



# Stables Closing FAQ



## **Why are the Palatine Stables closing?**

The District utilized a structural engineering firm to complete a thorough assessment of both arenas and horse pens that comprised the Palatine Stables. This examination revealed significant deterioration, particularly in the support posts of both the upper and lower arenas, as well as the horse pens.

After the structural findings, the District collaborated with a construction management firm to conduct an in-depth tour of the premises. The comprehensive repairs and enhancements to meet regulatory standards are estimated to exceed \$2.6 million.

## **What factored into this decision?**

As part of the process of transitioning to a new risk management agency, the District conducted a structural inspection per the risk management agency's recommendation. It was discovered that many of the underground structural support posts had deteriorated. Modifying and bringing these support posts up to the current code is essential for ensuring the safety and stability of the structures they support.

## **Who made this decision?**

The Park District Board of Commissioners voted at its meeting on Monday, May 13 to close the Palatine Stables.

## **What is the timeline?**

Park District programming and lessons will end at the conclusion of the summer session. Boarding operations will continue through November.

## **What will happen to District horses and ponies?**

Horses and ponies owned by Palatine Park District are being rehomed. Stables management staff are involved in the efforts to secure good homes for all the horses and ponies to find locations where they will thrive.

The District is not selling any of the equines, all are being donated to new owners that are committed to providing a good home and quality care for the animals.



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## **What about horses boarded at Palatine Stables?**

Horses that are boarded at Palatine Stables will continue to have space through November. PPD staff is providing a list of resources of boarding facility options.

## **Will pony rides continue?**

The pony rides will continue until July 31.

## **Are horsemanship summer camps and classes still happening?**

The summer session will be held as scheduled. Classes and camps will end with the conclusion of the summer session.

## **What about already booked pony parties?**

Parties will run through the end of July. No parties will be scheduled after July 31.

## **Will there be fall events?**

Fall Fest and the Family Campout will not be held in 2024.

## **What are the plans for the property?**

There are no preconceived plans for the development of this property. The property will remain part of Palatine Park District.

The District is already in the process of updating its master plan. Community input will be solicited by conducting a community needs assessment to devise a comprehensive master plan for 2025. This process will actively solicit input from residents regarding the future redevelopment of the property.