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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

Spring is here and its time to abate our weeds!

The deadline for property clearance is June 1st so remember to maintain a defensible space around your home. For more information, check the Kern County Fire Department website for resources to help with property clearance.

Please do your part to help keep our community fire safe and If you have an area of concern, please let us know so that we can address it.

District staff will begin spraying for weeds and mowing rights of ways beginning April 11th. If you have any questions, please feel free to stop by the CSD office or call us at 822-3268.

Due to the hard freeze we had a few months ago, some of the trees in our community, including the trees in the entrance, have turned brown. We had a serious concern of losing these trees so we reached out to several arborists for a professional opinion. According to the arborist, they went into shock and to keep a watch on them for the next couple months. Currently, we are keeping an eye on them with the hopes that they recover as warm weather approaches!

I want to personally thank those who reached out to us regarding the trees. We will do all that we can to save them! Exciting upgrades are in the works at both of our parks starting with the aeration and cleanup of Horsethief Lake! We are thankful for the grant funds coming and are ready to get started as soon as possible.

We would like to thank all of our amazing volunteers and kind residents who have taken the time to better our community through events, trash pickup, trail maintenance or even just a thank you note to our staff. Your kindness means the world to us and its what helps us to continue to move in the right direction.

I can not express this enough....

PLEASE SLOW DOWN!!!!!!!!!

Our families and wildlife live and play here, we want to keep them safe.

A reminder to all that my door is always open, should you have any questions or concerns do not hesitate to reach out. 822-3268 ext 224 or vstevens@stallionspringscsd.com

Take Care,

Vanessa Stevens, General Manager



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2022 STALLION SPRINGS SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

With the ever changing times we've been experiencing, the SSPOA non-profit org has decided to hand over the scholarship program to the new "Support Stallion Springs Foundation" non-profit. The application requirements and the amount given will be based on fundraising efforts but, will remain similarly to past scholarships given.

To be eliaible: you must currently live in Stallion Springs, have a cumulative 3.0 GPA or higher, plan to be a full-time student, write a letter to the committee stating your plans for your future & career, what you love most about Stallion Springs and what you would do to improve our community. Please attach transcripts and recommendation letters also. At the time of presentation, a certificate will be awarded to the student. The check will be given once proof of full-time enrollment is provided. You can turn your applications in to the CSD office addressed to Debbie Rodriquez. Contact Debbie with any questions at debbie.mccaz.rod@gmail.com

#stallionstrong



CLEAN UP DAY

Saturday, April 9, 2022

9am until bins are full



Have big bulky items? Don't want to do the drive? Plan to bring your large, bulky items to Stallion Springs Community Center parking lot for easy disposal and recycling.

WE WILL NOT ACCEPT:

Household Hazardous Waste, Construction Waste, Asphalt, Concrete, Tires, Alkaline, Batteries, Fluorescent Tubes or Light bulbs.

NOW HIRING!



Stallion Springs Police Department LATERAL POLICE OFFICER POSITION



27800 Stallion Springs Drive, Tehachapi California 93561
(661) 822-3268 Fax: (661) 822-1878 www.stallionspringscsd.com

The Stallion Springs Community Services District is looking to immediately fill a Full-Time Police Officer position. The ideal candidate for Police Officer will be an individual with a high commitment to customer service, high emotional intelligence, be of good moral character, and the ability to work comfortably in a small town atmosphere enjoyed by the residents and guests of Stallion Springs.

WE DO NOT REQUIRE A COVID-19 VACCINATION for initial, or to maintain employment.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Must possess a valid California Class C Driver's license, graduation from high school or equivalent completion of the Basic Police Academy, passed a California P.O.S. T equivalent Field training program, have a satisfactory driving record; POST certification to include demonstrated firearms proficiency and qualification; complete a comprehensive background investigation including a psychological, and medical examination. Additionally, applicant must meet citizenship requirements per California Government Code 1031 & 1031.5.

For more information and a full description of this position check our website: https://www.stallionspringscsd.com/police-department-employment
Questions about the position may be directed to Chief Gary Crowell at (661) 822-3268 ext. 229

Candidate inquiries are welcome.

LOOKING FOR A GREAT SUMMER JOB?!

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

Must have Red Cross Lifeguard certificate.

