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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:

We here at the CSD hope that you all had a safe and wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday!

With the recent mandates and changes in our county again, we feel your frustration and know how challenging it can be to stay positive. Just try to remember that we are ALL in this together and we will ALL get through this difficult time together.

The local church along with other local residents ,including myself, are

always here for anyone in need. Do not hesitate to reach out at any time. Even if you just need to chat or share a hug. What I love most about this place, is that there is so much love and support as if we are all family. I know that we as a country and a community will come back stronger than ever and the year 2020 will truly be one we will all try to forget.

The cold weather is here and that means it's time to make sure you have insulated your pipes to protect them from freezing. Take the time to read page 11 of this newsletter for important winter tips for your home. The next few months will also bring stormy weather, causing some fog, rain, snow and ice. Please slow down, drive safely and stay home if the roads aren't clear. Our staff works long hard hours plowing the roads during and after big snow storms. Be patient and know

that they are getting to your street as quickly as they can. When the roads are full of ice, our staff is unable to do anything about the ice other than ask that you stay home and wait until it is safe to drive.

If you have not already heard, our Parks and Recreation Department will be applying for the Prop 68 Grant, in hopes of building a new multi use park for the families in our community. This is a competitive grant and a big part of this process is to have as much community input and involvement with ideas as possible. If you have not attended our meetings yet, please try to do so in January or feel free to send your ideas to Shawnee at: stallionparksandrec@gmail.com. The park we are proposing will be a multi-use park for all ages including a small skate park, walking path, fitness equipment and more! Please share your ideas and help make this dream come true for the families in our community!

Wishing you all a safe, blessed Christmas Holiday and a Happy New Year!!

Vanessa Stevens, General Manager



Board of Directors

Ed Gordon, *President* Leslie Wellman, *Vice President* Ben Dewell, *Director* Barry Leslie, *Director* Teresa Sasnett, *Director* 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 things 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 bin that is there is for STAFF USE ONLY DO NOT put your items 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:

		1
Branches ONLY	Grass clip-	FREE MULCH
(for chipping)	pings and leaves ONLY	ONLY

BIN FOR STAFF ONLY
DO NOT USE





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 and call the office with any questions you may have.



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 one of our community meetings to give us your input and ideas. Future meeting dates will be posted on our Facebook: Stallion Springs Parks & Recreation.

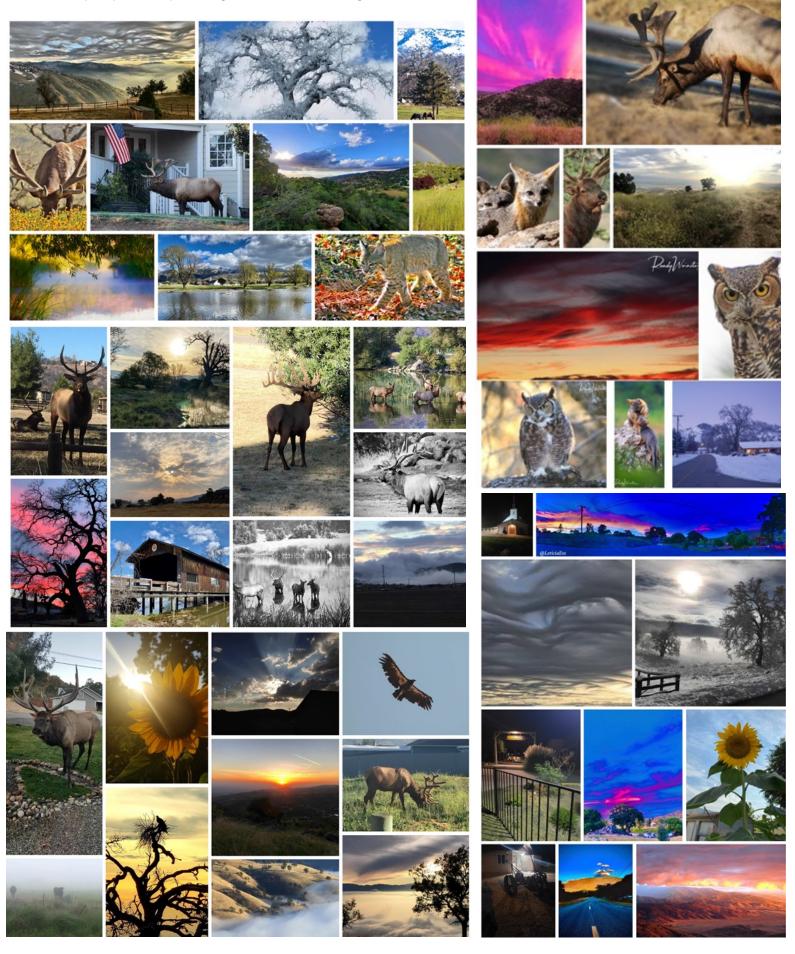
Photo Contest Results!



