

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

GROUND BREAKING OF THE STALLION SPRINGS COMMUNITY CENTER SET FOR AUGUST 15, 2006!!

After years of planning and with the state providing one million dollars in grant money, the Stallion Springs Community Services District will break ground on phase one of the Stallion Springs Community Center at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, August 15, 2006.

The entire community is invited to attend this special event.

The Community Center will take shape in a new 12,000 square foot building and will house a basketball court/gymnasium (that will be used for many varied events), exercise room, food service area and dividable meeting rooms. The project is expected to be completed by the winter of 2007.

The groundbreaking ceremony will feature community speakers,

refreshments, as well as a musical selection by the police activities league summer campers.

Phase one of the Community Center

project is projected to cost 1.7 million dollars. The CSD is very hopeful that all in the community will assist with donations to offset the differ-

ence in the grant money from the cost to build. Please see page 3 of this newsletter for more information in regard to donations.

There will be no road contract work this summer!

Other than paying to have the roads striped and limit lines placed at stop signs there will be no road contract for the summer of 2006.

After working with an engineer and planning on a number of roads in Stallion Springs to be overlaid/repared at an estimated cost of \$471,000, a notice to bid on the project went out. The results were disappointing. Normally the district receives three to four good competitive bids, this year the district received one bid at \$729,000!!!

The reason for the non competitive bid at such a high price was "to much work and a great demand on supplies".

The board of directors for Stallion Springs rejected the bid and will go out for bid for the road work to be done the summer of 2007.

Road assessment money will be held in the reserve account and built up in anticipation of a high dollar amount to address the roads in 2007.

Any questions in regard to the roads in Stallion Springs can be addressed to the general manager at 822-3268.

Minor repairs i.e. potholes, asphalt breaking up will be handled by in house public works staff but if you see a problem please let us know.

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

... The Kern County Fire Department has determined that defensible space clearance of 100 feet must be accomplished around improved properties by June 9, 2006.

...WHERE IS FIDO? PLEASE REMEMBER PER KERN COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL ALL DOGS MUST BE ON A LEASH OR FENCED IN!!! Violators are subject to a ticket by Stallion Springs Police or Kern County Animal Control.

... 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). Drive-way 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.

... 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!

... Potable Water Update - The new tank that holds 750,000 gallons of water was placed on line the middle of July. Cummings Valley well #1 continues to provide the majority of the high demand for

Stallion Springs Property Owners Association Update

As you will note below, the Board is very conscious of inviting speakers whose topics affect Stallion residents. It is also an opportunity to hear first hand about happenings within our community. Should you have any suggestions for guest speakers, please let me or one of the Board members know, and we will follow-up on it.

The August POA meeting will be held on August 24, 2006. Brad Burris, our Police Chief will be the speaker.

The September POA meeting will be held on September 28, 2006. The guest speaker will be Don Maben, the District 2 Supervisor of Kern County.

We have also invited the firemen that are on duty to our Potluck dinner and meetings.

Please mark your calendars for these two meetings.

Be a part of our Community. Please consider membership in the SSPOA, it is a very easy and painless process. Just stop by the CSD office, fill out a membership application, attach your check (\$12.50 per owner) and leave it in the POA box. There is a monthly newsletter with reminders of the upcoming meeting (4th Thursday) as well as other community events.

Please consider doing more than just "paying your dues". Plan to attend the monthly meetings! The food at the Potlucks is OUTSTANDING (awesome desserts!) and the conversation is lively.

The best part, is that we have the opportunity to build relationships as fellow residents. and work together as partners in this wonderful community we call HOME

The meeting will be held in the CSD building and begins with a potluck at 6:30 pm followed by the program and business meeting at 7:00 pm.

I look forward to seeing you there!

Linda Gordon, SSPOA President
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water this summer. For June 2006, water demand was at 18,000,000 gallons, 2 million gallons more than any other June. The generator at the Cummings Valley well #1 was a lifesaver on Sunday, July 9 when power was down for an extended period of time. Cummings Valley well #2 continues to be developed.

