

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

STALLION SPRINGS COMMUNITY SPRING CLEAN UP DAYS

FRI. APRIL 7, NOON - 7 PM

SAT. APRIL 8, 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)
NOT 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**

Save Your Greenwaste

On Saturday, April 22 from 8 a.m. till noon, the District will be accepting all greenwaste and the fire department will have a chipper to mulch the greenwaste. The district would like everyone's cooperation in helping reduce solid waste costs by utilizing the chipper. For questions, please call 822-3268

— INFORMATION & NOTES —

... Surplus Real Estate. The District has three parcels that are available for purchase. Bid packets are available from the CSD office.

... 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.

... 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.

... 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.

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

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

Stallion Springs Property Owners Welcome Committee

The Stallion Springs Property Owners Welcome Committee made seven calls on Wednesday, February 22, 2006. We were disappointed to only find three new homeowners at home but thoroughly enjoyed our visits with these new residents.

We left informational bags at the homes of **Walter and Olga Halls, Martha McKee, James and Barbara Rossi and Ralph and Laurie Whiteley**. We had a delightful visit with Eleanor Bell, the mother of new homeowners **Michael and Gail Burns**. Eleanor is living with her daughter and son-in-law and comes from Northern California. The Burns are from Hawaii.

When **Angela Leon** opened the door to greet us, she held one year old **Dominic** and I wish you could have seen his huge smile. What a happy, friendly baby boy he is. The Leons moved from Bakersfield and have a daughter **Caitilyn**, nine. They are anxiously looking forward to some real snow before winter is over. Our last call was on **Scott Hollingsworth** who moved to Stallion Springs from Tehachapi. He didn't come far but we are glad he chose to move into our community.

We again had a most pleasant afternoon and look forward to seeing these new faces around town.

Susan Mueller and Barbara Chott

LIBRARY NEWS

Happy Birthday Community Library

A Chronological History of the Library

September 1985 - a motion was made by Cathy Powell that the POA start a district library. The motion was seconded by Bob Dennis

Early 1986 shelves were in place and books donated. Betty Rodman with assistance from her husband Mel, became the organizer and first keeper of the library.

Betty & Mel moved to SS in 1982 - while Betty was busy starting the library, Mel was busy with the Helping Hands

Mel still serves the community by keeping an eye on Horse Thief Park, making sure it is in **tip top** condition.

Early 1992 Betty reported to the POA board, due to lack of space often books were donated to the senior center.

September 1992, Lois Meirs assisted by husband Sid, took over as keeper.

January 1993, the library started to expand by installing folding doors.

June 1993, a donation of 100 books. More shelves were added.

July 1993, Betty Rodman passed away

September 24, 1993, POA meeting dedicated the library in memory of Betty Rodman. Plaque was placed in tribute.

1994, Lucy Gaglione started to volunteer when Lois needed help.

February 1995, Blanche Curcio took over as keeper.

September 1995, more shelves added, library really growing

January 1998, Blanche resigned. Linda Brent became the fourth keeper. Lucy would often spend time sorting and filing books. She was and still is an avid reader.

July 1998, Louise Sanbrano volunteered to help Linda.

July 1999, Louise asked Lucy to assist her. Book cases were added to library.

March 2002, Lucy took over as head keeper, asking Jerry Jantzen (a former librarian) to assist her. Feeling a great responsibility how the condition of the library would reflect on the district, two decisions were made. One to expand the library one more time; two, look for another volunteer.

An article was placed in The Bridge asking anyone with wood-working talent to volunteer time to build more shelves.

Five very nice men volunteered. Lucy selected on - and we hit the jackpot - Jack Murphy not only volunteered to build more shelves, he purchased the lumber (POA paid for the lumber). Jack donated all hardware. His able assistant is his wife, Judy, who happens to be a book lover, and our newest member of the library family.

So we come to the end of our story.

The library is a vital part of our community - in addition to what is on the shelves we have over 200 books in storage.

After 11 years of volunteering as a keeper it is still exciting to look for the special book.

This article was intended to pay homage to the ladies who are no longer with us - but gave so willingly of their time to make our district a better place. Betty Rodman, Blanche Curcio, Louise Sanbrano.

