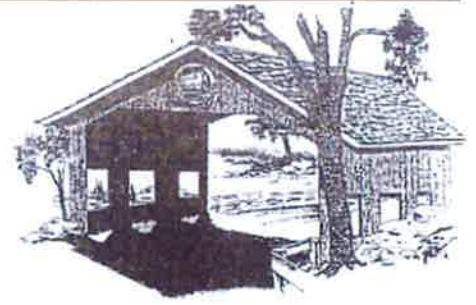


# The Stallion Springs BRIDGE



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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 RESIDENTS:

Welcome February! I am hopeful that things will start getting back to normal in the next few months. We are planning to move forward with our programs scheduled for the year if the CDC restrictions allow.

Stallion Springs CSD has applied for a multi-use community park behind the District office to include a skate park, pump track, outdoor courts, walking path and more. The Parks and Recreation Department has been working on completing this Prop 68 Grant which is very competitive but we are hopeful that we will be chosen in order to move forward. We have had several community meetings to hear your ideas and are looking forward to incorporating them all in our design. If you haven't had the opportunity to attend our meetings, join us for our FINAL meeting on Saturday, February 6, 2021 at 9 a.m. at the Community Center to see our design ideas.

A big THANK YOU goes out to Brandon Warne, Kenny Harrison and Jim Lundy for donating funds and time toward building a ball field with a backstop at Man O'War Park including our amazing staff. I am hoping that the community is excited as I am to see this great change to Man O'War Park which is finally headed in the right direction. Also, to complete the ball field, the SSPOA has ordered bleachers and benches in order to have a full running field by late spring! This has been our dream for years and we can not wait to share this with all of our families in this community!! Thank you all!

We have recently had a lot of complaints regarding lighting and animal issues. When it comes down to it, being a good neighbor is all about being courteous. So, think to yourself and look around your home, are you being a good neighbor? Are your lights too bright, and are they necessary? Lighting is always an issue in our rural community as most of us have moved here to enjoy the dark beautiful nights and some just can't believe how dark it really is out here. I ask that you please look around your home, assess your lighting, and make some simple changes if needed. LED lights can be very bright and bothersome especially to surrounding homes, consider putting them on a timer and ensure that they are pointed down and away from neighbors or turn them off and enjoy the beautiful stars we have in Stallion!



Feel free to reach out to me anytime at: [vstevens@stallionspringscsd.com](mailto:vstevens@stallionspringscsd.com) or 822-3268 and let me know what you would like to see happen in our community.

Be well and make it a great year!  
Thank you,

Vanessa Stevens,  
General Manager



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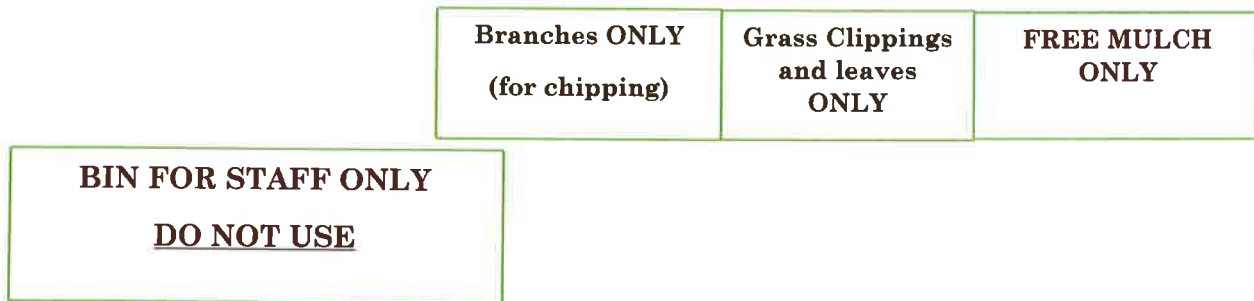
The recycling has been going well and we want to thank you all for breaking down your boxes, disposing of your recyclables correctly and helping us keep these items out of our landfills.

**\*\*IMPORTANT!! ONLY ONE VEHICLE THROUGH THE GATE AT A TIME OR YOU MAY BREAK THE GATE ACCESS RESULTING IN A MINIMUM \$100 FINE\*\***

Green Waste has been a challenge and I think there are some things that we all need to remember:

**NO BAGS** allowed in the green waste area. If you have bagged your leaves and clippings, you must take them out of the bags when dumping at the site. The large bin located at the green waste site states **STAFF USE ONLY**. **DO NOT** dispose your green waste in this bin. The Green Waste site consists of three areas, see picture below and follow the instructions on the signs to keep our site functioning properly:

**GREENWASTE SITE LAYOUT:**



## **NEW TO STALLION SPRINGS?**

Did you know we have CC&R's (Conditions, Covenants and Restrictions) 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](http://www.stallionspringscsd.com) and call the office with any questions you may have.

