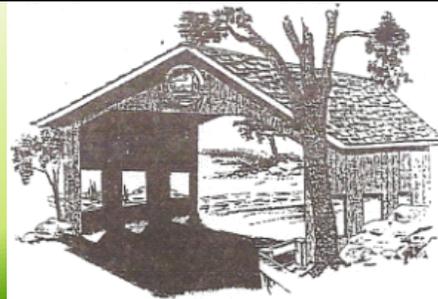


The Stallion Springs BRIDGE

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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

FROM THE INTERIM GENERAL MANAGER...

The applications for a new general manager closes January 30, 2015. After the applications are reviewed, the Stallion Springs Board of Directors will review the applications and set up the interview process for a new general manager. We are hopeful that a job offer is made in the near future.

The State of California has issued Stallion Springs a Wastewater NPDES Permit effective April 2015. This new wastewater permit is for five years. The state has stated to us that in five years, the Wastewater Plant must be upgraded to tertiary-treated water. We have been looking at cost estimates for this upgrade. Estimates range from 3-5 million dollars. We are looking into state and federal grants and loans for this expense.

We also want to welcome Casey Mattinson to the CSD staff. Casey is a local Stallion Springs resident. He holds a California Grade II Wastewater certificate, and he will be the Lead Wastewater Operator for our Sewer Plant.
— Brad Burris

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

STALLION SPRINGS NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Our next two scheduled meetings:

- Thursday, February 19th @ 6pm
- Thursday, March 18th @ 6pm

Meetings are held at:

- CSD Board Room, 27800 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.



Sign Up for NIXLE!

For community ALERTS from the CSD and SSPD, sign up for NIXLE! It's easy! Go online and type in the address bar EXACTLY as follows: <http://local.nixle.com/register/>

You also can report or ask questions at the SSPD website: <http://www.myscscd.com/Police> Department/House Checks & Contact. Select "Contact" for the form to report or ask questions.

YOU ARE THE "EYES AND EARS" OF OUR COMMUNITY!

Call Dispatch -

911 for Emergencies, or to report a crime.

For all **non-emergencies,** community problems, call KC Sheriff Office (KCSO) at:

1-800-861-3110 or (661) 861-3110.

Identify yourself as a resident of SS and a member of Neighborhood Watch. Our SSPD is dispatched through this number.

DO NOT call SSPD cell phones, or the CSD, as your call will not be logged in at Dispatch!

POLICE DEPARTMENT

"The Boot Was Listening"

"Listen boot, this ain't rocket science, you just have to solve the problem and keep the peace". It sounded simple enough at the time, poignant words flowing from my training officer's lips as he deftly guided our patrol unit through the city. It took a while before he trusted me, the new boot, enough to drive the car, and dress in short sleeve uniforms, and join him for Code-7 (lunch) instead of having to stand watch next to the car. But that's how it was done back then. And this is now. So much has changed, except maybe his words of wisdom.

The complex simplicity in his words spoke volumes that could be contained in a pamphlet. We answer requests for service, settle disputes, get people to somehow agree to disagree, provide varying forms of education, let people cry on our shoulders, let others yell at us, give counseling, advice, mentorship, and psychological and physiological analysis, drive people home, and drive others to jail.

Modern police work involves all the interaction techniques that cops have been using to calm things down since the English Metropolitan Police was deployed 1856. Officers still need to be exceedingly good listeners, solid tacticians, and articulate speakers who can establish an immediate rapport with anyone. The best cops will take the time to solve your problem, and if they can't, will at least call you back to let you know they tried. They may even check in with you from time to time to see if things have gotten any better.

My goal for 2015 is to continue the tradition of the Stallion Springs Police Department to be true servants to this community. I live to serve mankind, and my officers have proven that they want to do the same. Citizen volunteers in Stallion Springs have committed themselves to serve alongside of us and we embrace them and their sacrifice. We will train diligently with our volunteers in preparation for any unforeseen incident that may arise.

