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Firewise Group Notes

The April 28 Firewise Group Meeting was a virtual meeting. There were 7 Firewise members and 2 liaisons present.

The Education/Training Group will develop articles for the Sun Rays, Communicator and NRO Bulletin. The Town Hall is scheduled for October 5. The Education/Training Work Group meeting time has been changed to 1 pm in the Mesquite Room for 2021.

The next scheduled HIZ Training is October 29. A special HIZ training is being developed since there are 3 people on the waiting list.

Petra Garren reported the clearing crew is working as often as possible. See page 2.

The role of Neighborhood Firewise Reps was discussed.

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

The next Firewise Group meeting is scheduled for May 26 with in the Mesquite Room, 301 Del Webb Blvd.

Sun City Texas Firewise Web Links

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

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May

May 20, Education Work Group, **1:00 pm, Mesquite Room**

May 26, Firewise Group Meeting, 1:00 pm, **Mesquite Room**

June

June 17, Education Work Group, 1:00 pm, Mesquite Room

June 23 Firewise Group Meeting, 1:00 pm, Mesquite Room

Home Ignition Zone (HIZ) Numbers

The HIZ completion status:

Month ending	3/24	4/28
Received	1,037	1,037
New requests	0	3
Completed	991	991
Open	46	49

Upcoming Events

Firewise Town Hall October 5, 9:30 am, SCB
Home Ignition Zone Evaluator Training, October 29, 9:00 am.

From The Chair

Greetings. The FireWise Group Meeting was held virtually on Wednesday, April 28, 2021.

The Education/Training Work Group meets monthly. Dan Dodson reported that the group is reviewing the possibility of submission of forms via the website.

The date for the FireWise Group Town Hall is set for October 5, 2021. The date for the next HIZ evaluator training has been set for October 29, 2021. The possibility of having the training earlier was discussed since there are three people waiting to be trained.

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Firewise Group Leadership

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

From The Chair (continued)

Paul Ohlenbusch reported that data is currently being accumulated for the renewal process that begins in September.

Petra Garren reported that the clearing crew only worked four days out of nine possible days due to weather or the CA maintenance crew being busy with cleanup of the grounds due to the recent storms. They expect to get started May 4.

Efforts are being made to address and update the evaluation requests. HIZ evaluations are limited to homes. Requests for evaluating Level 3 go directly to Carlton Mathis, Common Area & Irrigation Superintendent

Ideas are being discussed about "how to get the word out" about the FireWise Group. Some possibilities being discussed include attendance of the Neighborhood Representative Organization (NRO) meetings.

Lastly, Paul Ohlenbusch mentioned the website tracks the drought situation in the country. The [website](#) is updated on Thursdays.

Have a great and safe month.

David Hubbell, Chair

Firewise Volunteer Clearing Crew News

It has been an extremely slow time for the Clearing Crew this past month. The CA Grounds Crew has been busy clearing areas around our community after the February freeze. Then with all the rain we are in a "holding pattern". But fortunately, as of 4 May, we are able to assist in removing Willow Baccharis and the yard debris in a major drainage ditch in N58 to reduce flooding and debris build up.

Interesting facts to share with you. As of March we were only able to work 4 of the 9 possible Clearing workdays. Of 5 resident requests to review the Level 3 areas behind their homes, the CA and/or the Brightview Contractor had already taken care of 4 of them. (Great jobs guys!)

Remember there are things you can do to help keep debris from becoming fire fuel. Don't put yard debris in the common area.

If you have a concern about the common area behind your home please contact the CA Water, Native Areas, & Landscape Superintendent.

Stay safe.

Petra Garren, Firewise Volunteer Clearing Crew Coordinator

The Firewise Displays!



The 2016 display



The 2018 display currently in use.

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What is Available on the Firewise Web Page

Request Forms

Volunteer Form

Home Ignition Zone Evaluation Request

Publications

What Is Firewise

Sun City and Firewise Ignition Zones

Being Firewise Around Your Home

Firewise Tree Trimming Guidelines

2021 Landscape Service Providers

Understanding Ashe Juniper (Cedar) in Sun City

SCT Firewise Plant List

Firewise Trained Landscape Companies

Historical

Sun City Texas Firewise Renewal

Firewise USA

Prepare Your Home for Wildfires

Texas A&M Forest Service

Ready Set Go

Firewise Group Meeting Notes

Trumpet Newsletter

Photo Albums

Videos - Town Hall

Firewise Presentations