Also: Lois Meirs, who sources tell us, is a resident of Bullhead City. Anyone who knew the Meirs and wish to contact them can obtain their address at the District office.

Also, special thanks to the POA - without you we would have to go to town.

Many years ago we were told an apple a day keeps the doctor away - I am a firm believer a good read could have the same benefit.

So, read and go well.

Respectfully submitted, Lucy Gaglione

Community Activities Calendars

APRIL 2006

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30						1
2	3 Judo 6 PM - 8 PM CVS	4 Youth Group 6PM Church Exercise Class 10:30AM	5 Judo 6 PM - 8 PM CVS	6 Exercise Class 10:30AM	7 Clean Up Days	8 Clean Up Days Group Hike 9:30 AM
9	10 Judo 6 PM - 8 PM CVS	11 Youth Group 6PM Church Exercise Class 10:30AM	12 CERT 4PM	13 Exercise Class 10:30AM	14	15 Easter Egg Hunt 10 AM Man O War Park
16	17 Judo 6 PM - 8 PM CVS	18 Board Meeting 7PM Youth Group 6PM Church Exercise Class 10:30AM	19 Judo 6 PM - 8 PM CVS	20 Exercise Class 10:30AM	21 Quilters 9AM - 12PM	22 Green Waste Disposal
23	24 Judo 6 PM - 8 PM CVS	25 Youth Group 6PM Church Exercise Class 10:30AM	26 Judo 6 PM - 8 PM CVS	27 POA Meeting 6:30PM	28 Rock N Bowl 7PM-10PM Woodward	29 Scrapbook 6PM - 10PM Trail Clean Up HT Park 9:30AM

MAY 2006

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Judo 6 PM - 8 PM CVS	2 Youth Group 6PM Church Exercise Class 10:30AM	3 Judo 6 PM - 8 PM CVS	4 Exercise Class 10:30AM	5	6 Kid's Kraft 10AM-12PM
7	8 Judo 6 PM - 8 PM CVS	9 Youth Group 6PM Church Exercise Class 10:30AM	10 CERT 4PM	11 Exercise Class 10:30AM	12	13
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28	29 Judo 6 PM - 8 PM CVS	30 Youth Group 6PM Church Exercise Class 10:30AM	31 Judo 6 PM - 8 PM CVS			

All activities located at the Stallion Springs CSD Building unless otherwise noted

Kids Activity
Physical Fitness

Senior
Adult

CSD Board Meeting
POA Meeting

PAL Meeting

Your Emergency Contact Information

At the last POA meeting Sandy Young spoke about CERT and I added a talk about being prepared personally, gave a copy of that talk to my Bible Study yesterday and none of the women, 13, were aware that we should have emergency contact information on file with SS Police at the CSD. This made me think that perhaps something should be run again in the Bridge about having that information on file. I'm attaching a copy of my talk as it contains some things that I feel everyone should consider. You can use any of it if you so desire, the personal comments like the introduction and closing can be eliminated, but these are some thoughts that I wish I had known about prior to August 25. I believe that we all think we are prepared, and believe me you can never be totally prepared, but there are things everyone should be current on. Just a thought.

Susan

I am a very organized and normally calm person, but when tragedy struck last August, I found out that I was not as prepared as I would have thought.

I keep the phone numbers of my children in my wallet behind my grandchildren's pictures. I also keep their phone number programmed in my cell phone. On August 25th I could not find those phone numbers in my wallet; I could not remember how to get into my cell phone address book; and I could not remember the numbers. You may think that this won't happen to you and I pray it won't, but on the outside chance it could I have a few suggestions.

1. Keep the names, phone numbers and relationship of family members on paper.

2. Include on that list the names, phone numbers and address of at least two close friends and neighbors.
3. Include on that list the name and phone number of your family doctor.

File that list with at least two close friends and neighbors. File that list with the SS Police dept. here at the CSD. File that list with your family members. File that list with your family doctor. Lastly, tape a copy of this list in the bathroom and kitchen on the inside of a cupboard door.

Update your medical directive and give that to your family members, your close friend and neighbor and your family doctor.