STALLION SPRINGS COMMUNITY SUMMER CLEAN UP DAYS

FRI. AUGUST 4, NOON - 7 PM

SAT. AUGUST 5, 8AM - 1PM

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

EVERYONE'S COOPERATION IS NEEDED FOR A CLEAN COMMUNITY!

HELP THE COMMUNITY BY PICKING UP TRASH AROUND YOUR LOT

Calendar List of Activities

Ongoing

- Exercise class meets Tues and Thurs 10:30 am to 11:30 am at the CSD (except the week of Aug 7th due to PAL Camp)
- Youth Group meets Tues nights at 6:00 PM at the Church
- The Stallion Springs Quilters meet every third Friday from 9:00 am to noon
- Stallion Scrappers meet the last Sat of the month from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm
- The Cycling Club meets the 1st and 3rd Saturday at 9:00 am at Man O' War Park.

August Activities

- PAL Camp August 7th through 11th
- Wed Aug 2nd at 6:30 pm Parent/Child Silly Olympics at Man O' War Park
- Wed Aug 9th at 6:30 pm Family Kite Night at Man O' War Park
- Tues Aug 15th at 5:30 pm Ground Breaking for the Community Center at the corner of Stallion Springs Dr. and Churchill St.
- Wed Aug 16th at 8:30 pm at Man O' War Park - Movie in the Park featuring "Shrek"
- Wed Aug 23rd at 6:30 pm Chalk on the Block at Man O' War Park
- Trail Maintenance Sat Aug 26th at 9:30 am at Horse Thief Park

September Activities

- Sat Sept 16th Stallion Springs Car Show at Man O' War Park
- Kid's Kraft Sat Sept 23rd from 10:00 am to noon at the CSD
- Trail Maintenance July 29th at 9:30 am at Horse Thief Park

PAL

The 2nd Annual Wine and Food Pairing Extravaganza was a big hit. About 175 people came for a night of wonderful food, fabulous wine and entertainment. The first 2 sessions of PAL Summer Camp were sold out and there is a waiting list for the August session. The kids are spending their days doing arts and crafts, computer, science lessons and physical fitness activities. August 19th is the Apple Box Derby. All kids ages 5 to 12 are invited to participate. There is a \$20 entrance fee and the Stallion Springs PAL has a limited supply of carts, for those of you that don't have your own. The first week of September (actual days and times to be announced) the After School Tutoring Program will begin. If you are interested in being a tutor please contact Sgt. Kevin Paille at 661-822-3268. October 7th will be the Oktoberfest/Street Fair. Vendor booths are available for \$25. Come join us for more food and community fun.

PARK & REC HAPPENINGS

Every Wednesday in August we will be having Family Fun Nights at Man O' War Park. The first Wednesday, August 2nd we will be having a Parent/Child Silly Olympics. We will have a 3-legged race, water balloon toss and egg races. Wed August 2nd we will be flying kites in the field, there will be an alternate activity if there's no wind. Wed Aug 16th we will be having our first Movie in the Park and will show Shrek. PAL will be selling popcorn and sodas. Bring your blankets and enjoy the show. Wed August 23rd we will have a Chalk on the Block. These activities are open to everyone from ages 2 to 200. We hope to see you for some good ole family fun! For more information, or to help out, contact Lea Martinez at stallionspringsparks@yahoo.com

The Stallion Scrappers will be having a special session on Sat Aug Aug 26th. There will be a presentation from a Close to my Heart representative and when we're finished we'll walk away with 2-4 complete pages. For all of you beginner, and advanced, scrappers come join us and make some Summer Fun pages. There will be an \$18 materials fee, payable to the instructor. Please RSVP by Aug 5th to Lea Martinez at stallionspringsparks@yahoo.com there will be a \$5 deposit taken at the time of reservation.

Donations needs for the Community Center Phase One Project

The Stallion Springs CSD would appreciate your assistance.

COMMUNITY CENTER PHASE ONE GYMNASIUM AND MULTIPURPOSE ROOM DONATION FORM

All donations are welcomed. The District's goal would be if each improved property could donate \$200, this would raise \$200,000. Listed below is the following donation schedule.

