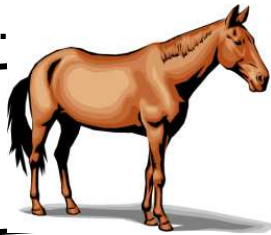


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October's big project are the new waterers in the central pipe stall area.

Concerning the new waterers, we have three dynamic action management strategies. These are: 1) Eliminate subterranean unplanned seepages, 2) provide a specific equine hydration station (EHS) for each equid, 3) minimize solar heat gain by positioning each EHS in a sector of maximum solar reduction.

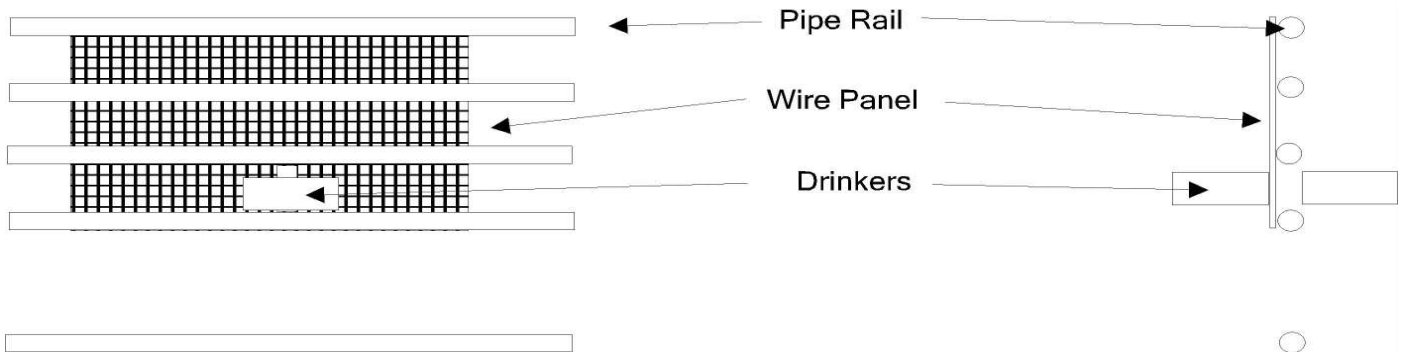
Or in English

1) We're replacing all the underground water lines that are starting to break more and more often. 2) Rather than sharing waterers, which leads to bullying and fighting, we going to provide each horse with its own waterer. 3) A significant issue that

comes up regularly in the summer is the temperature of the water during the heat of the day. To reduce the temperature, each waterer will be located under the shelter and the length of piping and hoses will be kept to a minimum so that the cooler water from underground is more likely to fill up the horse bowl.

For those pipe stalls that face the creek, the waterer will be placed on the side that has the gate.

For those that face the other way (uphill), the waterer will be placed six feet in on the divider panels. A 3' x 4' section of wire panel will be installed on the corral with a drinker on each side. A single pipe will feed both, and provide cooler water. Here's a drawing if it still seems a little confusing



Last month we had set a schedule for starting the above waterer project, then sifting the back arena, winterizing, and coming back and finishing the waterers.. A slight change of plans. Instead we'll complete the waterer project in entirety, then winterization, and finish up sifting the arena.

Long timers will remember the park equipment that used to be outside the back gate. Among the pieces was a very noisy chain bridge that some horses spooked at because of the clanging chain and squealing children. About two years ago all that was taken away. What is being put back in its place will attack kids, but hopefully not be as scary as what was there. Special thanks to Janet Cosgrove who found out about the plans and led an effort to convince the city's Parks and Recreation Commission to move the equipment further away from the horse trail (and also officially designate the horse trail). We all were still waiting still awaiting a revised plan so see if the comments that were made to the Parks and Recreation. Commission when it was discovered that work is schedule to begin on October 1st. We'll try and obtain a plan so to what's scheduled. Hopefully all well go well.

On another note, your stable management has attended numerous meetings regarding the beautification of Trabuco Road. Part of the effort includes installing raising and landscaping the street

medians. All efforts to create turn pocket from the stables to northbound Trabuco were for not. If you used the striped median to pull into while northbound traffic cleared, those days are numbered. In fact there was talk of forbidding left turns entirely! In the future you'll probably have to use the ol' post office axiom that 3 rights are safer than one left.

Today's spotlight is regarding galloping in the arena. We have a rule that forbids such when others are in the arena. For a novice rider who is just beginning to learn to control a horse, to have another horse approaching him or her at a high rate of speed, is a very scary event. Not having years of experience, it would be very reasonable to expect that the novice would give the wrong cue to their horse, and very quickly lose control. Watching a novice bouncing on the back of a horse that is running wildly around the arena is one of life's most upsetting sights. When the question involves pleasure for one at the very real risk of a permanent injury of another, it should be very easy to see what is best.

As noted elsewhere, we may begin winterization as early as late October. Therefore the stall-a-gram for winterization of your stall is included. For the most part it's the same as last year. We are asking that you complete your stall-a-gram by mid-October (see attached order form). This will allow us to work efficiently and quickly. If you are new to the stall-a-gram process, you may check the box that asks us to do what is best. You're also welcome to come into the office and discuss the options to your heart's content. Please don't delay in getting your stall-a gram returned by October 17th. Please remember that we make one pass through the stalls, and then a second pass for minor adjustments. After that we can't guarantee that we have any material available. Also we don't charge labor for stripping and placement of stall materials if we receive you stall-a gram in time. We do charge a token \$10.00 disposal fee if you have a tractor

scoop or less of material to be removed. More than a scoop is \$20. Also after a second pass, we then charge \$20 per worker per hour and \$25 / hr for tractor time. All with the intent of encouraging you to make sure your requests are in on time.

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*Stall –O-Gram
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Stall Number _____ Owner's Name _____

Do Nothing Do What You Think Is Best

Do What You Think Is Best, But Don't Spend More Than \$ _____

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Detailed Instructions:

Cleaning:

Remove Everything Remove Only Wet Shavings

Disposal Fee \$10 / \$20

Materials (\$32.00 1/2 scoop):

_____ Scoops of D.G.

_____ Scoops of Birds' Eye

_____ Scoops Of Pea Gravel

Use this valuable space for even more detailed instructions or make a stab at a career in cartography.