Successful completion results in a 2-year certification in Lifeguarding that includes First Aid, professional-level CPR and AED in one certificate. Digital Certificate available upon successful completion of course. Course available through TVRPD, see details below.

Prerequisites: All students MUST complete the online Lifeguard Pre-Assessment prior to in person class. Proof of Pre-Assessment completion required to attend class...300-yard swim test, 10lb. Brick test, ability to tread water without hands for 2 minutes.

For more information, or to sign up, please visit the TVRPD website.

May 13 from 3:30pm-8:30pm

May 14 from 9:00am-5:00pm

May 15 from 9:00am-5:00pm

Location:

Day 1: Tehachapi Valley Recreation and Parks District Office, 490 West D St.

Days 2 & 3: Dye Natatorium Pool,400-B South Snyder

Cost: \$150







Open Gym

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9AM-6PM

Come join us in the gymnasium for walking, playing ball, or letting your kids run off some energy!



Adult Basketball in the Gym

16 and up

Monday nights from 7:30-9pm

NEW CLASS BEGINS APRIL 4TH



FB: Zumba with Tiffany Michael IG: @zumbawithtiffanymichael

JUDO

WHEN: Mondays and Wednesdays

6 pm to 7:30 pm.

WHERE: Stallion Springs Gymnasium

Ages 6 & up WHO;

\$20 per month plus cost of GI (TBD) COST:

Signups will be held December 15th—

6 pm-7:30 pm in the gymnasium.

Don't miss out on this great local opportunity for

your kids and teens!

YOGA

Flow Yoga with Sonya

A certified personal trainer and certified yoga instructor.

When: Mondays 5:30pm and

Wednesday 9:30am & 5:30pm

Who: Anyone - ages 13 and up

Where: Stallion Springs Community Center

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

per person Non-Residents

FRIDAY FIT

Every Friday at 9:30AM—\$8 a class Class will include warm up, full body workout, and a cool down.

Email instructor for more details: myauntsonya@gmail.com

Sign up and pay instructor only at the start of each class.

DANCE WITH MISS CHRIS

TUESDAYS IN THE CORRAL



4-5PM BALLET/TAP LEVEL ONE

5-7PM BALLET/TAP/JAZZ LEVEL TWO SHOWCASE MAY 31ST

> FALL SESSION BEGINS SEPTEMBER 6TH

FREE Pickle ball in the Gymnasium **Tuesdays & Thursday 6pm** Saturday 9am *All levels welcome.

Come join the FUN!!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Fit Friday 9:30am Open Gym 9am-6pm	2 Pickleball 9am BLOOD DRIVE 9AM
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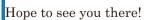
Get Crafty...

APRIL 22nd 6pm

Cost: \$25 for a 16x20 canvas

Class at the S.S. Community Center

A local to Stallion Springs, Shari, will be hosting this paint night! She has prepared each canvas to make the painting easy and fun! Come enjoy a night out with friends and support our local artist!



Sign up during open gym or email stallionparksan-

drec@gmail.com to sign up, then pay at the door.



MAY 19TH 6pm

\$25

Class at the S.S. Community Center

Come make a custom family name sign!

Sign up during open gym hours. Online sign ups will be available at the end of April.



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EXCITING NEWS!!

LOOK OUT FOR NEWS ABOUT OUR ALL NEW PARKS WEBSITE WHERE YOU WILL BE ABLE TO REGISTER FOR ALL OF OUR ACTIVITIES ONLINE!!!

STALLIONSPRINGS.RECDESK.COM

Earth Day Hike and Clean-up April 22nd 4:30PM

Meet at Horsethief Lake for some
Earth Day clean up and a short

trail hike with the family!

We will provide trash bags and gloves, just bring some water and walking shoes!





5K COLOR RUN/WALK MAY 14, 2021 SIGN UP AT THE CSD Sign-ins begin at 8:30 a.m. Race starts at 9:15 a.m.

\$25 PER PERSON \$10 FOR KIDS 12 AND UNDER COST INCLUDES: LOADS OF FUN, SUNGLASSES, BANDANA, AND WATER BOTTLE!!

Come dressed in all white and leave with all kinds of fun colors.

Join us in all the FUN.! NO DOGS ALLOWED!!

KIDS' CORNER

Have you checked out our updated play room?!

