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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:

Get in the holiday spirit and join our Parks and Rec team December 11th for our Annual Breakfast with Santa and Holiday Boutique. We will have 30 vendors inside the gymnasium from 8am-1pm with a large variety of items prefect for one stop Christmas shopping. Families can also have Breakfast with Santa in the corral beginning at 8 am (pre-purchase your tickets now before they run out). Don't forget your camera for your chance to take family photos with Santa!!

We have received the funds through a grant with CALOES and are awaiting the arrival of a generator for our community center. This is exciting news as this will allow our community center to act as an emergency and evacuation center when needed. Thank you, David Aranda, for all your hard work in making this happen! Speaking of grants, we are still keeping our fingers crossed for some news on the Prop 68 grant for our proposed community park!

Watch for changes at all bus stops as we will be adding new crosswalks to keep our kids safe. Parents, please remind your children to use them and ONLY cross at the crosswalks provided.

Winter is here and our public works staff has been hard at work clearing drains, culverts, and roads.

If you see a problem area, please let us know ASAP at <a href="mailto:sscsd@stallionspringscsd.com">sscsd@stallionspringscsd.com</a> so that we can address it. For many of our new residents keep in mind that winter in Stallion is VERY unpredictable, the days may be warm, but some nights drop well below freezing. So often we get morning calls from residents unsure why they have no running water so remember to protect your pipes and keep your home safe. Winter in Stallion can bring snow, fog and ice, our staff works tirelessly to keep our roads clear but if they have not gotten to your street in a snowstorm, it is best to stay home and stay safe.

The holidays are upon us and as a reminder our office will be closed: Dec.  $24^{th}$ ,  $27^{th}$  &  $31^{st}$  and Jan.  $3^{rd}$ .

If you know of a family in need this holiday season, please contact the local church or our office so that we can find some re-

sources to help them.

Take Care, Vanessa Stevens, General Manager





#### **Board of Directors**

Teresa Sasnett, *President* Ben Dewell, *Director* Barry Leslie, *Director*  Leslie Wellman, Vice President Neil Record, Director

## Breakfast with Santa



Saturday, December 11th @ 8AM-11AM

BREAKFAST WILL INCLUDE PANCAKES, SAUSAGE,

ORANGE JUICE, MILK, OR YOUR CHOICE OF HOT

CHOCALTE OR COFFEE. THE COST IS \$7 PERADULT

AND \$4 PER CHILD OVER 2. FAMILIES HAVING MORE

THAN 5 MEMBERS PAY PER FAMILY, MAX OF \$25.

COST INCLUDES ACTIVITES FOR KIDS.

## Holiday Boutique

Saturday, December 11th 8AM-1PM GET YOUR LAST MINUTE

**HOLIDAY SHOPPING DONE!** 



HOSTED BY THE STALLION SPRINGS PARKS DEPARTMENT.



VOLUNTEERS WILL BE NEEDED TO HELP COOK! PLEASE EMAIL SHAWNEE AT STALLIONPARKSANDREC@GMAIL.COM

# Stallion Springs Holiday Home Decorating Contest 2021



Now with 1st, 2nd, 3rd place winners by judging panel and 1st place by community vote on Facebook!

All winners will receive a festive gift basket with LOTS of prizes!

To enter your home, please scan the QR code with your phone's camera and it will bring you to the registration page. Sign ups no later than December 11th, judging will take place the week of December 12-18th and winners announced the 18th. PLEASE be sure to add an address sign to the front area of your yard that is VISIBLE & WELL LIT for judges!





## parks and rec

Stay active, stay positive, and stay well.



We are excited to announce that JUDO is coming back!!

WHEN: Classes begin Monday, January 10, 2022

and will be held: Mondays and Wednesdays

6 pm to 7:30 pm.

WHERE: Stallion Springs Gymnasium

<u>WHO</u>: Ages 6 & up

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

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!