Update your will, power of attorney and appointment of the executor of your estate and be sure your family members have an updated copy in their possession.

Be sure these documents can be easily located inside your home.

Share in every responsibility in your household. After many years of marriage, one tends to carry on certain responsibilities as a force of habit. Each person does what they have been doing for years. Find Out what the other person in your household does and share their understanding of that responsibility.

These tips won't lessen the shock or the loss, but they will make the days and weeks immediately following a tragedy easier to manipulate.

SOUR KRAUT AND COUNTY STYLE RIBS

During the October fest a number of people requested the recipe for the sour kraut that was being served, Then someone suggested that I write up the recipe, so here it is. But I am going to make one small change. I am going to tell you how to make it a complete meal and not just a side dish.

Bacon	4 slices
Country style pork ribs	1½ Lb or 2 ribs per person
Sour Kraut	3 jars
White Wine	2 to 3 cups
Caraway	3 level Tb spoons
Sugar	5 level Tb spoons

Start by draining the kraut and reserving the juice. Make sure the kraut is fairly dry by pressing the kraut in the jar to bring out the juice and pouring it off and set it to the side. Take the bacon, dice it and cook it down over medium heat in a cast iron Dutch oven. You are not trying to crisp the bacon just brown it so it will give up some of the smoky flavor and the fat. Take the ribs dry them with a paper towel salt and pepper them to taste. Turn the heat to high on the Dutch oven, let it get hot and brown the ribs. If they don't all fit do three or four at a time, but make sure that they are really browned to seal them. After all the ribs are browned place them all in the Dutch oven and pour the Sour Kraut over them.

Pour the white wine in to the Sour Kraut and ribs so it comes just to the top of the kraut. Sour Kraut out of the jar is too sharp, you are cutting this extreme by adding the wine. Some people do use water, but all that do's is make it bland. Bring the Kraut and ribs to a boil. Turn down the heat as low as you can add the caraway and sugar put a lid on and let simmer for about two hours. This will break down the meat and soften the sour kraut so it is easier to eat and digest, the caraway helps prevent gas. Check on the kraut every now and then so it does not cook off all the liquid. If needed add more wine so the ribs are covered by a half inch. Just before serving balance the flavor by adding more sugar or sour kraut juice to your own taste. It should have a nice hint of sweet and a slight sour taste. Serve with a nice pot of mashed potatoes and you have dinner.

By Eugen Kunstmann

Senior Single Social Group Celebrates Third Anniversary

The Senior Single Social Group was organized spring of 2003 and has progressed beyond anything we could have imagined.

The primary function of our group is caring ... Couple that with friendship and companionship the equation is MAGIC.

Are we having fun? You bet.

Our activities consists of group dinner, game groups such as cards, board games, bunco, etc. We also enjoy a twice a month lunch group and coming soon a once a month movie group.

In addition, we take short trips, often attend plays and concerts.

Life is so precious ... don't waste it.

If you are a senior and single and would like more information about our group call Lucy at 661-823-9195.

Spring is almost here - time for a new beginning.

PARKS & REC UPDATE

by Lea, Parks & Rec Coordinator

The Stallion Springs Parks & Rec Department is trying to arrange more activities for our community. Currently, we have scheduled a group hike and a kid's craft activity. Resident participation in these events will determine if they will be ongoing.

I'm also looking into having a "movie in the park" this summer, at Man 'O War Park; if you have any suggestions for family friendly movies, please email me.

We are planning to start a scrapbook club. We will be meeting the last Saturday of the month from 6 to 10 p.m., beginning April 29 at the CSD. Beginners and "cropping pros" are welcome to join us. For more information or movie suggestions, please email me at stallionspringspark@yahoo.com

GROUP HIKE - Saturday, April 8 will be a group hike led by Susan Wellington & Lea Martinez. We will meet at Horsethief Park at 9 a.m. and head up Chanac Creek Trail for about a 2-hr. moderately easy hike.

