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**ISSUE #223** 

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

Winter is here and its time to get prepared for the anticipated wet months ahead. Winter weather will bring rain, snow and dense fog in our community please remember to use caution and SLOW DOWN! Our staff will be working around the clock in snowstorms and will be plowing the main roads as a priority. If your road has not been plowed, please be patient, they will get to your area when they can.

As a reminder, erosion control is the responsibility of each property owner, so get informed, assess your needs on your property now before the rain and snow hit and reach out if you see an issue on any roads and easements. The district takes the necessary steps to be prepared and to help residents prepare as well. Sandbags will be available to residents only on a first come first served basis with a limit of 5 per resident. Staff will keep sand stocked at our Community Center. Please do NOT abuse this free resource, we ask that you are mindful of others in need and ONLY fill the 5 bags provided. Should you need more resources, the local hardware stores will have what you need. There are many other things that can help such as cleaning your drains and gutters and purchasing rolls of jute to control erosion and water flow on your own property.

We have come to realize over the last few years that the current office hours are just not enough for those who work out of the area. With that we will have new office hours beginning January 1st. Our new hours will be Monday-Thursday from 7am-5pm Closed from 12-1 for lunch and closed on Fridays. We hope this will help accommodate more residents with their needs. There will not be any staff available on Fridays other than the on-call staff so please plan accordingly.

Support our Parks and Recreation and bring the family to our Annual Breakfast with Santa 8a-11a and Holiday Boutique 10a-4p December 9th. Finish your holiday shopping with our GREAT selection of local vendors and make some memories with the family.

This will officially be my last newsletter article. Again, I cannot express my gratitude enough to my staff and residents that were supportive throughout my years here with the district. I look forward to the adventures ahead and am thankful for the successes and challenges this position brought.

I am excited for the community to meet the new General Manager; I truly believe she was made for this position and will bring great things to our community! If all goes well, she will make her debut at the next regular board meeting! Please welcome her with your kindness and be gracious as she learns her new position.

Take care Stallion Springs and always remember to 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.

Vanessa Stevens





#### **Board of Directors**

Teresa Sasnett, President Ben Dewell, Director Barry Leslie, Director

Leslie Wellman, Vice President Neil Record, *Director* 



Monday - Thursday
7am-5pm
Closed daily
12pm-1pm
for lunch
Closed Fridays

Starting January 1, 2024, our hours of operation will be changing to better serve the community. The new hours will be Monday-Thursday 7am-5pm, closed 12pm-1pm for lunch, and closed on Fridays. The only staff available on Fridays will be on-call staff. Call outs will be an \$80.00 charge, so please plan accordingly.

Freezing weather is upon us! Be prepared for the cold by installing a customer valve at your water meter. It's a good idea to contact a plumber or you can install one. The valve gives you the ability to turn off water to your residence in case of a water leak that can be very costly if your pipes freeze. An after hour call-out is a charge of \$80.00, so stay ahead of the weather.



The Support Stallion Springs Foundation, our community non-profit group, is in desperate need of volunteers to help with events and our scholarship foundation for our local high school seniors. Please contact us if you or someone you know can help! We are fortunate enough to have this foundation to help make some community improvements and offer additional programs for our residents and families, please help keep it going by giving just a little bit of your time.

If interested please email: sscsd@stallionspringscsd.com



#### TRASH GATE

The trash tag will only allow one vehicle at a time before arm comes down. If you follow another vehicle, you will break the arm and you will be charged \$100.00.

Please come into the office in order to resolve the trash tag



Please remember to only use dark blue or black ink when writing a check for your water bill. The bank will reject any other colors, resulting in a delay in your payment being processed. Thank you!

#### LOST FOUR LEGGED FAMILY/FRIENDS

For those of us that have lost a pet, it can be very difficult to find or recover them. There are many ways to keep your pet safe but one that is secure is having a microchip placed on your pet. There are many organizations that can help with the cost and there are organizations that will place one for a small cost if there is a cost at all.

