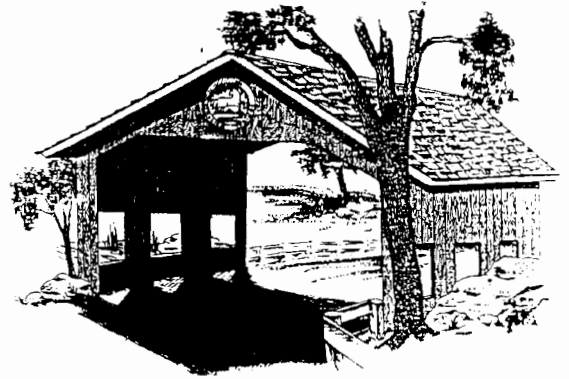


The Stallion Springs Bridge

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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

Groundbreaking for Phase One of the Community Center was well received

On August 15, 2006 the Stallion Springs Community Services District held a groundbreaking ceremony at the location of the gymnasium/multipurpose building site.

With about 200 residents in attendance including many of the past Directors who were recognized for their service, Board President Ralph "Kinny" Patrick introduced the speakers, Supervisor Don Maben, A representative from Assemblyman McCarthy's office, POA President Linda Gordon, PAL President Sargent Paille, Police Chief Brad Burris and Judge John Oglesby.

The group was entertained by the PAL Kids who sang Lee Greenwood's God Bless the USA.

The respective Presidents from PAL and POA presented checks toward the gymnasium and the surprise of the afternoon was a check for \$50,000 from AMA Homes owner and resident Kenny Harrison (see separate article).

Klassen Corporation provided the ceremonial

groundbreaking shovels which included a special shovel in honor of Staff Sgt. Marvin Sprayberry a long-time resident of Stallion Springs who was killed in action in 2004.

Construction has begun for phase one of the Community Center and the Stallion Springs C.S.D. continues to be in need of donations (see separate article)

READY AND WAITING



Two of the 200 residents attending the groundbreaking ceremony

AMA Homes is asking you to name the multipurpose room!

Local resident Kenny Harrison, President of AMA homes presented a check toward the gymnasium/multipurpose room for \$50,000 and stated that "these kids are the future of Stallion Springs and this donation is for the kids of Stallion Springs."

With this generous donation Mr. Harrison was provided the opportunity to name the multipurpose room for the next five years. Mr. Harrison has asked that the naming of the multipurpose room be a community decision. The General Manager of the Stallion Springs C.S.D. is asking residents to do the following:

1. Submit your choice of what you would like to see the multipurpose room named.
2. All submissions need to be delivered to the CSD office by Friday November 17, 2006.
3. The submissions will be published in the next Bridge that comes out the end of November and all residents will be asked to vote for their top three picks.
4. The top three vote getters will be presented to the Board of Directors at the January 2007 Board of Directors meeting to determine the name of the multipurpose room.

We look forward to all residents getting involved in the naming of the multipurpose room.

— INFORMATION & 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.

... For District emergencies off hours, such as a main line water break you may call 822-3268. Upon receiving the recording, press one and leave a message with the problem, your name and contact number and an on call district staff will be paged.

... A flyer was received by residents in regard to a half cent sales tax for transportation on the November ballot. Please note that should the voters approve the tax, NO money would go toward the roads within Stallion Springs.

... Bulletin Boards at the mailbox sites are for the purpose of letting residents know what is going on or available in the community. Please post the information inside the board and not on the plastic. Please remove your notice after the date of the event. Thank you for your cooperation.

... We are asking residents to make sure their trash is covered on the way to the trash bins. This will reduce trash along the roadways.

... The CC&R's require residents to go through the Design Review Agent (at the District office) for permission to place a storage shed on their property. The CC&R's also state that sheds are to match the home.

...WHERE IS FIDO? PLEASE REMEMBER, PER KERN COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL, ALL DOGS MUST BE ON A LEASH OR FENCED IN!!! Violators are subject to a ticket by Stallion Springs Police or Kern County Animal Control.

... The CC&R's address lights. Please be polite to your neighbors and make sure your outside lights are in compliance with the CC&R's.

... Remember Garage Sale signs are okay for no more than three days. Please remove the sign after the event.

... Exercise classes continue Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:30-11:30 am.

... The CC&R's are on our website at www.stallionspringscsd.com

... House numbers need to be visible from the street!

