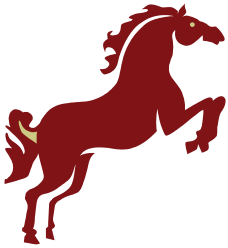


# STALLION SPRINGS PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2010



## SSPOA MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Stallion Springs Property Owners Association is to provide a conduit for information and support and to utilize volunteers and fundraisers to serve the community in the most beneficial manner.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



This has been a great year for "Bridging Our Community". We sponsored some informative programs and held the candidate's fo-

rum. We introduced you to our new design t-shirts and Stallion Springs Souvenir Sweat Shirts.

We now have an office where we can store our supplies and records; it is small but large enough to have Board meetings. We thank the ones who donated furniture for our office. The office is not complete, we are still missing a few pieces of equipment; we will have a grand opening in January.

December, we are helping with the Christmas caroling. December 17th, at 6:30 pm there will be Christmas Banquet at the Woodward West Lodge, this is sponsored by the Stallion Springs Community Church. You will see the flyer on the following pages. You may call 661-823-0799 for further information. Deadline for ordering tickets is December 12th.

January and February look for very interesting gatherings. In January we will have a speaker relative to the water situation in Stallion Springs and we will be introducing Mary Beth Garrison, the new CSD General Manager, to the community.

The 2nd meeting in January will have as entertainment a group called "Comedy Under Construction" and in February, the Valentine Dance. Stay Tuned.

Friends make a difference, I heard about a man having radiation therapy here in Stallion Springs, this treatment makes your hair fall out, his friends cut their hair so he wouldn't feel all alone. I believe this is the spirit of Stallion Springs. We cannot tell the precise moment when friendship is formed. As in filling a vessel drop by drop, there is at least one drop which makes it run over; so in a series of kindnesses there is at least one which makes the heart run over.

**Happy Holidays!!!**

**Lewis Brown, President**



We continue to offer short sleeve Tee's, at the General Store. Should you look, and not find your size, or color; please feel free to call Terri, or Cassie. We will be happy to check the inventory. These are

quality tees, with 100% Cotton by Hanes. The POA would like to take the time to thank you for all your support; we look forward to being part of such a wonderful community.

Property Owners Association has new souvenir sweatshirts! Our line features five colors: RED, GREEN, YELLOW, PINK and BLUE @ \$23.00 each! They are now available at the SS General Store & Station. They are great Christmas gifts; to family, friends and pick up one for yourself.

These sweatshirts were formerly available by pre-order only. This year you can pick one up at the General Store at the Chevron station; at our POA meetings; or by calling Terri Nelson or Cassie Latimer. Please see telephone numbers for board members at the end of this newsletter.



**STALLION SPRINGS  
PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION  
& POLICE ACTIVITIES LEAGUE**

**ANNUAL  
CHRISTMAS CAROLING**

December 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>

Arrive times 5:00pm for 5:30pm Ride

Arrive times 6:00pm for 6:30pm Ride

Arrive times 7:00pm for 7:30pm Ride

**Pick up your FREE tickets when you arrive**

**Wagon is limited to 44 riders**

**We will gather at Stallion Springs Community Church**

**For more information contact Dusty 661-599-4905 or**

**Cassie 661-822-6882**

*Please bring Holiday cookies to share following the caroling*

*You're Invited to  
Celebrate with Us  
Stallion Springs  
Community Church  
Christmas Banquet*

**WOODWARD WEST LODGE  
DECEMBER 17TH  
6:30P.M.**

**ADULTS \$25  
CHILDREN 6-12 \$12.50**

**Purchase your tickets at 18151 St. Andrews Dr.  
DEADLINE December 12th**

**For reservations call 823-0799**

## STALLION SPRINGS NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH



For the coming month of December, we are expecting to place ten Neighborhood Watch signs throughout various locations within our community. Officer Sergeant Grant and I have taken time to drive and examine those streets which accrue a vast amount of activity and whereby signs would be most visible. After thoroughly reviewing the entire street map of Stallion Springs, we feel it would be advantageous to secure an additional ten signs. At the Neighborhood Watch meeting in January, 2011, further details will be provided. We will conduct an open dialogue to review the perspective purchase of the ten additional signs for our community. We encourage you to be part of the “Stallion Springs Neighborhood Watch Program.” Your input and ideas are valued.