We want to give a special shout out to the Whitmore family!! The Whitmore's have always instilled in their kids to be respectful of others and of the environment. About 4 years ago Darin began mowing along his road side all the way to the mailboxes to keep it safe and clear for others. One year his daughter Kenzie wanted to help, but along the way discovered a lot of trash as well. That's when the Whitmore's decided to start picking up trash in the neighborhood. Kenzie (10 years old) and her brother Wyatt ( 8 years old) would love to see others out picking up trash in the community and see a big need cleaning up our Horsethief Lake area. Picking up trash in your own community is a rewarding task and I couldn't be more proud of this



amazing family for caring for Stallion Springs and its beauty so much! Thank you Whitmore's. We appreciate you!



**\*\*If you would like to give a shout out to a family in this community for keeping Stallion great, contact Vanessa Stevens at:**

[vstevens@stallionspringscsd.com](mailto:vstevens@stallionspringscsd.com)



# A SURPRISING LETTER FROM THE BUILDER & HOMEOWNER

In 1978, a young couple sold their home in Half Moon Bay and moved to Bakersfield. Ken Cooper and his (late) wife Dolores had a vision of building a home in the mountains that was inspired by articles in the Mother Earth News magazine. By the following Spring, they had purchased a lot in Stallion Springs on Buckskin Drive for \$9,000 and modified their house plans purchased from a San Francisco solar home designer called Ekose'a. That Summer on weekends, they camped on the lot in a replica Sioux Indian tepee during construction of their outbuilding barn.

Ken arranged with contractor Don Tull of Golden Hills to build the structural parts of the barn and house. By September, they moved their household and cat, Mandy, into the barn where they lived for six months during initial home construction.

Ken had to commute to his job in Bakersfield, but assisted in all the work and then finished the home himself over the next four years. The two-story home features a large solarium that controls a unique heating and cooling system of geothermal convection air movement within a double-shell structure. In 1984, Ken and his wife moved away, and he never expected to see the house again.

In 2017, a young couple, Kirsten and Michael Souders and son Carson, also had a vision to live in the mountains which took them to Stallion Springs. They bought the solar home and moved in with their cats. The following year they held their wedding in the front yard that overlooked the San Joaquin Valley.



Ken didn't know the current owners, but in December 2019, decided to write an extensive letter to the home's address about the property development, thinking they would like to know its unique history and the science of the home. The letter was received with surprise and appreciation, and after numerous emails, a visit was arranged. In October, 2020, Ken and his wife Molly enjoyed a home and property tour with the Souders. When Ken left the home in 1984, he was thirty-six years old, and coincidentally it had been thirty-six years since he had seen the home. It was a nostalgic visit for Ken, and being back on site, he was able to give the Souders additional information about changes in the house and barn between the thirty-three-year gap of their ownerships, and offered some guidance on its solar home functions. The Souders received a time-capsule gift to preserve special memories. They also got original copies of the actual Mother Earth News magazines that made it all possible. They have made improvements to the home, and for however long they live there, a new chapter will be written in its history.



--- Article by Ken Cooper

# parks and rec

Stay active, stay positive, and stay well.

## NEW PARK?!

We are in the process of applying for the Prop 68 grant in hopes of building a new park behind the Community Center. This grant is competitive and relies heavily on new development and community based planning. We would like this new park to be a multi use park for all ages. If you are able, please bring your family to our community meeting to give us your input and ideas. Our next and final meeting will be on February 6, 2021 at 9:30 a.m., at the Community Center. Please join us! \*Masks required.

**Tired of being stuck at home? Need some active time with your family? Open gym sign-ups starting in February!!**

We will be offering the use of the gym through family sign ups Monday, Wednesday, and Friday between 9:30 am-2:30 pm starting on February 8th. Sign ups will be for the use of 45 minutes. If you would like to sign up, you can come into the CSD office or call us at 661-822-3268.