#### Open Gym

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 3-6pm

#### **DANCE WITH MISS CHRIS**

**BEGINS TUESDAY, JANUARY 4TH** 

•Tuesdays: 4pm-5pm ages 3/4 Ballet/Tap

5pm-6pm Ages 5/6 Ballet/Tap

•Thursdays: 4pm-5pm open age Ballet/Tap

5pm-6:30pm ages 8&up Jazz/Tap

Adult Clogging: Thursdays @ 6:30 pm

This is a 10 week session.

-Must sign up by Week two AT THE LATEST.

-Cost for two classes is \$145

Cost is \$95 for the first child and 10% discount for siblings.



A certified personal trainer and certified yoga instructor.

When: Mondays 5:30pm and

Thursdays 9:30am

Who: Anyone - ages 13 and up

Where: Stallion Springs Community Center

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

per person Non-Residents

#### ALL NEW FRIDAY FIT STARTING JANUARY 7TH!!

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 <u>only</u> at the start of each class.\*\*

FREE Pickle ball in the Gymnasium Tuesdays & Thursday

6pm
Saturday 9am
\*All levels welcome.
Come join the FUN!!



#### **Couples Country Dance**

This event is on hold until further notice.

#### **TORCH RUN 2021**

The Stallion Springs Police Department hosted the first 2021 Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run event in Kern County on Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. Special Olympic athletes, community members and local law enforcement officers, the Guardians of the Flame, carried the Flame of Hope torch, down the half mile run to the Stallion Springs Covered Bridge.





Supporters lined the streets with signs and encouraged the runner's throughout the course giving it an electric vibrant atmosphere.

The mission of The Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics (LETR) is to increase awareness and raise funds for Special Olympics and its athletes. Since its inception in 1981, the LETR has grown powerfully raising over \$15 million for Special Olympics. The LETR can be found in 46 countries with more than 85,000 volunteers throughout the work.

The Stallion Springs Police Department raised \$675.00 in support of Special Olympics.

We would like to personally thank all the donors, athletes and Supporters of this wonderful event. With a special Thank You to Veronica Smiddle, Special Olmpics organizer for organizing this run and events throughout Kern County.





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

December 2021						
			1 OPEN GYM 3-6PM	PICKLEBALL 6PM YOGA 9:30AM	3 OPEN GYM 3-6PM	4 PICKLEBALL 9AM
5	6 OPEN GYM 3-6Pm YOGA 5:30PM	<b>7</b> PICKLEBALL 6PM	8 OPEN GYM 3-6PM	9 PICKLEBALL 6PM YOGA 9:30AM	10 CLOSED	11 BREAKFAST WITH SANTA 8AM HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE 8AM-1PM BLOOD DRIVE 9AM
12	13 OPEN GYM 3-6PM YOGA 5:30PM	14 PICKLEBALL 6PM	15 OPEN GYM 3-6PM JUDO SIGN UPS 6-7:30PM	16 PICKLEBALL 6PM YOGA 9:30AM	17 OPEN GYM 3-6PM STORY TIME AT LIBRARY 10AM	18 PICKLEBALL 9AM
19	<b>20</b> OPEN GYM 10-12PM YOGA 5:30PM	21 PICKLEBALL 6PM	<b>22</b> OPEN GYM 10-12PM	23 PICKLEBALL 6PM YOGA 9:30AM	24 CHRISTMAS EVE OFFICE CLOSED	25 CHRISTMAS
26	27 OFFICE CLOSED YOGA 5:30PM	28 PICKLEBALL 6PM	29 OPEN GYM 10-12PM	30 PICKLEBALL 6P NO YOGA	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE OFFICE CLOSED	
Holidays!						

January 2022						
						1 NEW YEARS DAY
2	3 OFFICE CLOSED YOGA 5:30PM	4 PICKLEBALL 6PM Dance Begins	<b>5</b> OPEN GYM 3-6PM	6 PICKLEBALL 6PM YOGA 9:30AM	<b>7</b> OPEN GYM 3-6PM FRIDAY FIT 9:30AM	8 PICKLEBALL 9AM
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#### AMERICAN FLAG ETIQUETTE ARTICLE

In honor of Flag Day today, here's a refresher on proper display of the American flag. The U.S. Flag Code says flags should be displayed daily from sunrise to sunset only in good weather. If a flag must be displayed at night, shine a light on it.



