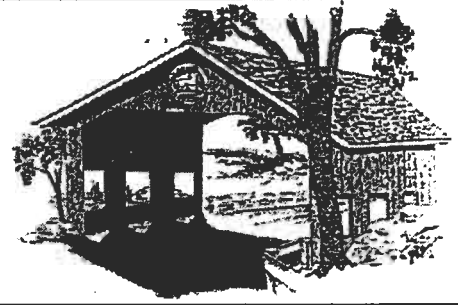


The Stallion Springs Bridge



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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

LOCKING MAILBOX UPDATE

Funding to purchase and install locking mailboxes will be determined by a vote of all property owners. The Board of Directors approved Resolution 2007-03 in regard to the legal process of a ballot being mailed to all property owners asking them to vote on funding a one time assessment on their property tax bill for \$139.00.

The assessment, if approved by a 51% majority of those property owners that vote, would raise the money needed to purchase and install locking mailboxes and paper holders. A sample of the type of locking mailbox has been placed in front of the District office.

...vote on funding a one time assessment...

This decision to go forward with a vote was made after months of discussion and concern on the part of many residents in Stallion Springs in regard to mail theft, vandalism and identity theft.

Proposition 218 requires that this type of proposed assessment be approved by all owners of property in Stallion Springs that are affected and would receive a locking mailbox. The post office will not fund for locking mailboxes and the post office does not approve of the locking inserts.

The ballots should be mailed the last week of May. In addition to the ballots will be a cover letter, a fact sheet and the legal information as required by law. Should anyone have any questions in regard to this ballot measure please call the General Manager at 822-3268.

PARKS & RECREATION NEWS

Exercise classes are in full swing at the multipurpose room, The Corral. The gymnasium is open Monday through Saturday for open gym play, check the times posted at the building.

Swimming pool opening date has yet to be determined, construction is actively underway. Residents will be updated with regard to construction progress and opening day.

Horse Thief Park and Man O'War Park continue to be used by the community. Family evenings at Man O'War Park for this summer are currently being scheduled. The Comanche Narrative Trail is nearing completion, with the bathroom currently under construction.

Stallion Springs Police Department

Many residents are aware that Sergeant Paille and Officer Arebalo have resigned their positions in the Stallion Springs Police Department to work for the new City of Tehachapi Police Department. Tehachapi's revenues give them the ability to offer a higher salary and an improved benefit package.

Chief Burriss and Officer Crowell are actively patrolling and Kern County Sheriff is assisting when needed. Chief Burriss is recruiting to replace the two lost officers and he is also negotiating with Kern County Sheriff for a short term solution in providing more man power.



The P.A.L. program has a new home. Our new location is in the classroom at the Community Center. Tutoring, summer camp, and all other activities sponsored by P.A.L. will continue. We are excited about the new changes, and looking forward to the community involvement. Anyone interested in getting involved with the Police Activities League should stop by the classroom and talk to Danette Hipp on Tuesday or Thursday between 3:30—6:00 p.m. or contact Stallion Springs Police Department. We will be planting an educational community garden on the west side of the Community Center. We need volunteers and materials to make this a successful project. Please come out and support the Police Activities League of Stallion Springs and become a positive role model for our community and its children.

Thank you for your continued support.

Danette Hipp

SAVE YOUR GREEN WASTE

CHIPPER DAYS

SATURDAY, JUNE 23rd

8:00 AM UNTIL 12:00 NOON

-INFORMATION & NOTES -

- ◆ The District office will be closed Monday, May 28th in observance of Memorial 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
- ◆ Volunteers who clean and maintain the mail stations request all residents who use the bulletin boards

PLEASE put your ad on the back board, condense your ad so that others may have equal space. The plastic cover is there to protect your ad from weather. **DO NOT** place ads on the inside or the outside of the plastic cover.

- ◆ 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.
- ◆ The Board of Directors has directed that a committee be formed to review and recommend changes in the CC&R's. Interested individuals should contact the General Manager.
- ◆ The CC&R's are on our website at www.stallionspringscsd.com

Club 55—For Seniors Only

Stallion Springs Community Service District is planning a program for senior residents. This program has been planned so that the senior residents of our community can enjoy a better way of life.

A friendly group of professionals have agreed to donate time to advise seniors. In the group we have an attorney, a registered nurse, a beauty consultant and a nutritionist. These professionals will be available to answer questions and give advice pertaining to good health and a better way of life.

It will also be an opportunity to meet senior neighbors and avail ourselves of knowledge and expertise from persons skilled in a particular field. The sessions will take place once a month for one (1) hour. There are no fees.

Our program will start on Friday, June 8, 2007 at 1:30 PM in the Community Library. Our guest professional is Maxine De Villefranche. Maxine is an attorney as well as a Notary Public with an active practice in Tehachapi, as well as in Lancaster. She has generously agreed to donate two (2) hours once a month to advise and answer legal questions.

On Wednesday June 20, 2007 at 7 PM, a beauty consultant will be sharing her expertise about looking well and feeling better. This program is not for women only, men are also invited. You will find out how the environment affects our body and our health. For instance guys, do you put on sunscreen when you shovel snow? Ask Elisabeth Sullivan for the answer. We hope you will find these opening programs informative.