Bring your kids in to play during open gym or have them watched while you take one of the morning fitness



AT THE GYMNASIUM

FREE SPRING BREAK ACTIVITIES

All activities will be from 12-5

Monday, April 11th:

Rock Painting

Wednesday, April 13th:

Sidewalk Chalk and bring a kite to fly Easter Craft at 1PM

FREE EASTER CRAFT WITH

Friday, April 15th:

Come skate!

TODDLER TIME



APRIL 13TH 1PM SIGN UP DURING **OPEN GYM**

THE POA!

Before 4/6



Friday mornings @ 10:30am FREE

At the Community Center

Bring your children 5 and under to meet up and color, play ball in the gym, build blocks in the play room, and spend some time outdoors while meeting other families!

must be accompanied by an adult

MOTHERS DAY CRAFT \$5



May 4th @ 4:30-6pm IN THE GYMNASIUM

BRING A PHOTO OR EMAIL IT TO STALLIONPARKSAN-DREC@GMAIL.COM

MUST SIGN UP DURING OPEN GYM HOURS BEFORE 4/28



Art Exchange Group at the Library

Wednesdays from 11AM-2:30PM Cost \$5

Come out to the library to create art with likeminded individuals! Painters, scrap bookers, crafters, any kind of artist welcome!

For more information contact: Terri Alvarez at 661 825-1518 or via email at terrialvarez9@gmail.com

Storytime at the Library

3rd Friday of each month at 10:00 AM

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**.

Looking forward to seeing you!





We live in a very small community where children are able to play safely outside and residents are able to walk and enjoy our beautiful scenery. Being able to safely be outdoors is such a privilege we have here, do not take it away by continuously being in a rush and making the roads dangerous to be on! Leave early, enjoy the beautiful scenery we have here, and most importantly be courteous of your fellow residents and their safety!

IMPORTANT:

FISHING PERMITS ARE 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.



SAFE MEDICATION DISPOSAL

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, NO Thermometers, NO inhalers or aerosols, NO empty bottles or medical supplies.

Most of these items can be received at hazardous waste days the 1st Saturday of each month.



Building and maintaining relationships with family and friends is critical to a person's overall well-being. However, this can be a challenge for some seniors due to isolation or limited support systems.

That's where the Volunteer Senior Outreach Program (VSOP) steps in.

How we help

VSOP aims to reduce stigma by increasing knowledge about behavioral health, increase access to resources, case management services, peer support through volunteers, and brief counseling.

Expected outcomes

- Increases socialization with others
- Helps to maintain independence
- Improves physical and mental wellness
- Increases and improves connection to the community
- Prevents suicidal ideations or attempts

The Volunteer Senior Outreach Program is a collaborative effort between







Who to refer to VSOP

Persons must be 60 years or older AND

- D Homebound or isolated
- In a fragile physical and/or mental state
- In need of social supports and/or socialization with peers
- Experiencing the loss of loved one and/or grief
- D Suicidal or depressed
- Would benefit from a mental health screening

To volunteer or to receive services:

- Bakersfield: Lourdes Garcia 661-868-5021
- Lake Isabella: Cindy Brown 760-379-3412
- Tehachapi/Desert:
 Debby Diamond, 661-822-8223
 Marcella Mathis, 661-809-5481



Crisis Hotline 1-800-991-5272 Substance Use Access Line 1-866-266-4898



HAZARD REDUCTION CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST

- ✓ Provided a 30 ft. clearance of all non-ornamental combustibles and vegetation around all structures. (This includes wood piles)
- ✓ Provided a total 100 ft. reduction of all non-ornamental combustibles and vegetation around all structures.
- ✓ Remove trees and limbs within 10 ft. of stovepipe and chimney outlets.
- ✓ Remove any dead limbs that overhang or are adjacent to structures.
- ✓ Clear roof of all combustible vegetation, including leaves and pine needles.
- ✓ Provide a 10 ft, clearance of all combustible material around LPG and fuel tanks.
- ✓ Provide a minimum 10 ft. clearance around all property lines that encroach on the 100 foot defensible space of adjacent structures.
- ✓ All non-ornamental trees should be limbed within 6 ft. from the ground and dead limbs removed. (It is advised that you remove any dead trees although it is not currently required)
- ✓ Provide reduction of excessive accumulations of fuel that can be deemed a fire hazard.



