



### From The Chair

How does the Bullet Train staff in Japan operate safely? The policy is "See something, Say something".

I told a CA Monitor about an unsafe condition on the parking lot outside. There was a big, dead limb hanging above a parking space that can hurt a person. There was a weather forecast for storms that day.

What about a Home Ignition Zone (HIZ) Evaluation? SUN CITY has trained FIREWISE evaluators who, by appointment, come to the homeowner's address to perform the HIZ. The evaluator issues a confidential HIZ report to the owner. The owner can use the report to reduce their wildfire risk.

Each of us in SUN CITY can reduce wildfire risks by reporting potential problems in the community.

Mark Marino

Firewise Group Chair

### Partners Corner

In March one neighborhood had 7 HIZ requests come in. It was the result of the Partner meeting with the Block Captains. He followed up with an article sent out to the neighborhood. This is one way to promote Firewise!

Note: This item is to appear each month to provide ideas and information for the Neighborhood Partners. Partners are invited to contribute ways that have worked for them.

### Community Wildfire Preparedness-Appreciation Day

The Community Wildfire Preparedness-Appreciation Day will be held on May 3 in the Lonestar Room of the Retreat Amenity Center. The program will begin with sign in for the residents who will be participating in the work day cutting junipers, picking up trash, and other items. There will be an orientation, safety instructions, and a photo taken beginning at 9:00. The work will go until about 11:00 for lunch.

At 10:30, the sign in for the volunteers and a guest coming for the appreciation part. After lunch, a

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### Upcoming Events

The following events will be coming up.

May 3, 2024, Friday - Community Wildfire Preparedness-Appreciation Day, 8:30a -12:15p

May 16, 2024, Thursday - New Resident Orientation, 8:30a-9:15a, SCB

October 25, Friday - Home Ignition Zone Evaluator

### Our Partners



Click logo for information!

### April

April 18 - Education-Training Work Group, 1:00p, Mesquite Room

April 24 - Firewise Group Meeting, 1:00p, Mesquite Room

### May

May 3 - Community Wildfire Preparedness Day, 8:30a, Lonestar Room, Retreat

May 16 - Education-Training Work Group, 1:00p, Mesquite Room

May 22 - Firewise Group Meeting, 1:00 pm, Mesquite Room

### Firewise Volunteer Clearing Crew News



The Volunteer Firewise Clearing Crew, hard at work in helping to keep us a Firewise Certified Community.

Petra Garren

Firewise Clearing Crew Coordinator

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Spring is HERE!

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

<b>Home Ignition Zone (HIZ) Numbers</b>		
The HIZ completion status:		
<u>As of:</u>	<u>2/28</u>	<u>3/27</u>
Received	1,131	1,141
Completed	1,131	1,138
New requests	1	7
Open	0	3

**Firewise Group Meeting Notes**

\* The January 26 Firewise Group Meeting had 6 members and 1 liaison present. The following were the topics:

- \* Education/Training
  - Wildfire Preparedness-Appreciation Day review
  - Neighborhood Partners guidelines approved
- \* .HIZ report (above)
- \* Firewise Clearing Crew report. (see page 1)
- \* considered developing officer and coordinator descriptions

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

**A Firewise Point!**



These plants are an ornamental grass which contains dead material all year. Any plant containing accumulated debris should be planted at least 5 feet from the foundation.

**Some April Holidays**

April 1 April Fool's Day	April 5 National Dandelion Day
April 7 National Beer Day	April 8 Total Eclipse
April 15 Income Taxes Due!!!	April 22 Earth Day
April 26 Arbor Day	April 30 National Honesty Day

**Sun City Texas Firewise Web Links**

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

**Community Wildfire Preparedness-Appreciation Day** (continued from Page 1)  
 program will be held to recognize our commercial contributors and all Firewise volunteers present. A new recognition program will be for 5, 10, and 15 year volunteers!

Sign up for the day will be online on April 19-29. Watch the Communicator and NRO Bulletin for details.

Friday, May 3 schedule

- 8:00 - set up Lonestar Room
- 8:30 - Registration
- 9:00 - Welcome, recognize guests and Contributors, Safety Items, Instructions
- 9:20 - Take photo
- 9:30 - Clear juniper and pick up trash
- 11:30 - Return to Lonestar Room for lunch and appreciation program
- After lunch - clean up Lonestar Room, volunteers and CA Staff

**Wildfire Community Preparedness Day Volunteer Training and Schedule**

May 3 will be here before you know it! The following is the agenda for the volunteers and staff who will help as group leaders and other tasks.

Thursday, May 2, 1:30 pm, Retreat Pavilion area.

Group Leaders and others involved in Friday: there will be training for group leaders about safety, procedures and emergency response.



Blue bonnets and prickly pear! An interesting combination.

**Please promote the Home Ignition Zone Evaluation!**

**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