- \$1 - \$999 Community Acknowledgement of your gift donation
- \$1000 - \$5000 A memory stone will be placed in the front of the building
- \$5001 - \$49,999 A sign will be placed inside the gymnasium for one year.
- \$50,000 The multipurpose room will be named per your choice for five years
- \$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 if you desire a tax deduction.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Yes, please accept my check for \$ _____

STALLION SPRINGS PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION WELCOME COMMITTEE

The Stallion Springs Property Owners Welcome Committee made ten calls on Thursday, June 22, 2006. Five of the new home owners were not at home and again we left informational bags at their door. We do welcome the **Adams family, the Bryan family, the Coppersmith family, the Jackson family** and the **Strong family** and hope to meet them personally in the future at, perhaps, a POA meeting or event.

We had a delightful visit with **Toni Ford** and her dog Gracie. Toni moved to Stallion Springs from Nipomo but actually grew up in Bakersfield. She said she and her family use to come up to Tehachapi for apples and that was how she became acquainted with the area.

Bill and Connee Laningham came from Orange County but knew about Tehachapi because Bill came up to fly gliders. They liked the area and decided to retire here. **Ed and Eleanor Marty** lived happily in Bakersfield, but when their son moved to Stallion Springs, the idea of being closer to their grandchildren caused them to look for a house in our community.

Jim and Jackie Shelton, formerly of Simi Valley, visited Bear Valley and decided to find out where Stallion Springs was. They found it and a lovely new house and are happily settled in. **Bill and Debra Swind** are from Antelope Valley. Bill, a realtor, has been working in this area for 4 or 5 years. He had been keeping his eye open for the perfect house and when it came on the market, he bought it and they are very happy with their choice of new location.

Tuesday, July 11, 2006, Barbara and I set out to call on the new homeowners in Stallion Springs. It was, again, a beautiful morning and our only regret was that more of the newcomers were not at home.

We left bags at the doors of the following: **The Artuso family, the Bill Blankinship family, Kenneth Larson and Susan Driscoll, the Craig Fox family, the Bill Houpt family, the Venter family** and the **Yupraphat family**. We look forward to meeting these folks in the future "out and about" the community.

John and Nancy Bechtel, and their adorable yellow Labs, Lady Bug and Roxy, were home and we had a delightful visit. The Bechtels are from Manhattan Beach and found Stallion Springs through their nephew and niece who live in Tehachapi. They have been rescuers of abused and abandoned dogs for some time and Lady Bug and Roxy are two of the animals they kept. We also found **Kathleen Owen** at home. She and her husband, Ronnie and Ronnie's mother, Florence, moved here from Palmdale. Interestingly, Kathleen has been a rescuer of abused and abandoned parrots. She told us fascinating stories about these birds and their antics and abilities to communicate. They argue amongst themselves and she even has one parrot that sings opera. She kept our attention with her amusing and unbelievable

stories of these intelligent birds.

David and Donna Richie moved from California City. David is retired from Edwards and Donna is a retired nurse and they have three children living in Tehachapi. Our last visit was with **Robert Cometa** who has moved to Stallion from town with his parents, Angelo and Roberta.

We were happy to welcome all these lovely people to our community and hope they will become involved in the great community of Stallion Springs.

Susan Mueller and Barbara Chott

Stallion Springs Trail Association



Animal Communicator to join Annual Ride/Hike

Animal Communicator Lydia Hiby will be at the 7th Annual Stallion Springs Poker Trail Ride/Hike scheduled for October 7, 2006. On that date horseback riders and hikers will stage at the park at the corner of Jacks Hill Road and Horsethief Drive in the Stallion Springs area of Tehachapi California. Registration will begin at 8:00 am. The costs associated with the event are a registration fee (\$10.00) and lunch (\$6.00) and Poker Hand (\$4.00). Riders who are not ETI members must also pay a \$5.00 single event membership fee. Private sessions with Lydia Hiby are \$40.00

Animal Communicator Lydia Hiby and author will "talk" to animals and their owners in 15 minute sessions. You can bring your pet or a picture of the pet. Lydia can help find out what else can be done to make a pet happier when there is no problem and can be a source of information when there is a problem. Only 22 sessions will be available at the Trail Ride event so reservations are suggested.

