

From The Chair

It's the Holiday time and this photo is the Christmas tree at the Texas Drive Social Center lobby. The items I've placed under the tree are safety points I'd like to share.



For the electrical items that you will use to decorate:

- Consider using new electrical cords that are designed and rated to be used outdoors for the decorations. Replace old and or frayed cords. New ones are a safer way to go.

- Did you know that the City of Georgetown has a recycle bin at Cowan Creek Pavilion for Christmas string lights you no longer want?

Emergency items to put out flames:

- Starting from the left, the fire extinguisher is from my old car as my fire safety device. Once used it can be place by buying a new one at Walmart, Home Depot, or area hardware stores.

- Advice I received when doing engine work, use a wet T-shirt. No, Boys, don't think that. You can drop a wet cloth on a flame instead of your shirt. Use an old one or pick up one at Dollar General for \$20. Also, in hardware stores look for OVER & OUT; fireproof cloth is not as scary as aiming and using a trigger.

- A foam spray can be like one used in RVs. (That big red can spews powder everywhere, making a mess to clean. Reminds me of foaming the airstrip for a plane in trouble.)

- Cheapo's like me... Keep a box of baking soda by your range.

Consider buying a fireproof safe to store your important documents that you don't want to lose in a disaster, (Be sure to check the fire rating.)

Disaster is if your "firefighting" can't "nip the flames in the bud". In that case, get out of the house and call 911.

Happy Holidays.

Mark Marino, Firewise Group Chair

January

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

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

February

February 20 - Education-Training Work Group, 1:00p, Mesquite Room/The Oaks

February 2014 - Meet Your Community Welcome Day, 8:30a, SCB

February 26 - Firewise Group Meeting, 1:00p, Mesquite Room/The Oaks

Firewise Renewal Information Has Been Sent!

Sun City Texas has completed their 16th year as a recognized Firewise USA community! The required value is equal to one volunteer hour per dwelling. The data includes volunteer hours for Firewise volunteers and residents plus costs from the Association.

The Firewise Group contributed about 50 weeks of time with the Firewise Clearing providing 5% of the total.

Sun City Level 3 fuel break mowing costs represents 4.6% of the total contribution.

The largest contribution came from the residents' maintenance of and around their homes. The values are divided into those who paid for care (24%) and those doing their own care (70%).

Want to read the full info? [Click here](#)

We have started documenting our data for the 2025 year!

Merry Christmas!

Happy Hanukkah!

Happy New Year!

Firewise Partners Corner

Welcome to N92 Partners Scott Gleason and Paul Alexander and N75 Partner John Bedwell.

Consider using some of MarFrom the Chair (page 1) for your neighborhood's information. Let's make the season a safe and happy one.

Merry Christmas and Happy New year!

Upcoming Events

January 31, 2025 Landscape Vendor Training, 2:30pm, Andice Room

Our Partners



Click logo for information!

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The Trumpet is published monthly except January. If you have information to share, please send it to ole7734@suddenlink.net by the 28th of each month.

Firewise Volunteer Clearing Crew News

The Clearing Crew has been hard at work removing the Ashe Juniper and Willow Baccharis behind the N46 area. The before photo to the right and the after below, shows our dedication. There will still be plenty more to do to help reduce fuel for fires.

Petra Garen

Firewise Clearing Crew Coordinator



The work area before clearing.



The work area after clearing. Note the piles of cut material that will be chipped and used as mulch.

Firewise Group Meeting Notes

The December 4 Firewise Group Meeting was attended by 10 members and 1 liaison.

The items covered were:

- * review of HIZ training– 4 new evaluators
- * Firewise renewal completed
- * Clearing Crew update

Meeting Notes for this and previous meetings can be found on the [web site](#).

The next Firewise Group meeting will be January 26, 2025 at 1 pm in the Mesquite Room.

2025 Firewise Dates

(3rd Thursday through October)

Education-Training Work Group meeting

1pm, Mesquite Room, The Oaks

1/16 4/17 7/17 10/16 2/20 5/15 8/21

3/20 6/19 9/18

Firewise Group meeting

(4th Wednesday through October, 1st Wednesday of December)

1pm, Mesquite Room, The Oaks

1/22 4/23 7/23 10/22 2/26 5/28 8/27

12/3 3/26 6/25 9/24

Events

1/31/25 Landscape Vendor Training, 2:30pm, Andice Room

5/9/25 Community Wildfire Preparedness and Appreciation Day, 9am, Florence-Georgetown Rooms

10/7/25 Firewise Town Hall, 9:30am, Social Center Ballroom

10/24/25 Home Ignition Zone Evaluator Training, 9am, Andice Room



The Firewise Trumpet is not published in January!

Town Hall Video
[Click here](#)

Home Ignition Zone (HIZ) Numbers

As of:	10/23	12/4
Received	1,151	1,151
Completed	1,149	1,151
New requests	3	0
Open	2	0

December Holidays

- 10 Human Rights Day
- 21 Winter Solstice
- 24 Christmas Eve
- 25 Christmas Day, Hanukkah begins
- 31 New Year's Eve, National Make Up Your Mind Day

January Holidays

- 1 New Years Day
- 15 Martin Luther King's Birthday
- 20 Civil Rights Day
- 29 Lunar New Year

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