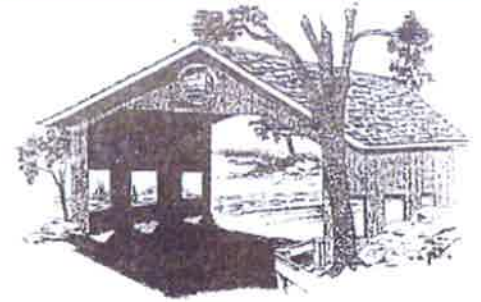


The Stallion Springs BRIDGE



June/July 2020

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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

STALLION SPRINGS RESIDENTS:

I moved to Stallion Springs 22 years ago and I still enjoy this amazing little community. Everyone waved at me when I drove by, everyone had a clean beautiful yard and everyone seemed just as happy to be here as I was.

Today I look around and I see that most everyone is in a hurry. A lot of yards are overgrown and full of debris.

I was taught growing up that owning a home is something to be proud of and take care of. What about you? Are you proud when you look around? Are there some things in your yard that you can clean up or get rid of? Do you have overgrown trees or weeds? (These can be unsightly and cause a fire risk for you and your neighbors.) Ask yourself these questions and take the time today to take pride in your home.

What has happened to taking pride in our community? What has happened to building a bridge not a barrier, making a friend not a fuss? These are all questions I have been asking myself the last few years.

If you see something that needs to be addressed let me know. If you see trash, pick it up and if you have a neighbor in need, help them out. Most things can be addressed by reaching out. E-mail me at: vstevens@stallionspringscsd.com or call our office at 661-822-3268

My goal for this community is to bring it back to what it used to be. Bring back the neighborhood barbeques, the friendships and the beauty we once had.

Vanessa Stevens,
General Manager



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Library News:

The staff and several amazing volunteers have been busy getting things ready to open the Library. I want to thank Emma, Katherine and all those that have helped box up the books. (Please no more book



donations, we have to get settled in before we can accept anymore). I also want to give a HUGE thank you to the Stallion Springs Community Church, the Harrison Family, and the Heasley Family for your generous donations for Flooring. We are excited to announce that your new library will have a cozy sitting room, beautiful outdoor area and a coffee bar. Watch for details on the Grand Opening set to be this month! If you would like to volunteer please contact Emma at **661-822-1385**.

Lake News:

All of the work done over the past few months to Horsethief Lake has really made a difference! The rain we had sure filled it up nicely and we are hoping to stock the lake this month. We are still looking for donations for fish, so please spread the word. Donations can be made to Support Stallion Springs Foundation (non-profit organization to better the Community). Please specify "Fish" in the memo.



IMPORTANT: FISHING PERMIT IS REQUIRED AT ALL TIMES.

Fishing without a permit will result in a fine. 48-hour permits are available at the Stallion Springs General Store or the CSD for \$10. Yearly permits will be available June 17th at the District Office ONLY.

Parks & Recreation:

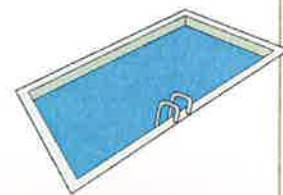
The work on the Gym floor has been completed and we are excited to reveal the finished product.

We are hoping to resume open gym, Basketball and Pickleball as soon as we are given the OK.

All other Parks & Recreation Activities will resume if we are given the Ok to do so.



When will the pool be open? At the moment the CDC is still recommending that public pools remain closed in Kern County but we are watching the news closely for any changes and will notify the Public as soon as possible.



In the meantime, all parks are open and we encourage you to get out and enjoy this beautiful weather!

Stay active, stay positive, and stay well.



HIKING TRAILS:



Did you know there are over 20 different hiking and equestrian trails in our Community? Trails get us outside and help us enjoy all the beauty of Stallion Springs. They also require care and maintenance. With so many trails, it is hard to keep up with trail work needs and without regular maintenance trails fall into disrepair. That's why we need your help! Are you interested in volunteering to help get our trails back on track?

Please let us know by emailing: lcook@stallionspringscsd.com

WATCH OUT for bears and mountain lions this summer, a few have been sighted recently in the areas of Buckskin, Mustang, and Buckpasser.



IN A HURRY, DON'T WORRY!

