

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

WHAT DO YOU THINK? THE CSD WOULD LIKE TO KNOW

◆ History

Many residents will recall that the District purchased properties along Churchill and Stallion Springs Dr. with the idea of eventually building new administrative offices, a police building, gymnasium/multipurpose room and a fire station.

This past-year, the gymnasium/multipurpose building was completed, thanks in part to two State Grants totaling over One Million Dollars, and a swimming pool was built through the generous donation of a Stallion Springs resident. The property for a new fire station was deeded over to Kern County in exchange for their commitment to build a new fire station within the next five years.

◆ Existing Conditions and Needs

The current building that houses the police department and CSD administrative staff is old. Part of it is the original ranch house (100+ years old) with multiple add-ons.

The existing building has the following problems:

The current space for the Police Department is inadequate due to State-mandated requirements

Electrical problems, such as breakers tripping on a regular basis

Plumbing problems with corroded pipes that severely restrict water flow

Dry rot in the bathrooms

Building safety issues, i.e., safe exits and structural concerns

While insurance is covering the wind and storm damage, the ability to address all the problems with this building is like trying to patch a pair of twenty-year old well-worn jeans.

◆ Solutions

Preliminary estimates for a new 5,000 square foot administrative building are around one million dollars. This takes into consideration the need to meet all State and Federal requirements and pay the required prevailing wage. (We continue to investigate all possibilities of reducing the dollar amount.)

A project of this size could be funded with a \$50 per year, per parcel, ten year tax assessment. The District could borrow the money and repay the loan over the ten-year period with the assessment money. (This assessment money could only be used to repay the building loan.)

◆ We Want To Know

I agree that the Stallion Springs CSD should move forward in planning for a new administrative building and am willing to approve a ten-year, \$50 per year, per parcel tax assessment to fund the project.

YES NO

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

Name (optional) _____ Contact _____

This is a preliminary survey. A ballot measure to approve an assessment would be required.

Please drop this survey in the mail or by the CSD building. Thank you.



GETTING TO KNOW YOUR WATER METER

Tyler Napier (Lead Water Operator)



As you all know water is a very precious resource to us here in Stallion Springs. We at the CSD would like to help you get acquainted with how your water meter works and what purposes it serves.

The first aspect we will address is how to read your water meter. The needle indicates the flow of water to your property. One complete revolution is 7.48 gallons which is equal to 1 cubic foot of water. The dial shows a reading of 000000. When the meter shows 000001 this means 7.48 gallons have run through your meter. The bill you receive from the CSD bills in units, one unit equals 748 gallons. If you ever suspect a leak on your property you may want to check your water meter first. The triangle in the middle of the meter is specifically for tracking low flows of water. This will be an excellent indicator of a possible leak. Be sure to have all water off in your house when checking for leaks.

There are three important components shown on a typical water meter setup. The first (#1) is the "Angle Stop" this valve serves as the main shut off of all water to your home. This valve has the capability to be locked off and shall only be operated by a Stallion Springs CSD employee. If this valve is tampered with and broken, you will be liable for all costs related to make repairs. The second (#2) is the meter. The meter is what allows the CSD to determine how much water was used. (Water meters are read every other month.) This shall never be tampered with. The third (#3) is the customer valve. This is the most important item for you as a customer. This valve will allow you to turn off or on your water at your convenience. If you do not have this valve please make arrangements with a plumber to have this installed.

If you have any questions regarding your water meter please feel free to call the district office, 661-822-3268.

TRAILS AND PARKS ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN STALLION SPRINGS

The quality of life in any community is made up of many elements. The opportunity to be outdoors and involved in physical activity are certainly among those elements. There are 17 parks scattered throughout Stallion Springs. Man O' War and Horse Thief Parks are developed with grassy areas and play equipment for youngsters. Picnic tables at both locations serve the needs of families and visitors. Opened last year, the Comanche Point Interpretive Trail has a natural environment and a challenging trail with an instructional brochure. Buckskin Park has no added amenities but has been used by horseback riders because it offers a good place for parking trailers and has good trail connections. Horse Thief Park has excellent trail connections. Cummings Court Park is being developed for parking and picnic spots with hitching rails for tying horses. Connecting these parks and other parks which are not developed, are equestrian easements that provide a place for hiking and riding horseback trails.

