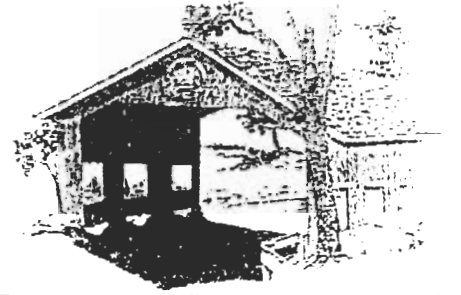


The Stallion Springs Bridge



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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 stall-out.

STALLION SPRINGS, YOU AND YOUR NEIGHBORS

The District office, Police Officers and the General Manager receive numerous calls and visits from individuals frustrated with their neighbors. The frustration can be a barking dog that goes on and on, a non-operating vehicle(s) parked alongside a neighbor's home, or it might be an unsightly yard, unkempt and/or filled with trash.

The Stallion Springs C.S.D. has police powers with its police department and has powers to enforce the Conditions, Covenants and Restrictions (CC&R's) within the community. Does this solve the problems that occur? The simple answer is no. In more cases than not the C.S.D. is left explaining to a resident our inability to solve the problem. Why? This country was built on people having freedom. This freedom includes many various aspects of life but the courts have especially held the freedom to live in a home on personal property as very important.

Governmental agencies such as the Stallion Springs Police Department, Kern County Animal Control and the Stallion Springs C.S.D. must act within the law when attempting to resolve various issues. Acting within the law includes what can be viewed legally, what a resident can be told to do or not do and what type of penalties can be imposed for

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violations of the law.

The ideal way to solve the problems in any community and in dealing with neighbors is to follow the Golden Rule. If everyone did to their neighbors what they would like done to them, things would be a lot more pleasant. Unfortunately this does not appear to be the case. The next logical step is for the resident who is upset or distressed about a problem to go to the resident creating the problem and have a calm discussion about the problem, hopefully resolving it.

The third step is usually when the District gets involved. Over the next year the Stallion Springs C.S.D. will be facilitating meetings to see the CC&R's being rewritten and we want the input from various residents in the community.

The concept of rewriting the CC&R's is drawn from having a document that is up to date, meets all the legal requirements and is very specific in dealing with penalties for failure to follow the CC&R's.

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A Step Ahead With Pal

A Step Ahead With PAL is an early childhood program that provides a quality education for preschool age children. Children must be at least 3 years of age by December 2, 2007, to enroll in our 2008 Preschool registration. The program requires children to be completely potty trained. A Step Ahead provides an educational curriculum that promotes the child's cognitive, social, emotional and physical development. A Step Ahead operates on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:45 am to 12:00 noon. There is a \$25.00 annual (non-refundable) registration fee for each child, and is not applicable to the tuition. The tuition cost is \$160 per month.

"When you get to the end of your rope, tie a knot and hang on.", Franklin D. Roosevelt

BE A PART OF THE SOLUTION

The Stallion Springs Board of Directors has approved going forward with a rewrite of the Conditions, Covenants and Restrictions (CC&R's) for the community. If you are interested in serving on the committee that will draft the rewrite please send your interest along with your name and contact information to the attention of General Manager, Stallion Springs CSD, 28500 Stallion Springs Drive, Tehachapi, CA 93561.

-INFORMATION & NOTES -

- ◆ The District Office will be closed on Monday, February 18th for President's 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.
- ◆ Bulletin boards at the mailbox sites are for current information. Please date the 8.5 x 11 flyers, and please no business cards.
- ◆ The CC&R's are on our website at www.stallionspringscsd.com
- ◆ Kern County has leash laws! Please be courteous to your neighbors and see that your dog is leashed whenever the animal is outside the yard.
- ◆ A reminder that DSL is available in Stallion Springs. A resident provided the District with the following website to sign up:
<http://www.att.com/gen/general?pid=6431>
- ◆ The February 5th Kern County Elections Polling Booth will be at the CSD office.



SHREDDING THE PAST!! On Saturday, February 2, 2008 from 10:00 am until Noon, a company will be at Stallion Springs C.S.D. parking lot to shred any papers residents may desire destroyed. This is the perfect opportunity to get rid of those documents that take space in the home but you are afraid to place in the trash dumpsters because of the confidential information they contain. Any questions about this program, please contact the General Manager.

Stallion Springs Community Clean Up Weekend Schedule

The following Saturdays and Sundays 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)

February 2nd & 3rd April 5th & 6th



SSPOA NEWS

The January 24th General Meeting will start promptly at 6:30 pm. We will have a short meeting and then at 7:00 pm our "Winter Warmer" will begin serving hot cider, cocoa and coffee along with a slice of pie (\$1.00). Bingo will follow. Bingo is free and we have some nice prizes. Next month is our February Fiesta Potluck and guest speaker Christine Kennedy from the Indian Point Ostrich Ranch.

Hope to see you there! Jo Ann Kiblinger, SSPOA Preident

Looking for a 2007 tax deduction?