WEED ABATEMENT

Spring is here and the weeds will soon follow. Make sure you clear your property by June 1st, which is the State of CA deadline.

If you have any questions or need further clarification on clearance requirements, you can contact the Fire Department or CSD office. Let's be proactive and keep Stallion safe from the threat of fire.

IMPORTANT WATER INFORMATION

Residents of Stallion Springs should familiarize themselves with the location of their water shut off valve. This valve is called a "Customers Valve" and it should be located on the discharge side of the water meter.



Gate Valves



Whether it's a gate valve or ball valve; this valve allows you to shut your water off if you have any plumbing issues or water leaks on your property. It will also allow you to shut your water off when you leave on Vacation. Knowing the location and how to operate your valve will help ease frustration when an emergency arises.

If you do not have a customer valve, we recommend you have one installed.







STALLION SPRINGS COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (SSCERT)

Spring has arrived, and so has the rampant growth of grasses and vegetation! This quickly becomes a major wildfire hazard. The Stallion Springs Community Emergency Response Team (SSCERT) wants our community to be safe and prepared to get through wildfire season unscathed. Kern county weed abatement deadline this year is June 1. Join us for our next general meeting on April 6 to learn more about weed abatement and creating a defensible space around your home.

SSCERT will be hosting a Team Roundup pancake breakfast on April 23, 10am at the CERT headquarters building, directly behind the community center at 27850 Stallion Springs Drive. All CERT members & their families, as well as prospective members are invited!

Anyone interested in our CERT Basic Training, community support and activities is invited to attend our monthly meetings and CERT Training & Reviews, usually held on the first Wednesday of each month at the Stallion Springs Community Center – Corral Room, 27850 Stallion Springs Drive.

Wednesday – April 6, 2022 – 6:30 PM - topic: Weed abatement & defensible space around your home

Wednesday - May 4, 2022 - 6:30 PM - topic: TBD

Interested in joining SSCERT, or just learn to be better prepared for an emergency/disaster? We are planning to hold our annual CERT Basic Course mid May 2022. Please contact us if you are interested in signing up. Learn more at www.stallionspringscert.org.

To receive our information, notifications of upcoming trainings and events, please sign up at the meetings or use the links below. Until you are CERT certified by graduation from our 20-Hour CERT Basic Course, you will not be allowed to actually join/perform in during our SSCERT activities. However, you always are welcome to attend all General Meetings!

www.stallionspringscert.org stallionspringscert1@gmail.com 661-412-2378 What is CERT? The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is a national program developed by FEMA that educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. CERT offers a consistent, nationwide approach to volunteer training and organization that professional responders can rely on during disaster situations, allowing them to focus on more complex tasks.

Stallion Springs CERT was established by Sandy Young, in cooperation with then SSPD Chief Brad Burris, in 2003 after her CERT Basic graduation and certification under Bear Valley Springs CERT. Sandy continued to lead our team as Program Manager, CERT Coordinator/ Team Lead, CERT Instructor, and Board Chair until 2020, when she retired. As a result of her outstanding leadership, training and development, the team continues strongly to this day and is recognized as being a leader in its training and execution of duties.

Our CERT members also volunteer at non-emergency events within our Stallion Springs Community, Tehachapi communities, and Kern County communities after additional CERT certifications. SSCERT supports our Stallion Springs Police (SSPD), other Law Enforcement agencies 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. We also support the Kern County Fire Department, when requested. All of the above deployments and activities must first be approved by our Sponsor, the SSPD. We do NOT self-deploy!

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! "See something - Say something!" - For the good of all our lives! Our community is changing, which reminds us why we all moved here, and why we chose this lifestyle, environment and Community. This is not a call to "fight," but it is a reminder of why we chose to live in a wonderful community like Stallion Springs. It is our duty to keep our community the place we all want to live in.







STALLION SPRINGS NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH (SSNW)

- **1. Stallion Springs Police Informational Meetings -** Watch for upcoming announcements regarding Police Informational Meetings, conducted by Chief Gary Crowell or one of his officers. These meetings provide important information regarding safety, physical security and cyber security for our Residents, updates about crime in our community, and what we can do to help with prevention.
- 2. The "Stallion Springs Foundation (501-c-3)" Residents and others can donate now to any of the organizations in our community, by making a <u>specific notation in the memo.</u>" Our Community organizations rely on your generous donations to help purchase new equipment or replace aging equipment.