There are benefits to using our DROP BOX and WEBSITE!

During the on-going pandemic the District has had to learn different ways to serve our residents. We have learned we can be more efficient by having our current, as well as new residents, fill out paperwork online and email them to sscsd@stallionspringscsd.com. The paperwork is then processed and prepared. (This is also beneficial because paperwork is more legible when typed online,

this helps us to get the correct information such as phone numbers, email, etc.) We then contact the resident to pick-up the paperwork, mail keys, or tags. You save precious time that would normally be spent in our office. We also found that many residents did not realize that we have a drop box in the parking lot at the end of the driveway as you exit. We would highly recommend using this box for dropping off paperwork, paying bills, dropping off keys, etc.

Please take the time to see what paperwork is available online to be filled out. If you would like to see any additional fillable forms online, please let us know.

NEW WASTE TRANSFER SITE INFO:

The new site project is under way and we are looking forward to the new features like the automatic gate system, new green waste site and recycle bins. The site will be fully operational by the end of July.



Here are some things to know:

How do I gain access to the new site? You, as the occupant of the property, will need to fill out the form sent to you in the mail and return it to the District Office. An access tag will be assigned to the occupant of the property and the vehicles that are used for trash disposal ONLY. (Tags will only be placed on street legal vehicles. No tractors, golf carts, etc.) To receive your tag you must come to the District Office *in the vehicle used for trash disposal* between 8AM-1PM on the following dates:

Saturday, June 20, 2020 (Last names beginning with A-M)

Saturday, June 27, 2020 (Last names beginning with N-Z)

Saturday, July 11, 2020 (Last names beginning with A-M)

Saturday, July 18, 2020 (Last names beginning with N-Z)

The STAFF will apply the tag to your vehicle and provide you with detailed instructions on how to dispose of your trash and properly utilize the various bins available at the solid waste site.

****NOTICE****

To eliminate confusion and to ensure all residents receive a tag, you will be given ONE tag on the specified day and additional tags will be available at a cost of \$15 after August 1, 2020

Recyclables: There will be a large recycle bin available for all recyclables such as: cans, plastics, and cardboard. All containers must be clean of food and boxes **must** be broken down.

Household Trash: All household trash will go into the regular trash bins. **NO BULKY OR HAZARDOUS ITEMS ALLOWED.**

It is important that the community follows the new site regulations in an effort to keep the trash operations flowing and to eliminate possible citations. We want to get this right, end confusion and start utilizing the area properly. Help us do this by reading the instructions and following the guidelines.



If you have any questions please contact the District Office.

SSPOA SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

My wife, Laureen, and I moved to Stallion Springs from North Dakota. I had been in Tehachapi previously for wind energy training, never realizing that I might some day live here. After my wife retired and we started looking for a place with warmer weather, low crime, good schools (our grandson lives with us), and access to decent employment. Stallion Springs has all those things, plus a friendly welcoming community.

This community has a lot to offer for both young and old. From the community center to our great restaurants, gas station/ convenience store. The mountains are breathtakingly beautiful and the friendly waves that greet you either walking or driving are so refreshing to be a part of.

Last weekend, we

were blessed to be part of the Stallion Springs Property Owners Association (POA) scholarship delivery parade. The POA was able to give six Stallion Springs students a \$ 1,000 scholarship each. In the dreary days of COVID-19, no recognition or graduation ceremonies, and isolation, this was an opportunity to brighten the day for the students and the community. Stallion Springs has a reputation and history for stepping up and taking care of its own in need, and once again set a stellar example.

Debbie Rodriguez of the POA deserves to be recognized for her efforts in heading this initiative, and her consistent selfless service and love for our community.

With Warm Regards,
Todd Wilen, Vice President SSPOA



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

**Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the meeting may be cancelled again. Notifications will be sent advising. If meeting is a Teleconference, instructions will be sent out with notifications about how to join in.

Our meetings are on the fourth
Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.:

Next meeting is:

June 23, 2020 -

July 28, 2020

Corral Room,

27850 Stallion Springs Drive

ALL are welcome! Bring your friends and neighbors! Meet our SSPD and get the latest updates on how to prevent crime in our neighborhood.

JUST A HEADS UP ABOUT WATER PAYMENTS....