The horseback riders and hikers will be using trails that have been opened in 2006 by volunteers from Stallion Springs Trail Association and Tehachapi Mountain Riders. The trails in Stallion Springs on equestrian easements are not generally open to the public but for this special event everyone is invited to enjoy the hills, canyons, rocks and oaks of the Oak Savannah ecosystem. The ride will be of moderate difficulty, three hour in length, and will include natural obstacles such as logs, gullies, and some rocks. Spectacular views of the southern San Joaquin Valley and surrounding mountains are included at no extra charge. Dogs on leash are encouraged on the hike.

"Poker" hands are played with cards in envelopes. Cards are picked up along the route and opened at the end of the ride. The hands are judged by standard pokers hand rules. The holder of the highest hand will have first pick of the donated prizes.

For reservation with Ms. Hiby and further information about this event, contact Susan Wellington (661) 822-8131

CSD and CERT Earthquake Drill

On April 25 an Earthquake struck our community of Stallion Springs or at least a Drill took place that assumed an earthquake had taken place. The Community Services District Staff and the Stallion CERT Team dealt with this 7.0 earthquake and the resulting problems.

CERT team members had designed numerous scenarios and their hypothetical occurrences were in various locations throughout the community. These were incidents that would allow the staff to test their emergency skills as well as to understand how CERT team members could assist in a real disaster. The CSD office was inundated with staged telephone calls as well as walk-ins that reported medical issues, a missing child, water-line breaks, power outages, a vehicle accident (a dead person and injured child) and various gas leaks. There was also a mother with two small children searching for their grandmother, as well as a woman looking for her missing husband.

An overview of the disaster began to develop with the Board Room becoming the Incident Command Post and the front of the office taking the phone calls and walk-ins. Chief Brad Burris upon arrival at the District (he was on a real call initially) became the incident commander. General Manager, David Aranda gave direction to the staff. The Staff and CERT members dealt with the walk-ins and phone calls and responded to public works issues around the District. Besides Chief Burris, Officer Crowell was also placed in service and responded to various needs, i.e., missing children, evacuation of an area, etc.

The Drill was meant to serve as a training exercise and input from all of the participants was critical. Following are some of the comments and recommendations from the General Manager as gathered from the follow-up meeting immediately after the disaster and during a staff meeting.

- The immediate person in charge when a disaster strikes must become the incident command officer until relieved.
- When a disaster strikes, the CERT Team must be immediately called upon.
- When a disaster strikes, the CSD must gather the CERT trailer for use.
- When a disaster strikes, if the CSD building is still standing, a staff person must walk the building to determine the building's safety. If the building is not inhabitable, then the area across the street would be used and the CERT items would be utilized to set up the incident command post.
- Staff will gather a list of materials needed for a true disaster. The materials will be kept in an area that is easily accessible during a disaster.
- The CSD staff, as needed, will utilize CERT radios.
- Better communication is needed between the incident command center and the front office.
- The CSD staff will be taking CPR and First Aid training.
- Accident and other scenes must be marked so that duplicated effort does not take place.
- An updated list of nurses, fire fighters, doctors, etc. should be kept by the Police Department.



"How do I look?" One of the best things any young person can do is try on all that "stuff" a fireman wears.



An Emergency Preparedness afternoon was part of the recent PAL-Day Camp. Pictured here are the campers as they listen to one of the firemen from Stallion's Station 18 explaining the pieces of fire equipment used in an emergency.

- A second CSD / CERT Drill will be planned for the early part of 2007.

The recommendations include the use of the "CERT trailer" and its contents. In the spring of 2006, the community of Stallion Springs was the recipient of a six-foot by ten-foot trailer as well as emergency supplies funded by a Homeland Security Grant. The equipment includes a generator, halogen lights, first aid supplies, radios, flashlights, canopy, pry bars, the supplies for a treatment center and many more items that will be utilized in a disaster situation.