**5K COLOR RUN COMING IN MAY  
WATCH FOR DETAILS**



**Dance Returning  
in April  
Watch for details**

**For any parks activity ideas, class request, or general questions you can contact Shawnee at  
[stallionparksandrec@gmail.com](mailto:stallionparksandrec@gmail.com)**



Get Crafty at Home!



# February

## Kid

Pick up a craft kit for your kids at the CSD between February 10-12 during normal office hours. We will only have 15 available kits, so come grab yours ASAP.

Cost \$5

In each kit there will be the supplies for a dream catcher and finger-print magnet along with the directions to assemble.



## Adult

Pick up this fun reversible craft between 2/10-2/12 to make for the upcoming holidays! Limit of 15 so sign-up to pick it up ASAP!

Cost \$15

This kit will include four blocks, paint, and the vinyl to

assemble the love/luck signs.



Join us in...

# March



We are hoping to be able to do these crafts in person and will plan for it. If CDC guidelines do not allow by March we will give out the craft kits to those who sign up.

## Kid

Date: Monday, March 15 at 3:30pm

Cost: \$5

Sign your kids up to come make this fun mosaic letter! Upon signing up, please let us know which letter you would like.

Sign up at the CSD by March 8th to secure a spot (limited to 15)



## Adult

Date: Tuesday, March 23 at 6:00pm

Cost: \$40

Come make this beautiful wreath for your home!

Sign up by March 5th at the CSD to secure your spot (limited to 15)



## COMING TO MAN O'WAR PARK

We are getting a ball park at Man O'War that will be up and running in late spring.

Thank you to Kenny Harrison, Brandon Warne, and all who donated to purchase the backstop.

Thank you Jim Lundy for volunteering and helping build the ballfield.  
Thank you to the POA for your donations for bleachers and benches.

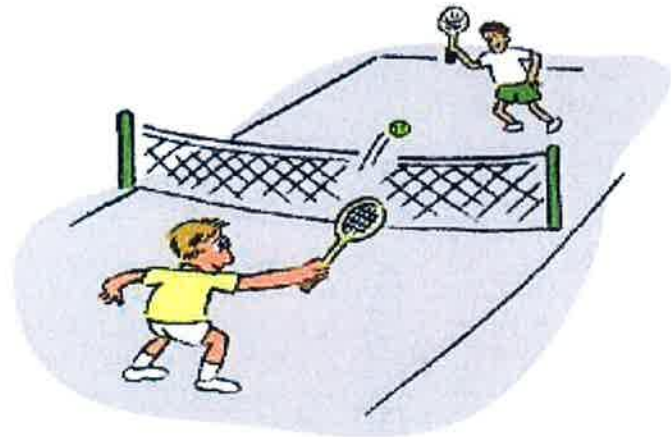


### **FREE Pickle ball in the Gymnasium**

**\*will resume  
March 2, 2021\***

**Tuesdays & Thursday 6pm  
Saturday 9am**

**\*All levels welcome,  
come join the FUN!!**



**\*\*Please help us stay in compliance  
by wearing a mask & keeping 6 feet  
apart during all of your indoor  
activities\*\***

Any other events will be determined based on guidelines from the CDC. Follow us on **Facebook** for the most up-to-date events happening in the community!

**Participation waivers  
must be signed before  
being involved in any  
activity.**

**Please comply with  
CDC guidelines.**



# Trail Maintenance

**Spring is almost here:**

**Trail Maintenance Dates to be determined weather permitting!**



Hiking and spending time outdoors is good for your soul and I absolutely LOVE our trails here in Stallion Springs! We have so many family friendly easy and intermediate Trails, but these trails need maintenance in order to continue to use them. Help us conserve this great asset to our Community.

Please consider joining our volunteer Trails Committee so that together we can keep our Trails great!

**If you do not wish to join you can make a donation to our non-profit organization:**

**Support Stallion Springs Foundation**

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

Shawnee @ 661-822-3268 or at [stallionparksandrec@gmail.com](mailto:stallionparksandrec@gmail.com)

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

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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

No I am not interested in volunteering for the committee but please accept my donation to help the

Foundation in this project. Donation Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Check# \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: **Support Stallion Springs Foundation**

## **LOOKING FOR A GREAT SUMMER JOB?**

**Stallion Springs Parks and Recreation will be hiring for Seasonal Certified Lifeguards.**

Must have Red Cross Lifeguard certificate.

Details coming soon. Please check our Facebook pages for updates on available course dates, times, and location or check [redcross.org](http://redcross.org) for courses.



