



What's New in Damonte Ranch

New Washoe County School District Zoning

Damonte Ranch was recently included in the Washoe County School Districts efforts to rezone families within the Damonte Ranch community with elementary school aged children to attend schools closer to home.

Please visit www.wcsd.com for current zoning maps.

New Dining Comes to Damonte Ranch Town Center



Asian Paradise
1131 Steamboat Parkway
Reno, NV 89521
775-870-1788



Twisted Fork
1191 Steamboat Parkway
Reno, NV 89521
775-853-6033

Attention Homeowners

The Damonte Ranch Landscape Maintenance Association and Damonte Ranch Drainage District changed banks as of August 31, 2012. City National Bank will be handling both accounts. **If you have not already made the necessary changes, IMMEDIATE action should be taken.**

If you use any type of online bill pay options please make sure to change your bill pay remit address and possibly account numbers (Found on the coupon attached to your quarterly statements). It is very important that all homeowners be aware of the change in the mailing address so that payments are posted in a timely manner and to avoid late fees from being assessed. Below you will find the new banking information for the associations.

Homeowners set up on Automatic Debit: The only change will be the bank that your payments are deposited into. No changes are necessary if you are established with the Automatic Debit Program. For questions on how to set up Automatic Debit Program please contact juliannaustica@ebmc.com or 775-828-3664.

DOUBLE DIAMOND HOMEOWNERS: You will only need to adhere to the information regarding the Damonte Ranch Drainage District.

If you are not living in the home please make sure that EBMC has your correct mailing address. It is the responsibility of the homeowner to ensure that all fees are paid. If you have not received your statement please contact EBMC immediately.

Damonte Ranch Landscape Maintenance Homeowners:

Checks payable to: Damonte Ranch Landscape Maint.
c/o EBMC-City National Bank
PO Box 98892
Las Vegas, NV 89193

(Do not make payments out to EBMC).

Please be sure your account number is on the check (which can be found on the coupon of your quarterly statements). This check may ONLY be posted towards your Damonte Ranch Landscape Maintenance account. You must write a separate check for the Damonte Ranch Drainage District.

Damonte Ranch Drainage District Homeowners:

Checks payable to: Damonte Ranch Drainage District
c/o EBMC-City National Bank
PO Box 98892
Las Vegas, NV 89193

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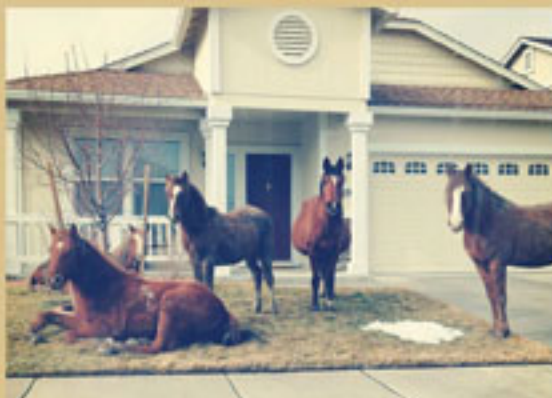
Policy and Procedures Regarding Wild Horses at the Damonte Ranch Master Planned Community

Frequently Asked Questions

1. *Is it legal to feed wild horses?* No. NRS 569.040 makes it illegal to feed a wild horse.
2. *Is it legal to keep wild horses on your property or set wild horses free from gathering corrals?* No. NRS 569.040 and 206.160 prohibit a person from keeping a wild horse or setting a wild horse free once it has been corralled by the Landscape Maintenance Association (LMA).
3. *Is it legal for the LMA to gather wild horses for the State?* Yes. The LMA is working in cooperation with the Department of Agriculture under the Department's wild horse management program, and it authorized to gather wild horses for the State under NRS 569.100.
4. *What does the State do with the wild horses removed from Damonte Ranch Master Planned Community?* The State investigates whether the horse has a lawful owner; if not, the horse is sold at public auction.
5. *What should I do if I see wild horses in the Damonte Ranch Master Planned Community?* If you see a wild horse on a public street or highway, contact the Reno Police Department at 775-334-2175, Nevada Highway Patrol at 775-688-2500, Department of Agriculture at 775-353-3600 or the LMA at 775-359-3000.



