

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

Three Important Reminders for Residents!!

1. Home addresses must be visible from the street. The District will begin enforcing this rule. Visible addresses is a protection to residents.
2. Clean Up Days will be Friday, February 3 and Saturday, February 4. See inside.
3. Mustard Weed is a nuisance in Stallion Springs. Sign up now for a spraying program that will eradicate the weed. See application inside

An Open Letter to the Stallion Springs Community

It was a pleasure to see so many people at the Jan. 17 CSD Board of Directors meeting. This is the kind of interest that we, as directors, hope for. It is when we hear your comments that we have a better understanding of what you envision for our community and we do not have to speculate on what you want. Many of our decisions are, however, governed by State, County and Local regulations.

We receive our Board Packets a few days prior to the meeting. We walk the easements and park sites in question; we attend the district water and safety meetings; we read the reports and study all the materials available so that we can do the best possible job to represent you and Stallion Springs.

We appreciate being contacted prior to the meetings so that we can research your questions and have the facts available so that we can give an informative reply. We want to work together as a community, unified in the effort to keep Stallion springs such a great place to live.

Meet two new employees of Stallion Springs Community Services District:

Gilbert Gutierrez has been hired as a Water/Wastewater Operator.

Gilbert grew up in the San Joaquin Valley and had an opportunity to enter in the water and wastewater profession, which he took advantage of and now thoroughly enjoys doing.

Gilbert has two sons, Gilbert Jr, 10 years old and Joshua who is 2 years old. Gilbert enjoys playing with his kids, camping, riding quads, sports and horse shoes.

Lea Ames has been hired as the District's part time Park and Rec coordinator.

Lea moved to Stallion Springs from Lancaster. She has a five month old son and is very happy to have the opportunity to spend the majority of her time at home with him. Lea worked for Infinity Technologies where she worked in Project Support for NASA. Lea enjoys hiking, traveling, reading, scrapbooking and spending time with her family.

Lea would like to hear from residents in regard to ideas, suggestions and questions revolving around park and recreation activities. You can email her at stallionspringsparks@yahoo.com.

Please welcome our new employees...

— INFORMATION & NOTES —

... Tehachapi Cummings Water has large water lines running through Stallion Springs and Cummings Valley. On three occasions the Tehachapi Cummings Water line has malfunctioned spilling many gallons of water. Should you see water running in Stallion or Cummings Valley please call the Stallion Springs CSD and we will notify Tehachapi Cummings Water District.

... The CC&R's address lights. Please be polite to your neighbors and make sure your outside lights are in compliance with the CC&R's.

... Water meters are read every other month around the 22 of November, January, March, May and July. Residents interested in learning how to read their meters can stop by the office.

... Please, if you receive mail that should have been delivered to a different address in Stallion, DO NOT mark it "not at this address" but rather say "deliver to the correct address".

... Freezing weather is here. Remember to insulate all water lines to prevent broken water pipes. Check your water lines as they run from the meter into the house. Sometimes when new homes are insulated the pipes in the attic are not properly done.

... Remember Garage Sale signs are okay for no more than three days. Please remove the sign after the event.

... A reminder to all residents. The District owns the roads and right of ways (the additional 10-30 feet alongside the paved road). Driveway Encroachment permits allow property owners to access their property. For residents to drive over curbs and berms is illegal and causes damage to the roadway. Please only drive onto property via driveways.

... Should any resident notice that a contractor has left his construction site with litter, please contact the General Manager at 822-3268, ext. 224.

Stallion Springs Property Owners Welcome Committee

One cold January Monday, Barbara Chott and Susan Mueller set out to call on five new homeowners in Stallion Springs. They picked a holiday and the coldest day of the year for this adventure. Their first call, the Keven Baird family, was not home but they left an informational bag and their names and phone numbers in case the new residents need further assistance.

Michael, Jamie and eleven month old Michaela Blatt were newly moved from across town in Golden Hills. Chris, Raquel, and daughter Bernadette Cervantes and Russ and Nina Russell were the next two calls and both families were from Bakersfield. The last call, Ryan, Christina and sons Christian and Austin Idleman, was from Quartz Hill. They knew about Stallion Springs through their mother who is building in Golden Hills and they also knew the builder of their house.

Even though the day was cold, the welcome was genuinely warm and friendly. We hope to see these new families at a POA meeting and involved around the community.