PARK & REC HAPPENINGS

Ongoing

- The Stallion Springs Quilters meet the 3rd Friday of the month from 9:00am to noon
- Stallion Scrappers meet the last Saturday of the month from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm
- Bicycling Club meets the 1st and 3rd Saturday at 9:00am at Man O' War Park.

October Activities

- Saturday, Oct. 7 at 11:00am - Oktoberfest Street Fair on Stallion Springs Dr. in front of the CSD
- Saturday, Oct. 21 from 10:00am to noon - Kid's Craft at the CSD
- Tuesday, Oct. 31 at 6:00pm - Trunk or Treat in the Woodward Parking Lot

November Activities

- Saturday, Nov. 11 from 10:00am to 3:00pm - Craft Fair at the CSD
- Saturday, Nov. 18 from 10:00am to noon - Kid's Craft at the CSD

Child Care right here

Catherine's Tot Lot Childcare is located right here in the Stallion Springs Community.

Currently there are openings for all ages, part time or full time availability. Open Monday thru Friday, 6:30 am. to 5:30 p.m..

For further information feel free to stop by at 17400 Bold Venture Dr. at the corner of High Gun and Bold Venture (head East from Woodward Skate Park), or you may call Catherine at 823-8733. (License# 153903333)

STALLION SPRINGS COMMUNITY FALL CLEAN UP DAYS

FRI. OCT. 6, NOON - 7 PM

SAT. OCT. 7, 8AM - 1PM

HELP US CLEAN THE COMMUNITY

CONTRACTORS: HELP PITCH IN BY CLEANING HOMES UNDER CONSTRUCTION AND EMPTYING YOUR TRASH CONTAINERS

CLEAN YOUR YARD AND GARAGE

TRASH BINS WILL BE PROVIDED TO DISPOSE OF THE FOLLOWING:

CONSTRUCTION/DEMOLITION MATERIAL (INCLUDING CANS OF DRIED-UP PAINT - OCCUPIED HOMES ONLY)
APPLIANCES, FURNITURE, MISCELLANEOUS (I.E. CARPET PADDING, LAWNMOWERS, BBQ'S, AUTOMOTIVE PARTS)
NOT ACCEPTED - TIRES, CAR BATTERIES, MOTOR OIL (BENZ SANITATION WILL ACCEPT ON THEIR SITE IN TOWN)

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT SSCSD @ 822-3268

EVERYONE'S COOPERATION IS NEEDED FOR A CLEAN COMMUNITY!

**HELP THE COMMUNITY BY PICKING
UP TRASH AROUND YOUR LOT**

COPS CORNER

As the summer comes to a close and school starts back up again, we have a concern for the children in Stallion springs. The reality is, we have more children living here than ever before. We also have more cars and more traffic than ever before. Traffic and kids never make a good combination. Please remember, whenever the school bus is loading or unloading children and the bus has its red lights flashing, vehicle traffic must STOP from both directions.

On Stallion Springs Drive at the covered bridge, we have been having some complaints from the community on speeding thru the bridge area. Please watch your speed in this area. The speed limit on Stallion Springs Dr. is 25 miles per hour. The officers of Stallion Springs PD are and will be watching for speed violations in the area of the bridge.

Recently we had two young animals hit and killed by cars in our area. A young deer still with spots on her coat was killed on Stallion Springs Dr. near Spyglass after being hit by a car. That same morning we had a young elk hit and killed on Comanche Point Rd near Longhorn. This is the time of year that animals are moving around more. Be aware of your speed.

Facts in regard to Phase One of the Community Center

The District received two grants from the State of California totaling 1.1 million dollars.

The grants were specific toward a recreational facility. The money can NOT be used towards office buildings or a fire department per the State of California.

Property owned by the CSD was set aside at the community center location for Kern County to provide a fire station. A full time fire station in Kern County is triggered by county funds being available and Supervisor Maben and Chief Thompson giving the okay.

THE DISTRICT IS ASKING RESIDENTS TO PROVIDE \$200 PER HOUSEHOLD TO HELP OFFSET THE COST OF THE GYMNASIUM AND MULTIPURPOSE ROOM. SEE THE ATTACHED DONATION FORM. THANKS TO ALL THOSE THAT HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO DATE.

The Board of Directors will direct the General Manager in regard to withdrawing funds from reserves to offset the balance of the money needed to fund the gymnasium project.