Donations are still needed for the gym and multipurpose room

\$1—\$500—Community acknowledgement of your gift donation

\$501—\$5,000—A memory stone will be placed in the front of the building

\$5,001—\$49,999—A sign will be placed inside the gymnasium for one year

\$100,000—The gym will be named per your choice for five years

Please make checks or money orders out to the Police Activities League (PAL) for your taxable donation.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

YES, PLEASE ACCEPT MY CHECK FOR \$ _____

MEET CHIEF OF POLICE BRAD BURRIS

"I want my officers to meet or exceed standards and training of any other officer in the State of California. And they do," says Chief of Police Brad Burris. Our Stallion Springs officers receive training through the Police Officers Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.). This is a continuing educational program that takes them off site two weeks each year. The Stallion Springs procedures policies and methodologies are kept current through this educational program, which makes our police department one of the best in the County.

Brad has lived in Stallion Springs since 1987, coming originally from a construction background. He graduated from the Fresno Police Academy, was an officer for many years and became our Chief in 1994. Brad feels one of his first responsibilities is to be on the constant search for excellent officer talent. We currently have a position open and several candidates are being considered.

Brad and I took a drive down Comanche Pointe toward Arvin. The total

community of Stallion Springs is approximately 48 square miles and about half of that is in this section of undeveloped property, going down about 16 miles from Comanche Pointe to the Stallion Springs boundary. This huge, and privately owned expanse of gorgeous land is the responsibility of our Police Department—just like your front yard and mine. Our drive took us past a herd of elk, maybe 8 or 10 in total with the male attending his harem. We also saw fox, bobcat and lots of cattle. Brad and his officers work with the Department of Fish & Game in order to help control poaching of these beautiful animals. The other problem in this area are individuals cutting down trees for the wood. Brad says there are people, knowing full well this is private property, who feel they have a claim to the resources it contains. Fortunately, he and our officers patrol this area, apprehend and prosecute the offenders.

I asked Brad about the problems he sees in Stallion Springs and his number one concern is speeding. Comanche Pointe, Banducci, Highline, and

Pellisier have seen very serious accidents and the numbers are increasing. He urges everyone to please slow down and observe the speed limits.

As our Police Chief and an active leader in the Police Activities League, Brad appreciates all the individuals that give of their time and money for community activities. He also appreciates and encourages any and all of your concerns. If something suspicious is going on next door, call Brad. If there are new or different activities you'd like to see provided by PAL, call Brad. If you are going out-of-town, call the department and let them know. They'll drive by and make sure things look normal (no moving van in your driveway!). This kind of community input gave us locked mail boxes, and mail theft is no longer a problem. Brad and our officers work 12 hour shifts and are "on call" 24/7. Each officer I spoke with feels they work for you and me, and this is certainly Brad's feeling also. He is so proud of the Stallion Springs community and wants you to be just as proud.

Lon Morales

PARK AND RECREATION HAPPENINGS

Do you know that we offer 11 different opportunities to exercise every week? We have several different classes such as Muscle Conditioning, Step Aerobics, Yoga, Stretch and Tone, and the newly added Boot Camp. It's just \$20 a month (or \$5 walk in) for each and every class we offer. Get a jump start on that New Year's resolution to get fit!

Looking for some opportunities to play sports? Every Tuesday night from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM is Adult Basketball and every Thursday night from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM is Adult Indoor Soccer. You get a chance to play without the commitment of joining a league. The best part is it's FREE!!!!

Attention Parents! Wondering what to do on Valentine's Day? Bring your kids to the Community Center for an evening of supervised activities. It's just \$10 per kid (all children MUST be potty trained). We'll feed and entertain them while you enjoy an evening out. Hours are from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM (late pick ups will be charged an additional fee). Limit 25 kids so register early!

There will be 2 movie nights in Feb. Sat Feb 2nd we will be showing the MGM classic "Singin' in the Rain" with the legendary Gene Kelly! And on Sat Feb 9th we will be showing the family movie "Racing Stripes." They're free* so bring your cocoa and sleeping bags and come on down to enjoy the shows (*unaccompanied children will be charged \$3 for admission)

Kid Crafts are back! Join us the last Saturday of the month (1/26, 2/23, and 3/29) at 10:30 AM at the Community Center for Arts and Crafts. There will be a \$3 charge per person for supplies. Register one week prior to ensure supplies. Walk ins are welcomed until supplies run out.

It's time to start planning the 2nd Annual Stallion Springs Labor Day Picnic. The first planning meeting will be Monday February 4th at 6:30 PM at the CSD. If you are interested in helping plan this fun family event please stop on by.



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Community Services District Board of Directors Meeting Notes

Regular Meeting held December 18, 2007

- ...the Board approved the destruction of records from the record retention file
- ...the Board approved declaring some miscellaneous items surplus to sell via bid

Special Meeting held January 15, 2008

- ...the Board reviewed with the General Manager the next five years for each department in regard to direction, financial impacts and needs

Regular Meeting Held January 15, 2008

- ...the Board heard a presentation from a CPA firm in regard to the fiscal year 2007 audit
- ...the Board approved a specific vacation accrual policy
- ...the Board approved a resolution supporting Bear Valley C.S.D. annexing from the Tehachapi Park District



You may have noticed that the old mailboxes have been removed and the tubes have been relocated at some of the mail sites around the area. This is an ongoing process. As the mailboxes are removed, they will be left at the site for a few weeks. If you want yours, feel free to take it. The tubes will have a number on the inside corresponding to the number of your mailbox, ie; if your mailbox number is 85—6 then that will be the number in your tube. In this way, your identity is protected. This process should be completed by the first of March. When the weather warms up asphalt work will be completed around the mailboxes to alleviate any mud/dirt problems. The CSD wants to thank everyone for their cooperation during this time of transition.