

# 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*

## STALLION SPRINGS HAS ITS VERY OWN FULL TIME, MANNED FIRE STATION

At the December 2006 Board of Supervisors meeting the five person board voted unanimously to fund a full time fire station in Stallion Springs.

Most residents were aware that back in 1995 Stallion Springs purchased a residence and then Supervisor Perez provided a summer fire crew. Over the years residents and C.S.D Directors and Staff have continually lobbied for a full time fire station.

Supervisor Don Maben and Kern County Fire Chief Dennis Thompson have always been very direct in stating that when the County had money for additional fire stations, Stallion Springs was at the top of the list. Supervisor Maben stated that the County, which is dependant on State and Federal money for fire fighting was now in a position to commit to a full time fire station in Stallion Springs.

The General Manager will be meeting with Chief Thompson in January to discuss the various scenarios for a permanent County approved fire station. Residents may recall that when the District purchased the Community Center property on Stallion Springs a lot was set aside for Kern County Fire.

Residents may wish to contact their home insurance agents and inform them of the full time fire station. The fact that the fire station is now manned in Stallion Springs full time may result in a reduced homeowners premium.

Currently the fire station is located at the home on the corner of St. Andrews and Braeburn. Stop by and say hello to the staff.

### SECURITY AND STALLION SPRINGS

The Board of Directors and the General Manager had a discussion at the January 16, 2007 Board of Directors meeting in regard to various security issues in Stallion Springs. The Board approved security cameras being installed at the Horse Thief Park site, The Man O'War Park site and the Gymnasium/ Multipurpose Room area.

A discussion took place in regard to mailbox theft. The Board directed the General Manager to investigate the possibility of placing security cameras at the various mailbox sites so potential thieves would notice video surveillance was in place. The General Manager is also investigating information a resident provided that would provide a locking device within the rural box that would protect mail being delivered.

Questions or comments in regard to these issues can be directed toward the General Manager.

### MULTIPURPOSE ROOM WILL BE KNOWN AS "THE CORRAL"

At the January 16, 2007 Board of Directors meeting, a good discussion took place in regard to the naming of the Multipurpose Room. After reviewing names for the room that were submitted and hearing from residents at the meeting, the Board voted unanimously to name the Multipurpose Room "The Corral." Residents may recall that the naming of the Multipurpose Room took place because resident and President of AMA Homes, Kenny Harrison donated \$50,000 toward the Gymnasium and Multipurpose Room and thus had the right to name the Multipurpose Room as outlined in the donation arrangement. Mr. Harrison asked that the community be involved in naming the room.

The entire area; Gymnasium, Multipurpose Room, future District offices etc., will be known as the Stallion Springs Community Center. Individuals who wish to donate \$100,000 or more have the right to name the Gymnasium.

### SHRED THOSE CONFIDENTIAL/PERSONAL PAPERS FOR FREE!!

In conjunction with the upcoming clean up weekend, Stallion Springs CSD is offering to all residents, at no charge, an opportunity to have confidential, personal documents and records shredded on site at the Stallion Springs CSD facility. Questions may be directed to the General Manager. The Community Clean Up Weekend is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, February 2nd & 3rd.

### SWEEPSTAKES AWARD

The Stallion Springs Christmas Float was awarded the 2006 Sweepstakes Award during the City of Tehachapi's Annual Christmas Parade. Congratulations to all of those who volunteered to either work or ride on the float, or both. A job well done. Thank you.

