



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

