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6		10:05 PM	Jane Lumm	John Jackson	Sally Petersen	Email address	Privacy

Alexa, Jennifer

From: Carol Buatti [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 05, 2014 7:09 PM
To: Lumm, Jane
Subject: Re: NYTimes.com: 'The Private Life of Deer' on the PBS Series 'Nature'

You're welcome, Jane. I've had up to nine deer in my yard for weeks during the past winter. (I live two doors from Sally). Rutgers University has a website that lists plants that are resistant to deer, beginning with the most resistant to the least resistant. If people would start replacing their decimated shrubs and perennials with these, the deer wouldn't be such a problem. I also use a spray called Liquid Fence that smells horrible when it is applied but dries without odor and works well. There's also a granular form. This helps with a problem called "buck rub" in which the bark is removed by the deer's antlers or by chewing it. I doubt if the DNR can provide much assistance in culling the deer because its funds have been cut by the state like so many other agencies.

After you watch the program, you'll see why reducing the number of deer is a losing proposition. And, after all, they were here before us. You'll learn from the program that evolution dates the species back 23,000 years (I think that's what was reported. I saw the program on PBS when it was first broadcast.) or even further back in some parts of the world. My cousin who lives in the Upper Peninsula is a retired fish biologist who attended U-M School of Natural Resources. He said they had discussions 30 years ago about how to prevent the widespread growth of the deer population. There were no answers even then.

Sincerely,
Carol

On May 5, 2014, at 5:34 PM, Lumm, Jane wrote:

Thanks so much, Carol! Will read and share with Council and staff. Many thanks! My best, Jane

From: emailthis@ms3.lga2.nytimes.com [<mailto:emailthis@ms3.lga2.nytimes.com>]
Sent: Monday, May 05, 2014 4:03 PM
To: Lumm, Jane
Subject: NYTimes.com: 'The Private Life of Deer' on the PBS Series 'Nature'

Having grown up on a farm in Webster Township I fear your quest, like Don Quixote's, is unattainable. Please watch this PBS program and you'll learn why. Your constituent, Carol Buatti 2988 Hickory Lane

Sent by [REDACTED]



TELEVISION REVIEW

'The Private Life of Deer' on the PBS Series 'Nature'

BY NEIL GENZLINGER

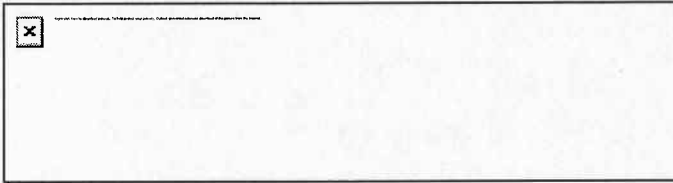
"The Private Life of Deer," on the PBS series "Nature," tracks the hidden life of the white-tailed deer.

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Alexa, Jennifer

From: John Jackson [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 05, 2014 7:35 PM
To: Petersen, Sally
Subject: Re: deer resolution

Dear Councilor Peterson,

Thank you for the prompt and very helpful response. Between these two choices I might opt for both. I worry that sterilization alone will take too long to have a noticeable effect, but is probably more effective at controlling the size of the herds in the long run. If I had to choose it would be for culling because I think the size of the herds are already far too big.

You have my support and best wishes in the primary.

best

John Jackson

On May 5, 2014, at 4:47 PM, "Petersen, Sally" <SPetersen@a2gov.org> wrote:

> Hi Mr. Jackson,
>
> Two solutions that many have considered are deer culling and chemical
> sterilization (essentially, deer birth control). The latter has been
> used successfully in NY State, but is not legal in Michigan. Can you
> tell me whether you have any leanings one way or the other between
> culling versus sterilization, assuming we could work with our
> legislators to get it approved in MI?

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> Thank you for contacting us!

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>
> Sally Hart Petersen
> Ann Arbor City Council Member, Ward 2
> 2976 Hickory Lane
> Ann Arbor, MI 48104
> 734-996-5569

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: John Jackson [REDACTED]
> Sent: Monday, May 05, 2014 3:30 PM
> To: Petersen, Sally; Lumm, Jane
> Subject: deer resolution

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> Dear Council Members,

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> Thank you for sponsoring a resolution to find ways to manage the local
> deer population. They have become a terrible problem in our yard.
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> cultivated over many years. They are also a safety and health hazard
> in the relatively densely populated and traveled areas of our neighborhood.
> I strongly encourage you to push Council to do more than just research
> this question, but find a way to reduce the deer population by a
> substantial amount.

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> Thank you for your efforts.

