

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

EXPECT WATER RATE INCREASE

The CSD has been diligent in controlling costs related to water in order to control the water rates. Over the past few years water rates have only increased according to the CPI or Cost of Living index. This last year, our efforts have been rewarded with no water rate increase.

Unfortunately, the CSD has no control over certain costs, i.e. the fees to Tehachapi Cummings County Water District for recharge water; SCE for electricity to pump the water; and the State of California for tests as required by law.

Over the past several years the General Manager has negotiated various water recharge credits with TCCWD. These credits re-

duced the amount of money paid by the CSD to TCCWD for recharging the basin. These credits will disappear in the near future and costs to TCCWD will increase.

The SSCSD expects additional charges for water through TCCWD to take place with the possibility of costs doubling or tripling. It is very possible that water rates will increase 20%. Proper notices and hearings will be addressed in the near future.

Any resident interested in a detailed explanation in regard to the cost to provide potable water to this community is welcome to call and make an appointment with the General Manager.

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STALLION SPRINGS LIBRARY TURNS 25



Stallion Springs Library celebrated its 25th birthday last October. In order to commemorate this special occasion, the building has been painted by Ron Cooper and a sign has been made and affixed by Jack Stull, both true friends of the library.

Many members of our community aren't aware that we have a library in Stallion Springs. It is located at the former CSD building on Stallion Springs Drive. Because it is staffed by volunteers, the opening hours of the library are limited. Currently Tuesday and Thursday—10:00 am to 2:00 pm, Saturday—10:00 am to Noon.

If you have never been to our library, please take the time to come by, say hello and browse through our growing collection of books. Thank you to everyone who continues to donate books, also thanks to all the volunteers who give so generously of their time.

Next time you are picking up mail or dumping trash, stop in and visit your library, who knows you might walk out with some reading material for our long, cold winter days.



WE ARE GOING GREEN—ELECTRONICALLY

The District will be going electronic. As a cost saving measure, the District is proposing to go electronic by June 2010.

The cost to mail/distribute the Bridge six times a year is approximately \$5,000. In the past The Bridge and Parks & Recreation flyers have been distributed using the mail tubes, however, since we now have locked mailboxes, most of what goes into the

tubes isn't picked up by the residents and eventually discarded. To facilitate this changeover, we are asking each of you to complete the attached form that asks for your e-mail address. The Bridge, Parks & Recreation information and other pertinent District information will be sent electronically via an Adobe PDF. You can easily download an Adobe PDF reader for free at www.adobe.com. In addition, the

District is working with a private company in conjunction with an emergency notification system. This system works via email, and both land line and cell telephone numbers. This system will assist the District in notifying residents of an emergency situation. If you don't have an e-mail address, please contact the District Office so that other arrangements can be made (822-3268).

-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.
- ◆ The CC&R's are on our website at www.stallionspringscsd.com.
- ◆ A Fed Ex drop box is now located at the front entrance mailbox site on Stallion Springs Dr. and Goldrush. Pick-up is 12:00 Noon, Monday thru Friday.
- ◆ Good News—the Property Tax Money the District is losing to the State of California will be recovered through a securitization bond.
- ◆ The 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.
- ◆ The District Office will be closed for the holidays on Thursday and Friday, November 26 & 27, and December 24, 25, 31 and January 1. HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Fire Station personnel from Kern County Fire Station No. 16 in Bear Valley, Tehachapi Fire Station No. 12, and Stallion Springs Fire Station No. 18, are joining the Knights of Columbus, Council 7821 in collecting food and toys to distribute for the Christmas Holidays. Fire Engineer Michael Veiga, Station 16 is co-chairing the project with Past Grand Knight Wayne Dempster, their goal is to reach 150 needy local families in time for the Christmas holidays.

This year will be the ninth year the local Knights of Columbus have spearheaded this program. The Knights cooperate

with St. Malachy's Church and the Salvation Army in obtaining the names of the families in need of assistance. Applications for food and toys are available at the three fire stations and St. Malachy's Church office. They must be returned before December 1st to ensure delivery of food and toy boxes in time for Christmas.

Anyone wanting to contribute food or toys may drop them off at any one of the three participating fire stations. Donations may also be left at St. Malachy's Church office, Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

HIKE AND RIDE



During September the SSTC in conjunction with Equestrian Trails Inc. (ETI) hosted the Tenth Annual Poker Ride and Hike from Buckskin Park in Stallion Springs. Buckskin Park

is located at the corner of Buckskin Drive and Horsethief Drive and has access to several nice trails with views of the San Joaquin Valley. The ride and hike went quite well with 23 riders and 2 hikers enjoying the trails, sunshine and nature. There were two trail choices for the participants with either a two-hour relatively flat trail or a three-hour hilly trail. People had fun and ate lots of cookies. Good conversation and laughter could be heard through the camp. ETI will use some of the proceeds from this event to help fund SS trail signage and to erect a permanent cover at Buckskin Park that will be used for all events at the park.

The SSTC plans frequent hikes and rides. The SSTC volunteers also continue to remove pesky rocks, weeds, clear old trails and work on developing new trails in Stallion Springs. Join the SSTC for trail workdays usually held the last Saturday of each month. You will learn where the trails are located and can help maintain them just by using them whenever you can.

The SSTC meets every third Monday of each month at 7:00 pm in the SSCSD administrative building Library. Please join us at our next meeting.

