



Newsletter

December 2020

Happy Holidays ~ Welcome 2021

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We need your help – please volunteer!

Do you have 1-2 hours a month to help keep the association a beautiful, safe place and ensure the highest property values possible?

Contact Shelly @ 530-644-2182 to offer your help!
(No contact with others if COVID-19 is a concern).

Save Paper! Save Time! Go Electronic Mail!

Throughout the 1st quarter of 2021 the association will be contacting you if your email address and/or phone numbers are not on file. Contact methods will include emails, phone calls and USPS mailing to owners' mailing addresses on file.

There have been many issues with mail deliveries lately, so it just makes sense to use email – it's easier, faster and more secure than waiting for 'snail' mail to arrive. And - if you have any questions or concerns – a simple reply to the email will get you a quick response!

OFFICE HOURS: Monday, Wednesday, Friday
10 am to 3 pm (Except Holidays)

PHONE: (530) 644-2182

EMAIL: info@sierraspringsowners.org

WEBSITE: sierraspringsowners.org

Executive Meeting: 1st Wednesday of every month

Board Meeting: 2nd Wednesday of every month

Fire Safety Meeting: Monday between Exec and Board

Due to Covid19 - All meetings are being held via Zoom and start at 6:30 pm. *See SSOA website for link.*

Are you planning an exterior home improvement project?

If so...you must submit your 'Architectural Application Form' before starting your project.

AA Form is required for the following:

- ~ Arbor ~ Gazebos ~ Retaining wall
- ~ Carports ~ Painting ~ Sheds
- ~ Decks ~ Patio Cover ~ Solar Panels
- ~ Driveways ~ Patios ~ Walkways
- ~ Fences ~ Playhouse ~ Workshop

AA forms and other construction information available on the SSOA Website (sierraspringsowners.org)

County permits, when required, are owners' responsibility.

This will help protect you and your neighbors from any unauthorized building or modifications being made without proper inspection and approval from the SSOA Board.

Winter is coming - Snow Plow Tip:

Snow Plows will be clearing the roads soon. Be sure to keep all vehicles off the side of the road so plows can make their way through our neighborhood!

2021 Budget & Notifications:

California Civil Code (5300) requires an association to provide annual notification to property owners regarding certain items such as the operating budget, reserves, outstanding loans, and a summary of the association's insurance coverage. You should have received a large packet in the mail itemizing these legal requirements and the SSOA Rules.

Following is a budget recap:

Operating Budget:

Costs, such as utilities and insurance continue to increase. To accommodate these increases the board scrutinized each line item, examined the details of the expense and lowered spending when possible. The Covid19 pandemic presented a few challenges this year. The largest financial impact was hiring pool monitors – adding \$17,000 in extra payroll expense for Covid19 training and increased scheduling. The mandate prohibiting gatherings required the lodge to close, which resulted in the elimination of income from lodge rental fees.

General Reserve Fund:

Capital expenses were minimal in 2020 (Lodge generator, Wisteria pool cover) which leaves the association with adequate funds available to cover expected 2021 projects. Anticipated Capital expenses include replacement of the Lodge roof, chimney, and rain gutters; a new heat pump for the lodge pool; remodel of Wisteria pool restrooms; and a facelift and repair to the entrance sign at Sly Park and Sierra Springs Dr.

Road Reserve Fund:

The road fund reserves are below what will be needed to repair and reseal the roads in 2021. A transfer of funds from the General Reserve fund to cover those expenses may be necessary. Funds are also required for culvert repairs, snow plow and road sanding services. The 2021 budget allocation has been adjusted to help offset these expenses.

Fire Safety & Forest Maintenance Reserve Fund:

This reserve fund is dedicated to fire fuels upkeep and fire prevention. Money in this fund can only be spent for this specific purpose. For 2021 the focus is on cleaning up the SSOA common areas for fire safety compliance and to establish fire exit routes. The CCC team may be available to assist in these projects, resulting in a significant savings to SSOA.

There will be no increase in membership dues for 2021

Dues will remain at \$160 per quarter for those properties on county-maintained roads and \$180 for properties on non-county-maintained roads.

Dues will be allocated as follows:

# of members	Quarterly Dues	Operating	Capital Fund	Road Fund	Forest Fund
385	\$ 160	\$ 103	\$ 12.00	\$30.00	\$ 15.00
252	\$ 180	\$ 103	\$ 12.00	\$50.00	\$ 15.00