



NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2025

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

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MEETINGS:

EXECUTIVE MEETING: 1ST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH (BOARD MEMBERS ONLY, LIMITED EXCEPTIONS).

BOARD MEETING: 2ND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH (OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS).

FIRE SAFETY MEETING: FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH (OPEN TO EVERYONE).

MEETINGS START AT 6:30 PM AT THE LODGE. AGENDAS ON SSOA WEBSITE.

2026 DUES INCREASE – DON'T BE CAUGHT UNAWARE! BE PREPARED!

As noted in the September 2025 Newsletter, Member Assessments were expected to increase January 1, 2026. By statute, the Board must impose quarterly and/or special assessments sufficient to perform their obligations under the governing documents, which include funding the Association reserves (Civ. Code Section 5600 (a)). As reflected by the current economy and steadily increasing costs throughout the country last year and totally expected for this year and beyond, an increase in quarterly assessments (dues) is required.

Notice of the quarterly dues increase was provided to all Members in SSOA's 2026 Annual Notification, which was either emailed or mailed to Members in November. In addition, the increased dues amount was posted to the SSOA Website on the NEWS and EVENTS PAGE at <https://www.sierraspringsowners.org/>. The dues for 2026 are as follows:

- ⇒ \$258.00 for lots on Association maintained roads
- ⇒ \$235.00 for lots on County maintained roads (Units 1-4)
- ⇒ \$55.00 for Non-Association properties with ingress/egress

The dues increase will be included in the January billing members will receive from the Association's Management Company (EBMC). Members should make sure direct withdraws from bank accounts or automatic bill pay systems are updated to reflect the increase.

2026 ANNUAL NOTIFICATION – Speaking of the annual notification, are you having problems accessing the secure website link members were directed to in the Annual Notification? If so, the Association apologizes. Unfortunately, the website is no longer available due to unforeseen circumstances. Members can, however, access the Annual Notification and the exhibits that were included with the mailing, from the Member's Only page on the SSOA website at: <https://www.sierraspringsowners.org/finance.php>. The full mailing and all the exhibits are available in one single document. The Annual Budget, a full copy of the Browning Reserve Study, and the Minutes from the monthly Board Meetings are also available for review from the password protected site.

As required by the Davis-Stirling Act (ACT), certain documents are considered confidential and available only to members of the Association, not the public. To adhere to the requirements of the ACT, the Association's website provides a secure, password protected page on the SSOA website that contains the confidential information. The login and password were provided to members on the cover page of the Annual Notification. The login information is also available by contacting the Association Manager at [email:info@sierraspringsowners.org](mailto:info@sierraspringsowners.org).



Have you driven or walked around your neighborhood? Are you seeing Holiday lights? Isn't it wonderful to see such holiday spirit expressed by your neighbors! If only we could enjoy that spirit year-round!!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

SSOA Board of Directors:

Tony Graunstadt — President

Vacant — Vice President

Kay Campbell — Treasurer

Will McHugh — Secretary

Vacant — Director

QUARTERLY REMINDER – What reminder is that you ask! Let me tell you! It is what mothers in the neighborhood scream out daily. And it needs repeating!

SLOW DOWN!

Sierra Springs Drive is NOT a speedway. Nor are any of the neighborhood side streets. Vehicle drivers, young and old, seem to want to see how fast they can go. Now a few drivers are “laying rubber” as a form of enjoyment! Laying rubber - understood to mean the practice of maintaining a vehicle in a standstill or idling position and then accelerating so fast that the tires leave a mark of burnt rubber on the road or parking area. Whatever happened to a person keeping their speeding and “laying rubber” practices on a roadway made for such things?

Remember – the speed limit is 25 MPH. Even that speed is too fast in some instances. Speeding endangers wildlife, domestic animals, as well as adults and children walking, riding bikes, skateboards, etc. Lots of electric bikes are now on the roads ridden by young children and adults. Early mornings and late afternoons, dark or light, school buses are on the roadways. With buses there are children, flashing lights, and folding stop signs. Pay attention and help keep everyone safe.

Please don't ever let the victim of a speeding vehicle be a child. SLOW DOWN!!

Architectural Applications and the Zero Zone – The SSOA Compliance Committee has been receiving applications for authorization to build carports and/or to park vehicles within five feet of a residence or other like structure. In the same way that attaching combustible materials directly to a structure is a safety and fire issue, so is the parking of a vehicle, including a recreational vehicle, trailer, or other such combustible item, within the “Zero Zone” (0-5 feet of a residence). Yes, fifth wheels and other pulled vehicles are combustible. Although enforcement of the Zero Zone is not currently being enforced by CalFire and is not expected to be enforced for existing homes until the end of 2028, the Zero Zone is still law and parking vehicles within five feet of a residence is still a fire safety issue. Whether the Board will update the Exterior Property Rules to reflect the five-foot rule as in the case of attaching fences directly to a structure or, in the interim, approve or disapprove the applications on a conditional basis is currently under consideration by the Board. Stay Tuned!

TWO VACANT BOARD MEMBER POSITIONS

Volunteers Needed

Please Contact Shelly at (530) 644-2182 if Interested