We will work within our limited budget, continuing to utilize every resource at our disposal, seeking grants for equipment, and maintaining our outstanding reciprocating relationships with other agencies. We will seek free training whenever possible, and will engage in state mandated training that is reimbursable.

I know that my 3 and ½ officers (I'm included in that), will have to somehow continue to cover 24 hours, including on-duty and on-call time. You do the math. I know that my officers (against my wishes) and I will continue to volunteer time to keep this community safe.

We will keep you informed of current crime trends, scams and hazardous conditions, and provide educational seminars. We will maintain the high quality of life in Stallion Springs and try our best to solve your problems and keep the peace.

- Chief of Police Michael J. Grant

POA WELCOME COMMITTEE

Kay and I started the New Year with eleven Stallion Spring's new home-owner calls. What delightful new residents we have here in our community. We regretted that we missed five families, but we left them a bag of information at their door step. Those families that we missed were Jon and Amy Cummings, the Kuzminski family, Karen Mathew's Family, the Brandon Southward family and Kenneth and Pamela Weston.

We did find **Roy and Emma Holm**, newly arrived from Colorado where they spent the last 25 years of their life, at home. Roy is retired from Lockheed and they moved to Stallion Springs to be near their daughter and family who are local residents. **Mike and Sharon Jones** moved up the hill from Bakersfield to be near their son and two grandchildren in Cum-

mings Valley. Mike is still working in the oil fields in Bakersfield, but they love living here despite the commute. Sharon loves the quiet and walking with her grandchildren around the bridge area. **Mistie Magnuson** and her three children, Caitlin, Jacob and Joshua, found our area traveling on 58 past Tehachapi. They decided to look into the area and moved here in October.

Donna and Sean Mahaney lived in Golden Hills for about 2 ½ years, but have now moved to Stallion. They have a daughter, Taylor, at UCSB and three children, Caitlin, Connor and Trinity at home. Sean is an Hydraulic Engineer and they have their own business building custom wheelchairs. Their daughter, Trinity, is in a wheelchair and this created an interest in building vehicles, especially for an individual's needs. We had a delightful visit even though their dog, Baby, wasn't excited about us stopping by.

Cassandra and Jonathan Sweeney just moved a short distance from Cummings Valley where they have lived for twelve years. They presently have seven year old twins, Hannah and Sean, an eight year old, Alaina and are expecting a baby in February. Jonathan is a handyman, so keep that name in mind.

Our last visit was with **Angela Upton-Knittle**. Her husband Ky works in Mojave, but is skilled in computers and works on them as a side-line; another name to keep in mind. They have a precious 4 ½ month old little boy, Arlin, who took a real liking to Kay. They also have three of the friendlies cats we had ever seen, Candy, Kit and Kat. They were most welcoming.

We have decided that the nicest people choose Stallion Springs as their home. We were welcomed warmly and told over and over what a great place this is to live. We couldn't agree more. It was a delightful day for the two of us and a great beginning to the year 2015.

- Susan Mueller & Kay Cordes



LIBRARY NEWS

NEW LIBRARY HOURS:

1st Tues	10a-2p
3rd Tues	10a-2p
Thursdays	10a-2p
First Sat	Noon-3p

Our Stallion Springs Library (located adjacent to the Bridge) has a large selection of books - from children's through adult in most every category. Please accept our invitation to stop by, browse, pick up a good book or two. We are on the honor system- take the books and return when you have finished reading them.

Why is our library only open a select number of hours? Because we need VOLUNTEERS to staff the library. We ask that two volunteers work together. Are you interested? Contact Kay Cordes at 823-7321.



COMMUNITY BIBLE FELLOWSHIP AND THE RANSOMED ANIMALS PUPPETS SHARE THEIR HOLIDAY SPIRIT IN STALLION SPRINGS

The community celebrated with holiday spirit in spite of the rain at the Community Center for a night of music, singing and "COOKIES" at the Christmas Caroling Event. The Ransomed Animals Puppet team performed several songs, including "I'm Gettin' Nuttin' For Christmas". The rain may have put a damper on the hay ride, but it certainly did not put a damper on the fun!

