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[A tree that produces berries](#) May 24, 2014 Missouri, Southeast Missourian

... The red mulberry is a good choice for your back yard or wildlife food plot. Its low-hanging limbs will attract whitetail deer in spring when new bud growth begins... common in Southeast Missouri...

[Ballwin Approves Deer Hunting on Private Property](#) October 9, 2012 Missouri, Patch.com

Alderman Mark Harder said he brought the bill to the Board almost a year ago after Ballwin resident Linda Gephardt was struck directly by a deer in an Ellisville parking lot ... Ward 4 Alderman Kathy Kerlagon provided the sole nay vote. "I enjoy the deer ... I like watching them." Kerlagon added she had had several negative responses from residents opposed to the legislation...

[Ballwin OKs archers to thin deer population](#) October 16, 2012 Missouri, STLtoday.com
Report the deer harvest to Ballwin Police within two business days... Keep hunters at least 150 yards away from churches, schools or playgrounds and at least 30 yards from any house, garage or car... Kathy Kerlagon ... said she was opposed to the law, saying she enjoys watching the deer and had sent out a note to those in her Ward 4 and received emails from residents who voiced concerns...

[Ballwin to Model Deer-Control After Creve Coeur](#) March 15, 2012 Missouri, Patch.com

... Lawmakers in [Creve Coeur in October](#) approved a measure to bring in trained archery hunters to the city to reduce the deer population, and allowed restricted bow-hunting on private property.... might provide a suitable foundation for efforts in Ballwin revolving around the issue referred to as "deer management."

[Branson chief supporting deer hunts inside city](#) July 31, 2012 Missouri, KCTV Branson

police chief Kurt Crutcher says the city ought to allow bow hunting of deer inside city limits ... deer have caused at least 25 car accidents in Branson in the past year...

Branson, [City considers deer hunting ordinance](#) July 24, 2012 Missouri, Branson Tri-Lakes news

... Whatever decision is made will be on the shoulders of the city more than the conservation department, [Francis Skalicky, spokesman for the Missouri Department of Conservation]... "It's based on the tolerance level of the citizens," he said. "(Missouri Department of Conservation) is not going to come in and say 'you have a deer problem, we're going to take over.' It doesn't work like that." ... He said the primary reasons for concern are typically driving hazards and damage caused to gardens and yards

[Deer hunting approved in Branson city limits](#) October 24, 2012 Missouri, STLtoday.com

.... The Branson Board of Aldermen Deer voted Tuesday to approve bow hunting of deer inside the city ... on land of at least 2 acres, at least 150 yards from a structure or property line, and only from a tree stand...

Branson, [Deer Hunting could be starting within Branson city limits](#) August 28, 2012 Missouri, KSPR

... City leaders say the deer population in Branson has become so bad that they're now considering opening up city limits to deer hunters. That means they could be hunting down deer close to your home, but leaders are hoping it'll cut back on car-deer crashes... will hear the deer hunting ordinance proposal at their next meeting on September 11th.

Branson, [Initial vote affirmative on deer hunting ordinance](#) October 12, 2012 Missouri, Branson Tri-Lakes news

The Branson Board of Aldermen voted on first reading Tuesday to pass an ordinance allowing archery deer hunting within city limits ... Brad Jump, urban wildlife biologist for the Missouri Department of Conservation, said the over-population also leads to increased instance of disease in deer. [no research support for this relation in an urban area] ...

[Plan to Allow Deer Hunting in Branson City Limits](#) Gets Mixed Reaction September 6, 2012 Missouri, OzarksFirst.com

... a deer problem to the tune of 25 accidents each year. [\[deer and transportation safety\]](#)
... Cris Bohinc acknowledged the need to control Branson's deer population, but added that any regulations need to ensure the safety and privacy of the city's residents. "We're taking away their natural habitat so of course they're here," ...

[Bridgeton OKs bow hunting to control deer population](#) July 17, 2014 Missouri, St. Louis Post-Dispatch

... The City Council approved the measure in 5-3 vote Wednesday night. Residents have complained of deer accidents and property destruction ...

[Deer with arrow in its neck spotted in Cape Girardeau](#) December 2, 2021 Missouri, KFVS12

... They said it's not clear if the deer is connected with the ongoing managed hunt happening in city limits ...