Our SSPD currently is in need of replacement batteries for the six AED Units (Automatic External Defibrillators), which currently are out of compliance, as need to be replaced every two years.

3. See our SSPD'S Monthly Police Report in the March 15 CSD BOD Meeting – For SSPD activity details monthly, see the SSPD Reports on the CSD website at:

Stallionspringscsd.com/2022-03-15-board-of-directors-meeting - Select "Board Packet"

From the March 15 SSPD Report - "If you have a non-emergency police issue, please contact our dispatch at 661-861-3110. If you are having an emergency, please call 9-1-1.

- **4. We are currently recruiting new Residents to join and expand our SSNW members** Submit your name, address and phone number to Stallionneighborhoodwatch@gmail.com and request to be added to our SSNW Contact List. We will confirm your membership by Reply email.
- **5. SSNW Provides a Private Group Facebook page at, "Stallion Springs Neighborhood Watch."** Please request to join, fill out the short questionnaire in the pop-up screen to confirm your residency in our community, and wait for approval by our SSNW Admins. Be sure to read the About and Description Sections on our SSNW Home screen so the rules of our site are understood.
- **6. We need volunteers to help admin our SSNW and Facebook group**. If you are interested, please submit an email to: "Stallionneighborhoodwatch@gmail.com", express your interest and give us some background of your capabilities, and volunteer preference. Include how long you have lived in Stallion Springs.
- NOTE Please do not use this Facebook site to report a possible crime, crime in progress, or request for a police response, etc.! Our SSPD does not receive Dispatch Information through this Facebook site and has no one monitoring to perform as Dispatch! You must call the Dispatch number at 661-822-3110 (KC Sheriff's Dispatch), or call 911 to request SSPD service!

The SSNW Facebook site is to be used to alert the community – only after first reporting to SSPD – any suspicious activity, possible crimes, speeding problems in our community, missing persons, etc. Remember that Criminals may have friends in our Community who also can view our SSNW Facebook and share our alerts back to the Criminal that our SSPD has been alerted! It is best not to Post any criminal activity until first cleared by SSPD. Lost and Found pets, requests for product or service recommendations, and Stallion Springs Community Sponsored activities and events, etc. also are allowed.

Be a "Roll" Model to Safety

After a long, cold winter, it is exciting to see that spring has finally arrived. It's a time to enjoy the great outdoors by trying new activities and taking the time to enjoy the beautiful landscape here in Stallion. We are all so fortunate to live in such a beautiful area. As more people go outside, there is an increase in pedestrians and bicyclists on our roadways. Let's all make a commitment to safety, and do our part to keep this community safe. Slow down and be courteous to one another.

Did you know that California State law requires that bicyclists on the roadway follow the same rules and responsibilities as motorists?

There are two types of crashes involving bicycles; the most common are falls and, the most serious, are with cars. According to Safe Kids Worldwide, more than 240,000 children and teens, nineteen and under, were seen in emergency rooms for bike-riding-related injuries in 2014. Another 140,000 youth were seen for skateboard and skating injuries. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) data shows that 846 bicyclists were killed in crashes with vehicles during this time. Fortunately, bike helmets reduce the risk of head injuries by at least 45%, brain injuries by 33% and facial injuries by 27%.

For that reason alone, all riders, including adults, should wear a helmet. But for kids, it's also the law. In California, anyone under 18 must wear a helmet while riding a bicycle, skateboard or scooter, or while roller/inline skating. If they don't, their parents can be fined.

Here are some things to remember:

Tips for Bicyclists:

- Always wear a properly-fitted helmet that meets the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) standards.
- Check your bike equipment before heading out: check for proper fit and function, including tires, brakes, handlebars and seats.
- Ride in the same direction as traffic, as a vehicle on the road.
- Obey traffic signs, signals, and lane markings; signal all turns; and follow local laws.
- Be predictable; ride in a straight line and use hand signals when changing lanes or turning. Do not merge into traffic until it is safe for you and the driver.
- Stay focused; look ahead for traffic and obstacles in your path.
- Be visible: wear bright colors, reflective materials and lights on your bicycle at night and in low light conditions.
- Stay alert: don't use electronic devices while in use. You must keep your hands free of devices and you cannot have more than one earbud/headphone on your ears while operating your bike.

