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## Anderson Twp. horse stables moving to Clermont County

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Larry Waltz said he was surprised when he learned Bridle Run Stables had to leave Johnson Hills Park after 16 years at the property.

The Anderson Township Park District recently notified Waltz, manager of Bridle Run, that the stables must be off the property by July 1.

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Ken Kushner, executive director of the Anderson Township Park District, said without the stables the park district can look at the property in a new light and begin preliminary development plans.

"They've been great up there, (but) the unfortunate part is that it's time for us to go in and develop the property," Kushner said. "We can't develop the property with the operation that's currently there."

Waltz said he reached an agreement for property on Bauer Road in Batavia, near Mercy Hospital Clermont, where he will build new stables.

"We're trying to get construction under way and be completed by July 1 so we can move all our horses," he said.

There are more than 30 horses at Bridle Run Stables where Waltz has been managing the operation since Marian Johnson was alive, he said.

Johnson deeded the property to the park district after her death in 1999.

Because of the move, Waltz said there will be no summer camp this year and hopes clients will still come to the new location, roughly 12 miles away.

"I really feel like we've given a lot to the community and I feel like the community has given a lot to us," he said.

Kushner said the park district will re-establish an advisory committee for the property later this summer to "think about what we as a park district and community would like to put up there."

Johnson Hills Park is just off of Little Dry Run and Bridle roads.

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