



May 14, 2024

Dear Palatine Stable Boarders,

It is with mixed emotions that we share the news that Palatine Stables will be ceasing its operations at the end of its regular summer season. This decision was formally approved by the Park District Board of Commissioners during their meeting on Monday, May 13.

The decision was a difficult one to make, but it stems from a comprehensive evaluation of the facility's structural integrity. The District utilized a structural engineering firm to complete a thorough assessment of both arenas and horse pens that comprise the Palatine Stables. Unfortunately, this examination revealed significant deterioration, particularly in the support posts of both the upper and lower arenas, as well as the horse pens. Subsequently, after further evaluation with a construction management firm, it became evident that extensive repairs and enhancements, estimated to exceed \$2.6 million, would be necessary.

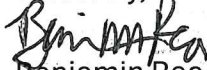
In light of the advanced age and condition of the facility, the Palatine Park District Board of Commissioners were compelled to make the difficult decision to cease operations to ensure the safety of the participants and the animals.

Additionally, we understand that this news may bring about uncertainties for you and your horses. Please know that our staff are here to support you during this transition period. We are actively assisting in finding alternative facilities where your horses can be relocated. Your comfort and the well-being of your horses remain our top priorities.

As we navigate this transition, we want to express our deepest gratitude for your support and understanding. We are truly grateful for the memories and experiences shared at Palatine Stables. While this marks the end of a chapter, we remain hopeful for the opportunities that lie ahead and look forward to staying connected with you in the future.

If you should have any questions regarding the transition, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at brea@palatineparks.org

Sincerely,


Benjamin Rea

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