Maintenance and Operational costs of the gymnasium and multipurpose room will be offset by park property tax money and revenue received by the fees charged for various programs and uses in the gymnasium and multipurpose room.

Any questions may be directed toward the General Manager.

Upcoming Holiday Craft Fair

When?, November 11, 2006 10am to 3pm

Plans are underway for the 5th annual Holiday Craft Fair to be held at the CSD building. If you are interested in having a booth at this event, please call Gale at 330-8607. Booth space is \$25 (fees are donated to PAL.) Space is limited so sign up early!

??? Didja Know

The newsletter for the SSPOA now has classified ads.

It will serve several purposes. First it will defray the cost of mailing the newsletter. Secondly, it will make available some inexpensive advertising for residents of Stallion Springs. It will offer space for home businesses (i.e. dog sitting, housework, handyman services, etc.) as well as the more professional businesses. So consider this a helpful tool for residents to support each other within our community. I'm hoping to see handyman and weed whacking services! Make sure and mention this to new and existing business people you know in Stallion. Linda Gordon (our president) will help anyone develop a business card if you don't have one. Give Linda a call, she's easy to work with and very talented.

Donations needed for the

Community Center Phase One Project

The Stallion Springs CSD would appreciate your assistance.

COMMUNITY CENTER PHASE ONE GYMNASIUM AND MULTIPURPOSE ROOM DONATION FORM

All donations are welcomed. The District's goal is for each improved property to donate \$200. This would raise \$200,000. Listed below is the following donation schedule.

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| \$1 - \$999 | Community Acknowledgment of your gift donation |
| \$1000 - \$5000 | A memory stone will be placed in the front of the building |
| \$5001 - \$49,999 | A sign will be placed inside the gymnasium for one year. |
| \$50,000 | The multipurpose room will be named per your choice for five years |
| \$100,000 | The gym will be named per your choice for five years |

Please make checks or money orders out to the Police Activities League if you desire a tax deduction.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Yes, please accept my check for \$ _____

Mustard Weed Not for Cooking

BOTTOM LINE UP FRONT:

Get some Remuda®, mix it with Weed Impede® and spray the mixture over your mustard weed areas. Do this the last half of October and again at the beginning of March

Some basic tips on how to reduce the dreaded Mustard Weed from our yards. This time of year it is most likely too late to have much effect with weed killers but it is not too late to start the process of eradicating it from your property. There are chemicals that kill the plant if it is still green and growing and there is a different set of chemicals that prevent these seeds from germinating and turning into next year's weeds.

The killing chemicals have an active ingredient called Glyphosate -most commonly known as Roundup®. The patent is up and Roundup does not have the exclusive use of the chemical Glyphosate so there are many other 'generic' brands now that have higher concentrations of Glyphosate but at a better price — Remuda® by Monterey Chemicals is a great alternative. The best time to apply Remuda is when the plants are still growing. The daytime temperatures should be relatively high (70 deg.) or better to be most effective. With Remuda 2 oz./gallon of water is very effective.

The next method of attack is with a category of chemicals known as pre-emergent. There are granular versions but one nice thing about the liquid Weed-Impede® is that it can be mixed and used simultaneously with Remuda. Thereby killing two weeds with one spray. Weed-Impede will have no effect on any, already growing plants - we use it regularly at the nursery without any danger for the existing plants. You can use it within your landscape to prevent those annoying nuisance weeds but also use it out in the natural areas of your landscape to prevent new weeds from coming up later this winter and next spring.

The best time to apply Weed Impede is anytime that the beds are already cleaned out by hand weeding or after spraying a herbicide like Remuda (Or another Roundup equivalent) and also at the start of the two main weed seasons - just at the start of our fall winter rains, Oct/Nov and at the end of winter as it warms up, like early March. One pint of Weed Impede will treat 8-10,000 ft² or about 1/4 acre.

So, in short, get some Remuda, mix it with Weed Impede and spray the mixture over your mustard weed areas. Do this the last half of October and again at the beginning of March. It really works and could save you time and/or money when it comes time to comply with the fire prevention weed abatement rules next summer. Don't hesitate to call the nursery (822-6767) if you have any questions. *Thanks to Tim Kielpinski of Old Towne Nursery for this article.*

??? Didja Know

We have a wonderful library at the SSCSD. Any Stallion Springs resident is welcome to use it. It is maintained on the honor system and without time constraints. Lucy Gaglione keeps the library up to date, clean and well organized. We are so lucky to have her (volunteer) as our Librarian. Stop by and browse, you will be pleasantly surprised. She has even started a children's library. If you are a reader this is a must!!