In late November, troopers from the Nevada Highway Patrol were dispatched to a crash on Old US 395 in Pleasant Valley, just north of the intersection of Andrew Lane. Upon arrival it was determined that a 24-year-old female driver struck two adult feral horses that were occupying both northbound travel lanes. As a result of the collision, both animals sustained fatal injuries. The driver suffered minor injuries. As a safety reminder, motorists should be constantly vigilant for all wild and feral animals crossing the highway.



The Damonte Ranch LMA has received a number of questions recently regarding the increasing population of wild horses within the Damonte Ranch Master Planned Community. From the comments we have received, it is clear there is a lot of confusion and differing opinions about the increased presence of wild horses and what to do when they appear within the Damonte Ranch subdivision. This newsletter describes the laws and procedures under Nevada statutes that govern wild horse management, as well as procedures followed by the LMA in cooperation with state authorities to protect the health and safety of both wild horses and residents of Damonte Ranch.

America's free-ranging horses are a beloved western icon, but when they wander out of their habitat and into densely populated urban areas, especially areas with high speed roadways, they create significant public safety issues. Wild horses in urban areas can also be destructive-damaging landscape by trampling vegetation, hard packing soil and overgrazing, leading to less plant cover and more invasive cheatgrass. To avoid these and other conflicts, the State of Nevada has adopted a program to manage wild horses in urban areas.

State Law

The management of wild horses (also called "feral" or "estrays" horses) is strictly regulated by Nevada State Law and the Department of Agriculture, the state agency responsible for administering those laws. Nevada law declares that all stray and feral livestock within the state are owned by and deemed property of the Department of Agriculture. (NRS 569.101). The Department of Agriculture has the lawful right and obligation to manage and remove wild horses from urban areas. Because wild horses are property of the State, it is illegal under Nevada law to feed, shelter or retain possession of a wild horse, or to covert a wild horse to private use. As stated in NRS 569.040: "it is unlawful for any person or the person's employees or agents, other than an authorized agent of the department to: (a) take up any stray or feral livestock and retain possession of it; or (b) feed any stray or feral livestock."

Nevada law authorizes LMA to work cooperatively with the Department of Agriculture to gather wild horses and turn them over to the State. (NRS 569.100). Under Nevada law, a "person who takes up an stray or feral livestock as provided for in NRS 569.040 to 569.130, inclusive, is entitled to hold the stray or feral livestock lawfully until relieved of custody by the department." So, Nevada law allows the LMA to gather and corral wild horses legally until the Department of Agriculture is able to pick them up. Once a wild horse has been corralled by the LMA, it is illegal to set those wild horses free or to trespass on private property where those horses are detained. (NRS 206.160; 207.200).

After a wild horse had been turned over to the Department of Agriculture, the Department will determine whether the horse has an owner and if not, will sell the horse at public auction. (NRS 569.080)

LMA Policies

The LMA is working cooperatively with the Department of Agriculture to assist the Department in collecting wild horses and removing them from urban areas where they can cause public safety concerns. The LMA has met with the Department to facilitate a program through which wild horses may be safely and humanely gathered and turned over to the State under its wild horse management program. As authorized by state law, the LMA may gather wild horses within the Damonte Ranch Master Planned Community and hold them in corrals on private property for the State to pick up. The LMA will follow the Department of Agriculture recommendations on feeding and watering wild horses while they are corralled within the Damonte Ranch subdivision. The LMA believes this approach is reasonable and necessary to protect and minimize destruction to LMA property, and mitigate the costs associated with repair and replacement of landscape amenities at the Damonte Ranch Master Planned Community.

