

From The Chair

The date Sept. 7, 2011 sticks in my mind as the wildfires hitting the Bastrop Area & Steiner Ranch.

October is fire prevention month by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). Maybe our area of Texas has escaped this year's hurricanes. We still get cold fronts.

If a wildfire is nearby, we are concerned with wind-blown embers. They can fall on dead leaves or other flammable material. The doors and garage frames can get a fire started on your house.

My Sun City FIREWISE group has some tips to stay safe into this fall season.

- *Make sure your gutters don't have leaves or other debris in them.
- *Clean up any leaves or other debris, including under the bushes..
- *Keep a hose ready to use with a nozzle connected on each faucet.
- *If embers of a nearby wildfire approach remove any flammable furniture, door mats or other items that can burn.
- *Call 911 if you see a fire in a neighbor's yard or in a common area.

Mark Marino
Firewise Group Chair

Firewise Partners Corner

Please promote the Firewise Group Town Hall!

The Firewise Town Hall will be October 8, 9:30 am, in the Social Center Ballroom. There is information on page 2 about it that you can use to let your neighbors know. Feel free to use what you need!



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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October

October 8 - Firewise Town Hall, 9:30am, SCB

October 17 - Education-Training Work Group, 1:00p, Mesquite Room/The Oaks

October 23 - Firewise Group Meeting, 1:00p, Mesquite Room/The Oaks

November

No meetings!

December

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

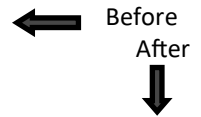
Firewise Volunteer Clearing Crew News

What the Firewise Clearing Crew does for "fun" on our workdays. This contributes to helping keep us a Firewise recognized community.

Petra Garen
Firewise Clearing Crew Coordinator



Willow Baccharis is a native plant. It occurs in the common areas and is highly flammable. In the flood plains of the creeks it accumulates flood debris and slows the water flow.



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Does Firewise Work?

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.

**DOES FIREWISE WORK?
Why YOU are IMPORTANT!**

Firewise Town Hall
October 8, 2024, SCB 9:30 am

The most important person in the Firewise program is **YOU the HOME OWNER!** Your home has places where embers could ignite it. There are ways to reduce the risk!

Join us on October 8, 2024 at 9:30 AM in the Social Center Ballroom to learn how the Firewise Group relies on partners to provide YOU the information to reduce the threat to your home.

Your Role

Every Sun City home is an important part of preventing embers from a nearby wildfire from igniting it. We want to help each homeowner to understand how and why to maintain their home to reduce the potential for wildfire embers to ignite it.

The Information

Texas A&M Forest Service will discuss how the research and information is developed. Georgetown Fire Department will relate how their services fit into the program. Sun City Staff member will cover the role of the mowed fire breaks in protecting homes. Finally, the Firewise Group will show what you can do to protect your home.

More Information

Before and after the town hall, the Firewise Group, Emergency Management Committee, Citizen's on Patrol (COPs), Property & Grounds Committee, Wildlife Management Committee, Georgetown Fire Department, and Texas A&M Forest Service will be available to answer questions and provide materials.

See you on October 8th !

REMEMBER: It could be too late for action once a wildfire threatens!

Firewise Group Meeting Notes

The July 24 Firewise Group Meeting was attended by 10 members and one liaison.

The items covered were:

- * Update on the October 8 Town Hall
- * The table cover for displays will be replaced
- * Firewise signs at entrances will be installed
- * Meeting Notes for this and previous meetings can be found on the [web site](#).

The next Firewise Group meeting will be October 23, 2024 at 1 pm in the Mesquite Room.

Home Ignition Zone (HIZ) Numbers

As of:	6/26	7/24
Received	1,147	1,148
Completed	1,147	1,147
New requests	0	1
Open	0	1

Town Hall Topics and Groups Presenting

- Where Does Firewise Information Come From?
Texas A&M Forest Service
- Where Does Georgetown Fire Department Fit?
Georgetown Fire Department
- What does Sun City Community Association do?
Sun City Staff
- What Does the Firewise Group Offer?
Sun City Firewise Group

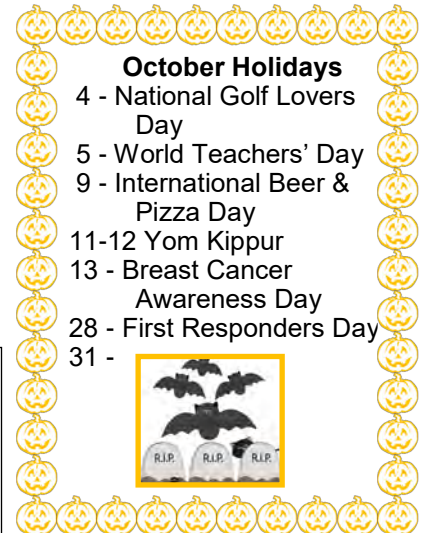


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The theme is

Smoke Alarms: Make Them Work For You!

For more information [click here](#).



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](#)

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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