Contributions are welcomed. If they are not used in our library, they will be recycled in other places. No book is destroyed or thrown away.

Kern Council of Governments

Dear Stallion Springs residents:

Recently, you received postcard mailers informing you that the Kern County Board of Supervisors has approved a local transportation measure for the November 2006 ballot that, if passed, would "fix damaged, local roads and improve safety in the Tehachapi area"

Several communities, including Stallion Springs, were listed underneath that statement with check marks next to them. Specific projects and spending categories are described on the other side of this flier.

Kern Council of Governments' used the postcards to identify those communities or developments that would benefit from projects in the measure. So, while none of the projects are specifically located inside your community, for example, Stallion Springs residents would benefit from widening parts of Highway 202 to four lanes.

In workshops held throughout the County, including Tehachapi, Kern COG listened carefully to what each community had to say about its own particular needs and circumstances. Those comments were then incorporated into an expenditure plan that strives to balance the interests of motorists, pedestrians, transit users and bicyclists.

We hope you will find the projects for the Tehachapi area to be well-reasoned and beneficial.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Ronald E. Brummett, Executive Director

Stallion Springs Mailboxes

In an effort to continually improve the esthetics of our community, several residents and POA members have agreed to adopt banks of mailboxes to help keep them neat and tidy. A huge thank you goes to the following "GREAT NEIGHBORS".

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| #1 St. Andrews | Patti Teague |
| #3 Well Site@Stallion Springs
(entrance) | Jennifer Cook,
Mary Ellen Nichols |
| #4 Bold Venture@Stallion Springs | Marlene Davis |
| #4 School Site Bold Venture
@ Hambletonian | Joe & Liliias Boyle |
| #6 Churchill Dr. & Stallion Springs | Jan & Bob Hanson |
| #7 Bold Venture@Tanforan | Lucy Gaglione |
| #8 Bold Venture@Fire Station | Marlene Davis |
| #9 Stallion Springs@Boom town | Barbara Chott |
| #10 Horse thief@Stallion Springs | Sandy Young &
Al Swingle |
| #11 Stallion Springs@Comanche | Silvio Scarano |
| #12 Antler Way | Susan Mueller |
| #13 Comanche & Jacks Hill | Richard &
Amanda Davis |
| #16 Longhorn Lane | Priscilla Mester |

Also a huge thank you for all of the anonymous residents who assist in cleaning up these areas.

We will be cleaning out the tubes every 7-10 days and clearing trash from around the base of the boxes. Every little bit helps contribute to making Stallion springs look its best. We love Stallion Springs and want others to appreciate the great place in which we live. **Again, thank you one and all!** *Susan Mueller*

SPECIAL SSPOA MEETING

MEETING DATE: September 28, 2006

Speaker: Don Maben, Kern County District 2 Supervisor

Also attending will be the Fire Chief of Kern County: **Dennis Thompson**
and the Deputy Fire Chief of Tehachapi: **Mike Cody**

Part of the discussion at this meeting is in regards to a full-time fire department with paramedics — **Please** attend and also tell your neighbors and friends to come and hear the discussions and questions regarding this issue.

Since this is a very important meeting, the General Meeting Agenda will be different for this meeting. The business part of the meeting will be first, and we will go through it as quickly as possible, to allow our guest speakers to have plenty of time for their speeches and to answer your questions.

The October 26, 2006 meeting will be at the Woodward West. The program will consist of a Camp Tour and a program telling you about the future happenings at the center.

Note: We will still have the potluck at 6:30.

Please mark your calendars for these two meetings.

Meeting Time for All SSPOA Meetings: 6:30 Potluck - 7:00 Meeting

Meeting Place: CSD Building, except for the October 26th Meeting, which will be held at Woodward West

Reminder there will not be an SSPOA meeting in November and December. Everyone on the Board wishes you the best during the Holiday Season and a very Happy New Year.

Be a part of our Community, please consider membership in the SSPOA, it is a very easy and painless process. Just stop by the CSD office, fill out a membership application, attach your check (\$12.50 per person, \$25.00 per couple) and leave it in the POA box. There is a monthly newsletter with reminders of upcoming meeting (4th Thursday) as well as other community events.

