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Deer Remediation Committee

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At September's Board of Trustees meeting, Deer Remediation Committee members Kate Supron and John Hermanson presented short summaries of some of the issues and potential solutions with respect to reducing the deer population in the Village. You can view **Kate and John's Presentations** here. Please continue to check the website for updates on the deer issue.

Dear Villagers,

In the recent election the Mayor and newly elected Trustees were given a mandate to resolve the deer problem. The Deer Remediation Committee's purpose is to advise on actions to be taken and to ensure that such actions are safe, effective and timely. The Committee will also assist in evaluating public opinion.

The Committee members are Dr. John Hermanson (biologist and animal scientist); Mike Mangione (outdoorsman, retired insurance company owner and Ordained Deacon of the Catholic Church); Kate Supron (former teacher and CHES PTA Co-President) Mayor Gilmore, Police Chief Boyce, and myself as Chair.

Future Committee and Village administration efforts will seek to improve overall safety and quality of life issues in connection with resolving the deer problem. These include vehicular safety/deer collisions, citizens and pets interacting with bucks during the rut or does protecting fawns, threat of lyme disease and chronic wasting disease, contact with deer feces by children and pets, the need for tall fencing, and destruction of expensive landscaping.

We propose that the primary means of decreasing the deer population will be culling the herd utilizing expertly trained marksmen from the Cayuga Heights Police Dept. Chief Boyce and Mayor Gilmore will oversee the safety and administrative details of the program. We intend to distribute the venison to food pantries.

This proposal will be offered to the Trustees for discussion and review. If a majority of Trustees support the plan we will share the specifics with Village residents asking for their support. We are hopeful that this deer remediation program will be a model for the Village to return our deer population to more natural levels in the future.

Read by Chair Dave Donner at 8/18/08 Trustee Meeting

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