For those who were unable to attend our Neighborhood Watch meeting In November, Officer Gary Crowell, of the Stallion Springs Police Department, gave an in-depth presentation regarding ‘hand gun safety.’ The presentation was thorough and informative. Officer Crowell related several incidents regarding accidental injuries from hand weapons. The topic of children and guns was discussed as well. Everyone needs to be cautious when it comes to handguns and children; a topic that should not to be taken lightly. Our appreciation to Officer Crowell for his detailed presentation and knowledge of proficiency.

As a reminder, on Saturday, January 8, 2011, we invite you to attend the first Neighborhood Watch meeting of the year. All of our meetings are conducted on the 2nd Saturday of each month at the Stallion Springs CSD Administrative Building.

In closing, I would like to thank those who diligently attended our meetings. Your attendance and interest are appreciated.

Wishing everyone in our community a very Happy Holiday, with a New Year filled with great fortune.

Chuck Di Leo

Had the first meeting of the POA Board of Directors in our new office. How great is that! Your POA President, Lewis Brown, has cleaned and painted the space and is busy building a working office for use by the POA. We finally have a place of our own that we can keep supplies and records. It is in the old CSD building along with the Stallion Springs Library. We will be establishing hours of operation soon. Watch your newsletter for updates.

Our next event for the community is the Annual Christmas Caroling and Sleigh Ride. Meet at the Stallion Springs Church. Get your tickets as soon as you arrive as we are limited to 44 pas-

sengers—no matter what size the person or kiddie is. Join us Thursday and Friday nights—Dec. 9 and 10 at 5:00 for the 5:30 ride, 6:00 for the 6:30 ride and 7:00 for the 7:30 ride. Remember...DRESS WARM you will be on the float for about 45 minutes. And, if you could bring cookies for the sing along and meet Santa session after your ride that would be great. Be sure to add January 21st to your calendars: 6:30 POA meeting, 7:00 “Comedy under Construction” at the SS Community Center. This is a local comedy group and they work for donations only. Admission will be free (we will have a donation jar at the door for the comedy group.

**Many thanks to the CSD for the Annual Volunteer Lunch. Stallion Springs would not be the wonderful community it is without the volunteers.**

Last week, a group of 10-12 men, in Stallion Springs, shaved their heads in friendship and support for one of our own, Kenny Harrison. Kenny, who is undergoing chemo therapy, is losing his hair. The Harrisons have been and continue to be strong supports of Stallion

Springs and this is the kind of feeling and spirit that exists here. We are a community that reaches out from within and supports each other when we face difficult times. Please keep Kenny and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

# Synthetic Marijuana

By Sergeant Mike Grant, SSPD

About a year ago, my family and I were in a record store, or whatever music stores are called these days. As usual, I was perusing the novelty item section and happened across plastic bags containing what strongly resembled marijuana. Upon closer inspection, I noticed that the bag was labeled, "Novelty Incense". I smelled the bag and discovered that the contents did in fact smell like true marijuana.

While dining in Papa's about two weeks ago, I was approached by a parent concerned with the dangers to kids smoking synthetic marijuana. I recalled my encounter with the novelty incense and to my horror (but not surprise) realized that people may actually be smoking that stuff. At the parents request, I began an in depth research into the synthetic marijuana, or fake weed phenomena.

Fake weed first appeared in Europe in 2004 and was sold under the brand name of Spice. As the product gained popularity, many other companies began to produce their own versions with varying product names and ingredients. However, the street name of Spice and K2 seems to cover any offshoot of the original product. Fake weed can now be purchased at gas stations, head shops, tobacco stores and of course, online.

The thing I found most disturbing was that none of the producers uses the same ingredients, so nobody really knows what their smoking (a similar issue with methamphetamine). The majority of synthetic ingredients in Spice are an attempt to mimic cannabinoids naturally found in marijuana, such as THC (Tetrahydrocannabinol) which is essentially what gets the smoker high. The other ingredients are a plethora of herbs, with each company combining their own special blend. We in law enforcement consider Spice a designer type drug similar to those used at Raves.

