



Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2021

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

Executive Meeting: 1st Wednesday of month
(Board Members Only)

Board Meeting: 2nd Wednesday of month

Fire Safety Meeting: First Monday of month

All meetings start at 6:30 pm at the Lodge

- See SSOA website for agenda

Fall is here and Fire Season is still at its peak

We are thankful and appreciative to the brave firefighters and first responders for protecting our SSOA homes from the Caldor Fire! We all want to thank them – but what is the **best** way to do that? Harden our homes! Create and maintain Defensible Space around our homes and structures. The Cal-Fire Chief stated at our annual meeting; **“We save the homes we can!”** Make your home one that they CAN save! We dodged a bullet with Caldor – but we still live in the forest – so please – let’s stay vigilant in our fire prevention efforts! Clear your roof and gutters of all leaves and pine needles, rake up debris, limb-up low branches.... we should all know what to do by now!

Smoke Smell Inside Your House?

Consider having your HVAC system inspected if your house has a strong wood smoke smell inside. It is possible the condensers on your furnace and/or outdoor air conditioning are clogged with soot, and/or there is soot throughout the ductwork. Most insurance companies will cover necessary expenses.

Halloween Party & First Responders Honor Event – Saturday, Oct 30th

We want to acknowledge the firefighters, law enforcement, and first responders who live in Sierra Springs by holding this event in their honor. It will be a Halloween themed event with pizza, salad, drinks, and candy for kids (of all ages) wearing costumes. Details to follow....

Rules Update: Disciplinary / Exterior / Fire Prevention

Enclosed with either the Q4 dues billing statements and/or the September Newsletter are amended copies of the Disciplinary, Exterior & Fire Prevention Rules. Each of these Rules has been amended to state, in some format the following:

The board of directors may determine, after multiple requests and disciplinary action to the owner(s), that the only course of action for compliance is to access the property and spend association funds to fix the problem. Expenses incurred for such action will be charged back to the owners in the form of a special assessment. The SSOA will pursue all legal remedies for the reimbursement of such expenses. Ex: Fire fuels and forest maintenance that may potentially present a danger to others.

These Rules are scheduled to be adopted at the November 10, 2021 Board Meeting. Comments, received by October 31, 2021, will be reviewed and discussed by the board of directors prior to the vote on whether or not to adopt these Rules.

Fire Safety

Free Chipping Program MONDAY - Sept 20, 2021

We are again offering this to our members and residents. You must fill out the form on the SSOA website and email or drop it off at the office. Debris must be neatly stacked near the road on the day of collection.

Fire Insurance Cancellations

New legislation now in effect (675.1 B1) bans insurance companies from cancelling policies on homes that have been identified as being in a 'state of emergency' for one year following the event.

For more info – check out: insurance.ca.gov

SSOA Common Areas

Your Board of Directors is committed to take an aggressive stance on fire prevention by cleaning up the greenbelt areas. This includes weed eating, trimming tree limbs, removing old logs and other debris.

Reminder - No Burn Days

- Through the remainder of the fire season
- Use your green bins or PAPER bags to remove debris
- Waste Management WILL NOT pick up debris in plastic bags anymore!

Board of Directors:

Roger DeGray — President
 Cathy Petersen — Vice President
 Donna Barrese — Secretary
 Jessikah Cummings — Treasurer
 Ray Schoenwandt — Director

Committees:

Fire Safety / CCR Rules / Architectural / Roads
We need your help – if you have 1-2 hours a month to help keep the association a beautiful, safe place and ensure the highest property values possible? Please volunteer!
 Contact Shelly @ 530-644-2182 TODAY!

Monthly Board Meetings

Mark your calendar or set a reminder on your phone. Second Wednesday of every month at 6:30 PM. These meetings are held live at the Lodge and on ZOOM so it's easy to join in. Members are welcome to ask questions or simply listen to find out what the Board is working on. These meetings are the best way to do that so please participate – it's YOUR SSOA!

SSOA Budget for 2022

The Board of Directors will be preparing the 2022 budget for discussion at the October 13, 2021 Board Meeting. Currently, **no dues increases** are planned. Certain Operating Expenses will need to increase and reallocation of the collected dues for the Reserve Funds is expected.

FACEBOOK

Check out the **Sierra Springs Watch** page to stay updated on all the latest goings-on. You'll find interesting posts about meetings, special events, lost pets, suspicious activities, lost mail, road conditions, or find answers to your questions about almost anything in our neighborhood.... it's a lot of fun too!



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