## -INFORMATION & NOTES -

- ◆ The District office will be closed Monday, February 19th for Presidents Day
- ◆ Headlights are needed when it is a foggy day
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ House numbers need to be visible from the street
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Residents who utilize the solid waste site at the District office location risk a ticket if they are not placing in plain view the red circular decal for 2007. The decal is the only means that the District Police and staff can identify who has the right to use the site.
- ◆ Thanks to all of those in the community that brought goodies to the District staff over the holidays. We appreciate the tasty treats. The staff is now going on a diet.
- ◆ Many residents are frustrated with the inability to obtain Los Angeles television stations when signing up for satellite service. There is current pending legislation and residents who wish to carry their message to Washington should get on the following web site:  
<http://savemychannels.com/home/>
- ◆ **Telephone Excise Tax Refund** The telephone excise tax refund is a one-time payment available on your 2006 federal income tax return. It is designed to refund previously collected long distance telephone taxes. Individuals, businesses and tax exempt organizations are eligible to request it. Individual taxpayers have a choice: a standard refund amount between \$30 and \$60, based on the total number of exemptions claimed on their 2006 tax return; or they can locate old bills and use the actual amount. If you do not file tax returns you can still request the refund by filing Form 1040EZ-T. Forms and further information are available at the Stallion Springs CSD. **Please consider donating your "Excise Tax Refund" to help pay for the community center building**.
- ◆ The CC&R's are on our website at [www.stallionspringscsd.com](http://www.stallionspringscsd.com)

## PARK & RECREATION HAPPENINGS

Call for Volunteers and Teachers—As the Community Center construction progresses a full Park and Recreation program will be coming in April. The Park and Rec Department is looking for people who are interested in teaching a class, e.g. sewing, painting, jewelry making. The Park and Rec Department is also looking for volunteers to assist with recreation activities. If you are interested in either teaching a class or volunteering your time,

### Ongoing Activities

- ◆ Exercise Class meets every Tuesday and Thursday at 10:30 am at the CSD
- ◆ Youth Group meets every Tuesday at 6:00 pm at the Church
- ◆ CSD Board Meeting every 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 pm at the CSD
- ◆ Stallion Quilters meet every 3rd Friday at 9:00 am at the CSD
- ◆ POA General Meeting and Potluck meet every 4th Thursday at 6:30 pm at the CSD

please contact Lea Martinez at [stallionspring-sparks@yahoo.com](mailto:stallionspring-sparks@yahoo.com) or 822-3268.

In April, a Men's Recreational 3 on 3 Basketball will begin, Sat. mornings from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. We are looking for people to volunteer as scorekeepers. For more information, please contact Lea Martinez.

### February Activities

- ◆ Kid's Craft Saturday February 24th at 10:00 am at the CSD
- ◆ Trail Work Day Saturday February 24th at 9:00 am at Horse Thief Park

### March Activities

- ◆ Kid's Craft Saturday March 31st at 10:00 am at the CSD
- ◆ Trail Work Day Saturday March 31st at 9:00 am at Horse Thief Park

## NOTES FROM THE STALLION SPRINGS PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

Wow – 2007 is here already. I am looking forward to the wonderful and exciting year that lies ahead. The Board would also like to wish all of you a wonderful and prosperous New Year.

There are numerous events already in the plans for the coming year. Amongst them is the opening of the Community Center, the Annual Flea Market, the September 1st Community Labor Day Picnic, the September 8<sup>th</sup> Wine Tasting Event, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Car Show, the Oktoberfest and

of course the Christmas Holiday events. Plus there are other events occurring that are being planned by PAL and the Parks and Recreation Department, these will be announced in the future.

As you may have noticed on our bulletin board, we now have a full-time Fire Department. Thanks to Supervisor Don Maben and other officials that helped to make this happen.

It is a new year and we will restart

our General Meetings. The first one will be held on January 25, 2007, please come and join us at the CSD Building. The speakers will be Ron James, Director Main Street Tehachapi and Greg Garrett, Assistant City Manager from the City of Tehachapi.

Potluck at 6:30 PM (boy do I love these – great food) and the meeting will start at 7:00 PM. The Board is looking forward to seeing you all at the meeting.

Linda Gordon, President SSPOA

A big thank you to all that participated in delivering telephone books this year. Several people had to take 2 routes because we needed more volunteers. So, keep that on your agenda for next January. The more people who help will make the load easier on everyone.