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> Sincerely,

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> John Jackson
> 500 Highland Rd.
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Alexa, Jennifer

From: Linda [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 05, 2014 7:47 PM
To: Jane Lumm; Petersen, Sally
Subject: Fwd: Very Disappointed

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Linda [REDACTED]
Date: May 5, 2014 at 7:45:53 PM EDT
To: Mike Anglin <mikeanglin07@gmail.com>
Subject: Very Disappointed

Hi Mike,

I want you to know that I think you r misinformed re: AATA mileage vote. If you check new routes et al, in my area, you will note that there are no new routes/ additionsI was told by an AATA board member that my YES vote would ensure that someone would have a parking place...hello!!'

So I have to pay 35% more to ensure that someone can park...

I am very disappointed in your support of the AATA mileage I voted NO!!!

Linda Pedrick

Sent from my iPhone

Alexa, Jennifer

From: Cendra Lynn [cendra@griefnet.org]
Sent: Monday, May 05, 2014 9:04 PM
To: Hieftje, John; Kailasapathy, Sumi; Briere, Sabra; Lumm, Jane; Petersen, Sally; Taylor, Christopher (Council); Kunselman, Stephen; Eaton, Jack; Teall, Margie; Warpehoski, Chuck; Anglin, Mike
Subject: Deer

I have given this matter much thought. I have also spoken to the best and most experienced hunter I know: Mike Kreuzel. He's one of the owners of Stadium Hardware and we've been friends for 30 years. I have eaten much of his meat over the years. My grandfather was Indian and even when he lived with Europeans, he still went to the mountains and hunted game for my grandmother to cook. So I am not against killing deer or other game.

Mike says there are many ways to get rid of deer, but the two most humane ones are not feasible in a city. Yes, a very experienced hunter, with gun or bow, could shoot deer in the city, but probably would not. Even though they would hit the deer, there is always the possibility of the bullet going through the deer, hitting something that causes it to change trajectory, and then hitting something else. I'm a citizen volunteer for the A2 Police and would ask one of their sharpshooters how they deal with this problem, but I have only just been alerted to this activity on the issue in the past two days, so haven't had the time. My best guess is that they would tell me it's a risk worth taking if lives are at stake. Lives are not immediately at stake if there are deer in your yard. Your hosta is at stake, though.

The other way is to snare the deer. It is a quick kill – it breaks their neck – but it would snare anything, including your golden retriever. You'd basically have to sit and watch the trap whenever it was set. Not feasible, or at least a very slow method.

I have read several places where game specialists are quoted who say that birth control is simply not feasible. Birth control doesn't always work. If you could shoot it into them in a dart, how would you mark them so that no one else shot it into them? And where could you shoot them safely – back to the gun question.

Deer fencing works. No one is going to try to fence in the city. Not a real option.

There are many other cities that have had this problem. It would be good to learn if any of them have found effective solutions.

And then there is the problem of the people who don't understand hunting, the need for thinning herds, and the sensible reasons for doing it. I'm a clinical psychologist and I know the probability of getting even grudging acceptance from those people to thin the herd is quite low. Killing animals and how brings up religious, spiritual, and ethnic issues. We have achieved diversity in A2; that makes it almost a given that we cannot agree on this topic.

Nonetheless, it seems we need to discuss this problem. The problems I have raised in this letter are meant to be suggestive and informational. I don't have any answers. So I very much thank all of you for plunging into this morass. You are brave.

Cendra Lynn
121 Crest
[REDACTED]

Alexa, Jennifer

From: John Jackson [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 05, 2014 10:05 PM
To: Lumm, Jane
Cc: Petersen, Sally
Subject: Re: deer resolution

Councilor Lumm,

Thank you very much for your prompt and very sympathetic response. I look forward to reading what City Council decides.

best

John

On May 5, 2014, at 3:39 PM, "Lumm, Jane" <JLumm@a2gov.org> wrote:

> Dear John,
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> Thank you for taking the time to share your observations about the
> impact of the overabundance of deer in our neighborhoods and for
> sharing how this has, and I'm very sorry, devastated your yard. So
> many of our residents are experiencing this same problem and would
> very much like the city to come up with an effective deer management
> plan -- what the resolution is intended to produce. Your concerns
> about the health and safety hazards posed by the deer current deer densities are also very
> important concerns shared by many of our neighbors. I completely and
> wholeheartedly agree that what is needed is a plan that accomplishes a
> significant reduction in the deer herd, and, in order to accomplish
> this, the city will need to acknowledge that this will require a
> commitment for ongoing management, not a quick fix/short term "remedy".
> This undertaking also requires a collaborative effort, and why the
> resolution was written as proposed.

> I sincerely appreciate your kind thanks, feedback and support!

> Kind regards, Jane

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