education on defensible space and landscaping, and second to focus on reducing fuels in the open areas around residences and throughout the community. Each level has unique opportunities and overlaps that combine to protect people, property and natural resources from the risk of wildfire ignition.

PUBLIC EDUCATION ON DEFENSIBLE SPACE AND LANDSCAPING

Each homeowner can reduce the potential of fire damage to their property through routine chores such as keeping landscaping vegetation low under all windows, removing dead debris from under and around plants, keeping gutters clear of leaf litter and keeping their grass mowed regularly. A special concern is to avoid placing highly flammable plant material such as rosemary and pampas grass next to a structure, especially next to any wooden attachments and under the eaves. Additionally, each resident is encouraged to have a wildfire evacuation plan and an Emergency/Evacuation Kit. Support and literature is provided by the Emergency Management Committee to help our residents achieve these goals.

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REDUCE FUELS IN THE OPEN AREAS THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY

A focus on fuel reduction is key in areas where vegetation abuts the residence property line and our native common areas. The goal is to remove down dead wood and prune dead wood from trees, remove all brush piles, enforce non-disposal of yard cuttings and clippings in open areas, (which is prohibited by our declarations), and remove cedars or prune them up from the ground 5'-6' in the vicinity of residence property lines. We have worked with the local fire department to define access routes through and to the large tracks of open native areas for fire truck equipment in the event of a wildfire.

Sun City's current mowing program includes keeping native grasses and wildflowers mowed in summer, winter and during drought. Additionally, in these native areas we are identifying hardwood trees and removing cedar growth under and around them, pruning old cedars up from the bottom by removing the deadwood and maintaining the open areas by removing new growth cedar. As a Firewise Community, we have developed a Community Wildfire Protection Plan which is a tool for emergency mitigation planning to meet Firewise requirements.

2011 will be our second year as a Firewise Community and we are very proud to have this program in place. Sun City Texas is actively working to recruit resident volunteers to assist in this program. As with most communities, our volunteers are wonderful and our success in many functions is directly attributed to their positive involvement in their community. The association continues to plan educational programs for the year to enhance our resident's awareness and support of our Firewise certification and how important this program is to our community. For information about Firewise visit www.Firewise.org.

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