



NEWSLETTER MARCH 2024

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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.

FREE HOME ASSESSMENTS – HOME HARDENING

Insurers in California, once abundant and available, are now extremely scarce or not available at all to homeowners. If an insurance company is still writing or renewing policies, the policy generally calls for an extreme increase in the annual rate. If an insurer has not significantly raised its rates already, many are projecting to do so in the future or will leave the state entirely. For example: State Farm projects an increase of at least 28%; USAA at least 39%; Allstate at least 40%, and the California Fair Plan at least 16%.

GOOD NEWS – State Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara has worked with insurance companies to find a solution for the fire insurance issue. Some insurance providers have already begun evaluating and assessing their insured homes for Home Hardening factors to determine their rates or even whether to insure. Many are offering discounts to property owners that satisfy the home hardening requirements of the Insurance Institute for Business and Home Safety (IBHS) such as the [wildfire Prepared Home Program](#).

HOME HARDENING ASSESSMENTS – Your Sierra Springs Regional Fire Safety Council (SSRFSC) is now offering its assistance, through assessments, in understanding the different insurance designations and how to satisfy the requirements. The assessments offered by the SSRFSC are simple, fast, at no cost, and purely educational meetings with residents to provide information and resources to help prevent ignition of a home during a wildfire. After a property owner requests a SSRFSC assessment, the property will be visited by a designated assessor and a "right of entry form" secured. Following the assessment, the property owner will be given a list of recommendations and resources.

The SSRFSC Home Hardening Assessments will NOT subject property owners to any fines, penalties, or sanctions. The Assessment is separate from any evaluation. It is performed by an Assessor, not an evaluator. Again, SSRFSC's goal is to EDUCATE and HELP property owners keep their property safe! Interested individuals should contact Shelly at the Association office at 530-644-2182 for more information.

SIERRA SPRINGS EASTER EVENT AT THE LODGE - Saturday March 30th at 10:00 a.m. Bring your family, especially the kids, and enjoy a breakfast of pancakes, eggs, sausages, and fruit prepared by the Board Members, their families, and special volunteers. There will be egg hunts (based on age groups) and other Easter fun. Hope to see you there!

SSOA Board of Directors:

Cathy Petersen — President
TOM BROWN — Vice President
Vacant — Treasurer
Lynda Cardwell — Secretary
Scott Wheeler — Director



Defensible Space Evaluations – which focus on the vegetation and combustible materials on or near SSOA homes – are scheduled to begin in late Spring of 2024. Although the evaluations are mandatory, it is important to remember they are performed as part of SSOA's continued efforts to keep the community safe and the incidence of fires minimal or nonexistent! Please refer to the March 2024 Fire Safety 1st Notice either emailed or mailed to all SSOA Property Owners in March for a more detailed explanation of the process and all the requirements!

POOLS TO OPEN MAY 24, 2024, AND SSOA TO HIRE POOL MONITORS!

Want to get out of the house for a few hours - Spend some time outdoors each week - Become a pool monitor! Part-time duties include checking passes to ensure only members and their guests are using the pool; addressing unacceptable behaviors (see pool rules) and performing maintenance which includes wiping down pool tables as needed and picking up loose visible trash around the pools.

Pool monitors should be available to work part-time shifts on Fridays, Saturdays, or Sundays. The position pays \$16 an hour. Interested individuals should contact Shelly at the Association office.

2024 Board of Director Elections

In June, there will be three (3) open Director positions, each for a term of two (2) years on the SSOA Board. Directors are extremely important for the operation of the Association. Without the Board and its voluntary members, the Association would be forced to hire persons/company from outside the community at significant costs to Association Members! When the Election Notice is received, please consider joining the Board! Your participation is truly needed! [2024 Director Election Form](#)

The Annual SSOA Board Meeting is June 29, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. Coffee, tea, juice, and pastries will be provided!