We have a microchip scanner available at the CSD as well as other facilities that would be able to scan the microchip on your four legged loved one and be returned.



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Call SSCSD at 661-822-3268

# STALLION SPRINGS COMMUNITY MEETING ON CRIME PREVENTION

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2023 6:00 PM

Stallion Springs Community Services District 27800 Stallion Springs Drive

Please join Stallion Springs Police Department's Senior Officer Carrillo and Officer Valdes for a community meeting and discussion.

Officers will provide safety tips on a variety of topics, such as identity theft, holiday safety, and crime prevention theories and methods. Educational flyers and handouts will be provided.

Questions from the community will be answered at the conclusion of the presentation.

Don't miss this opportunity to meet your local officers!

"We Live to Serve"

Questions: 661-822-3268







#### STALLION SPRINGS NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH (SSNW)

Dear Stallion Springs Residents, Friends and Neighbors! We wish you all a VERY HAPPY AND SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON, 2023 - 2024!!

Additionally, we NW Captains and SSNW Facebook Admins want to thank you immensely for your dedication and focus on our Neighborhood Watch Program in support of COMMUNITY SAFETY and support of our outstanding SS Police Department led by Chief Gary Crowell, along with his outstanding Officers!

We also want to thank our generous and wonderful Community and Booth Volunteers for all you donated and purchased at our SSNW "Cheese Nachos & Fixin's" Booth at Oktoberfest, on October 7! OUR TOTAL DONATION TO THE SSPD EQUIPMENT FUND WAS \$826.46 !!!

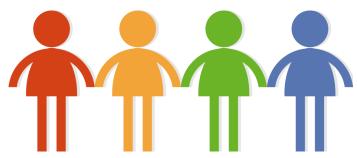
Our awesome SSNW Nachos Booth Volunteers were outstanding, and generously gave their time to keep the yummy Cheese Nachos flying out the window to our happy guests! We want to thank all who cheerfully worked so hard, and generously donated extra time when needed, to help set up the booth, run the booth and cleanup afterwards! We couldn't have accomplished this without them!!

Nicole Llere, SS Parks & Rec, provided Supplier and booth design info; Ross Magana, Booth Manager, Managed Booth Ops, helped design, set up and Cashiered most of day; David Malcom, helped set up and close down, volunteered extra hours to ensure staffed; Mary Esther House, Leslie & Mike Terrell, Gina Flores & Son, Danny Valdez, volunteered extra hours to ensure staffed; Denise Hilliker, Diana Tanaka, Charlee Tailor-SSNW Capt & FB Admin.

I am RETIRING as a SSNW Leader at end of 2023, WE NEED, YOU, GOOD PEOPLE to volunteer as SSNW Captains to help lead our Community Group, work in partnership with our SSPD Chief Gary Crowell and his Officers, help keep our Community informed about Safety and Security, SSNW Events, monitor SSNW Facebook Posts for appropriateness, help guide SSNW FB Members with their Posts, etc. We do not allow Political Posts, or Sales Ads, on our site. SSNW FB Site is for Residents, their family members (in-town or out of town), those working in Stallion to use to inform or be informed regarding issues here in our Community.

We welcome you to our Stallion Springs Neighborhood Watch Group (non-profit) and Facebook Private Group! All Stallion Springs Residents and Residents in Cummings Valley who wish to be informed about our community's safety by the Stallion Springs Police Department (SSPD Chief Gary Crowell), the CSD, or other SSNW members regarding important events, alerts for lost escaped pets or farm animals, important road conditions in our community, Cummings Valley, Tehachapi, Bakersfield, Lancaster and the nearby freeways - are free to join! Request to Join at: stallionneighborhoodwatch@gmail.com, or Join through Facebook at: "Stallion Springs Neighborhood Watch."

