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MEMO: Why were RV's banned from parking on McCarran Blvd?

To: Balloon Race Fans

From: Great Reno Balloon Race staff and executive board

In response to concern in regards to RV parking at this year's Balloon Race, the Great Reno Balloon Race board and staff would like to take this opportunity to explain. Please know that the decision to ban RV parking on McCarran Blvd. was not made internally by the Balloon Race, this was a decision passed along to us by the City of Reno and the Reno Police Department.

The decision was made based on safety concerns for event spectators, drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians. RVs have traditionally parked on the shoulder lane of McCarran Blvd. for up to a week prior to the event. Since the shoulder lane also serves as a turning lane, bike lane and emergency lane, officials determined it was in the best interest of all involved to prohibit parking along the side of the road. Even though it has been allowed in the past, it is also illegal to park in bike lanes and medians

If you have any suggestions of ways to improve the parking situation for next year's 25th anniversary Balloon Race, please log on to the contact us section at www.renoballoon.com.