KRAFT KIDS - Saturday, May 6, 10 a.m. to noon at the CSD. Our first activity will be a Mother's Day gift. Bring Dad and a picture of yourself and prepare to be creative. Supplies will be provided by PAL. RSVP by April 29 to Lea at stallionspringspark@yahoo.com or 822-3268

Stallion Springs Property Owners Association — by Susan Wellington

Someone I met the recently asked me “What does the Property Owners’ Association do?” I gave her the short answer about working to keep Stallion Springs a great place to live. An article in the Stallion Springs Bridge is a place to look at the longer answer of how the Property Owners’ Association makes Stallion a great place to live.

Once a month (except November and December) the POA has a meeting with a speaker of interest to Stallion Springs. Ray Hino from Tehachapi Healthcare District has kept us updated on progress of the new hospital. Chuck McCullough has spoken to us about the geography of Stallion Springs and care of oak trees. Brad Burns and David Aranda have spoken to us about law enforcement and management issues in Stallion. This month Tim Kielpinski from Old Town Nursery will be sharing his knowledge of landscaping problems and solutions. The POA helps makes Stallion Springs a great place to live by increasing knowledge specific to Stallion.

Meeting are held on the 4th Thursday of meeting months. Before each meeting is a true potluck dinner. Home cooked food is spread out for the taking. The POA provides coffee and soda and plates and forks. Everyone has to eat with people they know or people from this community who are new to them. The POA makes Stallion a great place to live by providing a place to meet your neighbors.

The Property Owners Association has many committee at work in Stallion Springs. The Welcome Committee visits new families in Stallion Springs and takes them information that will help them enjoy their new community. The Sunshine Committee depends on alerts from members so they can send get well cards and distribute the quilts they make to cheers members of our

community. The Library Committee spends the hours necessary to maintain the lending library at the CSD office, shelving returned books and preparing donated books for circulation. A POA Committee plans and decorates the Float for the Christmas Parade and organizes the Caroling Party on two nights in December. There are more committees at work: I have not named them all. The Property Owners Association makes Stallion Springs a great place to live by providing a friendly face and helping hands to residents.

The POA assists the Community Service District and the Police Department and the Police Activities League. POA has provided funds for PAL activities like Trunker Treat and the Easter Egg Hunt Last year the POA help purchase an additional defibrulator for the police department. POA volunteers have helped with trash pick-up and community clean-up projects. This Property Owners Association makes Stallion a great place to live by assisting the CSD and the Police Department.

The Property Owners Association has been working for a long time to make Stallion Springs a great place to live. And there is more to do. We want to help with the funding of the new Community Center. We want to provide new opportunities to work together to build amenities in our parks. And to do so in a fun atmosphere of cooperation

Membership in the Association runs from June to May and is \$12.50 a person or \$25.00 a couple. Applications for membership are available at the CSD office or at a POA meeting. The next meeting is April 27. Dinner is at 6:30 and the meeting begins at 7 p.m. at the CSD office. The April speakers are from Tehachapi Humane Society speaking about how to live with wild and pet animals in Stallion. Please come and learn more about Stallion Springs and help make our community a great place to live.

Stallion Springs Trail Association

by Susan Wellington



For the purpose of extending the trails available to hikers and riders, a trail work day is scheduled once a month. To help volunteers schedule the work day it is usually the last Saturday of a month. i.e. April 29 and May 27.

Volunteers meet at Horsethief Park (by the covered bridge) and travel to the work site. The meeting time varies with seasons. Community bulletin Boards post the start time. The task to make a trail begins with locating the easements on the ground in the largest area. This year we are working in the western area of Stallion Springs connecting parks off Horsethief and Jack's Hill Drives. Once the easements are known, the trail is walked and dug with shovels. Sometimes sage is an obstacle and clippers are needed. Frequently overhanging trees are clipped and sometimes sawn to clear the trail.

Working with the trail crew is a good way to learn where the trails are and where they can take you. Working on the trail crew is a good way to get to know your neighbors, both on the crew and the homeowners where the trails go. Working on the trail crew is good exercise. And working on the trail crew is FREE.

If you have any questions, please call Susan Wellington, 822-8131.