[Cape City Council looking at allowing urban deer hunting](#) October 16, 2011 Missouri, Southeast Missourian, By Scott Moyers

... "Deer are cute. I like them," Graetz said.... "But the last three years have been just really, really bad. We can't even put any flowers out because we know they'll be gone."... Graetz has contacted her council representative, John Voss, and asked that something be done....Voss has

again broached the possibility of urban deer hunting in Cape Girardeau, and the council will hear a presentation from the Missouri Department of Conservation at its 5 p.m. study session Monday.

[Cape Girardeau managed deer hunt affected by weather, poor results](#) January 6, 2023
Missouri, Southeast Missourian

... The two-month, urban archery hunt that ended Dec. 23 resulted in just four deer harvested to last year's 13 ... The program must be approved by the Cape Girardeau City Council annually and is run in conjunction with the Missouri Department of Conservation...

[13 deer harvested in Cape Girardeau urban deer hunt](#) November 30, 2021 Missouri, KFVS12

... 13 deer have been killed in the past four weeks of the five week hunt of the urban deer hunt.

[Cape Council approves amended urban deer hunt for fall](#) February 8, 2022 Missouri, Southeast Missourian

... Hunting periods will stay seven days long, but a one-week period of no hunting will follow... Last year's hunt lasted from Nov. 1 to Dec. 5 and resulted in the harvest of four male deer and nine female deer...

[Cape Girardeau Managed Deer Hunt Comes To A Close](#) December 10, 2021 Missouri, KRCU

... a total of 13 deer harvested ... will determine whether or not to continue the program

[Cape Girardeau's first urban deer hunting season begins Monday](#) November 1, 2021 Missouri, KFVS12

... 47 hunters ... can only use bow and arrows ...

[City Of Cape Girardeau Designates Marked Areas For Managed Deer Hunting Season](#)
October 20, 2021 Missouri, KRCU

... The City of Cape decided on managed deer hunting designations to support healthy wildlife population control and prevent starvation, as well as reducing the spread of diseases...

[Cape Girardeau city council approves deer hunting ordinance](#) February 15, 2021

Missouri, Paducah-Cape Girard KFVS-TV

... The issue was put Cape Girardeau voters several years ago, but failed...

[Effort to overturn City of Cape Girardeau deer ordinance to launch](#) February 25, 2021

Missouri, Southeast Missourian

... Eight years ago, in April 2013, the last Cape Girardeau city deer hunt ordinance was repealed by a citizen plebiscite of 1,485-1,279, with 53.7% favoring overturning the hunt...

Cape Girardeau, [Deer control](#) June 24, 2012 Missouri, Southeast Missourian

The debate of how to control the deer population in Cape Girardeau dates back to 2008 when representatives of the Missouri Department of Conservation began talking to Cape Girardeau city officials about allowing bowhunting in the city limits ... The issue didn't gain much momentum at the time ... some property owners welcome the deer, putting out food plots to attract the animals... Without knowing what the deer population is, and without being able to compare it to what would be acceptable, there really isn't data to suggest or guide how restrictive the hunt should be.

[Cape Girardeau City Council narrowly affirms deer hunting in city](#) June 19, 2012

Missouri, Southeast Missourian

... first-round approval to the revised version of the deer hunting ordinance on a split vote ... Cape Friends of Wildlife ... planning a move to block the plan with hopes of putting the issue to a citywide vote perhaps as early as November ... Vivian Selby,

chastised the supporting council members with her contention that they had made the issue about sport hunting rather than effective deer management.

[Cape Girardeau City Council shoots down November deer election](#) August 7, 2012

Missouri, Southeast Missourian

... The council voted 4-1 on Monday night -- with two members absent -- to reject an emergency ordinance that would have asked voters whether to repeal the newly adopted program on the Nov. 6 ballot. ... Keep Cape Safe has been working since the council passed the ordinance July 16 to gather the 2,446 signatures needed in a petition that, if successful, would prompt the city's first-ever referendum to overturn a law...

Cape Girardeau City, [Council to hear urban deer count](#) March 3, 2013 Missouri, Southeast Missourian

... Faculty and graduate students from Southeast Missouri State University analyzed data collected during the count, which took place through several conservation department outings this winter. A citywide ballot issue on urban deer hunting will come before voters April 2...

Cape Girardeau] [City council to revisit possibility of urban deer hunting in Cape](#) September 6, 2011, Missouri,

Southeast Missourian

... council member John Voss asked that the city revisit the idea of creating a highly restricted program that would allow bow-and-arrow hunting for does during the regular deer season....Voss has presented a similar idea in the past but it didn't gain traction, ..."It will be controversial," [Mayor] Rediger said. "There will be people for and against this. I know some people love seeing the little deer....

