

From The Chair

The SUN CITY FIREWISE GROUP held a Town Hall on October 8. This was during the week of October 6-12 which was Fire Prevention Week as a NFPA campaign.

The National Fire Protection Association reflects the date in history of the great Chicago fire of 1871. NFPA wants to raise awareness for fire safety. Sun City FIREWISE Group holds the annual Town Hall with that aim. The video of the 2024 Meeting will be posted.

Fire departments across the U.S. provide education for fire safety and encourage families to practice fire prevention. Households can practice fire drills, escape plans and designated meeting places after they have gotten out of the house. Captain Eric Lambert of Georgetown Fire Department gave a speech about smoke alarms. Top points are:

- * to check the test button plus replace the batteries at least annually.
- * replace smoke alarms every 10 years or according to the manufacture’s guideline.
- * Be careful how electric extension cords are used.
- * Replace damaged cords/holiday lights.

Holiday cooking season is upon us. Think about fire safety this season.

Mark Marino
Firewise Group Chair

Firewise Partners Corner

This month, the information in From the Chair (above) is good to promote the holidays! Consider urging your neighbors to be aware of the items.



November 28

Upcoming Events

October 8, 2024, Tuesday, 9:30a, Firewise Town Hall, SCB
October 25, Friday - Home Ignition Zone Evaluator Training and Review, 9:00a-12:00p, Andice Room

Our Partners



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November

No meetings!

November 14 - Meet Your Community Welcome Day, 8:30a, SCB

December

September 4 - Firewise Group Meeting, 1:00p, Mesquite Room/The Oaks

January

January 16 - Education-Training Work Group, 1:00p, Mesquite Room/The Oaks

January 22 - Firewise Group Meeting, 1:00p, Mesquite Room/The Oaks

Firewise Volunteer Clearing Crew News

Ever wonder who those folks are behind your homes, in an open area, or in a ditch? The ones removing Juniper/Cedar, low hanging limbs, dead trees/limbs/bush on the ground, picking up trash and other things? Those hard-working folks are fellow residents who have volunteered to keep our community “Firewise Safe”.

Consider volunteering to help make a difference. Go to the Firewise Group’s homepage and click on Volunteer.

Looking forward to having you join us.
Petra Garen
Firewise Clearing Crew Coordinator



Part of the October crew!

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Firewise Town Hall

The town hall was held on October 8 with about 70 residents and guests present. The Topic was:

Does Firewise Work? It's up to YOU!

The program included a review of history, role, and information provided by Firewise USA and Texas A&M Forest Service.

Captain Eric Lambert, Georgetown Fire Department, discussed their role and services to Sun City. The department had some apparatus and equipment available plus information.

Zac Seith, Director of Golf & Agronomy, discussed the Maintenance Level 3 fuel break mowing and recognized the native area crew.

Paul Ohlenbusch, Firewise Training Coordinator, reviewed the Firewise services available as well as some of the common items the embers could ignite homes.

Information tables were available from Firewise, Emergency Management COPs, Property & Grounds, Wildlife Management, and Georgetown Fire Department.

Thank you to everyone who came. A big **THANK YOU** to the Firewise volunteers who helped make the town hall a success!



Captain Lambert, GFD, reviewing their services.



Zac Seith complemented the CA Native Area Crew.



Paul Ohlenbusch reviewed what Firewise does in Sun City.

Town Hall Video
Click here



The Firewise table with the new cover!

Firewise Group Meeting Notes

The October 23 Firewise Group Meeting was attended by 9 members and 1 liaison.

The items covered were:

- * review of town hall
- * review of HIZ training
- * election of officers at December meeting
- * Meeting Notes for this and previous meetings can be found on the [web site](#).

The next Firewise Group meeting will be December 4, 2024 at 1 pm in the Mesquite Room.

Home Ignition Zone (HIZ) Numbers

As of:	9/24	10/23
Received	1,148	1,151
Completed	1,147	1,149
New requests	1	3
Open	1	2

November Holidays

- 1-2 Dios Los Muertos
- 3 Fall back-time change
- 5 Election day
- 7 Cancer Awareness Day
- 11 Veteran's Day

Sun City Texas Firewise Web Links

- [Web Site](#)
- [Meeting Notes](#)
- [Current Publications](#)
- [Home Ignition Zone Evaluation](#)
- [Annual Renewal Documents](#)
- [2023 Town Hall video](#)
- [Landscape Vendor Service Provider list](#)

Upcoming Events

- January 31, 2025, Landscape Vendor Training
- May 9, 2025, Community Wildfire Preparedness & Appreciation Day

Firewise Group Leadership

- Chair - Mark Marino
- Vice-Chair - Pete Mollidor
- Recorder - Cheryl Taylor
- Webmaster - Melissa Lane
- HIZ Coordinator - Paul Ohlenbusch
- Firewise Clearing Crew Coordinator - Petra Garren
- Education Coordinator - Dan Dodson
- Training Coordinator - Paul Ohlenbusch