



March 2020 Newsletter

Upcoming Events:

- Wednesday, March 25, 2020 @ 6:30 am
Defensible Space Training at the Lodge.
- Saturday, March 28, 2020 @ 10 am
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- Saturday, April 11, 2020 @ 10 am
Annual Pancake Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt at the Lodge.
Volunteers needed - please call the SSOA office if you would like to help out.
- Friday, May 22, 2020
Both pools are scheduled to open.
Daily hours: 9 am - 10 am Adult swim only
10 am - 8 pm Open swim
- Saturday, June 27, 2020 at 10 am
Annual Meeting at the Lodge.
The Board will discuss accomplishments made this past year, goals for next year, and introduce the new Board Members. Guest speakers will be announced on the SSOA website, on social media and in the June Newsletter. Danish and coffee will be served.

Board of Directors Election

There are three positions on the SSOA Board of Directors up for election this year. This is your opportunity to get involved in your community by running for one of these positions—see the ‘Request for Candidates’ included in this mailing. Candidates for these positions must fill out the enclosed “Notice of Candidacy” form and return it to the SSOA office by 3 pm on April 23,

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 10 am to 3 pm
(Excluding Holidays)

PHONE: 530-644-2182

WEBSITE: sierraspringsowners.org

Planning Meeting: 1st Wednesday of every month
Board Meeting: 2nd Wednesday of every month
Fire Safety Meeting: 2nd Monday of every month

All meetings are held at the SSOA lodge

Pool Monitors Needed

June through mid-September

Compensation: \$12/hr.

Part-time shifts available Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

Job duties include:

- Checking recreation cards to ensure that only members and their guests are using the pool and following the SSOA Rules
- Monitoring of pool chemicals
- Wiping down tables
- Picking up visible trash around the pool

Ages 15 through 80+ are welcome to apply.

10% Discount on Insurance

Sierra Springs, as part of greater Pollock Pines, is considered a “Firewise Community”. The Pollock Pines/Camino Fire Safe Council was successful in getting this designation for our Community and because of this, you may be eligible for a 10% insurance discount from the California Fair Plan. Some other insurance providers may offer similar discounts. Copies of the Firewise Certificate are available at the SSOA office and and/or website.

Defensible Space Training March 25th and 28th

In a letter sent to all property owners and residents of Sierra Springs, dated February 13, 2020, you were informed of the June 1, 2020 deadline for compliance with the following:

- El Dorado County Ordinance #5101 which requires 100 feet of “defensible space” around all permanent structures, regardless of property lines
- Items A-O on the Sierra Springs Regional Fire Safe Council (SSRFSC) Defensible Space Evaluation Form (the form was included in the February 13th letter)
- Items P and Q on the SSRFSC Defensible Space Evaluation Form, or submittal of an acceptable plan for compliance

A training session is being offered at the Lodge on two separate dates to address these matters:

- **Wednesday, March 25, at 6:30 pm**
- **Saturday, March 28, at 10 am**

The training session will review the statutes requiring “defensible space” and discuss what property owners need to accomplish. **Please plan to attend one of these training sessions.**

Vegetation Disposal/Burn Permits

When creating “defensible space”, large amounts of vegetative waste can be generated and disposal can be a challenge. Common methods of disposal include:

- **Yard waste bins** — This is the preferred method of disposal for leaves, pine needles, small branches, etc. Note: **Customers can request additional yard waste bins** from El Dorado Disposal, if needed.
- **Chipping** — Branches and small trees can be chipped. The El Dorado County Fire Safe Council has a once-a-calendar-year free chipping program. You may apply online for this free chipping at EDCFiresafe.org. The requirements for the program are on the website.
- **Burning** — Only burn dry vegetation. If you must burn and your burn pile is 4’x4’ or less, no burn permit is currently required; however, starting May 1st, a Calfire burn permit will be required and can be obtained at your local fire station or online @ <https://burnpermit.fire.ca.gov/>. If your burn pile is greater than 4’x4’, a burn permit is required by El Dorado County Air Quality Management District (online @ <https://www.edcgov.us/Government/AirQualityManagement/burn-permit-application>) and Calfire also requires a burn permit specific to larger piles. **Before burning, always make sure it is a permissive burn day by calling 530-621-5897.** If you burn leaves and/or pine needles, make sure the fire is hot and has plenty of air. Air can be provided by turning the pile frequently and/or use a leaf blower at low speed.
- **Removal** — Vegetation can be hauled away to the Material Recovery Facility in Diamond Springs. For more information, call El Dorado Disposal @ (530) 626.4141.

Clear Creek Road Bridges Project

In the December Newsletter you were informed that the El Dorado County Department of Transportation (EDCDOT) was planning to replace two bridges on Clear Creek Road this summer. The current EDCDOT project time estimate is:

- Advertise for bids in late March
- Open bids late April
- Award Contract late May

Construction of the new bridges will necessitate closure of Clear Creek Road (anticipated June through August). EDCDOT representatives have assured the SSOA Board that during times of emergency, such as wildfire, Clear Creek Road will be available for ingress/egress to Sierra Springs. Updates regarding this project will be posted on the EDCDOT and SSOA websites.