When you use your bill payment system to pay Stallion Springs CSD, your bank writes a check and it is sent by mail.

Your bank may take money out of your account today, but not write a check for up to 10 days after your request.

We may not get your payment for up to 14 days after your request.

SSCSD offers credit card payments thru our website www.stallionspringscsd.com and we now offer Phone payments and Auto payments by calling: 661-825-1515.

There is a minimum processing charge for the online credit card payments, but the payments are processed immediately.

WATER INFORMATION

BILLING - You will receive a bill which includes water usage, trash and sewer charges, every two months as follows:

<u>METER READ</u>	<u>PAYMENT DUE</u>	<u>METER READ</u>	<u>PAYMENT DUE</u>
February	March 20th	August	September 20th
April	May 20th	October	November 20th
June	July 20th	December	January 20th

Did you know you can go online and pay or just manage your water bill at www.stallionspringscsd.com, Online Bill Pay? Stallion Springs CSD only accepts Cash or Check in our office.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENT:

TEHACHAPI

SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2020
12001 TEHACHAPI BLVD
9 AM - 1 PM

Accepted Materials
 Batteries | Motor Oil | Paints | Light Bulbs | Sharps
 | Pool Chemicals | Automotive Products |
 Cleaning Products & more!



**TOO TOXIC
TO TRASH!**



RULES TO FOLLOW

- Label All Containers
- No Leaking Containers
- Do Not Mix Wastes
- Transport no more than 25 gallons or 225 lbs of waste per trip

Business Waste **NOT** accepted
 *Collection event may be cancelled due to weather conditions

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Protecting our Communities with COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAMS

During and after times of widespread emergencies and disasters, citizens and residents depend on local, state and federal governments to help communities and lessen the impact of the event. When community needs are greater than professional emergency responders are able to provide, individuals and the media are quick in criticizing actions taken by government agencies and/or their staff. By slightly modifying President Kennedy's quote, ask not what your community can do for you--ask what you can do for your community.

Community Emergency Response Team, (CERT) is a nationwide program promoted under the umbrella organization Citizen Corps, but implemented at the local level under the sponsorship of a municipal or county public service agency. An effective CERT comprises citizen volunteers from all walks of life who have received standardized training, including disaster preparation and basic practical skills in fire safety/suppression, search and rescue, triage, medical treatment, as well as awareness in terrorism and psychological effects of disasters. CERT comprises an organized team of volunteer emergency responders who agree to support professional responders so that they may focus on more technical tasks in times of need. However, participants who do not wish to join a team can attend the training for their own household's benefit. The less people who become victims, the more effective emergency responder services are. FEMA provides the training materials and curriculum to ensure that each CERT program and training are standardized and in sync with their sponsoring agency. CERT is financially self-reliant and does not depend on significant government funding. According to FEMA, there are nearly 2,600 CERTs nationwide.

My first experience with natural disaster was the Old Fire in Southern California in 2003. Unfortunately, the community I lived in at the time neither had CERT nor had I ever heard of CERT. I tried to make myself useful as a good Samaritan through tasks like compiling a list of fire-damaged homes, putting out smoldering hot spots with garden hoses

and providing information to displaced neighbors and residents, feeding pets and emptying refrigerators (the fire had cut off all electrical power for over a week). Although I established a liaison with and received the unofficial concurrence of the local fire department, my good intentions violated a cardinal rule of emergency response: never operate alone. When I found out about CERT several years later, I pondered the similarities between my experiences in the Old Fire and how CERT could have made a difference. This prompted me to join Stallion Springs CERT (SSCERT) in 2012.

Unlike most CERTs that are sponsored by a fire department, SSCERT is sponsored by the Stallion Springs Police Department. SSCERT's first major deployment was in 2011 when the Comanche Fire burned to the edge of the community. SSCERT was officially commended by local and county leadership for its role in supporting about 900 emergency responders who were able to save the community from major harm. That incident propelled SSCERT from its humble beginnings to its current status. Today, SSCERT has its own training program with FEMA-certified instructors, approximately 35 active members and some 200 local residents have completed the training to date. Through the dedication of its members, SSCERT also acquired infrastructure consisting of a headquarters building, a partnership with the American Red Cross to erect a public shelter, a reliable self-contained radio communications system, a mobile command post and I'm proud to have been a part of this effort. To keep its skills honed between deployments, SSCERT provides support for organized local community events, such as bicycle races, monthly meetings and drills, annual training classes and developing pre-disaster plans, such as large animal evacuation. As a non-profit 501(c)3, SSCERT relies on fundraising events and local grants.