Trails on the equestrian easements have been developed and maintained by volunteers with the assistance of the CSD. The focus of the development of those trails was to connect the parks so a person could leave their yard (if there was an easement there) and hike or ride to a park close by or far away. To date many easements are undeveloped but there is a pretty good connection between almost all of the parks.

I have heard many fitness experts claim that walking is the perfect

exercise for all persons of all ages. In addition to roadways for walking, Stallion Springs has trails that allow people and their leashed pets to enjoy the natural beauty of the area. I happen to think that horseback riding is the perfect way to travel and there are hours and hours of beautiful and challenging riding on Stallion Springs trails.

Another way these trails enhance the quality of life in Stallion Springs is that maintenance and development of the trails give people the chance to meet and work with neighbors to achieve a shared goal. Now that the weather is changing to spring, trail work days can be scheduled. The work day will begin with coffee and donuts at Horse Thief Park by the covered bridge. These work days will be a great way to get to know the trails so you can use them at your leisure. Trail work is sometimes physical so you can plan on working off those donuts.

Trail Work Days this spring will begin at 9:00 am at Horse Thief Park. Friday, April 4th and Friday, May 9th. Watch for bulletin board signs with details.

Working on trails will enhance your life by meeting the charming people who volunteer to make this community a fine place to live. Working on trails will get you outdoors for a couple of hours in the beautiful spring mornings. Working on trails will give you some exercise that you might not get otherwise. Working on trails will enhance the quality of life for everyone who use the trails you make.

Susan Wellington

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PAL is a non-profit 501(c)(3) charitable organization. The success of SSPAL is achieved through the hard work and dedication of the many who give their time and resources. Annual membership fees are \$12. This fee includes photo/fingerprint cards for the entire family. We would like to encourage everyone to join. Having an ID card for your entire family is a safety net in the event of an emergency. We also have new bumper stickers for sale. Donations are always tax-deductible.

PARK AND REC HAPPENINGS

The Stallion Springs CSD opened the doors to the new Community Center in April 2007. Since its opening, the Parks and Recreation staff have been trying to plan activities and events for the children of Stallion Springs. Following a mildly impressive turnout for the Youth Basketball program, the turn out for the Youth Indoor Soccer program was phenomenal.

A pair of Stallion Springs volunteers, Chris and Rebecca Todd, coached the participants in the Youth Indoor Soccer program. The couple's love of soccer showed in the many hours they devoted to the children of Stallion Springs. The children in the program learned the fundamentals needed to play the game. These kids are not only learning how to play a sport, but are having fun in a safe organized environment.



Annette Weisenseel said of the coaches, "Chris and Rebecca have a love of the game that is only

surpassed by the love of the kids. They are truly part of what makes Stallion Springs great. The kids are learning, not only what makes a great soccer player, but what makes a great team player. That's a skill that will keep them on the field."



The kids are split into groups based on age and practice twice a week for one hour. At least 12 kids play in each of the three groups. That's a great turnout for a small community. The children of Stallion Springs are not the only ones to benefit from this program, kids from all over Tehachapi are coming to Stallion Springs to be coached by the Todds. The Youth Indoor Soccer program ran from mid-January through early March.

The staff of the Stallion Springs Parks and Recreation Department, as well as the parents and kids of Tehachapi give a heartfelt THANK YOU to Chris and Rebecca.

MOM'S ULTIMATE MALL—MAY 3RD

The Stallion Springs Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring the "Mom's Ultimate Mall" on Saturday, May 3rd. We are looking for vendors and cosmetologists to participate in the event. We are planning on having a shopping area and a beauty room. If anyone is interested in participating in this event, please contact Lea Martinez at 823-7883 or stallionspringsparks@yahoo.com

LIBRARY NEWS! On Saturday morning January 26th, what started as a balmy morning ended with one of the worst storms of the season. Torrential rains plus winds blowing in excess of 60 mph, almost brought the community to its knees.