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[Cape Girardeau council adopts final no-feed deer ordinance](#) May 8, 2012 Missouri, Southeast Missourian, By Scott Moyers

... City Council gave final approval to an ordinance Monday night that bans feeding whitetail deer within the city limits, but one member called it but a "first step" ... The law does not apply on agriculturally zoned land ... One resident, Dave Juden, spoke out against the ban ... "A lot of people enjoy the deer." ... Mayor Harry Rediger told Juden that police will be investigating based on complaints ...

[Cape Girardeau council to consider deer-feed ban](#) Monday April 13, 2012 Missouri, Southeast Missourian

... City Council will consider an ordinance Monday night that would make feeding deer within the city's boundaries a citable offense ... also intends to discuss adding more deer crossing signs in moves that could be precursors to other deer management measures, such as a hotly debated regulated deer hunt or trapping and euthanizing the animals.

[Cape Girardeau Councilman Trent Summers' absence affects Monday's deer vote](#) July 2, 2012 Missouri, Southeast Missourian

... will likely push back the scheduled final vote on the divisive proposal to allow urban deer hunting in the city limits until July 16... without Summers' support, the plan would fail with the likely 3-3 vote... Loretta Schneider ... pointed out that a group of resident opponents, Cape Friends of Wildlife, are waiting a final decision before they begin gathering signatures to put the issue to a citywide vote ... "They want to get their petitions out as soon as possible," Schneider said. "By delaying the vote, we're shortening the time they would have to get it on the ballot."

[Cape Girardeau deer committee holds first meeting](#) December 7, 2011 Missouri, Southeast Missourian, Scott Moyers

... The meeting also shed light on where each member stands at the outset of what looks to be a nearly yearlong process that could culminate with allowing bow hunting within the city limits... Bard Womack, an insurance agent, told the group he has been an avid bow hunter for more than two decades ... Beverly Weakley ... said she didn't like the thought of deer being killed in town.

Cape Girardeau [Deer committee makes recommendation](#) March 6, 2012 Missouri. KFVS The committee decided in favor of an urban deer hunt in Cape Girardeau 4-1. Dru Reeves, a deer committee member says they will recommend the urban deer hunt only allow bow hunters... never had any idea that we have this much of an opposition, and actually having a whole group of people that were for urban deer hunting also,"

[Cape Girardeau Deer committee to decide on recommendation at Tuesday meeting](#) March 5, 2012 Missouri, Southeast Missourian

... it seems all but certain that the committee will recommend that city leaders implement urban deer hunting ... Three of the committee's five members -- Dru Reeves, Bard Womack and Judy Graetz -- are staunch supporters. Member Jim Whitnel has said he opposes urban deer hunting, and member Mel

Dockins has not made his opinion publicly known... However, most of the opinions collected by the city online and through letters expressed opposition to the proposal ...

[Cape Girardeau deer hunting opponents turn in petition signatures](#) August 24, 2012

Missouri, Southeast Missourian

Opponents of urban deer hunting within Cape Girardeau city limits delivered more than 4,000 petition signatures to the city clerk's office ... Members of Keep Cape Safe, a branch of the Cape Friends of Wildlife anti-urban deer hunting group, collected the signatures ... the petition will effectively suspend an ordinance allowing urban deer hunting within city limits that was approved by the city council last month...

[Cape Girardeau deer hunting ordinance repealed](#) April 3, 2013 Missouri, Southeast

Missourian

... Cape Girardeau voters on Tuesday repealed an ordinance that would have allowed bow hunting for deer within the city limits, bringing to a close what could be the last chapter in a long-debated controversy.... The vote marked the first time in the city's history an ordinance was repealed by referendum...

[Urban deer issue lingers in aftermath of vote](#) April 6, 2013 Missouri, Southeast

Missourian

..Cape Girardeau residents have overturned an ordinance that would have allowed urban deer bowhunting. ... Councilwoman Loretta Schneider ... "Trapping and euthanizing the deer is an alternative measure .. " ... councilman Mark Lanzotti ... remained firm that he would not support euthanization, trapping or any other alternative that required spending tax dollars. He also will not support any effort to revive interest in creating an urban deer hunting program in Cape Girardeau...

[Cape Girardeau First vote on Cape deer hunting ordinance set for today](#) June 18, 2012

Missouri, Southeast Missourian

A revised version of the deer hunting ordinance is scheduled for a first reading and vote today by the Cape Girardeau City Council. At last count, the ordinance will likely pass in at least a 4-3 vote....If the ordinance passes the first reading and vote, a second and third reading will likely occur July 2, which could finalize the matter. However, a petition filed within 40 days certified to have the required number of signatures would stop the ordinance from taking effect until a public vote.

