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Newsletter from the Salt Lake County Equestrian Park



Park Adds New Front Loader to Its Equipment Inventory

Park staff was excited to take delivery recently of the new CAT front loader. This piece of heavy equipment will increase efficiencies at the Park, easily moving soil into and out of the Event Center for such events as the Rad Canyon BMX competitions. Outside, it will be used for emptying the manure bins, digging trenches to aid in drainage, landscaping and helping with road maintenance. Staff training took place the first week of January, so several employees will be able to operate the loader.



Storm Drain Project Receives Bond Money

In working with Salt Lake County, Park personnel have started to suction the drains and holding areas of the Park's storm water system. The cleaning of these areas, and the removal of debris, will allow for water run-off to pass through the system and drain without interruption. There is more work in the future with this project; additional updates will be forthcoming.



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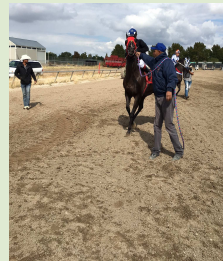


Capital Projects Update



The **asphalt facelift** for the parking lot in front of the Events Center was completed this fall. The project also included paving the access road to the outdoor arenas.

Work on the **racetrack footing** project continues. Certain areas of the track will be amended with sand, clay and dirt. Compost is being added to the infield.



The much anticipated **sound system upgrade** is becoming a reality. The upgrade will link together audio systems in the indoor arenas, covered arena and show barns. With this upgrade, competitors in various parts of the facility will be able to hear an event's announcer alerting them to upcoming events, classes and, generally, keeping competitors and the audience updated throughout the show. Stallings Construction has been awarded the installation contract.

RV PARKING IN PLANNING PHASE

The RV Parking area is in the design phase with proposed modifications from the Advisory Board presented to Salt Lake County. We look to move forward with the project soon.

PROJECT PENDING

- The removal and replacement of metal stalls in the 400 – 600 barns

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Old Arena Panels Headed to Recycling as Bond Money Becomes Available for Replacements

A request for bids has been generated through the County’s Contracts and Procurement for upgrading the livestock panels that are used during events at the facility. With this additional equipment, the Park will have the ability to run several events concurrently, and will allow for flexibility to run rough stock events in the covered and outdoor arenas.

Upcoming Indoor Arena Events

Rad Canyon BMX	Jan 20
Utah Barrel Racing	Jan 28
Jordan World Circus	Jan 30
Rad Canyon BMX	Feb 16

Other Capital Improvement and Bond-Financed Projects

- Remodel/Replacement of Barns A – D —This project is still being discussed by the Park Advisory Board. A sub-committee has presented suggestions, but no final decision has been made.
- Trailer Parking — The scope of this project is being assessed and it may be integrated into the RV Parking Project.
- Arena Footing — This project continues to move forward. Facility staff is working with Salt Lake County project managers in drafting an RFP. Footing samples have been sent out for analysis.

Park Takes Delivery of New Gators

The John Deere gators that you see spinning around the Park are replaced every year with new models as part of a contractual agreement with a vendor that also holds the maintenance contract. This arrangement is economically beneficial to the Park.



Equestrian Park Advisory Board Met January 17

Members of the Equestrian Park Advisory Board met Wednesday, January 17th to review the rates currently being charged for Park boarding and amenities, as well as event rental rates.



EPEC Advisory Board Member Steve McIntyre