Thanks go out to: David & Kay Cordes, Susan Mueller, Jack Chott, Mel & Ruth Messenger, Julie & “her teens”, Jack & Betty Buss, Judy Stevens, Charlie Bubenheim, and Cecil Blackford. For doing two routes thanks go to Sandy Young & Rick Marks, Linda & Ed Gordon, Maria & Ginger Lynch, Ron & Jennifer Cook, JoAnn Kiblinger and Lea Martinez. And a special thanks to Susan Wellington for tackling the huge Cummings Valley route.

### DIDJA KNOW???

There is a new law in town regarding dogs. You cannot tether (chain or rope) a dog. They have found that dogs that are on chains all the time bite more frequently than those with that have a yard where they can exercise and play. Tethering is like prison for a dog, his cell is the length of his tether. Pacing and barking is about all the dog can do with that type of confinement. Animal Control will crack down on those owners who continue to tether their dogs. There are some exceptions. To find out about Bill SB 1578 that the governor signed last year see: [http://avar.org/whatsnew\\_dogchaining.asp](http://avar.org/whatsnew_dogchaining.asp)

While we're at it, also remember that dogs cannot just run free. They need to be on a leash. Dogs become very territorial and will often bite if you just walk on the street near their home. My daughter-in-law was bitten by a dog here in Stallion whose owner was talking to her and telling her the dog never bites. It bit her twice right then and there.

So, treat your animal with care and compassion. And treat your neighbors and those passing by with respect and consideration.—JoAnn Kiblinger

### Help Wanted

The Stallion Springs Property Owner's Association is looking for an energetic person who would like to be this year's Flea Market Chairperson. The Flea Market is scheduled for May 19th at the newly opened Community Center. The Chairperson position will be supported by many hardworking volunteers. Please contact Linda Gordon @ 822-8444/822-7777 or at [lindastrains@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lindastrains@sbcglobal.net) or [lkgordon@tvwireless.net](mailto:lkgordon@tvwireless.net)

### LEAVE YOUR LEGACY WITH THE GYMNASIUM

The gymnasium/multipurpose room building is moving along with everyone aiming for a April/May 2007 opening. Residents have an opportunity to leave their legacy by donating a minimum of \$1000 toward the gymnasium/multipurpose room. A donation of \$1000 or more will allow the person making the donation to have a memory stone placed at the front of the building. Contact the CSD General Manager should you desire more information.

## STALLION SPRINGS COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP WEEKEND

Friday, February 2, Noon—7:00 pm

Saturday, February 3, 8:00 am—1:00 pm

HELP US CLEAN THE COMMUNITY

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT SSCSD @ 822-3268



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**Community Services District Board of Directors Meeting Notes**

**Regular Meeting held December 19, 2006**

- ...the audit for fiscal year 2006 was approved
- ...a request to waive horses on a property that the CC&R's does not allow horses was denied
- ...Director Patrick was reelected to remain President with Director Gunshinan continuing as Vice President.

**Special Long Range Strategic Session held on January 9, 2007**

- ...the board approved the donation of Ken Harrison of AMA homes in regard to a community swimming pool
- ...the board directed that the General Manager continue to investigate annexing a portion of Cummings Valley with regard to a future development in the Valley
- ...the board discussed each department/service of the CSD and received information and recommendations from the General Manager in regard to the future operations of each service for the next five years. The General Manager will be bringing back various requests for approval and more information in regard to the items discussed.

**Regular Board Meeting held January 16, 2007**

- ...the naming of the multipurpose room was discussed
- ...a discussion in regard to security at park sites, the multipurpose/gym building and mailbox sites was discussed

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**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

On Saturday, January 6th, there was an extensive brown out in portions of Stallion Springs due to the weather, causing Southern California Edison to lose a phase of their power. Please note that residents may experience problems with television sets, computers, refrigerators and other appliances. Should you feel that the problem was due to the brown out, claims may be made to Southern California Edison, Claims Department, P.O. Box 900, Rosemead, CA 91770