December's Family Fun Sunday held on December 14th was a special treat with the Ransomed Animals and the I-35 Kids Alive! Sunday School classes joined forces in a Christmas program. The Sunday School "showed off" a classroom poster they had made, while the

Ransomed Animals sang several Christmas songs "parody" style! The congregation was also able to enjoy the more traditional songs lead by the Sunday Morning Worship Team. Pot luck lunch was served following the service.

The Fellowship sponsored



a community wide Family Game Night on New Year's Eve, ringing in the New Year with lots of laughter, fun, food and games!

February's Family Fun Sunday on the 15th will not include the regularly scheduled pot luck. Instead, the Fellowship will be holding a "Love Is In The Air" Valentine's Dinner Saturday evening, February 14th at the Stal-

lion Springs Library from 6 - 8 pm. This is a night out for the whole family and the community is invited. With an Italian theme for food and music, the only cost for the evening will be to bring a pot luck dish to share!

Sunday February 15th will feature The Ransomed Animals Puppets as part of the regularly scheduled Sunday morning services.

March's Family Fun Sunday will be held on March 15th with the Puppets and will be followed by a pot luck luncheon. Brother Rich-

ard Remillard will be giving an inspiring message for the adults while the children will go to Sunday School with "Miss Joanne".

Community Bible Fellowship meets every Sunday at 10 am at the Stallion Springs Library. For more information, please contact us by e-mail at communitybiblefellowship93561@gmail.com, like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/CommunityBibleFellowship93561 or call 661-822-8379.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Upcoming Craft:

- WHAT:** Valentine's Day Cards & Crafts for Kids
- WHEN:** Friday, February 13th @ 3:30-4:30 pm
- WHERE:** Gymnasium
- COST:** \$5. Sign up at the CSD no later than Feb. 11th

Your kids can make cards and gifts for their teachers, parents and friends. All supplies will be provided.



FREE Movies Nights in the Corral!

@ Community Center Corral Room 6:00 - 8:00 PM

- Feb. 6th "Maleficent" (PG)
- Feb. 20th "The Dolphins Tale 2" (PG)
- Mar. 6th "Turbo" (PG)
- Mar. 20th "Guardians of the Galaxy" (PG-13)

Hot chocolate, popcorn, pretzels and candy for sale. Bring your, comfy chairs and blankets, and cuddle up to watch a family-friendly movie with us!



CALLING ALL LIFEGUARDS!

Get your Certifications now before it's too late. Classes offered March 6-15th ONLY thru TVRPD.

Call 822-3228 for info. The SSCSD will be hiring *Certified Lifeguards* May 2015.



OPEN GYM

Free and open to the public

Wed & Fri 3:00-6:00 pm

Kickball on Wednesdays 3:30-4:30 pm

Adult Basketball Sundays 2:00-6:00 pm



Come find your game.

HOUCHIN

COMMUNITY BLOOD BANK

"People Live When People Give"

Upcoming Blood Drives in Stallion Springs...

Saturdays 9:00am-1:00pm
CSD parking lot

- **March 14, 2015**
- **May 9, 2015**
- **July 11, 2015**
- **September 5, 2015**
- **October 31, 2015**

Schedule your appointment:
661-616-2505 www.hcbb.com

Thank you to everyone who came out and donated. Here are the totals for 2014:

January .. 37	July 29
March 29	September.. 23
May 26	November... 30

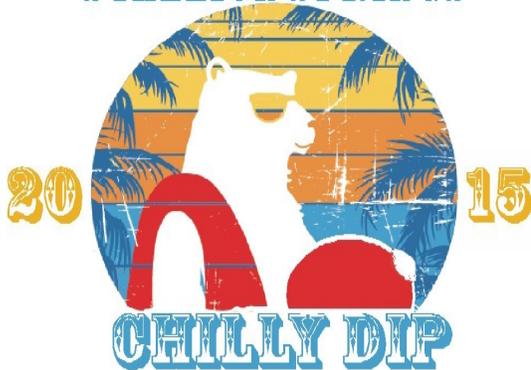
We are off to a great start in 2015! Our January 2015 drive tied with last year's at 37 donations, which was our biggest drive so far.

