



Newsletter September 2022

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MEETINGS:

Executive Meeting: 1st Wednesday of the month (Board Members only, with 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.



BUDGET TIME!! You know how the Board Members have monthly meetings that all Association members may attend? Part of the September and October meetings will focus on the SSOA Budget Process and a dues increase. Attend the meetings and discover why dues are slated to increase and when. Let your opinion be heard, ask questions, and provide much needed feedback!



WISTERIA POOL The pool is currently closed and will be until next year! Unfortunately, the pool sustained a major gash in the plaster which began to peel sending concrete pieces to the pool bottom. The pool now requires a complete resurfacing/replastering. In addition, the septic system for the pool has failed and must be relocated to another location. This and other major repairs to the system must be taken care of before the pool can reopen. The projected cost for both projects will be extensive and part of this year's budget discussions. More information about this matter will be available at both the September and October Board meetings. Please plan to attend the meetings. Your input is required.



Did you know the SSOA Tennis Court is completely resurfaced and restriped? The court now includes a Basketball Half-Court, Pickleball Court, and Tennis Half-Court! Keys can be obtained "free of charge" from the Association Manager until the new electrical panel is complete. Once complete, you may access the courts with your ID card as part of your membership dues.



Do you know the speed limit on SSOA county roads? It is 25 miles an hour!! Lately, SSOA has received complaints about speeding vehicles and unsafe driving practices in the area. If you are a speeder, please slow down! You are not only putting yourself at risk; your speeding is also risking the lives of others, including the local wildlife. Also, when passing slowed or stopped vehicles, look to see why they slowed or stopped. Do not speed around them! Be mindful and drive safely!

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SSOA still plans to go 100% GREEN, but not yet!

When we do go green, most members' letters will be sent via E-mail. Letters will also be accessible on the SSOA Website; or you may pick up a printed copy at the Lodge office.

Please make sure we have your correct email address – If you don't have email, please let us know.



DO NOT FEED THE WILDLIFE – It's the law!!

SSOA has received several complaints about neighbors feeding the deer. Although the fawns are cute and fun to watch as they grow; **THE QUESTION REMAINS: "is feeding the deer really helping them or just setting them up to die?"**

Along with attracting mountain lions, the deer become dependent on the feedings and comfortable with area residents. This can result in the deer losing their instinct to forge, being less aware, and easy prey for predators. The fawns adopt these behaviors and their survival instincts and ability to forge change. **THIS IS NOT BENEFICIAL FOR THE DEER! If you currently feed the deer, STOP!**



Are you UNINTENTIONALLY feeding the wildlife?

BEARS are around and appear to be increasing with the aftermath of the fires. Although we don't intend to feed the wildlife, we may be making it easier for them to find their food of choice, which appears to be anything for most!

What can we do? We have been advised to:

- Take in pet food at night
- Take in the bird seed feeders at night
- Harvest our gardens and fruit timely
- Use motion sensitive lights, sprinklers, and noise makers
- Lock up garbage containers in enclosed areas
- Secure the containers if left outside
- Rent a Bear Proof can from Waste Management

What do you recommend and find useful? We would love to know your ideas on this matter! Post your suggestions on the **Sierra Springs Watch Facebook Page** for all to see!



*Fall is on its way, along with Halloween!
Party at the Lodge with treats and games on
October 29th. More information to follow!*

SSOA Board of Directors:

Cathy Petersen — President
Jeremy Dornbier — Vice President
Jessikah Cummings — Treasurer
Scott Wheeler — Director
Lynda Cardwell — Secretary



TENT CAMPING is NOT allowed in SSOA except on your own property. Although we maintain an area near the Lodge for 'Recreation Vehicles' (RVs) overnight stays (with prior approval), no tent camping is allowed. Due to increased fire dangers, the campground area is only open to self-contained RVs. In addition, campfires are not allowed anywhere in SSOA, including vacant lots and homes owned by you or others. Please keep this in mind as we move into Fall and beyond!



PG&E previously downed a lot of trees, but the logs and rounds have not been removed. If you didn't request that PG&E leave the logs/wood and are concerned about how long it has taken to retrieve, you may call PG&E Vegetation Management at 800-564-5080 or email them at treesaftypge.com. Ask to speak to a supervisor if necessary!



Waste Container Days! Please remember to retrieve your disposal containers from the roadside timely. SSOA rules require that containers *not* be placed on the road for pickup sooner than the day before and *must* be retrieved no later than the following day. If items from your containers have fallen to the ground, remember to pick them up and dispose of them properly. Keep the neighborhood beautiful!