Thank you to all who participated! Congratulations to our two winners!



Photo Contest Entries:



Santa's Holiday Drive-Thru!

DECEMBER 12TH, 2020 10:00AM TO 12:00PM

FREE MUST SIGN UP TO GET A GOODIE BAG

Come on out to our drive up Christmas event! We are sad to not be able to host Breakfast with Santa this year, but we will not let that stop Santa from visiting the kids' in the community! We will be outside of the gym with Santa for two hours to give kids the chance to drop off letters to him. We will also have individually wrapped holiday goodie bags that include hot cocoa kits, treats, and a take home craft.

Please sign up at the CSD with how many kids will be with you so we have plenty of supplies for everyone.

Upon signing up you will be given a ticket for the event.

Please remain in your vehicle for the event.





At home holiday craft ideas for the kidsl



CINNAMON ORNAMENTS



- 3/4 cup applesauce
 bottles (2.37 oz. each) McCormick® Ground Cinnamon
- Cookie cutters
- Drinking straw
- Colorful ribbon
- 1. Preheat oven to 200F. Mix applesauce and cinnamon in small bowl until a smooth ball of dough is formed. Using about 1/4 of the dough at a time, roll dough to 1/4in to 1/3 in thickness between two sheets of plastic wrap. Peel off top sheet of plastic wrap. Cut dough into desired shapes with 2-to3-inch cookie cutters. Make a hole at top of ornament with drinking straw or skewer. Place ornament on baking sheet.
- 2. Bake 2 1/2 hours. Cool ornaments on wire rack. Let stand 1 to 2 days or until thoroughly dry, turning occasionally.





For any parks activity ideas, class request, or general questions you can contact Shawnee at stallionparksandrec@gmail.com



2020 Wish List Jamison Children's Center

1010 Shalimar Dr Bakersfield, CA 93306

Child's Wish List

Blankets: Twin Sized Fleece

Toys: Ages 6yrs-17yrs

In high need: Adult Size Sports Balls, Remote Control Cars, Elmer's glitter

glue

New Clothes: Child's 6x Through

Adult XXL

Zip-up Hooded Sweatshirts: Child's

Small Through Adult 3XL

Pajamas: Child to Adult Large

Shoes: All sizes

Body wash/sprays in gift sets

Cologne/Perfumes for teens

Jewelry – Earrings, Bracelets, and

Necklaces

Hair Tools: Flat Irons -Wands -Curling

Irons -Hair Dryers

Books-Particularly for Teens

Make-up Kits/Remover

Nail polish sets

Journal/Diaries (both genders)



Facility Wish List

Underwear:

Boys: Size 6 Through 18/20

Boxer/Boxer Briefs

Girls: 12-16; Women's 5 & 6 (Bikini

or Hipster Style)

Bras: All Sizes (Particularly 34B, 36C,

42D, & 44D) and Training Bras

Toddler Clothing: Winter

Socks: All Sizes & Styles

Shoes: (no open toed) Toddler 10

through Adult 11

Camisoles for Teens

Hair products:

Ethnic Products, Detanglar, Hair Spray, Gel, Thick Hair Ties, Claw Clips,

Bows, etc.

