



SSOA NEWSLETTER

March 2025

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

PHONE: (530) 644-2182

EMAIL: info@sierraspringsowners.org

WEBSITE: www.sierraspringsowners.org

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.

SPRING IS ALMOST HERE - Are you planning a home improvement project this year? If so, please remember architecture approval is generally required prior to the placement of any permanent, temporary, or exterior modification of any structure or storage unit on a property. Architectural Application Forms (AA) are available on the SSOA website or at the SSOA office. When architectural approval is required, the application form needs to include at least the following information:

- Footprint of the existing (if applicable) or proposed new structure or item.
- Property lines, easements, building setbacks, fence lines, adjacent properties, and adjacent streets taken into consideration.
- Exterior construction materials to be used.
- Paint color swatch (even if repainting with a same/similar color).
- Time frame for completion and/or storage.

To see whether architectural approval is required for your specific project, please refer to the Exterior Property Rules on the SSOA Website at www.sierraspringsowners.org under the Rules Tab. A copy of the AA form is also available for download from the website under the Forms Tab.

Note: Careful consideration should be given before beginning your project to ensure there is no negative impact to your neighbors (e.g., obstruction of views, property line encroachments, etc.). All AA Forms are reviewed by the Architectural Committee and either granted or denied. Make sure you receive approval before the start of your project.

Note: There are proposed changes to the Exterior Property Rules. The newly approved draft is available for review on the SSOA website under the News Tab.

****Please be advised that failure to submit an Architectural Application Form (when required) prior to starting a project will be subject to disciplinary action, which may include fines and modification of your project to be compliant with the Exterior Property Rules.**

2025 BOARD OF DIRECTOR ELECTIONS – In June, there will be three (3) open SSOA Director positions, two for a term of two (2) years and one (1) for a term of one year. 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 applying! Your participation is truly needed! Applications for the Board Director positions are due no later than April 18, by 3:00 p.m. More information and an application form are available on the SSOA Website at <https://www.sierraspringsowners.org> under the Governing Docs tab.

Sierra Springs Newsletter - MARCH 2025 - Page 2

SIERRA SPRINGS EASTER EVENT AT THE LODGE

Saturday, April 19th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Bring your family, especially the kids, and enjoy a breakfast of pancakes, eggs, sausages, fruit, coffee, and juice prepared by the Board Members and volunteers. There will be egg hunts (based on age groups) and other Easter fun. Hope to see you there!

SSOA Board of Directors:

Roger DeGray — President

Donna Barrese — Vice President

Kay Campbell — Treasurer

Scott Wheeler — Secretary

David Seilhymer — Director

Defensible Space Evaluations – which focus on the vegetation and combustible materials on or near SSOA homes – are scheduled to begin June 1, 2025. 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 recent March 2025 Fire Safety 1st Notice either emailed or mailed to all SSOA Property Owners for a more detailed explanation of the process and all the requirements!

Remember – Your Sierra Springs Regional Fire Safety Council (SSRFSC) continues to offer free home hardening assessments to assist in a property owner's understanding of the different insurance designations and how to satisfy the requirements. The assessments 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.

SSOA Community Clean Up Day – The Sierra Springs Regional Fire Safe Council and the Sierra Springs Owners Association are sponsoring a Community Clean Up event on May 3, 2025, starting at 9:00 a.m. and continuing until the dumpsters are full. Dumpsters will be available at the Wisteria Pool and near the Maintenance Garage behind the SSOA Lodge. SSOA Residents can dispose of pine needles and leaves at these locations. Only compostable paper bags filled with leaves and/or pine needles (yard waste) are allowed. If the yard waste is contained in a plastic bag, the bag may be emptied into the dumpster if the resident takes the plastic bag with them when they leave the site. Compostable paper bags are available for pick up at the SSOA Lodge. The bags come in packets of five (5). Please take only two (2) packets of the paper bags (maximum) to ensure all residents have bags available for participation in the event.

Participants will be asked for their address, time taken to fill bags, and the number of bags brought to the site. A raffle ticket will be given to participants for every 5 bags of yard waste. At the May 14th Board meeting, a drawing will be held and the winners of the raffle prizes announced.

Reminder: The Annual SSOA Board Meeting is at 10:00 a.m. on June 28, 2025, at the Lodge. Coffee, tea, juice, and pastries will be provided! Come and meet the newly elected Board Members!