Thank you for joining or being a current member of our SSNW and for helping to keep our Community a beautiful, safe place to live! – Joan Clark & SSNW Captains & Admins









#### STALLION SPRINGS COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (SSCERT)

Winter weather is here! Time to get those fireplaces, pellet stoves & other heat sources cleaned up and serviced. We all want a safe and warm home, but please follow the appropriate safety measures for your heat source. It's also time to put up those holiday lights & decorations. Only use outdoor rated extension cords & decorations on the exterior of your home. And don't overload those outlets! SSCERT wants to wish you a safe and merry Christmas, and a happy holiday season, however you celebrate!

The Cheers to Charity team presented their fundraising checks to community groups on October 12. SSCERT was one of the recipients. SSCERT is thankful for being a part of the Cheers to Charity event, and for being a beneficiary of their fundraising efforts.

The Houchin Community Blood Bank held their Stallion Springs blood drive on November 18. Thank you to our community members that donated blood! Your efforts will save lives! Team member Mary Vickery led our SSCERT members to coordinate our support services for this event. Houchin will return to our community soon, watch for the date. Appointments are strongly recommended. Please visit Houchin Community Blood Bank online at hcbb.com to make an appointment.

SSCERT coordinated parking for the Stallion Springs Oktoberfest. Thank you for your parking donations! Your donations help keep SSCERT ready to assist our community in the event of an emergency/disaster.

SSCERT is on a holiday break for general meetings, but still active for deployment. Please keep an eye out for the date of our next general meeting in January 2024.

Are you interested in joining SSCERT, or just learn to be better prepared for an emergency/disaster? Only you can make your community the place in which you want to live, by getting involved and setting the example for others to follow! Learn more at www.stallionspringscert.org.

www.stallionspringscert.org stallionspringscert1@gmail.com 661-412-2378

Stallion Springs CERT was established in 2003, and is under the guidance of the Stallion Springs Police Department. Our CERT members also volunteer at non-emergency events within our Stallion Springs Community, Tehachapi communities, and Kern County communities. SSCERT supports our Stallion Springs Police (SSPD), first responders and community groups at their events as Medical/ Safety Monitors, Traffic Control, Logistics support, searching for lost/missing persons, searching for lost/missing equipment, etc.





THANK YOU for taking an active part in saving lives! We received a great response

from the Stallion Springs Community blood drive on November 18th. Your remarkable contribution will surely fill hope in patients and it wouldn't be possible to collect the needed blood without your support.

On behalf of Houchin Community Blood Bank, thank you for attending the Saturday, November 18th blood drive. We were very pleased with the drive overall and the willingness of the donors to share this life-saving gift. Your efforts are greatly appreciated and these blood donations will go a long way toward replenishing blood supplies during this shortage, and ultimately saving lives!

I am happy to report that 32 donors were registered and 23 units were collected! In addition, we also registered 5 first-time donors! With each unit saving up to three lives your contribution and ongoing support will help save 71 lives in our community.



#### LIBRARY—DAY AND HOURS

#### THE LIBRARY IS CURRENTLY NOT ACCEPTING ANY BOOK DONATIONS

Stallion Springs library hours are in conjunction with Cummings Valley Elementary School early release dates. The new day will be Wednesdays from 1:30 until 3:30 pm. For recent requests to accommodate our school children. Following are the new open dates.:

1/10, 1/24, 2/14, 2/28, 3/6, 3/20, 4/10, 4/24, 5/8, 5/22.

The library is always looking for volunteers. Shifts are for only 2 hours. Tuesdays or Thursday 's from 10am-12pm or 12-2pm or Saturday from 12-3pm. Come in and check us out. You can contact Emma Holm at 719-640-2220.



Address: 20030 Pellisier Rd,

Phone: 661-822-4003.

Hours are: Tuesday & Thursday 10am-2pm

Saturday 12pm-3pm

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Emma at

661-822-1385.

Looking forward to seeing you!

### SAFE MEDICATION DISPOSAL

#### (Located in the CSD Lobby)

We are asking residents when using the safe medication disposal box located in our lobby to place only medicines and to please:

NO Needles of ANY sort, NO Liquids,

<u>NO</u> Thermometers , <u>NO</u> inhalers or aerosols,

<u>NO</u> empty bottles or medical supplies.