... MODULAR HOMES - The District receives many inquiries in regard to why the District would allow these type homes in the community or "I thought that the CC&R's prohibited modular homes?" Federal and State law prohibits discriminating against modular homes. It is a serious offense. The District has rules for building any type of home in Stallion, which all home builders must follow.

... 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 and your name and contact number and on call district staff will be paged.

... 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.

... Exercise classes continue Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:30-11:30 am. Work off the extra weight!

... The CC&R's are on our website at www.stallionspringscsd.com

... House numbers need to be visible from the street!

... Clean up dates for 2006 are as follows: February 3 & 4; April 7 & 8 and June 2 & 3.

Stallion Springs Property Owners in the Winter 2005-2006

Even though there was no POA meeting in November and December the Property Owner Association has been BUSY. We debuted our first float in the Tehachapi Christmas Parade. With elves holding our lighted sign and the lighted wagon carrying carolers, we showed off our community spirit. Later in December our float traveled through Stallion Springs on two nights full of carolers, bells and lights serenading residents. The elves gave candy canes to the families along the route and carolers warmed up with cocoa and cookies after the singing.

Already in January phone books have been delivered by volunteers to every house and business in Stallion Springs and Cummings Valley. Around 1500 books were delivered and \$750 added to our scholarship fund.

The next 5 months meetings will be on the fourth Thursday at 6:30 for potluck dinner and 7:00 for meeting and guest speaker. Good things are planned. In January Ray Hino will update us on Healthcare District plans. February will focus on Emergency Preparedness. March will be another visit with Tim Kielpinski from Old Towne Nursery. April is Auction Night. We are looking for donations of things to auction. Check your garage for those select items that would look great in someone else's house.

June is the annual meeting with election of officers in the morning and the ANNUAL PROPERTY OWNERS PICNIC in the afternoon. This is June 24. Mark those calendars and join the fun.

Stallion Springs Trail Association

by Susan Wellington



Trail Volunteers will be gathering to implement the next step in the long range plan to have a viable trail system linking all the park sites in Stallion springs. The trails linking Man 'O War Park on the east to Cummings Court Park on the west must be maintained but with the ground soft after the rains it is time to establish new trails. On west side of Stallion Springs we will link Cummings Court to the park sites on Mustang, Comanche Point and Condor Place in the next couple of years.

The first step is to establish where the easements are. Using maps, measuring tools, survey markers where available, and guesstimating the location of property lines are figured out. Easements are measured off from the property lines. Then the path of the trail can be outlined using the terrain and natural elements like rocks and trees.

Once the path of the trail is established the blister building work of cutting in the trail tread begins. This is when the shovels and rakes go to work.

Except for January and December 2006, Trail Work Days, held in conjunction with Corral 83 will be on the last Saturday of each month. That is February 25, March 25, April 29, May 27, June 24, July 29, August 26, September 30, October 28, November 25, December 23.

Trail Work is an opportunity to serve the community of Stallion Springs as the trails are maintained by volunteers and users. Sign

on the mail station bulletin boards give the starting time, which varies with the season, and announces the tools needed. The general plan for a Trail Work Day is to meet at Horsethief Park with the tools designated for that day. Then we will carpool to the work site and back after two or three hours of work at the site. Refreshments including water is provided to the volunteers. All ages of a family can participate in trail work.

COMMUNITY CENTER FUNDRAISER

Stallion Springs Community Services District has entered into an agreement with H & R Block tax services that could raise thousands of dollars for our community Center project.

*The Non-profit referral program runs
January 1 through April 17, 2006.*

Have your tax return prepared by H & R Block; the community Center program receives a \$20 donation. (New clients receive an additional \$10.)

HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS:

Pick up a referral form at the CSD or Springs Market. Take the form with you to H & R Block when you have your taxes done.

(Drop off services are available; call the CSD for more information.)

Note: All Bakersfield offices are participating in this program

STALLION SPRINGS MUSTARD WEED ERADICATION PROGRAM

Participation Agreement

Participant Name _____ Phone Number _____

Job Location _____

Mailing Address _____

Size of area to be sprayed _____ sq. ft. OR _____ acres

Standard costs with no major obstacles or difficult terrain

| ACRES | COST | ACRES | COST | ACRES | COST |
|-----------|------|---------|-------|---------|-----------|
| up to 1/4 | \$59 | 1.0-1.9 | \$125 | 4.0-4.9 | \$205 |
| 1/4-1/2 | \$69 | 2.0-2.9 | \$145 | 5.0-9.9 | \$65/acre |
| 1/2-0.9 | \$95 | 3.0-3.9 | \$175 | 10-50 | \$60/acre |

Required hand spraying in areas inaccessible to equipment is charged at an additional rate of \$20 per hour.

