



October 22, 2018

Dear Neighbors,

This letter is to inform you about our upcoming deer management activities that will take place in the City of Roseville. Locations include Reservoir Woods Park, Owasso Hills Park, and Central Park at the Harriet Alexander Nature Center (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 shooters are employees of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and are specially trained to remove a predetermined number of deer in a relatively short time frame. USDA personnel will use equipment and methods that allow for efficient and effective removal of deer that prioritizes the safety of residents.

The City of Roseville, in conjunction with Ramsey County, has been completing aerial surveys of the city's deer population since 2004. In 2018, the deer count within the City of Roseville was approximately 43 deer. Based on the amount of ideal available habitat for deer in Roseville it was determined with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MNDNR) that Roseville can best support a population of 15-19 deer. Deer population concerns have been on the rise for several years. In addition to the health of the herd the city has received numerous property damage and safety complaints.

In mid-November, 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 early December 2018 and the end of February 2019 on either 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 of food by the USDA.

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

Sincerely,

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2018/2019 Roseville Deer Reduction Locations