Court Shoes: Both Genders

With Thin Socks & No-Show Socks For Flats, Leggings & Tights (sizes

child 6x to adult XXXL)

Semi-Casual/Formal Apparel for

Court

Diapers: Sizes NB, 5, and 6

Pull-ups: Size 4/5

Gift Cards to clothing stores, craft stores, fast food, VISA Gift Cards (used to purchase items for residents)

New released Blu-ray/DVD combo packs rated G to PG-13 ONLY (2019-2020 Release)



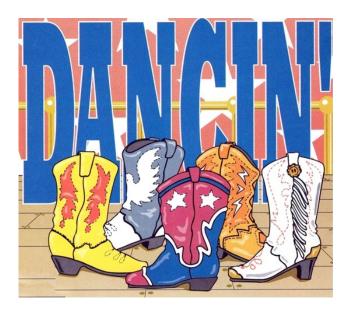
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Thank you for your generosity and kindness.

ACCEPTING DONATIONS UNTIL DECEMBER 21ST, 2020. DROP OFF AT THE CSD, PDUBS, OR THE GENERAL STORE.

CALL THE SSCSD FOR ANY QUESTIONS.

ALL ITEMS MUST BE NEW AND UNWRAPPED.





FREE LINE DANCE CLASS
(Class will resume after the first of the year)

Adults 18+

Learn the basics of line dancing and have fun toning and strengthening your body while dancing to a variety of music.
5:30p.m. – 6:15p.m. Beginner 6:15p.m. – 7:30p.m. Low/Intermediate

Class size is limited due to Covid-19 restrictions, (Social distancing & masks).

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!

ACTIVITIES

FREE Pickle ball in the Gymnasium

will resume 2021
Tuesdays & Thursday
6pm
Saturday 9am

*All levels welcome, come join



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

Please comply with CDC guidelines.

Trail Maintenance

The Stallion Springs Community really came together for our first Trails

Maintenance day in a few years! It was a great turn out and a beautiful day
and we were able to clear so much terrain in a short amount if time. Our
trails in this community are an asset that we do not want to lose and it
made me so proud to see everyone working together. Thank you to all that
attended! You guys are amazing and we are looking forward to our next trails
meet up. If you missed the fun and are interested in helping out and keeping
informed please contact Shawnee to get on the list at: stallionsparksandrec@gmail.com

Thank you to all who came out to volunteer!









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.

The outdoors are still open, get outside for some Vitamin D and stay active!

STALLION SPRINGS 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.

Our meetings are on the fourth Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.:

Next meeting is:

Dec 22, 2020 &

Jan 26, 2021

Corral Room,

27850 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.





Address: 20030 Pellisier Road,

Phone: 661-822-4003.

Hours are:

CLOSED until Kern County allows

indoor operations

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!

WINTER IS HERE, PROTECT YOUR PIPES!

Frozen pipes can present an invisible threat – one that you might not recognize until the weather starts to warm. By then, the <u>water damage can be significant and costly</u>.

Fortunately, keeping your home warmer, at a consistent temperature, and better insulated can help protect your pipes from freezing this winter.

Which Pipes Are Most at Risk?

Pipes that are most exposed to the elements, including those outdoors and along the exterior walls of your home, may need extra protection during winter months. These include the following:

- Outdoor hose hookups and faucets.
- Swimming pool supply lines.
- Lawn sprinkler lines.
- Water pipes in unheated, interior locations such as basements, crawl spaces, attics, garages and kitchen and bathroom cabinets.

Pipes running against exterior walls with little or no insulation.

How to Help Prevent Frozen Pipes

Before winter:

 Check your home for areas where water pipes are located in unheated or poorly insulated areas. Be sure to check your basement, attic, crawl space, garage and within cabinets containing plumbing. Hot and cold water pipes should both be insulated.

Products such as pipe sleeves or UL-listed heat tape or heat cable can help insulate or heat exposed water pipes.

During winter:

- Close inside valves supplying water to outdoor faucets and hookups.
- Open outdoor faucets to allow residual water to drain; be sure to

- keep them open during the cold weather months, while the water supply is turned off.
- Keep garage doors closed to help protect water pipes located in the garage.
- Open the doors on cabinets where plumbing is located. This can help allow warmer air to circulate around the pipes.
- For pipes that are at risk of freezing (both hot and cold water pipes), let water drip from faucets.

Keep the heat in your home set at a minimum of 55 degrees.

Why is a Frozen Pipe a Concern?

When water begins to freeze, it expands. This can cause both plastic and metal pipes to burst, possibly leading to significant water damage to your home.