The herbicide to be used is TELAR DF, a powder mixed with water. This material is extremely effective in killing all weeds in the Mustard family. It does not affect grasses, but care must be taken to avoid plants in landscaped areas or other desirable plants. TELAR DF has a long soil residual for extended control of Mustard weeds. Application must be followed by rains to put the material in the germination zone and into the root zone of established plants.

TELAR DF is in the lowest toxicity label category, but care must be taken to follow safe handling procedures as labeled.

Permission is hereby granted to the Stallion Springs CSD and any contracted spray operator to enter my property to spray TELAR DF for control of Mustard weeds.

I agree that I will not bring legal action nor support legal action of another party against the SSCSD, its officers, agents, employees or volunteers for any accidental damage to my property resulting from the activities performed pursuant to this agreement.

Signature _____ Date _____

A trained operator will perform the spray work on a best-efforts basis, but no warrant as to its effectiveness is given or implied. If for any reason the work cannot be performed, the payment will be refunded in full.

RETURN COMPLETED FORM AND CHECK TO:
SSCSD, 28500 Stallion Springs Drive, Tehachapi, CA 93561



STALLION SPRINGS
COMMUNITY
SERVICES DISTRICT
28500 STALLION SPRINGS DRIVE
TEHACHAPI CA 93561

Delivered
by the
Community
Services
District

Delivered to:

All Stallion Springs Residents

STALLION SPRINGS COMMUNITY WINTER CLEAN UP DAYS

FRI. FEB. 3, NOON - 7 PM
SAT. FEB. 4, 8 - 4

HELP US CLEAN THE COMMUNITY

CONTRACTORS: HELP PITCH IN BY CLEANING HOMES UNDER
CONSTRUCTION AND EMPTYING YOUR TRASH CONTAINERS

CLEAN YOUR YARD AND GARAGE

TRASH BINS WILL BE PROVIDED TO DISPOSE OF THE FOLLOWING:

CONSTRUCTION/DEMOLITION MATERIAL (INCLUDING CANS OF
DRIED-UP PAINT - OCCUPIED HOMES ONLY)

APPLIANCES, FURNITURE, MISCELLANEOUS (I.E. CARPET PADDING,
LAWNMOWERS, BBQ'S, AUTOMOTIVE PARTS)

WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED - TIRES, CAR BATTERIES, MOTOR OIL (BENZ SANITATION WILL
ACCEPT ON THEIR SITE IN TOWN)

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT SSCSD @ 822-3268

EVERYONES COOPERATION IS NEEDED FOR A CLEAN COMMUNITY!

**HELP THE COMMUNITY BY PICKING
UP TRASH AROUND YOUR LOT**

Community Services District Board of Directors Meeting Notes

Special Meeting held December 12, 2005

- The board took a tour of the district and discussed with the general manager the short and long term issues for the various responsibilities the district has, i.e. police, sewer, water, roads, etc.

Regular Meeting held December 20, 2005

- The outside auditor presented the fiscal year 2005 audit to the board.
- Resolutions expressing appreciation for service were approved for services rendered by the late Paul Mueller and Tom Craft, respectively.
- A discussion took place in regard to equestrian easements and encroaching issues.
- The board approved going forward in building a gymnasium, multipurpose room and classroom utilizing the \$1.1 million in grants awarded to the District from the State of California.
- Ralph "Kinny" Patrick was voted to serve as President of the Board and Irene Gunshinan was voted to serve as Vice President.

Regular Meeting held January 17, 2006

- The Board voted to NOT declare park properties as surplus
- The Board voted to declare other district property, 3445 EE 65, 3445 L 144 and 3445 X 6 as surplus property to be sold to the highest responsible bidder.
- The Board asked legal counsel and the general manager to develop a policy in regard to the equestrian easements not being abandoned or altered unless there is extenuating circumstances.
- The Board voted to uphold a fine on the golf course for Oak Tree Removal.