NOTICE OF GENERAL DISTRICT ELECTION (Elections Code Section: 12112, 10510)

Stallion Springs Community Services District

Notice is hereby given that a General District Election will be held in this District on November 7, 2006.

The names of the offices for which candidates may be nominated are as follows:

2 Directors with terms ending December 3, 2010

The qualifications of a nominee and of an elective officer of the district are as follow:

Resident elector within the District

The following measures are to be voted on:

None

Declarations of Candidacy for eligible candidates desiring to file for any of the elective offices may be obtained from the Elections Office, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, CA, 93301. Declarations shall be available commencing on July 17, 2006, 113 days before the election, and shall be filed with the Elections Office in person not later than 5:00 p.m., August 11, 2006, the 88th day before the election. IN ADDITION, Declarations of Candidacy papers may be obtained on July 27, 2006, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Mojave Administration Building, Supervisor Maben's Office, 1775 Highway 58, Mojave. To obtain information regarding filing call the Elections Office (661) 868-3590.

In the event there are no nominees or an insufficient number of nominees for each elective office and a petition for an election is not timely filed, an appointment to such elective office shall be made (Elections Code Section 10515).

The candidate is to pay for the publication of a Candidate's Statement pursuant to Elections Code Section 13307.

Incumbents are: Susan Mueller and Sandy Young



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by the
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Delivered to:

All Stallion Springs Residents

Didja Know

There are things in the CCR's that call affect what you do at your home. It may save you time and money to check then, out.

For example, **didja know** your out buildings must match your residential colors. I learned this the hard way and have to paint a brand new building. Of course now I wish I had read the CCR's.

Also, you need to check at the Stallion Springs Community Service District before you paint your house. The colors need to be approved.

Stop by and talk with David Aranda or call 822-3268 for inquiries or information.

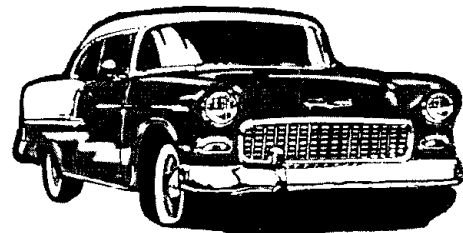
Didja Know

That there is an organization called FOTO - Friends of the Oaks. They have great information about preserving the health and care of your beautiful oak trees. The oaks seem able to take care of themselves, but there are few things we can do to keep them healthy, before they get diseased and die.

The POA will have a representative of FOTO as one of our speakers to inform us and answer questions about our oaks.

Cruisin' Stallion Springs Car Show

Sponsored By:
Stallion Springs Property Owners Association



FAMILY FUN ~ FREE ADMISSION ~ RAFFLE PRIZES
Bring your lawnchairs. Horseshoe Pits, Basketball court available
Food and Drinks available from Stallion Springs PAL
(Proceeds from sale of food and drinks benefit PAL)

Saturday, September 16, 2006 10am to 3pm
Man O War Park off Stallion Springs Dr.

Donation \$ 25.00 ~ Pre-76 Cars

Space is Limited! First 100 Cars taken

Registration forms available at Stallion Springs Minimart

Call Kelle @ 661-823-9382 for more information

Proceeds from car show benefit the New Stallion Springs Community Center

Community Services District Board of Directors Meeting Notes

Special Meeting held June 5, 2006

- The Board approved purchasing a generator for the Buckpasser water site and approved expending money to make improvements to the delivery of water in that area.

Regular Meeting held June 20, 2006

- Public hearings were held in regard to the standard assessments levied each year on the property tax bill and the 2007 fiscal year budget. There were three opposition letters received via mail. There were no individuals at the public hearing opposed. All items were approved by the Board.
- The 2006 Road Contract bid was rejected by the Board (see separate article)

Regular Meeting held July 18, 2006

- There were no decision making agenda items addressed.