- ► The union, or stars, should be at the peak of the staff.
- ► The American flag should be at the center and at the highest point when flown with other flags.
- ► Center a flag against a wall.
- ► Never let the flag touch anything below.
- ► Hoist a flag quickly and take it down ceremoniously.
- ► Flag pins should be worn on the left side of the body, near the heart.
- ► To display the flag over the middle of a street, it should be suspended vertically, with the union to the north on an east-west street or to the east on a north-south street.

Vertical wall and

Source: U.S. Code Title 36, Chapter 10

THE COLUMBUS DISPATCH

If you fly an American flag, it will inevitably become worn and tattered. You may wonder how to retire Old Glory respectfully.

According to the US Flag Code: "When a flag is in such a condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, it should be destroyed in a dignified way."

American flags can be retired through a ceremonial burning. Many organizations including the American Legion, local VFWs and Boy Scout troops accept flags for burning and will properly retire your flag. But if your flag is made of a synthetic material like nylon, burning it creates hazardous fumes that can be harmful to human health and the environment. So, burning those is not an option.

There are other ways to properly dispose of those flags made of synthetic materials. Nylon flags can be mailed to <u>American Flags</u>

<u>Express</u> for recycling. There is a fee to cover the cost of sorting, storing and transporting to a fabric recycler.

#### LIGHTING UP AROUND YOUR HOUSE

When we think of lighting up our area around our house, we may think about why we are lighting it up. It might be because we have animals we want to protect or for safety when we are arriving home from a long day at work especially around this time of year when it gets dark earlier. One thing we do not think about is the lumens that these lights give off. A few years back we went by watts, but as we all know that has changed quiet a bit. We now have LEDs, CFLs, HIDs and of course we still have incandescent. These lights give off more "lumens" "brightness". We have to be a bit more aware of what "brightness" we are giving off to the surrounding areas. That is why we are asking all residents to look around the outside of your home and know what lumens are being displayed. Be considerate of your neighbors and how your lights are affecting their view. Many of us moved here to see the stars and enjoy the night sky.

In the CC&R's it states "Continuous night exterior lighting of property or improvements shall be shielded, screened, or diffused if in excess of "60 watts" incandescent power, in order to eliminate objectionable and continuous impact on neighboring property. Lighting above this levl shall be limited to a reasonable period

while <u>light is needed for activities or in response to detectors and shall</u>

not be on continuously throughout the night.

Use this chart to determine exactly how many lumens are in a watt and vice versa. This should provide you with a good understanding of the lights you really need around your house and should help you in choosing the best lighting for your area.



#### **Stallion Springs CERT**

NOTE: Our regular Monthly Meeting on the First Wednesday of the Month (December 1, 2021) is CANCELLED in consideration of the busy Holiday Season! However, our regular monthly Radio Net Call Up will be held as usual for our SSCERT Members! Details and instructions have been sent to our current members. We will resume our regularly scheduled meeting on January 5, 2022.

We conduct General Monthly Meetings on the First Wednesday of each month, except during December (Holiday Break), from 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM. All CERTs and persons interested in CERT or CERT Training are invited to attend! The meetings are held at the:

Stallion Springs Community Center, Corral Room 27850 Stallion Springs Drive, Stallion Springs, CA

All are welcome to attend... come learn what CERT is all about, and how you can help your community, your neighbor and your own family in an emergency or disaster. If you are not feeling well, please do not attend the meetings.

If you have questions, or are interested in our New CERT Basic Training Course, (date TBD in the Spring, 2022), you can reach us by email at:

#### Stallionspringscert1@gmail.com

You also can Find and Like us on FACEBOOK at "Stallion Springs CERT." The Page is Public and open to anyone using Facebook. You can Follow us there and keep updated about our activities and events.

We look forward to seeing you all in the New Year and we wish for everyone a Safe and Happy Holiday Season!