Let's continue to give generously and make this year even better than 2014.

Mark your calendar. Our next blood drive is **Saturday, March 14th.**



STALLION SPRINGS



5TH ANNUAL STALLION SPRINGS CHILLY DIP

SATURDAY, MARCH 14TH @ 11:00 AM

@ THE COMMUNITY CENTER POOL

The Stallion Springs Parks & Recreation Department is having their annual CHILLY DIP fundraiser to help raise money for park programs and equipment. We will gather around and kick off the year with an invigorating jump in the pool! Participants will get a T-shirt and a hot "chili boat"! Come out and support parks & rec! Cost is \$12.00. Sign up in the CSD office by **March 3rd** to receive this year's t-shirt. Late

sign-ups \$15.00 and will receive a previous year's t-shirt (quantities are limited). *You don't have to jump to show your support. Come out, watch your friends jump and buy a chili boat.*

Sponsors needed. Your logo will be featured on the t-shirt. Pick up the form at the CSD office. Donations must be received by Monday, March 3, 2015.

~ FEBRUARY 2015 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 GYM CLOSED	2 *Yoga 6-7 pm *Insanity 7:15-8:15 pm Judo 6:30 pm	3 *Stretch & Tone 10:30 am *TTL Body Training 5:30 pm	4 *Body Conditioning 6-7 pm Open Gym 3-6 pm Judo 6:30 pm	5 *Stretch & Tone 10:30 am *TTL Body Training 5:30 pm	6 Open Gym 3-6 pm Movie Night 6-8 pm in Corral	7
8 Adult Basketball 2-6 pm	9 *Yoga 6-7 pm *Insanity 7:15-8:15 pm Judo 6:30 pm	10 *Stretch & Tone 10:30 am *TTL Body Training 5:30 pm	11 *Body Conditioning 6-7 pm Open Gym 3-6 pm Judo 6:30 pm	12 *Stretch & Tone 10:30 am *TTL Body Training 5:30 pm	13 Open Gym 3-6 pm Valentine Card and Crafts @ 3:30pm	14 Valentine's Day 
15 Adult Basketball 2-6 pm	16 *Yoga 6-7 pm *Insanity 7:15-8:15 pm Judo 6:30 pm	17 *Stretch & Tone 10:30 am *TTL Body Training 5:30 pm	18 *Body Conditioning 6-7 pm Open Gym 3-6 pm Judo 6:30 pm	19 *Stretch & Tone 10:30 am *TTL Body Training 5:30 pm	20 Open Gym 3-6 pm Movie Night 6-8 pm in Corral	21
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~ MARCH 2015 ~

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HIKE AND RIDE

TRAIL ACTIVITIES, WINTER MONTHS

A group of stalwart volunteers do their best to maintain our beautiful Stallion Springs trails. Sometimes there are special projects which can be done during the winter, but most work is done from the spring through fall. The winter months generally bring a respite, as the main trails are in pretty good shape by that time.



An announcement with dates and times will be made in the Bridge when we once again begin to groom the trails. This primarily consists of cutting back the weeds, clearing branches and windfalls, occasionally cutting portions of trails to improve them, and similar activities. More volunteers are always needed and it's a fun group. We usually have coffee and cake or donuts after our work mornings. We hope you will consider joining us once we re-



DANCE CLASSES

OFFERING: **tap, jazz, hip hop, lyrical, clogging, and ballet**

CONTACT INFORMATION:

