

The Stallion Springs Bridge



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Build a bridge, not a barrier; make a friend, not a fuss; find a cause, not a controversy; be a cheerleader, not a critic; seek a solution, not a standoff

PROPERTY OWNERS APPROVE FUNDING THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF LOCKING MAILBOXES FOR STALLION SPRINGS

By a vote of 683 yes to 372 no, Stallion Springs property owners approved a one-time \$139 mailbox assessment on property tax bills for 2007/2008.

An overflow crowd was in attendance at the CSD building on July 17th for the tabulation of the votes, waiting patiently for over two hours for the process of opening, cross checking and tallying the ballots. Thank you to Marlene Davis, Nancy Miller, Sandy Young, Irene Gunshinan, Julie Ferguson, David Aranda and Attorney Phil Hall for their diligence in accurately completing this task. Most of the residents in attendance appeared to be pleased with the outcome of the election

and are anxious to see the mailbox project move forward to completion.

"We are glad to see the property owners emphatically emphasize their desire to have locking mailboxes by their willingness to finance the project," stated General Manager David Aranda. G.B. Services, who specialize in installing locking mailboxes primarily at new housing tracts, has already been contacted by Mr. Aranda. "We hope to see the construction of new locking mailboxes take place beginning in September of this year." stated Aranda. Staff will be remov-

ing the existing mailboxes, determining how to retain the existing paper holders (tubes) for the community and developing the administrative process for issuing keys and handling the paperwork. Residents are asked to be patient as this process

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takes place. Residents will be notified as their mailbox site is transformed from rural to locking boxes. The notification will address the process in which the work will be done and the re-

quirements in regard to obtaining their assigned boxes and keys. Any questions in this regard can be directed to the General Manager.

WHAT IS HAPPENING WITH THE POSSIBLE ANNEXATION OF CUMMINGS VALLEY?

Recently flyers have been distributed to Stallion Springs residents regarding a request from two Cummings Valley property owners. The request was to the SSCSD for their consideration in annexing the Cummings Valley properties into the C.S.D. for future development. The Board of Directors and General Manager would like for you to take note of the following:

1. Before any decisions are made a town hall meeting will be held and all residents will have an opportunity to hear the facts regarding this proposed annexation and development. Meeting date and time will be published.
2. The goal is to have pertinent information by October 2007. The property owners in Cummings Valley are working with various engineers and planning people to prepare that information.
3. On January 9, 2007 at the Long Range Planning Board of Directors meeting the agenda item "discussion and direction in regard to a development in Cummings Valley and the potential annexation of
4. At the July 17, 2007 Board meeting Jo Anne Huckins asked that the Board of Directors place on the August 21, 2007 agenda a Resolution "terminating any consideration of annexing property outside of Stallion Springs' current boundaries or other activity that would encourage non-agricultural development in Cummings Valley until the General Plan Update has been completed."
5. The Board of Directors will place this item on the August 21, 2007 agenda. Residents are welcome to call their elected Board Members and/or the General Manager for more information.

the development into Stallion Springs" was discussed. Residents are welcome to view the agenda item in regard to this subject. The Board of Directors and the General Manager feel it is a responsibility to examine all options in regard to the future of Stallion Springs. The future of potable water, treatment of wastewater, roads, traffic, police and parks all can have a bearing in regard to development in Cummings Valley.

- INFORMATION & NOTES -

- ◆ The District office will be closed Monday, September 3rd for Labor Day.
- ◆ For emergency police, fire and medical calls dial 911 and specify to the dispatcher that you live in Stallion Springs. To reach the police for non emergency purposes you may call 822-3268 during normal business hours or 800-861-3110 for off business hours.
- ◆ For District emergencies off hours, such as a main line water break you may call 822-3268. Upon receiving the recording, press one and leave a message with the problem, your name and contact number and an on call district staff will be paged.
- ◆ House numbers need to be visible from the street
- ◆ Swimming pool—anticipated completion and opening in the early part of August.
- ◆ Bulletin boards at the mailbox sites are for current information. Please date the 8.5 x 11 flyers, and please no business cards.
- ◆ Residents who are interested in viewing Los Angeles television stations may wish to call All American Direct at 1-800-909-9677.
- ◆ The Consumer Confidence Report that was delivered with the Bridge outlines water quality for the community over the past calendar year. Should residents have any questions in regard to this report please contact the General Manager.
- ◆ The CC&R's are on our website at www.stallionspringscsd.com



ROAD CONTRACT WORK BEGINS AUGUST 13TH

Granite Construction, low bidder for the Stallion Springs road contract at \$687,000, will begin work on Monday, August 13th. As the date approaches, flyers will be distributed to residents who will be directly impacted by road closures, oiling of the roads, etc. All residents are urged to drive with caution and extra care during this period of construction. Direct any questions regarding this project to the General Manager.

