



NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2024

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.

HOLIDAY EVENTS ARE COMING TO THE SSOA LODGE

HALLOWEEN! Mark your calendars for Saturday October 26, 2024. Enjoy pizza, drinks, treats, and lots of fun. Location: SSOA Lodge. Time: 5:00-7:00 PM. Costumes encouraged. Trunk & Treat Vehicles are also needed. SSOA will provide candy to be passed out from decorated vehicles. If you want to have fun, dress up, decorate your vehicle, and pass out candy to little witches & goblins, contact Shelly Thompson, at info@sierraspringsowners.org or call 530-644-2182.

CHRISTMAS! Santa Claus is coming to the Lodge on December 7, 2024, from 1:00-3:00. This will be SSOA's second year with a visit from Santa! Come for treats, beverages, food, and fun. Sit on Santa's lap and tell him what you want for Christmas! Last year's photographer will once again be available and ready to snap a picture of the happy faces of adults and children alike. If desired, all will receive a free photo with Santa. More information to follow towards the end of November! Mark your calendar!

2025 BUDGET, DUES AMOUNTS AND DUES ALLOCATIONS:

During the September 11th member meeting, a 2025 preliminary budget, the 2025 Quarterly Dues amount and the allocation of those dues was approved. These items are scheduled to be adopted at the October 9th Member Meeting. The Dues are scheduled to increase \$2 a month (\$6 each quarter) on January 1, 2025. If you are interested in reviewing these documents, they are available from the Financial Section of the SSOA website, at the Lodge, or will be emailed to you upon written request to info@sierraspringsowners.org.

DOES SSOA HAVE YOUR CURRENT EMAIL ADDRESS? Many residents complain that they did not receive a current "email blast" or other documents sent by email. Since SSOA went "green" over a year ago, most information is now provided by email unless a resident specifically asks that information is sent by U.S. Mail instead of email. To ensure SSOA has your current email, would you please send an email to info@sierraspringsowners.org so that Shelly can update and/or verify that your current email is on record. Doing so will ensure that the management company (EBMC) and SSOA management has current information on file.

A BIG THANK YOU to all SSOA residents that made sure their properties met the Fire Safety Defensible Space requirements in 2024. SSOA and the Fire Safe Council appreciate all your efforts. With fire safety a requirement throughout the year, it is important that everyone does their part. Thank you to all residents that did their part!

SSOA Board of Directors:

Roger DeGray — President
Donna Barrese — Vice President
Kay Campbell — Treasurer
Lynda Cardwell — Secretary
Stephen Hopkins — Director

IS YOUR HOUSE OR PROPERTY ADDRESS READILY SEEN FROM THE STREET? El Dorado County Firefighters have requested that all property addresses in SSOA have a permanently posted address either at the beginning of their driveway, other entrance, or on the property residence. Mailboxes should also have reflective address numbers posted on both sides. All SSOA properties, including vacant lots, must have a permanently posted address. Address numbers posted on the house must be displayed in contrasting colors easily readable from the street. If the address to a property is not easily found, firefighters may be unable to find the property during a fire or other crisis. To assist in keeping SSOA homes and properties safe and easily located, green reflective metal address signs are recommended by the fire safety committee and available for purchase and installation from the committee at https://www.sierraspringsowners.org/fire_safety.html.

SCHOOL IS BACK IN SESSION! Busses picking up or dropping off children occurs daily when schools are in session. Please slow down, be mindful of your surroundings, and children crossing the street or walking on the side of the roadways. Remember to pay attention to the red lights of the buses, the window stop-signs, and most of all, do not speed around the bus! It is against the law and children and other vehicles can be harmed. Be mindful and drive safely and make sure everyone is safe!

ALSO: Parents, please ensure that your student(s) is respectful of the properties located at the individual Bus stops! SSOA received complaints in the Spring about students playing on fences, running and chasing each other across the yards, and otherwise destroying the landscaping of the properties located next to the Bus stops. Many of the properties were continually littered with the trash and rubbish dropped by the waiting students. As you are aware, this is unacceptable behavior!

WHY ARE MY DUES MORE THAN OTHER RESIDENTS IN SSOA? PROPERTY OWNERS LOCATED OFF SSOA MAINTAINED ROADS INSTEAD OF COUNTY-MAINTAINED ROADS ARE ASSESSED \$20 MORE IN THEIR QUARTERLY DUES THAN PROPERTY OWNERS LOCATED OFF COUNTY-MAINTAINED ROADS. THE EXTRA IN QUARTERLY DUES IS ASSESSED TO PAY FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND SNOW REMOVAL OF THE NONCOUNTY-MAINTAINED ROADS. SO, IF IT APPEARS AN OWNER PAYS MORE IN DUES, THEY ACTUALLY DO FOR VALID REASONS.