The following Sunday it was obvious the storm left a trail of destruction. Worst affected was our CSD building. The destruction of the roof caused much water damage particularly to our community library and

connecting rooms. The library as we knew it, is now packed in about 50 cartons.

Volunteers are the backbone of our community and I thank Mel Messenger who answered the call and acted as our group leader. Thanks to Judy and Jack Murphy and Jerry and Jack Janzen, also Craig Fox who left a plumbing problem at home and came to help us. Thank you all.

Work has already begun to restore the building. The building has a history, it dates back

to the mid-1800's—it's a perfect place for a library. Unlike Humpty-Dumpty the community library will be repaired and will be operative soon. However, we will need volunteers to accomplish this monumental task. We don't need all the king's horses and all the king's men to put it back together again, just a group of dedicated people who feel as I do that the library is a great community asset.

If you have any questions—please call Lucy at 823-9195

Community Emergency Response Team

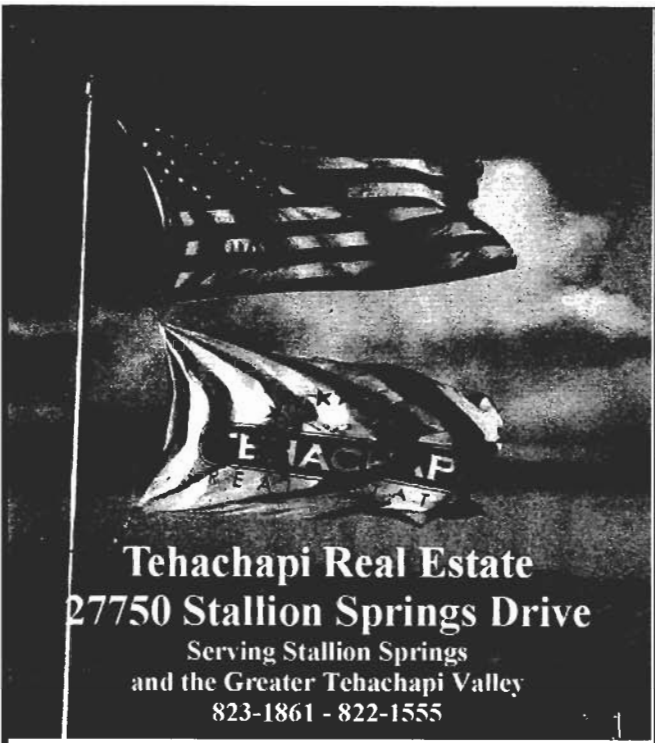
If you have read the Stallion Springs CERT articles in the past, you will recognize the question "Do you know what you will do in a catastrophic disaster?" The Community Emergency Response Training is designed to help you assist yourself, your family, your neighbors and your community in an emergency situation.

At the February meeting of the Stallion Springs CERT team, we talked about the weather issues that have affected all of us this year. Maybe the storms and power outages were not considered "catastrophic disasters" but they certainly had us asking questions...questions that we felt we should share with all in our community.

Do you know your neighborhood?...are there folks in your neighborhood with special needs?...are there those who live close by who may need assistance if there is a long-term power outage in our community?

We also talked about the well-being of the pets in our community during a disaster. We wondered aloud if there were extra "pet carriers" around...maybe stored in your garage waiting for the next garage sale. If you would consider donating those, please let Sandy know.

As always, if you are interested in learning more about CERT, please call Sandy Young at 822-8900.



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Stallion Springs General Store will be providing residents of Stallion Springs the opportunity to hold their garage sales on their lot, **FREE OF CHARGE** during the summer months in 2008, beginning June.

You must sign up ahead of time (first come—first serve) and agree to provide your own tables, chairs and set up equipment, as well as maintain clear foot/vehicle traffic pathways, abide by general safety rules, and agree to set-up and fold-down times. The store is open from 6 am—8 pm, 7 days a week.

Applications and sign up sheets are available at the store, which is located across from the Community Center at the corner of Churchill and Stallion Springs Drive.