The important thing to remember is there is no such thing as a dumb question.

By Lucy Gaglione

PROPERTY OWNER'S WELCOME COMMITTEE

Barbara and I set out on a blustery cold April day to make a "lucky" thirteen welcome calls, but only three people were home. We left informational bags and welcome the following new home owners: The Bourgeois, Cohen, Confair, Fisher, Lampman, Munoz, Raganit, Shobe, and Slankard families.

We were pleased to meet Bill & Delores Alvis, from Bakersfield, where Bill still commutes to work. We chatted with Georgia Cushman in her yard. Georgia and husband, David have relocated to Stallion Springs from Bear Valley. Bob and Donna Evans are from Lomita. They spent 3 years looking for a place to retire and decided on Stallion Springs. They are enjoying the quiet and taking walks amid the beauty of the countryside.

We welcome all of our new families to Stallion Springs.

Barbara Chott and Susan Mueller

LIBRARY NEWS

The Stallion Springs Community Library is expanding.

Until the district has sufficient funds to build a building that will house a future library, we will remain in the Community Room at the District Office.

In order to give the room a warm and comfortable ambi-

ance we are requesting anyone who may have a chair to donate, preferably an arm chair, so that a sitting room effect can be established. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated.

For further information about our library call Lucy Gaglione at 823-9195.

P.A.L. 'S LAWN MOWER RACE

Saturday July 7th

Volunteers Install Amenities at Comanche Point Park

The Comanche Point Narrative Trail nears completion as volunteers, donating 65 hours over a period of several days, assisted in the installation of fence, benches, sign posts and signs. CSD staff will install the restroom, road signs and complete the parking facilities at the park site which is about a quarter mile west of Jacks Hill Road.

Fence posts and rails of plastic lumber, made from 100% recycled material, were cut. Post holes were augered at the edge of the parking area, posts and rails were installed, and a horse hitching rail with concrete was installed, allowing horseback riders to tie up and enjoy the interpretive trail. The Hipp children, Colby, Danielle and Danica carried the sign posts along the mile long trail.

Benches were installed, one placed in concrete near the parking area with a view of the canyon and the San Joaquin Valley farm land 2000

feet below. Two others were installed along the trail allowing for places to rest and contemplate the open space of the oak woodland ecosystem. Sign posts were installed along the trail. Signs labeling the points of interest will be added and an instructive brochure is being developed.

After the parking and restroom are completed, the park will be open to the public. The interpretive trail has 25 signed features and the brochure tells how these natural features make Stallion Springs a wonderful place to live for the plants and wild life as well as people, past and present.

Volunteers, Sandy Young, Ross Williams, Ralph Pusatari, Susan Wellington, Fred Ciborowski, Dave Brume, Pam Ronning, Danette, Colby, Danielle and Danica Hipp, Linda and Joe Wells, Sheila and Tom Bigby, Charlie Bubenheim, Russ Majors and Edith Frick, along

with the volunteers that help maintain the trails make this a better place to live by their contribution of labor and skills, giving of themselves for the betterment of the community. They are truly trail heroes.

May 26 and June 30 are the next Trail Work Days. Both of these days will be dedicated to mowing segments of trail where the grasses have grown high. Any kind of equipment that mows will be put to work. Meet at Horse Thief Park at 9:00 am for assignments.

Also, please remember that it enhances our community if you mow trails across easements on vacant lots when you are mowing your own lot. If you have questions about the location of easements in your area, CSD staff can help you or you can call Susan Wellington at 822-8131.

By Susan Wellington

STALLION SPRINGS COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP WEEKEND

SATURDAY, June 2, 8:00 AM—1:00 PM

SUNDAY, June 3, 8:00 am—1:00 pm

Help us clean the community

For more information, contact SSCSD @822-3268



Oaktree Affiliates has resumed ownership of Horse Thief Country Club after a nearly three-year absence. The club is open 7 days a week, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. The cost of a round of golf is \$20/weekdays and \$25/weekends and holidays, carts are \$12.00/per person. Twilight golf begins at 3:30 pm daily for walkers or private cart owners only.

The 19th Hole welcomes back Chef Marty who proudly serves breakfast and lunch with new menu choices. Oaktree Affiliates and staff are ready to serve the community of Stallion Springs.





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Community Services District Board of Directors Meeting Notes

Regular Meeting March 20, 2007

...discussion regarding the golf course bankruptcy .

...the Board approved purchasing a supervisory control and data acquisition system for the water department.

...resolutions were approved regarding the annual assessment process and to increase water, sewer and solid waste by a CPI Index.

Regular Meeting April 17, 2007

...discussion regarding locking mailboxes.

...continuing discussion regarding golf course bankruptcy.

Regular Meeting May 15, 2007

...the draft Budget for Fiscal Year 2008 (July 1, 2007—June 30, 2008) was presented.

...the Board approved going forward with a property owners vote regarding funding locking mailboxes via assessment.
(See story, page 1)

...discussion regarding the loss of two police officers due to the City of Tehachapi's successful recruitment.
(See story, page 1)

...continuing discussion regarding golf course bankruptcy and the lose of \$57,000 in water sales money to the CSD

...the Board approved going forward with a bid for a road contract during the summer of 2007.