Always ride safe; riding impaired by alcohol or drugs

affects your judgment and skill; it affects your safety and others on the road.



Pedestrians

A pedestrian is a person on foot, skateboard, scooter etc., other than on a bicycle.

If you approach a pedestrian crossing at a corner or other crosswalk, even if the crosswalk is in the middle of the block, at a corner with or without traffic signal lights, whether or not the crosswalk is marked by painted lines, you are required to exercise caution and reduce your speed, or stop if necessary, to ensure the safety of the pedestrian.

Crosswalks

A crosswalk is the part of the roadway set aside for pedestrian traffic. When required to stop because of a sign or signal, you must stop before the stop line, crosswalk, stop sign, or signal. You must yield to pedestrians entering or in a crosswalk. Not all crosswalks are marked. If there is a stop line before the crosswalk, the stop line must be obeyed first. Pedestrians have the right-of-way in marked or unmarked crosswalks. Although pedestrians have the right-of-way, they also must abide by the rules of the road. If you approach a crosswalk while driving, you are required to exercise caution and reduce your speed to safeguard the safety of the pedestrian.

Tips for Drivers:

- Pass bicyclists on the road with care; allow at least three feet clearance.
- Look for cyclists before opening a car door or pulling out from a parking space.
- Yield to bicyclists at intersections and as directed by signs and signals.
- Look for bicyclists before making turns, either left or right.
- Respect designated bicycle lanes; don't use them for parking, passing or turning.
- Never drive distracted or impaired. Always buckle up.
- Do not pass a vehicle stopped at a crosswalk. A pedestrian you cannot see may be crossing the street.
 Stop and proceed when all pedestrians have crossed the street.
- Do not stop in a crosswalk. You will place pedestrians in danger.
- Remember, if a pedestrian makes eye contact with you, they are ready to cross the street. Yield to the pedestrian.
 - Always allow sufficient time for the pedestrian to cross the street.

Please take care, and be safe! Gary Crowell, Chief of Police



ARE YOU PREPARED FOR THE NEXT PUBLIC SAFETY POWER SHUTOFF?

Independent Living Center of Kern County (ILCKC) is partnering with PG&E, SCE, along with other community organizations to help people with disabilities be prepared by:

 Receiving ILCKC support in the event of a Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) or disaster.

-Signing up for the Medical Baseline Program to lower the rate on your monthly energy bill, if you require the use of a medical or life support device.

-Accessing backup portable batteries for those who require power for medical reasons. Individuals who use life-sustaining electrical support will be the highest priority.

-Providing tools to help you create a disaster plan, including a personalized disaster kit.

Visit us online to apply and learn more: www.ilcofkerncounty.org/psps-public-safety-power-shutoff/

> Email or call us with questions: info@ilcofkerncounty.org or 661-325-1063 ¡Se habla español!



NEW TO STALLION SPRINGS?

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

JUST A HEADS UP ABOUT WATER PAYMENTS....

When you use your bill payment system to pay Stallion Springs CSD, your bank writes a check and it is sent by mail.

Your bank may take money out of your account today, but not write a check for up to 10 days after your request.

We may not get your payment for up to 14 days after your request.

SSCSD offers credit card payments thru our website www.stallionspringscsd.com and we now offer Phone payments and Auto payments by calling: 661-825-1515.

There is a minimum processing charge for the online credit card payments, but the payments are processed immediately.

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.



Come out and help maintenance our trails to keep them beautiful and usable!





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 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.

Name	_Email:
Phone	
Yes I am interested in helping the trails group a	nd would like to have more information.
No I am not interested in volunteering for the gr dation in this project. Donation Amount	oup but please accept my donation to help the Foun- Check#

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



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 the Al White, Public Services Supervisor via email:

awhite@stallionspringscsd.com or call the District office 661-822-3268.

Utilities & Services	Provider	Phone Numb	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. Renter's Only use Quick Pay. Go to our website at www.stallionspringscsd.com. It is located on the Home Page.

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 broken which will cause water shut offs not only to your residence, but to a whole neighborhood. Thank you.

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

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