STALLION SPRINGS MAIL BOX VOLUNTEERS

Most of us take for granted that our mail box sites are kept clean and free of litter. However; somewhere out there, a "Good Samaritan" is working behind the scenes.

We would like to thank those "Good Samaritans" who have tirelessly kept the mail sites presentable this past year: Patti Teague, Mary Ellen Nichols, Marlene Davis, Joe & Liliias Boyle, Jan & Bob Hanson, Lucy Gaglione,

Barbara Chott, Sandy Young, Al Swingle, Silvio Scarano, Susan Mueller, Richard & Amanda Davis and Priscilla Mester.

The bulletin boards at the mail sites are another area of concern. Please remove your flyer when the event has taken place and please refrain from taping anything to the plexi-glass cover. **THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!**

Trails and Parks

Equestrian Easements for riding and hiking were given to the residents of Stallion Springs when it was developed. The shape of the lots in the development were dictated by the land. As a general rule, equestrian easements were placed away from the roads at the back of the lots. This has resulted in some very beautiful areas of Stallion Springs being available for horseback riding and hiking. Trail use is one of the main ways our trails are maintained. If you want to know more about where trails are located or what section you could maintain, call Susan Wellington 822-8131.

Tehachapi Mountain Riders, Corral 83 of Equestrian Trails, Inc. held a successful fund-raising event in June. Prior to the events called the Triple Deal Poker Ride, members of the club and residents of

Stallion Springs concentrated on almost 20 miles of our trails. With the help of many—horses 4 hoofs each, hand tools and mowing machines, trails were ready for the 32 riders that came from Bakersfield, Tebachapi, Mojave and Hart Flat. These trails now ready for summer riders and hikers include Mustang Wilderness, Comanche Point, Poso Court, Deer Canyon, Chanac Creek, and along the golf course. Buckskin Park and Cummings Court Park and Comanche Point Interpretive Trail are good starting points.

The dictionary that is almost too large to take off the shelf says that weeds are any useless, troublesome or noxious plant. When we are working on trails, we mow and trample weeds to make a place for humans, horses, dogs and wild animals to walk. Most are prolific but not noxious.

Mustard, at least that tall, branching one, is troublesome partly because it continues to grow after the hillside grasses have stopped growing for the summer or have been mowed. The most useless, troublesome and noxious plant is Yellow Star Thistle. It is a plague in many parts of California but has been eradicated in most of the Tehachapi area. This tough weed which has yellow blossoms surrounded by sharp spines is blooming now. It needs to be pulled up, bagged and put in the trash bin. One plant going to seed can start an outbreak that will take several years of spraying to eradicate again. Please be watchful for this most useless troublesome and noxious of weeds. Brochures that will help you identify Yellow Star Thistle are available at the CSD office.

Susan Wellington

PICNIC

"The ultimate expression of generosity is not in giving of what you have, but in giving of who you are."

Johnetta B. Cole

Stallion Springs CSD is pleased to announce the inaugural Labor Day Picnic on Saturday, September 1, 2007. This is a wonderful opportunity for members of our community to meet with family and friends in a "small town" setting. This picnic will be comprised of games, music, food, inflatables for everyone, and most of all fun.

Several local organizations will be participating in this picnic, contributing to the overall spirit of this event. This festival will only be possible because of the tireless efforts of many dedicated volunteers, donations and sponsorships from local businesses.

Please consider participating in this event by becoming a volunteer! Thank you for taking this opportunity to volunteer your time and help make this event a success.

Volunteer Sign-up

All volunteers will receive a full day pass for admission to the inflatables!

Volunteer Orientation will be on Wed., August 22, 2007 at 7:00 pm at the Community Center

Please circle the activity and time you would prefer. You may volunteer for as many activities and hours as you would like. We will do our best to accommodate your preferred times and activities. When you have completed the form, please drop it off at the CSD office (attn: Lea Martinez). If you have any questions, please contact Lea Martinez in the Parks Department at the SSCSD. Thank you for your help. Your participation will help make this event a rewarding experience for the whole community, and a total success.