Most of these items can be received at

hazardous waste days the 1st Saturday of each month at the main disposal site in town.

#### **OUTSIDE LIGHTS**

Just a reminder to keep your outside lights on timers, reduce the lumens and do not leave your lights on all night long.

Kern County has a "Dark Sky Ordinance". Under Section 19.81 is intended to reduce unnecessary night lighting and to minimize lighting impacts on surrounding properties to help protect Kern County's rural characteristic of access to a natural dark sky environment and to avoid public nuisances.

Please visit kernplanning.com/darkskies-ordinance-informational-guide for more information



New days and times for yoga, stretch and fit classes start January 2nd.

Zumba has been cancelled due to a lack of participants.

#### YOGA

When: Mondays 5:00pm, Tuesdays

9:30am, Thursdays 5:00pm

Who: Anyone - ages 13 and up

Where: Stallion Springs

Community Center

Cost: \$8 per person residents/\$10 per

person Non-Residents

THURSDAY STRETCH

When: Thursdays at 9:30am

MONDAY & FRIDAY FIT

Every Monday and Friday at 9:30AM— \$8 a class

Class will include warm up, full body workout, and a cool down.

#### **JUDO**

WHEN: Mondays and Wednesdays

6:15pm to 7:45 pm.

WHERE: Stallion Springs Gymnasium

WHO: Ages 6 & up

<u>COST</u>: \$20 per person per month

Sign ups under RecDesk, Membership.

Don't miss out on this great local opportunity for

your kids and teens!

#### Open Gym

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 3PM-6PM





Sign up for Recreation Programs Online!

#### FREE PICKLE BALL

If you are curious about pickle ball, come join us in the Gymnasium

**Tuesdays & Thursdays** 

Saturday 9am

16 and older

**Donations accepted to** keep program running.

No young children allowed during session



#### **Senior Activities**



Third Thursday of the month 1-3PM

**FREE** 

55 and up

Refreshments will be provided 27850 Stallion Springs Drive





Join us for Paint night with Shari!! December 15th at 6pm. Sign up now! \$25. Pay the instructor through Venmo.

Shari Baker @Shari-Baker-21



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	December 2023					
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 Open Gym 3-6pm Yoga 5:30 pm Judo 6:15 pm	5 Tone Up 9:30 am Pickle ball 6 pm	6 Yoga 9:30am Open Gym 3-6pm Yoga 5:30 pm Judo 6:15 pm	7 Zumba 10 am Pickle ball 6 p.m.	8 Fit Friday 9:30 am NO OPEN GYM	9 BREAKFAST WITH SANTA 8:00am – 11:00am HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE 10:00am - 4pm No Pickle ball
10	11 Open Gym 3-6pm Judo 6:15 pm No yoga	12 Pickle ball 6 pm No Tone Up	13 Open Gym 3-6pm Judo 6:15 pm No yoga	2umba 10 am Senior Bingo 1 pm – 3 pm Kids Sushi Class 6 pm Pickle ball 6 p.m.	15 Open Gym 3-6pm Paint Night 6 pm No Fit Friday	16 Pickle ball 9 am
17	18 Open Gym 3-6pm Judo 6:15 pm No yoga	19 Pickle ball 6 pm No Tone Up	20 Open Gym 3-6pm Judo 6:15 pm No yoga	21 Zumba 10 am Pickle ball 6 p.m.	22 GYM CLOSED No Fit Friday	23 Pickle ball 9 am
31	25 GYM CLOSED No Judo	26 NO CLASSES Pickle ball 6 pm	27 Open Gym 3-6pm No Judo	28 LAST ZUMBA CLASS 10 am Pickle ball 6 p.m.	29 GYM CLOSED	30 Pickle ball 9 am