This is a great opportunity to make a little extra cash while you are cleaning out that garage and storage unit this summer!



Please be aware that new stop signs will be erected at the following locations within the next 60 days: Preakness Drive at Pimlico Way (West), Burning Tree Drive at St. Andrews Drive, Gleneagle Court at St. Andrews Drive, Braeburn Place at St. Andrews Drive (North and South), Buckskin Drive at Mustang Drive and Horsethief Drive at Cummings Court. In addition, several of the existing stop signs will be replaced with new signs due to their deterioration. With the growth of Stallion Springs in the last few years, traffic has also increased. Many of our residents and guests are driving too fast for safety. The above locations were determined by the amount of traffic, the speed and complaints from residents. Please slow down and observe all traffic signs.

-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, your name and contact number and an on call district staff will be paged.
- ◆ 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
- ◆ Residents who do not normally need to file income tax returns may wish to file this year considering the rebate available. More information is available at the District Office.
- ◆ Stallion Springs Community Clean Up, April 5th & 6th, residents can bring solid waste not normally accepted to the Stallion Springs Transfer Site. (Please, no hazardous materials and no tires).

FEBRUARY 2008 POLICE REPORT

Radio Calls Received:	34	Reports Completed:	31
Vehicles Impounded:	4	Want/Warrant Checks:	38
Felony Arrests:	5	Citizen Flags:	8
Misdemeanor Arrests:	8	Field Interviews:	15
Moving Citations:	3	Citizen Contacts:	114
Parking Citations:	0	Asst. Outside Department:	23
Medical Aids:	2	Average Response Time:	6 min.

- Officers discovered "Arvina" gang members trespassing in Stallion Springs.
- Worked Arvin area multi-agency gang task force, Stallion Springs officers led in arrest, arresting 3 individuals including an active parolee O.G. "Arvina" gang member and 2 warrant subjects that barricaded themselves in a structure. Officers contacted and identified numerous other "Arvina" gang members as well.
- Received citizen commendation for pulling an elderly stranded motorist out of the snow.
- Performed department audit of evidence room, discovered serious deficiencies which can only be corrected and alleviated through the construction of a true police station.
- Completed departmental firearms manual, bringing department into POST and state compliance.
- Received citizen commendation for stopping vehicle which was speeding on Banducci, driving recklessly, illegally passing a school bus and attempting to evade law enforcement.
- Responded to violent suicidal female subject who attacked her mother and a store owner. Detained subject without incident in Cummings Valley and delivered her for evaluation and massive alcohol consumption.
- Captured multi-forgery and burglary subject (active U.S. Marine) who victimized "Papa's Pizza". Subject is now awaiting trial at 29 Palms.
- Assisted KCSO at "Whiskey Flats" in Kernville. Stallion Springs officers made 5 arrests
- Responded to Cummings Valley Elementary School for bizarre acting adult female. Discovered methamphetamine smoking pipe in female restroom and agreed subject was under the influence of methamphetamine, detained subject. Subject later tested positive for amphetamines and barbiturates.
- Continuing to recruit a new police officer
- Department asked to become members of joint task fore (ESET) by KCSO.

STALLION SPRINGS PROPERTY OWNERS WELCOME COMMITTEE

Business has slowed down considerably for the Welcome Committee. Barbara and I had only four calls to make, as we set out on February 28th. The Beck family was not at home, but, as usual, we left our Tehachapi informational bag on their doorstep.

Our next two calls were delightfully pleasant. Luigi and Susan Marzorati just moved into the home they designed and had built this month, February. They came from Pasadena and had been aware of the Tehachapi area but Susan said that once she found out that Jack Palance had lived here, she was sold on Stallion Springs.

Palance has been one of her all time favorite movie stars. The Marzoratis have three dogs, Betty, Budhi, and Brigadier.

Our next enjoyable visit was with Ron and Sandy Williamson. They are from Discovery Bay but were originally Southern Californians. They drove by Tehachapi many times before they stopped to see what we were all about. They had just moved into their house the prior weekend and were busily unpacking box after box. They have two dogs, Vichenya and Guido, and a beautiful thirteen year old Macaw that is a cross between a Blue and Gold and a

Military. These birds can live to be 80 to 100 years old. With that life expectancy, their bird will outlive us all.

