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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Deer Management

To: Village Residents

From: Mayor Jean Thatcher
Board of Trustees

I write to update all residents on the status of our Deer Management Program, and to advise you that Deer Management will be taking place during the winter of 2018. The explosion of the deer population continues to be a matter of utmost concern both to me and to the Board of Trustees, and we are committed to continued efforts to control this situation.

Legislative prohibitions prevented professional wildlife managers from effective operations this past September. Amended legislation has been proposed and should address this situation in the future. DEC regulations stipulate October 1-December 31 as bow-hunting season. Bow-hunting takes place only on private property, and only with permission of the landowner. As in prior years, deer management efforts will commence at the close of bow-hunting season. All meat will be processed and donated to the food pantries.

Our 2015 Deer Survey provided very strong data with regard to sightings, tick-borne illnesses, vehicle collisions and environmental damage. The empirical evidence as to the effectiveness of a professional Deer Management Program run during good weather, and the significant difference in yield using professional deer management versus bow-hunting, encourage us to continue our efforts with the DEC. Our goal, going forward, is to be able to run our professional Deer Management Program simultaneously with bow-hunting season (October 1-December 31), as these activities do not take place on the same land.

Our professional Deer Management Program will re-commence in January 2018, and continue through the winter. If you hear anything of concern please notify the Lloyd Harbor Police. They can tell you if Deer Management efforts are taking place, or investigate as appropriate.