# Library

Address: 20030 Pellisier Road,

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. We are so excited for this great improvement to our community!

Looking forward to seeing you soon!

## **IMPORTANT:**

### **FISHING PERMIT IS REQUIRED AT ALL TIMES:**

Fishing without a permit will result in a fine. 48-hour permits are available at the Stallion Springs General Store or the CSD for \$10. Yearly permits are available at the District Office **ONLY** Monday thru Friday, 8 a.m.— 4:15 p.m. (closed from 12—1).

**\*IMPORTANT\*** No fishing from the bridge or on or near the dam.

## **Neighborhood Watch**

**Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the meeting may be cancelled again. Notifications will be sent advising. If meeting is a Teleconference, instructions will be sent out with notifications about how to join in.**

**Normally, our meetings are on the fourth Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. in the Corral Room, 27850 Stallion Springs Drive.**

**The next meeting will be announced on the CSD's Billboard located at the East entry of Stallion Springs at Banducci & Stallion Springs Drive. ALL are welcome! Bring your friends and neighbors! Meet our SSPD and get the latest updates on how to prevent crime in our neighborhood.**

**Police Informational meetings will be on zoom as they are available.**



# PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

Hi everybody,

Happy New Year to all of our friends and neighbors here in our little Hallmark town. We truly hope you are all staying healthy, happy and content in this new year.



I'd like to give you an update on our recent happenings, these past few months within our non-profit organization.

We had an impressive experience getting the covered bridge lit up for the holidays and we thank Richie Brown from Tehachapi Lawn and Garden Equipment for donating the use of his scissor lift (two times) so we could decorate and take down the lights afterwards. Dean Markham for donating money for new lights. Also, Dave Cox was extremely instrumental in helping me with all of his handy tools, equipment and his experience to help us with the high lights. I also had a great group of festive neighbors that helped us decorate and remove the lights. I'm so thankful for everyone's help and hope the lights were special to everyone this past season. We do hope to do this again next year, and we can't do it without the CSD and our SSPD's help, and we thank them greatly for their continued support of our organization and my crazy ideas to make this community extra special.

Our first ever Holiday Home Decorating Contest and scavenger hunt was fun and beautiful. We had 10 winners and one random raffle winner. Congrats to all the winners and thanks to everyone for lighting up the community, it was so pretty!



Our sweatshirts and t-shirts fundraising has done so well since our recent order and we thank you for helping us raise the funds to better our community! We started the sweatshirt/t-shirt fundraiser 4 years ago, in the hopes of raising enough money to improve our community. We had a bump in the road and lost a lot of money along the way, due to an unfortunate vendor that ripped us off. But since then, we have recovered and raised enough money to buy something big. We are excited to announce that we've already ordered some bleachers for Man O War Park's new baseball field for our kids! It will be a great addition to the backstop that was donated and is going up also. Thanks to Diego Rodriguez for researching and negotiating this order. We have ordered a set of 15ft 3 row bleachers w/wheels and another set of 15ft dugout benches for in ground installation all for \$3817.01 and we expect them to be ready by spring, just in time for warmer weather! We truly hope this helps get our community outside and engaged in their families this year and that many memories will be made!

Our current/future plans for our non-profit organization are to start organizing our scholarship fundraising efforts. Graduation will be upon us sooner than we expect and we certainly will have some qualified graduates for 2021! Please make sure you get in contact with us or your child's school, to see if they meet the main requirement of a 3.0 GPA or higher. We don't expect to have our fun shin-dig aka dinner/dance/silent auction fundraiser. But we do plan to fundraise this year and also do some raffles of silent auction items! We will be asking the community, as we do every year, if they can help us and donate products, gift certificates or gift baskets. Please get in touch with Debbie if you would like to help in any way.



Lastly, I'd like to mention that this year is the SSPOA's 40th birthday! This non-profit has been around and been run by dedicated volunteers for 40 years now! I myself have a big place in my heart for this org and it has grown on me every year for the last 4.5 years since I've been involved. We are just a group of residents that loves our community and if you ever have ideas or would be interested in volunteering, you can email Debbie any time.

I'd also like to thank the board members that continue to stick with it;

Nick Cunningham (President), Lori Rodgers (Secretary), Donnie Williams (Treasurer)

And a BIG WELCOME to our new board members at large; Rich Borst and Noemi Tkacz

Enjoy the pictures of our covered bridge and have a great rest of your week!

Respectfully,  
Debbie Rodriguez  
SSPOA Vice President  
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