> Stallion Springs Community Emergency Response Team

661-412-CERT (2378)

## Donations can be dropped off in the bins at Stallion Springs CSD office and other local Stallion Springs Businesses.



#### 2021 Wish List Jamison Children's Center

1010 Shalimar Dr Bakersfield, CA 93306



#### **Child's Wish List**

Blankets: Twin Sized Fleece

**Toys:** Ages 6yrs-17yrs Sports Balls, Doll Sets, Legos, RC Cars/Trucks/etc, Baby Doll Sets, Jewelry Beads w/ String, Art Sets, etc

Teen Gifts: \$25+ Gift Cards (to Nail/Hair Salon/Barbers, Ulta, Shoe Stores, Lids, Eateries, etc), Bluetooth Speakers, Radios, Headsets

**Body Wash/Sprays** in Gift Sets

#### **Cologne/Perfumes**

Jewelry/Accessories for all teens – Watches, Wallets, Purses, etc

**Hair Tools:** Flat Irons -Wands -Curling Irons -Hair Dryers

**Books**-Particularly for Teens

Make-up Kits/Remover -Eyelashes w/ Glue and Remover

Nail polish sets/Remover -Press On or Glue On sets

Journal/Diaries (All Genders)

#### **Facility Wish List**

**New Clothes:** Child's 6x Through Adult **4XL** 

Pajamas: Child to Adult Large

**Shoes:** Toddler 8-9 Youth 3-5

#### **Underwear:**

**Boys:** Size 6 Through 18/20 Boxer/Boxer Briefs; Men's

Small-Large

**Girls:** 12-16; Women's 5-7 (Bikini or Hipster Style)

**Bras:** All Sizes Including Training Bras

**Infant & Toddler Clothing:** Outfits for All Seasons

Socks: New Born

#### **Hair products:**

Mousse, Hair Spray, Ethnic Products, Detangler, Gel, Thick Hair Ties, Tiny Rubber Bands

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



Body Products- High Quality Shampoo/Conditioners (Bed Head, Redken, Big Sexy Hair, Body Wash, & Unscented Lotions (Curel, Aveeno, etc), Diaper Rash Creams (Aquaphor, Maximum Strength Desitin)

New released Blu-ray/DVD combo packs rated G to PG-13 ONLY (2021-2022 Release)

2- Blu-Ray Players

1- 24" TV

1- Xbox One System & Xbox One Dance Dance Games & Kinect for Xbox One



Thank you for your generosity and kindness.

If you have any questions, contact our Activities
Coordinator, Alexandra Nuño at the following number or e-mail.
(661) 334-3531 or nunoa@kerndhs.com

Work Schedule Tuesday-Saturday 9am-5:30pm \*May Change on Occasion







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!





#### Trail Maintenance

Hiking and spending time outdoors is good for your soul and Fall is the BEST time to hike! 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.

Trail Maintenance dates are set for the 2nd Saturday of each month. Follow us on Facebook at Stallion Springs trails and trail maintenance for more information. The group has been meeting to hike a few times a month ALL ARE WELCOME!

#### E-mail:

Shawnee at Stallionparksandrec@gmail.com if you are interested in helping.



#### 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.



#### HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAYS





#### Houchin Blood Drive in Stallion Springs

When: Saturday, December 11, 2021

Where: SSCSD parking lot—27800 Stallion Springs Drive.

**Blood Donations or Platelet Donations** 

To make an appointment:

Visit:

https://connect.hcbb.com/donor/schedules/driveschedule/4842

Platelet Donations are scheduled for every two hours!

Our SSCERTS will help you sign in at their "CERT Meet & Greet" table! Look for them at the Green CERT Table.

We hope to see you there!

"PEOPLE LIVE WHEN WE GIVE!!"



#### 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:

<u>NO</u> Needles of ANY sort, <u>NO</u> Liquids, <u>NO</u> Thermometers, <u>NO</u> 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.



# 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 (Conditions,</u> <u>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.

#### 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.



#### 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

I	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 <a href="https://www.stallionspringscsd.com">www.stallionspringscsd.com</a>. 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.