The best part is that we have the opportunity to build relationships as fellow residents and work together as partners in this wonderful community we call HOME

I look forward to seeing you at the meetings.

Linda Gordon
SSPOA President
lgordon@tvwireless.net

??? Didja Know

With the hustle and bustle of preparing for children to return to school there have been some questions about the school bus stops. Here are some tips from the Stallion Springs Police Department.

When a school bus has their flashing lights going ALWAYS stop. This is for vehicles approaching from either direction. Remember it includes the school bus that is on the side of the road or on a berm.



When passing a bus stop, children present or not, the posted speed limit is what should be observed. Drive with special awareness for children being children, in other words, drivers should expect the unexpected.

Parents picking up or dropping off children should be at the bus stop a few minutes before their scheduled time. Last minute pickups/drop offs cause confusion, congestion and danger to children and others drivers.

The school bus only travels on Stallion Springs Drive.

A SINCERE THANK YOU

The ladies of the Stallion Springs Quilters continue to meet on a monthly basis to exchange ideas, share fabric, fellowship, and prepare lap quilts for members of the Stallion Springs Community who have had surgery or a long term illness. We have prepared and delivered over 45 lap quilts to residents to date. This is a gift of love.

I would like to share the names of the lovely dedicated ladies who are currently involved in preparing and delivering these quilts: Gloria Beckett, Betty Carter, Jane Charles, Kay Cordes, Jan Hanson, Kathy Howard, Laura Howser, Joanne Huckins, Maria Marcourx, Joyce Mosher, Barbara Zervas. A word of thanks to them when you see them would be appreciated.

New/experienced quilters of the community are invited to join us. We meet the 3rd Friday of the month at 9:00 a.m. in the CSD multipurpose room

In the event you know of a resident of Stallion Springs who is ill and needs a card and/or will be having surgery please contact me (Kay) at 823-7321 with the details. It is helpful to know their name, address, and date of surgery.

Once again, thank you from all of us.

Kay Cordes,
Sunshine Chairperson
SSPOA



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Delivered to:

All Stallion Springs Residents

Upcoming Christmas events

School has begun — all our children and young adults are back in the swing of things — Since summer passed so quickly, we decided we had better get on the ball too. With Summer having zoomed by — can December and Christmas be far behind?

With that in mind, I invite you to put a couple of dates on your calendars

**Saturday, December 2nd —
The Tehachapi Christmas Parade**

**Wednesday & Thursday, December 13th and 14th —
Christmas Caroling in Stallion Springs**

These are two events for the entire family. Last year we had capacity, or near capacity, for all three evenings — and we had a wonderful time. This year we are hoping, that if it is as cold as last year, we will also have snow (?) — One of the members of the community pulls the hay wagon, owned by the CSD, with their truck. We decorate the float — aka hay wagon with beautiful wreaths, lights, and a sound system on board. Gifted singers are at the microphone to help us follow along.

Questions? Want to sign up to be on the committee?

I have the privilege of serving as Chairperson again this year, so please contact me at 823-7321 or kjcordes@yahoo.com and we can talk.

Kay Cordes

7th Annual
STALLION SPRINGS TRAIL ASSOCIATION
POKER RIDE and HIKE
in cooperation with ETI Corral 83
SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 7, 2006
Ride -staging 8:00 — Start 10:00
a three hour ride on the Sierra foothills overlooking San Joaquin Valley
Hike- 9:00
*Follow signs to staging area on Jacks Hill Dr,
Tehachapi, California*
Registration + Poker Hand + Lunch = \$20.00
\$5.00 - non-members fee
Special Guest
**Lydia Hiby -Animal
Communicator**
Appointment for Private Session \$40.00 - 661-822-8131
bring your pet or a picture
For more information -- Susan Wellington (661) 822-8131

Community Services District Board of Directors Meeting Notes

Regular Meeting held August 15, 2006

- The Board approved a Resolution 2006-17 in regard to a water policy as mandated by Senate Bill 1087
- The Board adopted Resolution 2006-18, the \$60 police tax for property tax bills of 06-07.

Regular Meeting held September 19, 2006

- The Board held a public hearing in regard to COPS funding and transferred money from the COPS fund to the General Fund for police operations.
- The Board discussed sheds and the CC&R's
- The Board discussed earthquake insurance options.
- The Board discussed issues in regard to the Horse Thief golf Course.
- The Board discussed Proposition 90.