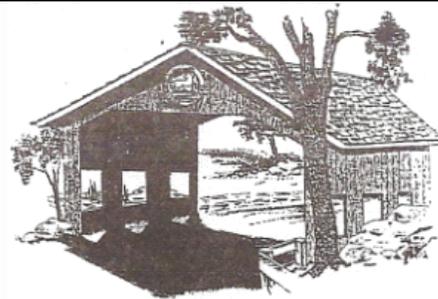


# The Stallion Springs BRIDGE

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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*

The SSCSD is in the process of advertising for a new General Manager. Ads will be placed in the local papers and professional websites that are distributed throughout the state. We are anticipating closing the application process in late January 2015. Depending on the qualifications of the applicants, we are hoping to have a new manager on board before the second quarter of 2015.

CSD board member Dave Burt resigned his position on November 23, 2014 effective immediately. We want to thank him for his service. The CSD Board will begin accepting letters of interest from Stallion Springs residents interested in being appointed to a board position. The CSD will be accepting submissions beginning December 17, 2014. The CSD Board will then appoint a new board member at the regular board meeting on January 20, 2015.

In the November election, Sandy Young was reelected, and Vince McLaughlin was elected for the CSD Board of Directors.



## INFORMATION AND 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.
- ◆ 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 on-call District staff will be paged.
- ◆ Please visit our website [www.mysscsd.com](http://www.mysscsd.com) and keep informed.

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

### My Friend's Horse

I had a friend (who will remain anonymous), that used to save up all of his horse manure all year long. At the end of the year, he would take the most odoriferous portion of the manure and place it into a giant cardboard box, taping it shut. He would then, in the most meticulous manner, wrap the box up in beautiful holiday paper, finishing it off with a big, bright bow. Placing the gift in the bed of his pickup truck, he would then drive to the mall, park in the public lot, and proceed to go holiday shopping with his family. After a successful jaunt through the mall, he would return with his happy family to the truck, and without fail, the "gift" would be missing. Imagine the wonderful surprise the thief would have upon unwrapping my friend's gift!

While we are on the subject of fun surprises, here are some holiday scams to be wary of:

**The Gift Card Scam:** Suspects copy the numbers off unpurchased gift cards in stores and later call the card contact number to inquire if the card has been activated. If it is, they go shopping online with the card information. When you purchase these cards, make sure they appear to be untampered with, in an unmolested packet. Check to make sure the security code on the back has not been tampered with as well.

**Stranded Grandkids Scam:** The victim receives a phone call from a friend or acquaintance of your grandchild, or from a government agency in a foreign land stating that your grandchild is stranded without cash. They want you to wire transfer funds to help your grandchild. They may have someone with a young voice pose as your grandchild as well. Just hang up the phone. Then, call your grandchild directly on their direct line.

**Theft of packages:** This brings us full circle to my friend's wonderful gift! If a package is left unsecure in your vehicle, or on your doorstep, you are providing an opportunity for crime to occur. I like the expression, "Out of sight, out of mind". Hide everything in your vehicle when you go shopping. Make prior arrangements to have packages retrieved from your property by friends and neighbors if you're not going to be available to get them directly from the delivery person.

There are many other scams during the holidays and throughout the year. If something doesn't feel right when you get emails, text messages or phone calls, *something probably isn't right!*

The Stallion Springs Police Department asks you to stay vigilant this holiday season, travel safely, be patient, and be a good neighbor. Happy holidays from the Stallion Springs Police Department.

-Mike Grant, Police Chief

# POA WELCOME COMMITTEE

It was our privilege to visit with six of our newest resident families.

David & Jennifer Sweet have lived in Tehachapi previously, 16 years ago. They have also lived in Vermont and South Dakota. David recently changed jobs and is now working in the solar industry, which is the reason for their return to this area. They have their granddaughter, Hannah living with them. She is in kindergarten and Jennifer plans to be a stay-at-home grandma until she is in school full-time. Jennifer worked for Land's End in distribution and enjoyed that position. Their family includes two dogs; Gabby, a black lab and Maia, a German short hair. We enjoyed getting to meet them also. Welcome to this family.

Patrick & Natalie Massey lived in Ohio and recently moved from Los Angeles. He has been a math teacher for 35 years, and is now enjoying retirement. He plans to learn how to golf, and is looking forward to being active in this sport. Natalie has worked for JC Penney for 25 years and is still commuting to Bakersfield. When we asked Patrick if Natalie plans to play golf, he said he doubted it. Welcome to this delightful couple.

Sandra Sidenburg recently moved from Simi Valley two days before we visited. She was a very gracious hostess. Sandra is downsizing from a 2-story home, so trying to find a place for furniture and possessions in a small unit was quite a challenge. Sandra's occupation was in social work with early retirees. She has a daughter who is going to Moorpark College in Simi Valley. Sandra loves dogs (an understatement) and has been very active rescuing them in the past. She is currently caring for one of her little ones, who is very close to dying. We shared about Marley's Mutts. Welcome to this delightful lady.