While it is NOT an obligation of the LMA, the association has been cleaning up the horse waste throughout the Damonte Ranch in common areas which fall under the LMA jurisdiction. This is extremely costly.

All clean up on public roads and sidewalks are NOT the responsibility of the LMA.

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Governor

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Mr. Di Loreto,

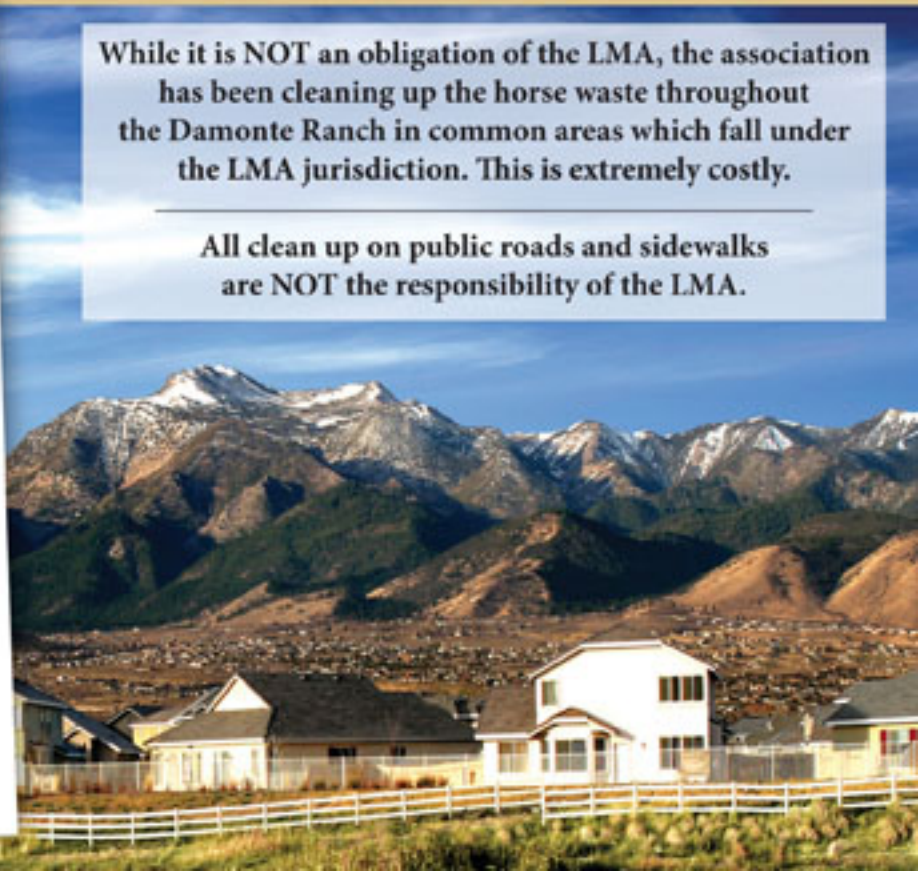
Thank you so much for the meeting today to discuss the difficult issue of stray/feral horses in the south Reno area. On behalf of the Department of Agriculture I want to thank you for the assistance you have provided us in collecting horses that are causing great public safety concerns.

During our meeting you had questions related to the legality involved with you collecting or containing stray/feral horses in order to give NEA notice for pickup and process per NRS 569. As per our conversation, I want to confirm that under NRS, 569, 100-130, inclusive, is entitled to hold the stray or feral livestock as provided for in 569.40 to 569.130, inclusive, is entitled to hold the stray or feral livestock lawfully until relieved of custody by the department." Upon further review, NRS 569.040 specifically addresses your situation, as follows: "If a person takes up an stray, he shall, within 5 days thereafter, make out a written description of the animal, setting forth all marks or brands appearing upon the animal, and other means of identity, including color, age and sex, and forward the description by mail to the Department at its office." For the purposes of greater responsiveness, please simply send Jo Ann Mothershead at mothershead@dnr.nv.gov and call Chris Miller with the total number of animals in your possession and we will respond within a day's time to confirm the number and description of the animals. The NEA will lead up the livestock as soon as possible.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact this office. Again, thank you for helping us be responsive to this serious public safety issue.

