



November 23, 2020

Dear Neighbors,

This letter is to inform you about the upcoming deer management activities that will take place in the City of Roseville. Locations include the city storm water pond off Western Avenue and Hillsvie East, Harriet Alexander Nature Center in Central Park, Owasso Hills Park, Reservoir Woods Park, Villa Park, and the Roseville Leaf Compost and Recycling Site (please see the enclosed site map for details).

The city will again be working with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to provide sharpshooters for this project. These sharpshooters are employees of the USDA and are specially trained to remove a predetermined number of deer in a relatively short period. They will utilize equipment and methods that are efficient and effective to prioritize the safety of residents.

The City of Roseville's deer population is currently estimated to be above the number needed for a healthy herd. Based on the amount of suitable habitat in Roseville it has been determined that a population of 15-19 deer can best be supported. This year, an attempt will be made to reduce the herd by up to 85.

The goals of the program are to maintain a healthy herd, reduce property damage, respond to resident concerns as appropriate/possible and coordinate efforts with the USDA and the DNR (Department of Natural Resources).

In early December, the USDA will begin baiting deer within the areas noted above. Control efforts will start once the appropriate number of deer begin using the bait stations. We expect these efforts to take place between December 1, 2020 and the end of March 2021 on either Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday evenings between dusk and dawn. Suppressed firearms will be used, but some residents may still hear muffled gunshots. All meat will be donated to citizens in need by the USDA.

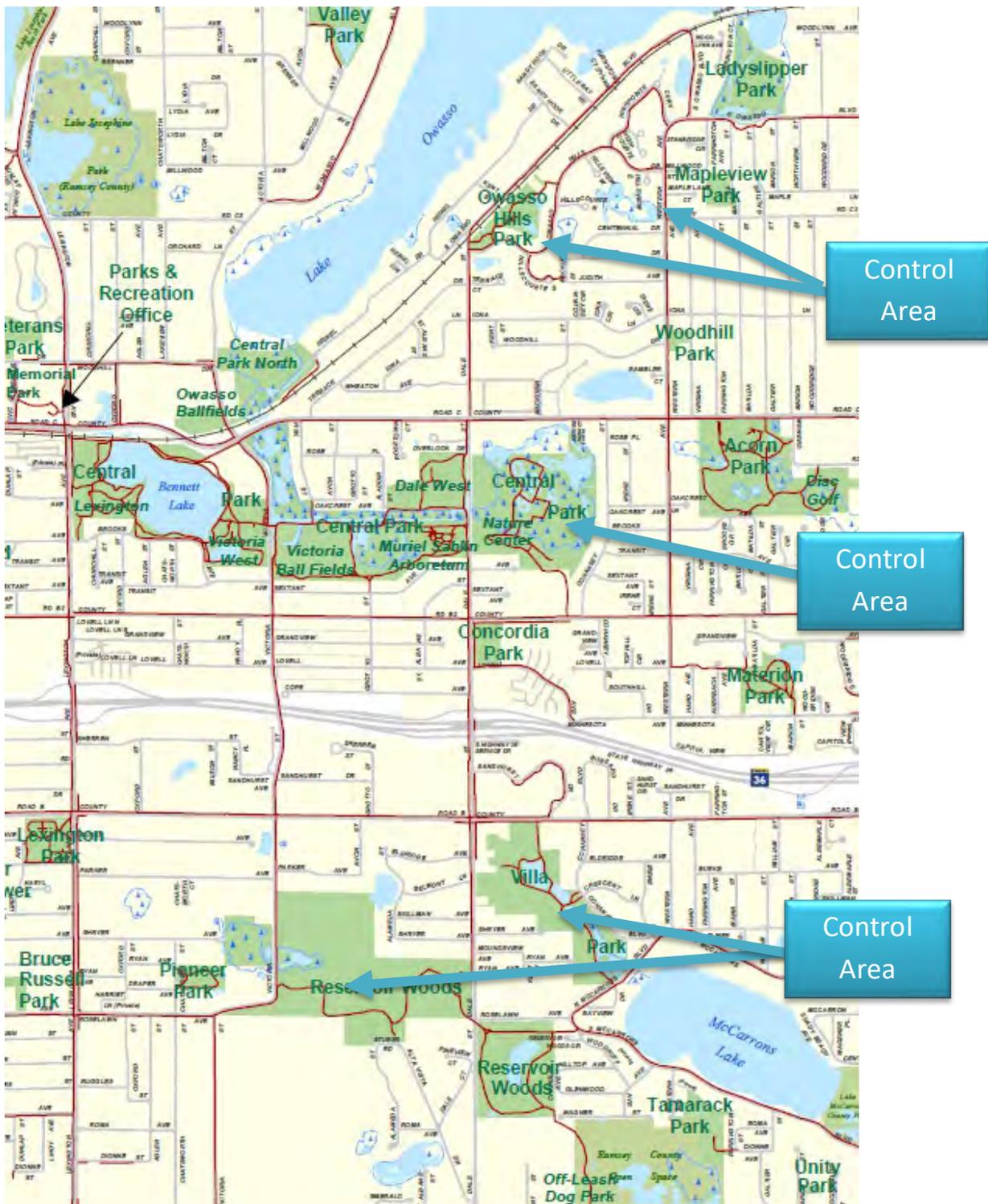
For more information on the City's Deer Management Plan, please give us a call or visit our website at cityofroseville.com/deermgmt.