We were unable to access the house of our fourth call so will return in the near future. Back on December 19, 2007, we did not find the Lazovich and Krugian family at home but hope they are settled in and feel welcome in our community.

Again, these calls are a pleasurable experience, and we look forward to meeting each and every new resident.

Barbara Chott and Susan Mueller

“The Seasons” at Stallion Springs Resort

I am sure most of you are unaware of how many out of State and indeed out of the Country visitors we have at “The Seasons”. Just as an example, this past week we had guests from; Illinois, Idaho, North Dakota, New York, Colorado, Minnesota and Canada. Weeks are already reserved for 2008 for guests from, Poland, Russia, India, Finland and many from the United Kingdom and Canada, just to name a few. We have many repeat visitors and some who have purchased property here in Stallion Springs after their visit to “The Seasons”. This is due, in part, to the lovely accommodations we provide for them, the enjoyable time our guests receive, the beauty of the surroundings

and also the friendliness of the community. A special thank you goes to the staff at SS Mini-mart, Papa’s, General Store, Horse Thief Country Club, Cut Loose and last but certainly not least Debbie, Bill and staff at Woodward West. Thank you to the residents who take the time to wave to our guests or help them with directions. As many of you know, because of our success, we are building more units. We have no completion date at this time but hope we can announce an “Open House” very soon. Meanwhile, we hope that you, our community, will continue to welcome our visitors and show them the true spirit of Stallion Springs.



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GET ON THE BALL

SSPOA NEWS

The March 27th General Meeting will start at 6:30 pm with a “Pasta Pot Luck” for Italian night. The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm when we will welcome our guest speaker, Michael Fuller from Southern California Edison. The meeting will be held at The Lodge at Woodward West. Woodward has graciously loaned us the use of the Lodge for our meetings until other arrangements can be made as the CSD building is being repaired. We greatly appreciate the generosity of Woodward.

SSPOA/SSCSD

COMMUNICATION BREAKTHROUGH

The Stallion Springs Property Owners Association will now have forums to discuss ideas and concerns that face our members and take those ideas and concerns to the SSCSD, opening a line of communication between the two teams. Communication and cooperation between two teams will allow the community to have knowledge and voice in our community’s future. Members of the SSPOA can bring their ideas and concerns to the SSPOA meetings for discussion. There will be a 30 minute open forum at the end of each meeting for concerns and ideas.

A member of the POA or not, we welcome you to our General Meetings.

WHAT IS PAL?

Stallion Springs Police Activities League (PAL) is a non-profit 501 C (3) charitable organization that was formed in the early 1980’s by the police officers and concerned citizens in our community. The SSPAL main approach is to prevent juvenile delinquency. Our goal is to teach/mentor children. We provide them the opportunities that might not normally be available. But, most of all we provide the children an opportunity to interact with law enforcement in a positive way.

Through SSPAL’s quality programs, we strive to teach our children to become successful, responsible, and caring individuals.

The success of SSPAL is achieved through the hard work and dedication of the many who give their time and resources.

PAL’s programs include the Pre School, Community Garden, Summer Camp, Apple Box Derby, Annual Easter Egg Hunt, Oktoberfest, and Trunk or Treat. We also take group trips to amusement parks and sporting events.

PAL depends on a generous community for donations to finance the organization.



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Community Services District Board of Directors Meeting Notes

Regular Meeting held February 19, 2008

- ...the Board approved adding an additional eight stop signs in the District
- ...the Board discussed a new administrative building for the police and administrative staff
- ...the Board approved the purchase of an electric truck and a pick up truck
- ...the Board approved moving forward with the change to CalPERS retirement for police

Regular Meeting Held March 18, 2008

- ...the Board approved a 4% CPI increase for water, sewer and solid waste rates effective April 1
- ...the Board approved entering into a contract with Charles Fedak, a CPA firm to handle the audit
- ...the Board discussed C.V. #1 and Perchlorate and other related water issues

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