MISS SARA

661-330-2809

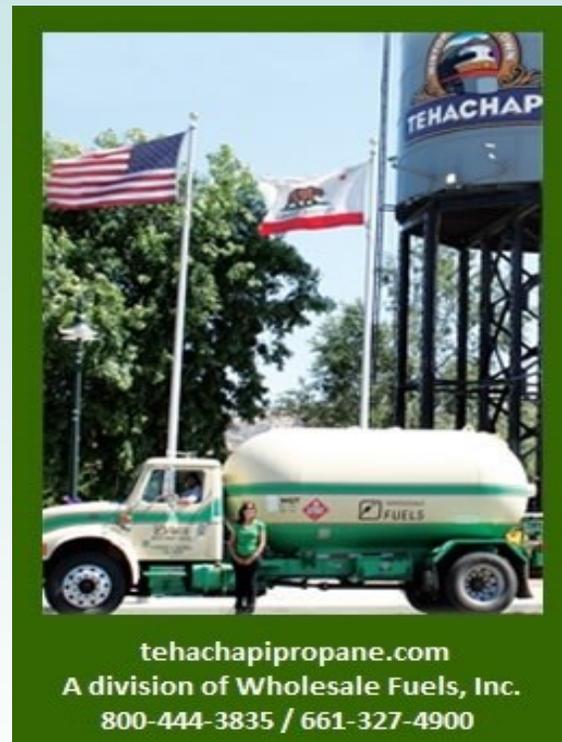
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HELD AT THE STALLION SPRINGS
COMMUNITY CENTER

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 and keep informed.



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Tips for driving in the snow:

- Accelerate and decelerate slowly. Applying the gas slowly to accelerate is the best method for regaining traction and avoiding skids. Don't try to get moving in a hurry. Take time to slow down for a stoplight. Remember: It takes longer to slow down on icy roads.
- Drive slowly. Everything takes longer on snow-covered roads. Accelerating, stopping, turning – nothing happens as quickly as on dry pavement. Give yourself time to maneuver by driving slowly.
- The normal dry pavement following distance of three to four seconds should be increased to eight to ten seconds. This increased margin of safety will provide the longer distance needed if you have to stop.
- Know your brakes. Whether you have antilock brakes or not, the best way to stop is threshold breaking. Keep the heel of your foot on the floor and use the ball of your foot to apply firm, steady pressure on the brake pedal.
- Don't stop if you can avoid it. There's a big difference in the amount of inertia it takes to start moving from a full stop versus how much it takes to get moving while still rolling. If you can slow down enough to keep rolling until a traffic light changes, do it.
- Don't power up hills. Applying extra gas on snow-covered roads just starts your wheels spinning. Try to get a little inertia going before you reach the hill and let that inertia carry you to the top. As you reach the crest of the hill, reduce your speed and proceed down hill as slowly as possible.
- Don't stop going up a hill. There's nothing worse than trying to get moving up a hill on an icy road. Get some inertia going on a flat roadway before you take on the hill.



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4-H CLUB

Happy New Year from Stallion Springs 4-H

What's a 4-H club to do when its meeting conflicts with an opportunity to serve the community?

They get creative, pitch in to help others, and have a great time along the way!

This was the lesson learned by our 4-H club in December, when our General Meeting was scheduled to coincide with the Stallion Springs Christmas Caroling event. So instead of a regular meeting, we joined up with the community for the caroling event. Even though the weather was frightful, our cheery holiday spirit, when shared with everyone there, truly was delightful. Much fun was had by all who participated. With January beginning, our projects are back in full swing.

Members participating in the sheep and horse projects had their first meeting of the year on January 4. Our leader's sheep will be lambing soon, so we learned how to put together lambing kits. We also learned more about horse anatomy in preparation for testing later this year.

4-H is the nation's largest youth development and empowerment organization. Using university-developed curriculum, 4-H members engage in hands on learning activities in the areas of science, healthy living, and food security. The Stallion Springs 4-H Club meets on the second Friday of the month in the Stallion Springs Community Library. For more information on how to join this organization, please contact Lori Rodgers at 661-823-1954.

- Hannah Magnusson, Stallion Springs 4-H Club Reporter