Sincerely,

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2020/2021 Roseville Deer Reduction Locations



From: noreply@civicplus.com
To: [*RVParksCommission](#)
Subject: Online Form Submittal: Contact Parks and Recreation Commission
Date: Tuesday, December 8, 2020 7:00:00 PM

Caution: This email originated outside our organization; please use caution.

Contact Parks and Recreation Commission

Please complete this online form and submit.

Subject: Deer cull

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How would you prefer to be contacted?
Remember to fill in the corresponding contact information in the fields below.

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Please Share Your Comment, Question or Concern

Hi,
I am very opposed to the deer cull. There are humane methods of population control along with birth control methods. Deer are wonderful animals who have made the parks in Roseville their home. These parks should be safe havens for them and as a community we should be happy that these magnificent animals are in our midst.

I understand how it might be frustrating when deer eat plants and flowers in people's yards, but there are things people can do to deter them from doing this. Is it really necessary to KILL a sweet, innocent, and gentle animal simply because they are hungry??? Seeing deer in our yard has brought my husband and I so much joy. Please don't kill these innocent animals.

Aside from being cruel, lethal deer control methods don't work. I'm attaching two links that talk about non-lethal population control and birth control. The fabulous vets and vet techs from WRC could help with giving deer sterilization shots. These sterilization shots are effective for life. They are a win/win when it comes to humane population control.

<https://portal.ct.gov/CAES/Plant-Science-Day/2002/Non-lethal-Methods-of-Controlling-Deer-Population-Growth>

<https://www.humanesociety.org/resources/controlling-deer-populations->

Release: Parks and Recreation Operational Update

With the release of new Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) Guidance COVID mitigation guidance, the forthcoming expiration of portions of Executive Order 20-103 and a reduction in local and statewide case count, the following Parks and Recreation operational changes are anticipated in the coming days.

- Many recreational programs will resume beginning January 4. Other programs that require competition are anticipated to resume on January 14. In compliance with MDH guidance, masks will be required for all indoor activities unless specifically exempted. [Click here to view the status of each program](#). Registration for many Winter/Spring programs begins on Tuesday, January 4.
- The Roseville Skating Center Ice Arena will reopen for activities that comply with MDH COVID-19 Guidance for Youth and Adult Athletics beginning January 4. The walking track will be available beginning January 4 with additional COVID-19 mitigation measures in place.
- Facility rentals and social gatherings remain paused at this time.

In addition to the above options, many great independent activities are currently being offered.

- The OVAL is open for socially distant public skating ([special rules apply, must pre-purchase tickets](#)).
- [Neighborhood ice rinks](#) are open. Warming rooms are currently unavailable but outdoor seating and user operated lighting is available.
- More than [60 miles of trails](#) that are maintained year-round for walking, running or riding.
- Free, groomed Cross country ski trails at Acorn Park and Cedarholm Golf course.
- [Cross country ski and snowshoe rentals](#) are available by appointment.
- [32 different parks](#) throughout the city, all offering unique environments and play experiences.
- Virtual programming including “[virtual adult trips](#),” a [virtual holiday craft fair](#) and more.

The City of Roseville is continuing to monitor the COVID-19 situation and will continue to update programs and services as needed.

For Parks and Recreation facility or programming information, please contact Roseville Parks and Recreation (651) 792-7006 or recreation@cityofroseville.com.

