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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 2018/19. 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 and DEC interpretation of regulations pertaining to hunters continue to prevent professional wildlife managers from fully effective operations. Amended legislation has been proposed and, although passed in the NYS Senate, did not pass the Assembly in the last session. This legislation will be re-introduced in the future.

DEC regulations stipulate October 1st - December 31st as bow hunting season. Bow hunting takes place only on private property, and only with permission of the landowner. As in prior years, Village deer management efforts will commence at the close of bow hunting season. As usual, all meat will be processed and donated to local food pantries.

Our Deer Survey provided very strong data with regard to sightings, tick-borne illness, 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 management efforts. Our goal, going forward, is to be allowed to run our professional Deer Management Program simultaneously with bow-hunting season (October 1st - December 31st), as these activities do not take place on the same land.

Our professional Deer Management Program will re-commence in January 2019, 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.