Jim Swanson

Director



The Damonte Ranch Drainage District and Landscape Maintenance Associations' Board of Directors are working to ensure that the landscape throughout the Damonte Ranch area continues to mature as it enhances the beauty of the community in which you live. The team of landscape professionals include Signature Landscapes under the direction of Barbara Hatch of Owner at GreenDesign Landscape Architects, Inc.

Damonte Ranch Drainage District 2012 Maintenance, Repairs and Replacement

- Several dead or dying shrubs were replaced throughout the open space trail system.
- Existing drip irrigation was renovated within the planter areas.
- A soil amendment package was installed around all existing and new plant material to promote ongoing healthy soil profile.
- A foliar fertilization program has begun to provide readily available nutrients to the plant material.
- Bark mulch in the planter areas was top dressed with new bark mulch to revitalize planters.
- Areas where drainage was not occurring, landscape drains were installed to provide drainage of these areas.
- Along the bike/walking paths cracks were repaired as well as sealed for ongoing aesthetics and safety.

Damonte Ranch Landscape Maintenance Association 2012 Maintenance Repairs and Replacement

- Experts are working to fine tune a soil amendment package to install in all landscape areas within the streetscape to help maintain and build a healthy soil profile. Some of the planters have been amended and the installation will be ongoing this spring season.
- We are working hard to retrofit drip irrigation where it is no longer working correctly and removing sections or replacing.
- A tree replacement program has been ongoing for the last year and will be completed by this spring.
- Plans for shrub replacement in areas where the plant material has died will be implemented this spring. Most of the plant death occurred due to failed irrigation that is now being replaced.
- Cobble rock mulch is being added in the planter foreground on many of the street frontages.
- The southern end of Veteran's Parkway has been installed with continuing work after the ground thaws.
- We are currently assessing the cost to revitalize the remaining planter areas with either bark or rock mulch where the mulch is weathered or depleted.
- An organic fertilization program was begun last spring and we are already seeing results of healthier plants and soils. The program utilizes an organic foliar applied fertilizer and a mineral and organic matter soil amendment applied at the surface. This will be ongoing this spring.



Signature Landscapes

Damonte Ranch Landscape Update By Steve Fine Jan. 16, 2013

Fall maintenance and winter preparation of the Damonte Ranch Landscape are busy times for the Signature Landscapes teams managing the area. This is a critical period for ensuring the health and vigor of the grounds as they enter dormancy. Careful preparation gives all of us assurance the grass will pop with green, the trees are primed to bud and the planter beds are ready to bloom.

As you might imagine, pruning thousands of shrubs is no small task, and the highly trained Signature crews have done a remarkable job keeping these planter beds in top shape. Of course, with all the trees come leaves, and leaf abatement will continue as weather permits.

The irrigation system was shut down and winterized in November. At this point, we are not threatened with 'winter drought' conditions like last year, so you should not have to worry about watering your landscape for a while. If this becomes a concern, you can always call the Signature office at 775-857-4333 to see if you should water your yard during the day.

Signature's efforts reach beyond horticulture. Their crews are committed to keeping your neighborhoods and shops free of unsightly debris and trash. Currently, Signature has at least three men working around the ranch every day, picking up rubbish and working in the beds. Pruning and general cleanup of monuments areas at the entrances to all of the subdivisions continues to be a focus along Rio Wrangler and Steamboat Parkway.

NOTE: This winter we have experienced an excessive amount of people driving on the turf and grass areas on Veterans Parkway both N. and S. bound during the past snow events, causing potential damage to both the turf and to the irrigation system. If you see anyone causing harm to these areas, please call us at 775-857-4333. On behalf of the entire Signature Landscapes team, have a great winter!