The added chemicals and exact result of its combustion are not understood but it is found to be highly addictive. It is much more dangerous and potent than marijuana and has many negative effects including hallucinations, delusions, blurry vision, nausea, vomiting, dry mouth, increased agitation, pale skin, elevated blood pressure, rapid heartbeat, seizures and loss of consciousness (say that all in one breath). No one really knows what the long term effect of Spice is going to reveal.

Because of numerous emergency room visits nationwide and phone calls to the Poison Control Center, the DEA has issued a notice of intent to temporarily place five synthetic cannabinoids into the Controlled Substances Act. Obviously, the concern is growing. Professor John W. Huffman who first synthesized synthetic cannabis is quoted as saying, "People who use it are idiots, you don't know what it's going to do to you."

Remember, your juvenile child does not need a friend, they need a parent. The best way to counter juvenile drug use is to lead your life by example and constantly talk openly and candidly with your child about drug use and its devastating consequences. Fortunately for your convenience, Hollywood provides many examples to choose from.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding juvenile drug prevention and education, please contact the Stallion Springs Police Department at 821-3268. Next month, we will cover juvenile prescription drug abuse. Stay tuned for our various public seminars including drug and gang education during 2011!

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**The Stallion Springs Police Department will be providing us with a monthly article to feature in our Newsletter. They also will be holding frequent classes to keep the community current. We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated police force on our team.**



**Here we go Stallion!!!** Organization for a community 4-H Club is in process. I have one volunteer leader and am looking for 3-5 more leaders. Arrangements will be made to have a 4-H Advisor from Bakersfield attend our first meeting to be held after the first of the year. Proposed projects will include animal projects for the 2011 Kern County Fair. Watch for announcements in the SSPOA newsletter! Please contact me with any ideas at [Rodger-slori@msn.com](mailto:Rodger-slori@msn.com) or phone at 661-549-2703.

Stallion Springs Property Owners Assoc.  
Financial Statement  
Nov 1 through Nov 30 2010

**Balance as of Nov. 1, 2010**

Checking Account	#3,491.22
Savings	\$106.00
Petty Cash	\$165.00

**Deposits: November**

Member Dues 11/25 deposit #4575	\$25.00
Product Sales 11/22 deposit #4574	\$13.00
Product Sales 11/30 deposit #4576	\$170.50
Product Sales 11/30 deposit #4577	\$33.50
Product Sales 11/30 deposit #4578	\$554.00
Xmas CD Sales 11/30 deposit #4578	\$20.00

**Total Deposits** **816.00**

**Disbursements November**

Check #1026 "hachapi Tees	\$938.00
Check #1027 Witts—Misc.	\$2.71
Check #1028 Johnson Printing	\$59.40

**Total Disbursements** **-\$1,000.11**

**Balance as of November 30, 2010**

<b>Checking Account</b>	<b>\$3,307.11</b>
<b>Savings</b>	<b>\$106.00</b>
<b>Petty Cash</b>	<b>\$165.00</b>

**Committee Projects**

## Fundraising/Products

Balance 10/31	\$263.50
November Sales	\$771.00
Whole Sale Purchases	-\$938.00

Account Balance 11/30/10 \$96.50

**Scholarship Account Balance 10/31/10** **\$40.00**

No Activity in Nov.

Account Balance 11/30/10 \$40.00

## APPLICATION FOR ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP IN THE STALLION SPRINGS PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

All property owners are automatically inactive non-voting members. The POA Board would like to request that all residents have an "active" membership in the Stallion Springs Property Owners Association, Inc. which gives you a voice in the direction that this Association is to take. Our fiscal year membership dues are \$25 per couple or \$12.50 per person. Please make checks payable to SSPOA, 27800 Stallion Springs Drive, Tehachapi, CA 93561. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the fiscal year membership ending June 30, 2011.

First Name	Spouse	Last Name	Check #
Mailing Address		City	State
Home Phone	Business Phone	Fax #	E-Mail

*Come to the meetings, meet your neighbors and get involved in your community.  
We need your participation and ideas.*



Stallion Springs Property Owners Association  
27800 Stallion Springs Drive  
Tehachapi, CA 93561

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