- Since water expands when it freezes, it puts unwanted pressure on pipes.
- As water freezes, the force exerted from the expansion can cause a pipe to burst, regardless of the strength of the material.

You may not know you have a burst pipe as the water has turned to ice. Once the temperature starts to warm and thawing begins, leaking and flooding can occur.

What Do You Do if You Have a Frozen Pipe?

If you have a leak, turn the water off immediately to prevent water damage and call a licensed plumber to make repairs. If your home is heated by an older steam heating system, consult with your heating professional to determine if it is safe to continue to run the heating system with the water supply turned off for your particular heating system.

PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

Hello Stallion Springs,

I hope this letter finds you healthy and overall, well considering the circumstances. As I mentioned in our recent general meeting, this has been a long and bumpy ride. In fact, due to the Covid restrictions, difficulty meeting as a board to plan, and just general chaos it was probably the longest "year" in POA board history. We were a little over five months late with our general meeting, nonetheless we've crossed that bridge and here we are.

So, let me first bring everyone up to speed on the goings on at that meeting:

-No doubt the highlight was the presentation from SSCSD GM Vanessa Stevens on prop 68, we are excited to see where that goes and you should expect to see much more about that in the very near future, but the summary is; prop 68 has provided an avenue for some monies to be granted for the building of new parks in communities across CA. The grant is a contest of sorts and so we need to give input and get creative on what we'll do with it. Please reach out to Vanessa directly with any input you may have on the subject.

-Next we approved by unanimous vote a few items; dues will be half price this year due to the abbreviated year, benches and bleachers will receive funding not to exceed \$2,500 dollars at Man o war park, and the new slate was approved:

President-Nick Cunningham Vice President- Debbie Rodriguez Secretary- Lori Rodgers Treasurer- Donnie Williams

Board Members- Noemi Tkacz, Lewis Brown... we did have one vacancy in this position in which the board will interview qualified candidates and make an appointment ASAP.

A special thanks to those who have stepped up to keep this age-old tradition of serving our community going on, speaking of that... the SSPOA is officially 40 years old as of July 2020, don't worry we intend to go back and celebrate that milestone once things are back to normal. If there is any interest in getting involved please feel free to reach out.

-We discussed the community's awesomeness in donating over \$6,000 dollars affording us the opportunity to award six scholarships to every eligible recipient.

-Last but certainly not least we discussed the upcoming holiday happenings including Bridge decorating and most importantly the home decorating contest. Please reach out to Vice President Debbie Rodriguez for details on both these.

if you will and the full agenda should be out soon.

Usually, this would be the part where I went into a lengthy and thoughtful like many of you, I am exhausted from this year. But I am abundantly grateful for this community, to be surrounded by some of the most generous, caring, thoughtful people in likely the best place to live within California. But I am most definitely looking forward to putting 2020 behind us and seeing what is planned for us all next year.

Sincerely, Nick Cunningham SSPOA President 2020-2021

That is certainly a 10,000-foot view

Hi community,

Your local SSPOA (non-profit organization) is hosting a Holiday Home Decorating Contest this season! We will have 3 grand prizes for top 3 winners. Our judging panel will be doing the final judgement on Dec 12th. 1st place will receive a prize basket worth \$300, 2nd place will be worth \$200 and 3rd place will be worth \$100. We will also have a random prize drawing for AN-YONE who enters the contest.

Sign up here to have your homes be entered in the Holiday Home Decorating Contest 2020! ! Let's brighten up our beautiful community this season and celebrate all of the holidays. We welcome all holidays that you may celebrate to please join in on this widespread cheer!



We will have drone footage of the homes to top it off, which we are all excited to see.

Keep in mind, this is for outdoor decorations that can be seen by the street.

Sign up here:

https://

form.jotform.com/203175948519162

Patrick's Handyman Services

Serving SS, BV, GH, and Tehachapi!

- Cabinet Repair
- Drywall
- Fence Repair
- Plumbing
- Carpentry
- Minor Electrical
- Fan Installation
- Misc Projects
- Painting

Call **541-408-0021** to discuss your project in greater detail. Pricing per project. References available upon request.



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!



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.

Recharge fee— 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.

Water—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.



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 Number	Website
Trash, Water, Sewer	SSCSD	661-822-3268	mysscsd.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.