For more information about the SSTC, Hike and Ride events or Trail Work days, call Barry, SSTC Chair at 822-1207.



Unfortunately, the US Postal Service has decided to remove the large blue SECURE outgoing mailboxes in Stallion Springs, ignoring the desires of the District Office to leave them in place. Residents should write a letter to the

Post Master and ask that "at least one of the blue SECURE outgoing mailboxes be left in Stallion Springs." Failure to receive a positive response from the Post Office should be met with a letter to Congressman McCarthy's office. This is not only a matter of convenience for residents and businesses, but also one of security. These SECURE boxes are important to our residents.

PICK UP YOUR 2010 TRASH DECAL AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE NOW

HELP CONTROL SOLID WASTE COSTS

Family Fun Night

Come join us for Family Volleyball night (only age appropriate children please)

Date: December 4

Time: 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Location: Community Center Gym

WINTER WONDERLAND CAMP

Wondering what to do with your children during the holiday break, or do you just need a break? Send them to our Winder Wonderland camp. We will be playing games, doing lots of crafts and having tons of fun! Children must bring their own snack, lunch, and drink. You may sign your children up for just one week or both weeks. Please call 823-7883 with any questions.

Date: December 21– 23 Week 1

December 28—31 Week 2

Location: Community Center Gym

Cost: Extended Day (5:30 am—6:30 pm) \$25/per child/day

All Day (9:00 am—3:30 pm) \$15/per child/day

Kids Holiday Craft

This is a great way for your children to make their family members gifts for the holidays. Children will be bringing home three handmade gifts. The cost will be \$5 per child. Please call 823-7883 with any questions.

Date: December 5

Time: 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Location: Community Center Gym

Cost: \$5.00/each

Holiday Bunco

Come on down to the Community Center for our first ever Holiday Bunco night. Please bring a wrapped gift (\$10 max. value) and let the good times roll! All players will go home with a gift. You must be 18 and older to play. Please call Vanessa with any questions at 823-7883.

Date: December 14

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: The Corral @ the Community Center.

PAL

Our Fall programs have started and are moving along nicely. The Preschool has a full group of kids from 3 to 5 years old and is enjoying the centers that Andrea and Alyssa are providing. The Day Care program has morning before school care and is directed by Danette. The Judo program is up and running and still accepting applicants. The "Trunk or Treat" evening was a huge success, thanks to all those on the PAL Board who worked hard to make this happen.

Notes from Stallion Springs Fitness Instructors and Personal Trainers

Jolie Steen—Exercise is important all of the time, but the most important time is during the holidays to counteract all the high calorie foods and drinks consumed during this time of year. Exercise should be done at least 2-3 days a week, but not more than 5, from 30—60 minutes depending on your fitness level. Varietal exercise, i.e. walking, swimming, weight training, bicycling, yoga, aerobic, golf, running, tennis, hiking, rock climbing, whatever you enjoy. Mix it up, exercise your entire body. Exercise will make you look and feel better on the outside and on the inside where it really is important for your heart, fat loss, blood sugar, immune system booster, bone density, muscle tone, etc. So...think about some exercise to go with your holidays, keep your stress level low, and your thoughts happy. Come to the Community Center and join the fun. Please check the bulletin board for times and information.

Kim Partridge—Muscle Conditioning—On Wednesday & Friday, 9:30—10:30 a.m. Join the fun for a total body workout, targeting all the muscle groups with exercises utilizing hand weights and body weights to improve muscular endurance, more efficient metabolism, reduce bone loss and increase strength. Work at your own intensity level and please bring your own hand weights.

To help us better serve you please complete the attached questionnaire and receive a free week of exercise classes. This questionnaire will help us structure our classes to fit the needs of Stallion Springs Residents.



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All Stallion Springs Residents

Community Services District Board of Directors Meeting Notes

Regular Meeting Held October 20, 2009

- ...the Board approved a Resolution to move forward in regard to the Proposition 1A Securitization Program
- ...the Board approved opening a checking account at Bank of the West to facilitate the CSD in writing checks directly to vendors instead of paying through the County of Kern
- ...the Board of Directors supported the Hospital Bond Measure
- ...The Board will hold their annual Strategic Planning Board meeting on January 19, 2010

Regular Meeting Held November 17, 2009

- ...the Board discussed water rates for Stallion Springs potable water
- ...the Board met with the General Manager to discuss his evaluation

Help Wanted: Stallion Springs CSD is accepting applications for a part-time janitorial position. Applications are available at the CSD office. Interviews will be scheduled. Pay is \$10.00 per hour. The job requires 14-20 hours per week with flexibility being a key. Weekend, early morning, late afternoon, hours required. Must be licensed driver with good record and submit to a drug test. Obtain applications at the CSD office 27800 Stallion Springs Dr.

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Please assist us by filling out the following information—PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

The above information is strictly confidential to be used for District Business only.

TO RECEIVE A FREE WEEK OF EXERCISE CLASSES PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING SURVEY AND RETURN TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE WHERE YOU WILL RECEIVE A COUPON GOOD FOR ONE WEEK OF EXERCISE CLASS

Are you interested in an exercise program sponsored by the CSD? YES NO

What type of classes would interest you? _____

What days and what times would interest you? _____

What are you willing to spend per class _____ per month _____ per year _____

Do you need child care? _____ Would you attend if free child care were available? _____

List other classes you would like to see the CSD provide: _____

OPTIONAL INFORMATION

NAME: _____ TELEPHONE # _____