NAME: _____

E-MAIL: _____

PHONE #: _____

Set-up and Breakdown for Games, Etc			9—11	5—7
Kids Games/Activities			10—12	2—4
Bingo				10—12
Scrabble Tournament				3—5
Inflatables	10—12	12—2	2—4	4—6
Info Booth/Sales	10—12	12—2	2—4	4—6

Stallion Springs Parks and Recreation Department

Consult your summer activity guide booklet, there are many activities and special events upcoming. Activity booklets are available at the District Office.

August 4th & 5th—Shakespeare
 August 11th—Flea Market
 September 1st—Labor Day Picnic
 September 15th—Classic Car Show
 September 29th—Poker ride and hike
 Regular exercise classes are continuing

To: Stallion Springs Residents
 From: Carly Morton BVS

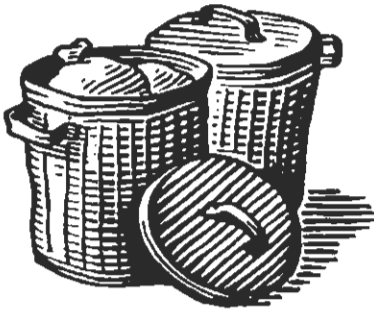
The safety factor at the intersection of Cummings Valley Road and Rt. 202 and the fact that Kern County has money to spend on Rt. 202 has been raised.

It is imperative our representative on the Kern County Board of Supervisors, Don Maben, receive as many letters as possible with our concerns. This intersection handles 1,883 Correctional Institution employees, combined with the traffic of an area with over 11,000 people.

Send to:
 Don Maben, Room 502, Kern County Offices
 1115 Truxton Ave., 5th Floor, Bakersfield, CA 93301

STALLION SPRINGS COMMUNITY CLEAN UP WEEKEND SCHEDULE

**The following Saturday's and Sunday's will be designated as dates residents can bring solid waste not normally accepted to the Stallion Springs transfer site.
 (Please, no hazardous materials and no tires)**



2007	2008
August 4th & 5th	February 2nd & 3rd
October 6th & 7th	April 5th & 6th
	June 7th & 8th



Residents cooperation with this program will be greatly appreciated by the staff at Stallion Springs C.S.D.

CLUB 55

Did you miss the first group of professionals? If so, mark your calendar, you don't want to miss our next program. Club 55 presents Bill Silva. Bill is Director of Food and Beverage for Woodward West. He has 25 years experience and a great believer in proper nutrition. Bill will be our speaker Wednesday August 22 at 7:00 PM in the Community Library at the District Office.

Did you know Lancaster has a Minor League Baseball Team? The Lancaster JetHawks are a Single A affiliate of the Boston Red Sox. If you or someone you know would be interested in attending an afternoon or evening game call Lucy Gaglione at 823-9195.

Once a Month Game Day

If you enjoy playing games you are invited to join other game enthusiasts once a month at the new Community Center. The Fall sched-

ule is Thursday October 25, Thursday November 29, and Thursday December 20. Games are from 1:30 PM to 4:30 PM and are predicated on interest. Please call Lucy at 823-9195 or Lea at 823-7883 for more information.

Would you like information about two bus day trips? There are two trips planned, the Carpenteria Avocado Festival on October 7th and the International Tamale Festival on November 11th. For more information please call Lucy at 823-9195.



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All Stallion Springs Residents

Community Services District Board of Directors Meeting Notes

Regular Meeting held June 19, 2007

...public hearings were held in regard to the various assessments placed on the tax roll each year, i.e. water \$30, sewer \$25 and roads \$150

...public hearing was held and the Board approved increasing the water, sewer and solid waste rates by the consumer price index of 3%. This rate increase will take place July 25, 2007

...discussions took place in regard to the Horse Thief Golf Course

Regular Meeting held July 17, 2007

...public hearing was held in regard to the locking mailbox ballots

...public hearing was held in regard to the Board placing tax liens on properties that were delinquent in water payments. The Board directed that placing of such liens go forward

...resolutions were approved certifying what the mailbox vote was and providing the county with the information required to place the \$139 one-time fee on the property tax bills

...discussion took place in regard to wastewater operations and facilities

...the Board approved entering into a contract with Charles Z. Fedak and Company to perform the annual audit at a cost of \$19,500

The 19th Hole at Horse Thief Country Club is pleased to announce that they are now open for dinner, Thursday, Friday & Saturday from 4:00 pm until 8:00 pm. Stop by, enjoy your favorite beverage and dinner with Chef Marty and his staff.