COPS CORNER

February 2006

Once again, our community is mourning the loss of one of our members killed in a local traffic collision. A local 11-year-old girl and a CalTrans worker were killed in a 2-car accident on Hwy. 202. Unfortunately, this seems to be happening more often. Speed always seems to be a contributing factor. Remember, for all unmarked county roads the speed limit is 55 miles per hour. Please respect yourself and the local public by watching your speed on our roads. The Police Department has also received several complaints on people passing on double yellow lines. on Banducci/

Comanche Point Road. Stallion Springs P.D. will be actively looking for and citing speeding and right-of-way violations in the Cummings Valley area.

We also have had 2 DUI arrests in the past week. Please remember, do not drink and drive. Drunk driving collisions are not accidents, they are criminal acts.

As always, the Stallion Springs Police Department listens to our community. The feedback from our community in the past few weeks has been issues with traffic. Please remember to always wear your seatbelt. It can save a life.



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TEHACHAPI HUMANE SOCIETY UPDATE

The Tehachapi Humane Society is really trying to increase the number of local animals that are spayed and neutered before Spring arrives and brings with it those litters of kittens and puppies. We all love the cute little puppies and kittens but the reality is that the majority of them will not find homes. In an effort to stop the unwanted litters we are:

1. Increasing the financial amount of our vouchers.
2. Continuing our East Kern program for spaying and neutering large dogs over 45#
3. Continuing the Feral/Stray cat program that provides low cost spay neuter for feral/stray cats. Please leave message on line 2.

Contact the Tehachapi Humane Society at 823-0699 if you need assistance. Please do your part to reduce Kern County's number of unwanted animals.

Fund-raising Program - Cash for Critters

Please help our animals and our environment by participating in our recycling program.

Save your empty Laser and Toner Cartridges, Ink Jet Cartridges (excludes Epson) and Cell Phones (excludes chargers/cases). Drop them off at Tehachapi Vet Hospital, Books & Crannies/Radio Shack, Curves or Budget Barbers.

Money received thru this program will be used for spaying & neutering of dogs and cats. Our ultimate goal: No more homeless animals, and no reason for euthanasia

Upcoming Events

We will be having a Bake and Craft sale along with the Tehachapi

Railroad Club at the Veteran's Hall on April 22 & 23 (Saturday from 10 - 5 and Sunday 10 - 4). If you'd like to provide crafts or baked items, please call Patsy Randall at 822-3314.

May 13 (Sunday) 8 - 2, we will be holding our Annual Rummage Sale in the parking lot of Dr. Terry Warsaw, 20211 Valley Bl. We're asking for donations of housewares, toys, games, small appliances, furniture, lawncare items, sports equipment, etc. (no large appliances, books, or clothing, please). Donations are tax deductible. Information and arrangements for picking up large items can be made by calling 823-0699, #4

After School Resource Program - PAL

The Stallion Springs Police Activities League is in the process of setting up an after school resource program. We are in the planning stage and need to know what parents would be interested in this type of program for their children. The premise is to begin with a two day schedule, and expand if the interest is there. We would begin with 2nd grade and higher - using computer software programs in reading and math skills. There would be qualified personnel there to assist with the programs and with homework. At present we need to know where the interest is. Please call Irene at 823-7844 and leave a message if no one is home, or call the District office at 822-3268 leaving your name, phone number, age and grade of children you would like involved and be sure to specify that you are interested in the resource program.

Community Services District Board of Directors Meeting Notes

Special Meeting held February 10, 2006

- The board approved awarding a contract to the low bidder to build a 750,000 gallon potable water storage tank.
- The board approved the continuing development of C.V. Well #2
- The board approved the District pursuing an automated operating system for the water department.

Regular Meeting held February 21, 2006

- The board approved a Resolution continuing the weed abatement program within the eastern portion of Stallion Springs. Mowing will cost unimproved property owners \$60 or the property owners can mow their own lot.
- The board approved a Resolution in regard to a policy on keeping equestrian easements whole.

Regular Meeting held March 21, 2006

- The board approved all the Resolutions that involve the water, sewer and road assessment that is applied each year to the property tax bills.
- The board approved a Resolution that will allow the district to borrow one million dollars in regard to the building of tank 6b and the C.V. Well #2