



NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 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.

SSOA EVENTS

On December 7, 2024, Santa visited the SSOA Lodge! This marked the second year SSOA put on the event for families in the community. Like last year, the event was enjoyed by all! Unlike a visit to Santa at the mall, the visit ends up being more like a neighborhood party. Adults and kids alike, greet neighbors and friends, share snacks, color and decorate picture frames, toss footballs outside on the lawn, along with having their photos taken with their favorite guy. Whether the photos include a child alone on Santa's lap, or the whole family, it becomes magical. In fact, at this year's event, a couple of little ones figured out sitting on Santa's lap ended with a candy cane! You guessed it, more than one child made a second or third trip to Santa's lap since each trip ended with a colorful candy cane! Next year's event is already booked with Santa for December 6, 2025, from 1 to 3 pm. Hopefully, an increasing number of members and their families attend the Santa event each year!

Events planned for 2025 – As in 2024, SSOA will again plan a pancake breakfast and egg hunt, an ice cream social (usually in August), and the trunk or treat in October. The SSOA Fire Safety Committee will also be hosting a neighborhood cleanup day at the Wisteria Pool and the Lodge as done in May of 2024. The specific dates and times will be provided later. Please consider volunteering for all events. Help is always needed!

Dues Increase – Please remember Membership dues/assessments increase the beginning of January 2025 by \$2 (dollars) a month; \$6 (dollars) a quarter as shown below:

- County-maintained roads increase to \$196 a quarter.
- Non-county-maintained roads increase to \$216 a quarter.
- Ingress/Egress remain at \$40 a quarter.

When paid through your bank's bill pay option, not auto deducted by EBMC, be sure to make an adjustment to the amount BEFORE the January 1st quarterly payment is due! (At least a week before the end of the month). Ensure all payments made allow time for the payments to travel through the USPS Mail services or your bank's processing procedures to avoid a late fee, which is currently \$10 or 10%, whichever is greater (CA Civil Code Section 5650(b)(2)).

Also, please note, if the payment is made through the EBMC web portal and paid by credit card or debit card, the fee charged by EBMC is increasing to 2.95%.

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SSOA MAINTENANCE PERSON – Although a touch late, it is time to welcome Corey Walkingstick as SSOA's maintenance person. Corey brings with him an enthusiasm for the job and a willingness to do whatever is required. If you see him around the neighborhood, introduce yourself and SAY HELLO!!

SSOA Board of Directors:

Roger DeGray — President
Donna Barrese — Vice President
Kay Campbell — Treasurer
Scott Wheeler — Secretary
Stephen Hopkins — Director

Preferred Contact Method: Tell us how you prefer to receive your notices, annual information, newsletters, etc. Currently, required notification is sent out via email when management has the correct email address. Information sent by US Postal Services is an expense to the Association, negatively impacts the environment, and is unpredictable. To receive notification in the manner you prefer, please download the “information card” from SSOA Website at https://www.sierraspringsowners.org/docs/common-docs/forms/ssoa_owners_info.pdf and return the filled-out card to EBMC.

Update for Owners Renting Their Homes in Sierra Springs – In response to a court case regarding the “rights” of individuals renting or leasing homes in HOAs and like communities, SSOA is making a court mandated change to how the use of amenities in the community by tenants/renters is handled. When an owner leases or rents their home in Sierra Springs, the owner automatically transfers their common area rights to the tenant. By renting or leasing their home(s), the owner automatically transfers all rights to the “use” of recreational amenities to the tenant. It is the tenant, not the owner, who is allowed to use the Lodge, pools, basketball/tennis courts, etc. It is also the right of the tenant, not the owner, to have their friends enjoy the amenities when accompanied by the tenant. Currently, the number of friends is held to six (6).

NOTE: While the right to use the amenities is transferred, the owner does not automatically transfer their right to attend Board meetings, annual meetings, or their voting rights to their tenant. Such rights are retained by the owner!

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME! Children being picked up or dropped off by busses occurs daily when schools are in session. Now with the time change and the dark clouds of winter storms, snow, rain, and sleet upon us, it will be even harder to see the children and animals in the roadways or on the side of the roads. Please slow down, be mindful of your surroundings, and children crossing the street or walking on the side of the roadways. The speed limit is 25 miles an hour on county-maintained roads and, if not 25 miles per hour on noncounty-maintained roads, it should be when weather conditions are bad. In fact, it should be even lower on all roadways when weather conditions demand a slower speed. Be aware, drive smart, and use common sense!