If you would like to find out more information, receive training, or become part of SSCERT, please visit our Facebook page at StallionSpringsCERT.

Dominique Dieken
SSCERT Lead

CLEAN UP DAYS 2020

◆◆NEW LOCATION AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER◆◆

Have big bulky items? Don't want to do the drive? Plan on these days to bring your large, bulky items to Stallion Springs Community Center parking lot for easy disposal and recycling.

There is a bulky item pick-up for Senior and Disabled Adults on Wednesday, August 12, 2020, Please call the CSD by Tuesday, August 11, 2020 to be placed on a list.

DATES:

Thursday, August 13 10 A.M.—7 P.M.

Friday, August 14 7 A.M.— 3:00 P.M.

WE WILL NOT ACCEPT:

Household Hazardous Waste, Construction Waste, Asphalt, Concrete, Tires, Alkaline, Batteries, Fluorescent Tubes or Light bulbs.

FLOW OF TRAFFIC ON CLEAN UP DAYS:

Enter from Churchill near mailboxes, go through dirt road around Community Center/Cert bldg., through Community Center parking lot., exit onto Stallion Springs Drive





STALLION SPRINGS
 COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
 27800 STALLION SPRINGS DRIVE
 TEHACHAPI, CA 93561
 661-822-3268 MAIN
 661-822-1878 FAX

Important Information for Stallion Springs Residents

Stallion Springs Community Services District Office
 (Hours - Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. (Closed 12:00n - 1:00 p.m. for lunch)
 27800 Stallion Springs Drive • Tehachapi • CA • 93561 • Phone: 661-822-3268

Parks and Recreation
 661-823-7883

Police Department Dispatch
 800-861-3110

Fire Department
 661-822-3980

Water & Sewer Emergency
 661-822-3268
 661-753-6207 (after hours)

Police/Fire Emergencies
 911

Police Non-Emergency
 800-861-3110

Street lights should be reported to Southern California Edison 800-655-4555. They will need the closest cross streets & the pole # that can be found on the pole.

Potholes or needed street repairs should be reported to the Al White, Public Services Supervisor via email: awhite@stallionspringscsd.com or call the District office 661-822-3268.

Utilities & Services	Provider	Phone Number	Website
Trash, Water, Sewer	SSCSD	661-822-3268	mysscsd.com
Electricity	So. Cal. Edison	800-655-4555	sce.com
Natural Gas	The Gas Company	800-427-2200	socalgas.com
Telephone	AT & T	800-331-0500	att.com
Internet/Telephone	Race Communications	877-722-3833	race.com
Animal Control	K.C. Animal Services	661-868-7100	

Planning to dig? You will need to have the underground utilities marked. Designing a project, no matter how big or small, you need to know the location of the underground lines. To place a dig notification, please call 8-1-1 or 800-227-2600.

Public School Information	Phone Number	Website
Tehachapi Unified School District	661-822-2100	teh.k12.ca.us/
Tehachapi High School	661-822-2130	ths.teh.k12.ca.us/
Jacobsen Middle School	661-822-2150	jms.teh.k12.ca.us/
Transportation Dept.	661-822-2115	teh.k12.ca.us/



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Please be advised that the Main District Water Valve should never be turned at your meter. By doing this, it may cause damage or may be broken which will cause water shut offs not only to your residence, but to a whole neighborhood. Thank you.

Recommended: All customers should have their own customer valve for shutting off water.

INFORMATION AND NOTES

- ◆ 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, contact Kern County Dispatch at (800) or (661) 861-3110.
- ◆ California law states that dogs must be on a leash. Please follow this rule. Stallion Springs Police will be working with Kern County Animal Control in regard to ticketing violators.
- ◆ For District emergencies off hours, such as a main line water break you may call 822-3268. Leave a message with the problem, your name and contact number and an on-call District staff will be paged.
- ◆ Please visit our website:
www.stallionspringscsd.com
 to keep informed.