Reina Gaura and her family lived in Bear Valley Springs from 1997-2011 and still has many friends there. She is a very busy "super mom", loves her family and has an open door for her son's friends when they need her. She has two sons,

Sean and Brendon, and a daughter, Kelly. She has a horse and appreciates the fact that she can ride on the easement behind their home. Reina's husband worked for the County of Los Angeles. He passed away recently, so this is another adjustment in her life. She has a golden lab, Tahoe. We are glad that she is here with us. We welcome her and her family.

Jessica and Andy Chaidez - we did not have an opportunity to meet Andy but she welcomed us warmly into their home. They are in the process of redecorating, and the kitchen is the main focus at this point (beautiful black cupboards.) Andy has two sons, Eli-2 and Max-7. They were with their mother that evening. We hope to meet them at another time. Andy's father is also new to the area. They have a dachshund named Duke. Jessica shared that they love living in Stallion and we hope they will become involved in the many opportunities. Welcome!

Stephen and Lee Kay have a very active household. Stephen has been in the Navy for 20 years, and the family has lived in/traveled to many countries. They recently moved from Des Moines, IA. They wanted to experience that part of our country. He is currently stationed at Edwards. Lee is from the San Diego area, so she is looking forward to being closer to family and friends. They have four children-two boys, Mason (15) Macklin (13), and are home-schooled. Their two daughters Katelyn (9) and Kiersten (7) were at home, so we had an enjoyable visit with them. All 4 of the children play the piano. The girls attend Cummings Valley School. The family enjoys eating at local restaurants. We understand Stephen's chili is top of the line and he has ideas of perhaps sharing it with patrons of one of the local eateries. (He added that Lee's apple pies are also spectacular!) Rounding out this family are two cats, Mario and Milo, and a beautiful white dog, Max, Jr. This family has already become very active in the community. Welcome! - Susan Mueller & Kay Cordes

The Stallion Springs CSD staff would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



## RANSOMED ANIMALS AND COMMUNITY BIBLE FELLOWSHIP PARTICIPATE IN SEVERAL STALLION SPRINGS COMMUNITY EVENTS

Community Bible Fellowship, along with the Ransomed Animal Puppet Team, took part in several community events during the past couple of months, and will continue to do so this coming new year. The Oktoberfest Celebration gave the community an opportunity to be publicly introduced to the Ransomed Animals. They roamed about the celebration talking to people and playing with the children. They were asked to pose several times for a "Kodak moment"! The Fellowship also had a booth where children were able to make reflective safety necklaces to wear the evening of Trunk or Treat.

The Fellowship provided a fun smiling pumpkin craft for the children to make and the Ransomed Animals performed two puppet shows, a skit, and a musical presentation.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ◆ Christmas Caroling - Dec. 12th, 4:30pm @ SS Community Center
- ◆ Family Fun Sunday - Dec. 14th, 10am @ SS Library (Pot Luck lunch to follow)
- ◆ New Year's Eve Family Game Night - Dec. 31st, 7pm @ SS Library (bring finger food snack, alcohol-free event)
- ◆ Family Fun Sunday - Jan. 18th, 10am



If you have not found a church home, please come and visit. All are welcome to attend community events without obligation to the Fellowship group. For more information, please call 661-822-8379, "Like" on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/CommunityBibleFellowship93561](http://www.facebook.com/CommunityBibleFellowship93561), or email [communitybiblefellowship93561@gmail.com](mailto:communitybiblefellowship93561@gmail.com).

## LIBRARY NEWS

### NEW LIBRARY HOURS

1st Tues	10a-2p
3rd Tues	10a-2p
Every Thurs	10a-2p



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## ~ DECEMBER 2014 ~

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	1 *Yoga 6-7 pm *Turbo Kick 7:15-8:15 pm <b>Open Gym 3-6 pm</b> Judo 6:30 pm	2 *Stretch & Tone 10:30 am *TTL Body Training 5:30 pm	3 *Body Conditioning 6-7 pm <b>Open Gym 3-6 pm</b> Judo 6:30 pm	4 *Stretch & Tone 10:30 am *TTL Body Training 5:30 pm *PiYo 7:15-8:15 pm	5 <b>Open Gym 3-6 pm</b> <b>Movie Night</b> <b>6:30pm in Corral</b>	6
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# PARKS AND RECREATION

## Upcoming Craft:

- WHAT:** Cookies in a Mason Jar  
**WHEN:** Wednesday, 17th during OPEN GYM  
**WHERE:** Gymnasium  
**COST:** \$5 pre sign-up. Sign up during OPEN GYM or at the CSD during business hours by Dec. 13th.



## FREE Friday Movies in the Corral!

December 5th "Home Alone" @ 6:30 pm  
January 9th & January 23rd, movies TBA  
@ Community Center Corral Room

Free Popcorn, snacks available for purchase! Bring your, comfy chairs and blankets, and cuddle up to watch a family-friendly movie with us!



## STARTING JANUARY 6TH

DURING ADULT OPEN GYM  
TUES & THURS 10A-1PM  
FREE ADULT PICKLEBALL!

