



**OFFICE HOURS:** Mon., Wed., Fri., 10 am to 3 pm  
(Excluding holidays)

**PHONE:** 530-644-2182

**Planning Meeting:** 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month

**Board Meeting:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month

**Fire Safety Meeting:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month

All meetings are held at the SSOA lodge  
on Edelweiss and start at 6:30 pm.

## September 2019 Newsletter

### Pools

Pools will close at 7:00 PM for safety reasons due to earlier sundown. The lodge pool is scheduled to close for the season on Sunday, Sept. 15th at 7 pm. The Wisteria pool will remain open longer—**Wisteria pool is scheduled to close for the season on Sunday, Sept. 29th at 7 pm.**

### Annual Meeting (Summary)

◆ **Guest Speaker: Lloyd Ogan, Chief El Dorado County Fire Protection District EDCFPD— Highlights of his presentation follow:**

● **Evacuation**

- \* Number one take-away from this meeting is: **When you get the word to evacuate... GO!**
- \* Get the **CODE RED** app loaded onto your cellphone TODAY! This app notifies you of emergencies in your area and is available at <https://public.coderedweb.com>.
- \* If you smell smoke – DONT PANIC - but trust your feelings. LEAVE QUICKLY but also CAREFULLY!
- \* Have a PLAN - Prepare valuables, backup your computer files, collect important documents – birth certificates, insurance paperwork, etc. - have them ready to go! PG&E is sending out a nice “PLAN” pamphlet to help guide you on what to stock up and have ready to go. Also, CAL FIRE has a series of documents titled “Ready. Set. Go!” to help you prepare for a potential wildfire @ [https://www.fire.ca.gov/media/4996/readyssetgo\\_plan.pdf](https://www.fire.ca.gov/media/4996/readyssetgo_plan.pdf).
- \* Know all multiple routes - IN and OUT of the neighborhood – not just the main roads.
- \* The SSOA and the SSRFSC are working on an Emergency Plan specific to our area.

● **Insurance**

- \* Conversations with the Insurance Commissioner are being held on a regular basis to discuss concerns about our situation (ISO ratings, response times, etc.).
- \* The Chief is very pleased with the cleanup work our neighborhood has accomplished and thanked both the SSOA and the SSRFSC for their efforts. We are setting a great example for other neighborhoods to follow!
- \* The Chief is trying to set up a meeting with the ISO in our area to demonstrate the quick EDCFPD response times and the diligent cleanup work being done here.
- \* If you receive a cancelation notice from your insurance company stating that your property is greater than 5 miles from a fire station and you live below 4700 Sierra Springs Drive, you may get a letter from EDCFPD refuting that statement.

**Board Members**—the Board Members for FY 2019-2020 are:

Bill Campbell, President  
Roger DeGray, Vice President  
Tom Jeanes, Treasurer  
Donna Barrese, Secretary  
Ray Shoenwandt, Director (Ray replaces Linda Cox)

## Fire Safety

- **Wood Chipping**—If you have stacked materials along the road for chipping, now would be a good time to schedule this work to be done, before the peak wildfire months of September, October, and November. Free chipping is available once per calendar year at [edcfiresafe.org](http://edcfiresafe.org). The SSOA does not provide chipping services for individual properties.
- **Yard Waste Cans**—If you use El Dorado County Disposal Service for waste removal, use your yard waste containers for leaves, pine needles, etc. In addition to your yard waste containers, you can set out **up to 5 additional 32 gallon or less yard waste bags per yard waste pickup**. Remember to include your address and “YW” (for yard waste) on each bag.
- **Property Evaluations**—Over 95% of the properties in Sierra Springs have been evaluated for defensible space. Our goal is for all properties in the SSOA to be in compliance with CCR 1299.03 (Federal Law) - item 14 on the evaluation form, PRC 4291 (State Law), El Dorado County Ordinance 5101, and the SSOA Fire Prevention Safety Rules. A big “THANK YOU” goes out to the many SSOA property owners who have either met criteria or are diligently working towards meeting criteria. You are definitely doing your part to improve the fire safety of our neighborhood!

## PG&E

You have probably noticed that PG&E has initiated an aggressive, enhanced vegetation management program to reduce wildfire risks. For more information you can do an online search for PG&E vegetation-management @ <https://www.pge.com>. To contact PG&E by phone, call 800-743-5000.

## Projects

- **Edelweiss Way Repair**—We have hired a contractor to do extensive road repair.
- **7-acre green belt**—Contractor has performed extensive work, and is now waiting for ideal weather for disposal. Getting bids to remove downed tree on access off of Lupin Lane.
- **Culverts**—The Culverts in Sierra Springs are at, or approaching the end of their useful life. The Board is taking a phased approach to repair or replace these culverts. This Fall we are addressing the culvert under Johnny Tuck Ct., the culvert under Sierra Springs Dr. at Pine Tree Lane, and 3 others. This large scope project will negatively impact our budget for 2020.
- **42-acre Meadow**—We are currently soliciting bids for masticating the remainder of the meadow treed area. We are also looking at placing goats in the meadow for vegetation maintenance.

## Snow Removal

We are currently working with the Sandman regarding a snow removal contract for next year.

## Driveways

There are a number of driveways causing drainage issues within the SSOA. If you are planning to have your driveway paved or are constructing a new driveway you need to submit an Architectural Approval application to the SSOA prior to construction. We need to ensure adequate drainage along our roadways. New driveways need an encroachment permit from the County. Please note that the property owner is responsible for maintaining adequate drainage across the driveway.

**Reminder:** All new construction projects, ie; sheds, fences, etc. ***MUST*** have an Architectural Application approved by the SSOA Board prior to building (available on our website @ [sierraspringsowners.org](http://sierraspringsowners.org)).