<b>∢</b>	January 2024				<b>.</b>	
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 GYM CLOSED Yoga 3 pm No Judo	2 Yoga 9:30 am Pickle ball 6 pm	3 Open Gym 3–6 pm No Judo	4 Stretch Class 9:30 am Yoga 5 pm Pickle ball 6 pm	5 Fit Friday 9:30 am Open Gym 3–6 pm	6
7	8 Fit Class 9:30 am Open Gym 3 – 6 pm Yoga 5 pm Judo 6:15pm	9 Yoga 9:30 am Pickle ball 6 pm	10 Open Gym 3–6 pm Judo 6:15 pm	11 Stretch Class 9:30 am Yoga 5 pm Pickle ball 6 pm	12 Fit Friday 9:30 am Open Gym 3–6 pm	13
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# WE NEED YOU

Did you know that our trails are all maintained by volunteers and we need help! We have so many great trails in our community, but these trails need maintenance in order to continue to use them. Help us conserve this great asset to our Community.

We are so grateful for our volunteers especially Steve who has spent many hours mowing and grading our trails most of the time all on his own. Please consider

joining our volunteer Trails Group so that together we can keep our Trails for all families to enjoy!

If you cannot join us, you can make a donation to our

#### non-profit organization:

#### **Support Stallion Springs Foundation**

Join the Stallion Springs Trails group and Facebook to stay up to date with the

latest progress and where trail days will be taking place.

If you are interested in helping just a few times per year please contact

Shawnee @ 661-822-3268 or at stallionparksandrec@gmail.com

or fill out this form and drop it off at the CSD.

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Name	Email:
Phone_	

Yes I am interested in helping the trails group and would like to have more information.

No I am not interested in volunteering for the group but please accept my donation to help the Foundation in this p r o j e c t . D o n a t i o n Amount\_\_\_\_\_\_Check#\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: Support Stallion Springs Foundation (memo "Trails")





# HELP KEEP OUR COMMUNITY BEAUTIFUL

Did you know we have <u>CC&R's</u> (<u>Conditions,Covenants and Restrictions</u>) in our community?

These CC&R's are necessary to preserve & enhance property values throughout our community and to protect and maintain the rural residential character of the area. A few examples are: having paint samples, fencing, building and any outdoor structures approved. We protect our oaks, you MUST get approval for the removal of any oak trees on your property.

Please take the time to review them on our website: www.stallionspringscsd.com and call the office with any questions you may have.

If you see a CC&R violation please call or email Vanessa at 822-3268 x224 or vstevens@stallionspringscsd.com

# What you will find in your water bill....

<u>Description</u>: is where you will find what you are paying for or if you have a previous balance.

<u>Recharge fee</u>— is the amount you pay if you <u>have</u> <u>not</u> signed a covenant. This fee can be eliminated if you come into the office and have a form notarized.

<u>Water</u>—this is the water you used for two months.

Sewer—if you have sewer services.

Refuse—Trash

<u>Service Charge</u>— is the Base Rate that will be charged whether you use water or not.

<u>Penalties</u>— is the fee that is added if not paid by the 20th of the due date.



#### 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 Jim Burris, Public Services Supervisor via email: jburris@stallionspringscsd.com or call the District office 661-822-3268.

Police Non-Emergency
800-861-3110

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	cal calls dial 911 and specify to
	dispatcher that you live in Sta
	Springs. To reach the police for
	emergency purposes, contact

medio the allion nonemergency purposes, contact Kern County Dispatch at (800) or (661) 861-3110.

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 bro-

ken which will cause water shut offs not only to

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

**INFORMATION AND NOTES** 

your residence, but to a whole neighborhood.

Thank you.

- ♦ 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.

Utilities			
& Services	Provider	Phone Numbe	er Website
Trash, Water, Sewer	SSCSD	661-822-3268	stallionspringscsd.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/



PAY ONLINE! Pay your water bill anytime, anywhere. Online Bill Pay makes it easy for you to manage your water bill. You can view your bill, see payment history, etc. You can even do auto pay. Owners can register or use Quick Pay. Renters Only use Quick Pay. Go to our website at www.stallionspringscsd.com. It is located on the Home Page.

Donations can be dropped off in the bins at Stallion Springs CSD office and other local Stallion Springs Businesses. All donations must be made by December 14, 2023 to allow for setup and transport