This game similar to tennis, but is played on smaller court, paddles, and a ball similar to a wiffle ball. It can be played by people of all ages. We will be playing indoors, so come out for some fun and exercise. We will provide the equipment and instruction.

## NEW WINTER OPEN GYM HOURS

Beginning January 5, 2015  
Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
OPEN GYM will be from 3-5pm

## Upcoming Events:

P.O.A. is sponsoring **Christmas Caroling** throughout Stallion Springs on **Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>** from 4:30 PM until 8:00 PM. Meet at the Community Center to hitch a 15 -minute ride and sing your heart out for the holiday!

P.A.L. is sponsoring **Breakfast with Santa**, also at the Community Center, on **Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>** from 9:00 A.M. until 11:00 A.M. Bring your kids and grandkids out to meet Mr. & Mrs. Claus!

**On Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup>**, from 9:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M., there will be another Houchin Blood Drive at the CSD Administrative Building. Donate the gift of life - you can make a difference!

## We owe you our thanks!

We would like to thank everyone who helped make our most recent events successful! With the help of our community volunteers and staff, **Oktoberfest and Trunk or Treat** were very successful events! Special thanks to the following: Steve Olson and his family, Tim Garrison and his grill chefs, P-Dubs Grille and Bar, Sean Macy Band, Chris Burris, Linda Carhart, Heather Liebman, Amy Lang, Steve Shaw, Terry Scott and her son, Stallion Springs Police Dept., CSU, CERT, POA, Library, PAL, POA, 4-H, Mountain Bible Community Fellowship, all CSD staff, especially the Parks & Recreation staff - Becky Mason, Erin Golackson, Vanessa Stevens, Katelynn Camp, Andy Caldwell, Savannah Rosenberg, and Austin Riddle, Albertson's, Hemme Hay, and Eivan Maida, Stallion Springs Store owner. A special thank you to the Harrison family for all of their fantastic Halloween decorations. What an incredible donation!!

# THANK YOU!

## Be Water Wise!

Winter is almost here, and the cold weather will soon follow. Here are some tips to help keep your home protected from broken pipes/leaks:

- Locate your water main or customer valve in the event you need to shut it off in an emergency.
- Disconnect any outdoor water hoses. If you have in-ground lawn sprinklers, you should also drain them before winter.
- Wrap all outdoor water pipes with insulation, also referred to as molded pipe sleeve, Pipe insulation is long, pipe-shaped Styrofoam, available at local hardware stores. Secure with insulation tape.
- Seal around all pipes where they enter into your house with caulk or foam sealant.
- Wrap indoor pipes with insulation as well, especially pipes that are on an outside facing wall or are in unheated areas of your home.
- Open the cupboard doors underneath the kitchen and bathroom sinks if your water pipes are against the outside wall. This allows these pipes to get more heat. Combined with the added insulation, this will help prevent freezing.
- If you go on vacation, leave the heat on, set to at least 55 degrees.
- Take extra precautions if you will be away from your home for the winter. Shut off the main water supply that comes into your home and then empty the water lines by opening the faucets and allowing the water to drain.

It's time to stop daily watering and shift to minimal watering only if needed. Outsidess plants go dormant in the winter and their need for water decreases greatly.

*Be prepared and have a safe winter season.*





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## 4-H CLUB

Time to clean out your Linen Closet! Stallion Springs 4H Dog Project is looking for donations to give to local animal shelters within Kern County. This Year, we are collecting for California City Shelter, which is a small rural shelter that gets very little foot traffic. Let's try and help these animals feel warm and comfortable this cold winter!

Some items shelters could use: Blankets, towels, sheets, newspaper, dog & cat beds, pet toys, shoe boxes, pet food, pet sweaters, dishes, treats. These are some things these shelters could use.

Please bring your donations to Stallion Springs Library as our 4H Dog Project has a donation box where you can drop off your donations!

Thank you, Sue Pearson



1 Day  
Only

# It's a Toxic Roundup!



## Household Hazardous Waste

**Drop-off Collection Event...One Day Only!**

**Tehachapi Landfill**  
**12001 East Tehachapi Boulevard**  
**SATURDAY, December 6, 2014**  
**9:00 am - Noon**

— Transportation Guidelines —

- ⊗ Transport no more than 15 gallons or 125 pounds of waste per trip.
- ⊗ Make sure containers are not leaking and are properly labeled.
- ⊗ Keep wastes separated and away from passengers.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>U Automotive Fluids</li><li>⊗ Batteries</li><li>U Fluorescent Light Bulbs</li><li>⊗ Household Cleaners</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>U Paint</li><li>⊗ Pesticides</li><li>U Pool Chemicals</li><li>⊗ Sharps</li></ul>
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Kern County Residents Only. No Business Waste accepted at this event. For more info call the Kern County Waste Management Department at 800-552-KERN, Option 6, or check us out on the web at:  
[www.KernCountyWaste.com](http://www.KernCountyWaste.com)