[Cape Girardeau group wanting referendum on deer hunting ordinance says it has 4258 signatures](#) August 17, 2012 Missouri, Southeast Missourian

... Members of a Cape Girardeau group opposed to an ordinance that would allow deer hunting inside the city limits are confident they've gathered more than enough signatures to place the issue before voters ... The petition, once certified, will suspend the ordinance passed by the city council in July ... Applause broke out during a meeting of Keep Cape Safe ...

[Cape Girardeau mayor moves to undecided column on deer issue Tuesday](#), June 5, 2012, Southeast Missourian

... a proposal that would allow urban deer hunting in the city limits ... Mayor Harry Redigerv... Once a firm supporter ... worried that administering the archery hunt program could take too much time from city staff. He also wasn't comfortable with the sample ordinance's allowance of hunters on private property as small as one acre....

[Cape Girardeau to further study best way to manage deer](#) March 20, 2012 Missouri, Southeast Missourian

A no-feed ordinance, more signs in heavy crossing areas and making certain exceptions to fencing restrictions.... But letting residents use bow and arrows to hunt deer on private property? There seemed to be little agreement on that ... The council as a whole also agreed that a count of the deer needs to be done this fall ... two residents spoke out in favor of urban deer hunting and seven spoke out against.

Cape Girardeau, [Concern about deer-hunting ballot wording](#) March 18, 2013 Missouri, Southeast Missourian

... Cape Girardeau will make a final decision on the long-debated urban deer-hunting ordinance in an April 2 election ... Councilwoman Loretta Schneider, who opposed the ordinance in a July vote, said she has asked the Missouri Department of Conservation for other feasible alternatives to control the deer population because she expects voters will choose to repeal the ordinance. Her only concern is that voters may not know to vote "yes" if they are against urban deer hunting...

Cape Girardeau, [Council approves deer hunting for Cape](#) July 17, 2012 Missouri, Southeast Missourian

... The council again voted 4-3 Monday to approve the ordinance, which is set to take effect this fall, along the same lines as its vote earlier this month during its initial approval. Council members John Voss, Mark Lanzotti, Meg Davis Proffer and Trent Summers voted in favor, and Mayor Harry Rediger, Loretta Schneider and Kathy Swan voted against.... At least one resident suggested the deer hunting supporters at the council level must be seeing some financial benefit for implementing deer hunting...

Cape Girardeau, [Deer count results presented to Cape City Council](#) March 5, 2013

Missouri, Southeast Missourian

... A survey of Cape Girardeau's whitetail deer population presented to the city council Monday night found an average density of 37 deer per square mile ...Matt Bowyer, a conservation department wildlife biologist ... told the council the department keeps three numbers in mind when looking at survey results: a 20-deer-per-square-mile "optimal" density, a 40-deer-per-square-mile social carrying capacity and a 60-deer-per-square-mile biological carrying capacity ... Thirty-seven deer per square mile is an indication, according to Bowyer, that the local deer population is healthy ...

Cape Girardeau, [Deer hunting opponents gather signatures at Cape Girardeau polls](#)

August 8, 2012 Missouri, Southeast Missourian

... Keep Cape Safe volunteers are working to gather 2446 signatures needed to put the urban deer hunting question to voters.... The group is inching closer to the 2,446 petition signatures needed to get the measure on the ballot, which would suspend the ordinance until the election...

[Deer hunting will be decided in April special election](#) October 2, 2012 Missouri,

Southeast Missourian

After nearly a year of often heated public discourse, it will take a special election that marks the city's first-ever referendum to decide the matter of whether a bowhunting deer program will be implemented within the city limits...

Cape Girardeau, [Several options for a Cape urban deer hunt](#) October 17, 2020

Missouri, Southeast Missourian

... By a 53.7% to 46.3% tally, voters exercised the referendum option seven years ago to strike down a particular City Council ordinance passed by a 4-3 vote in July 2012. The April 2013 plebiscite, the first-ever voter invalidation of a city ordinance, rolled back the council's 2012 decision to permit a controlled archery deer hunt within city limits..

Cape Girardeau, [Despite councilman's offer, anti-deer hunting group to proceed with referendum](#) August 2, 2012, Southeast Missourian

.. Opponents of a new urban deer hunting ordinance won't abandon efforts to get the city's first-ever referendum before voters, despite an offer from a city leader -- and the program's top supporter -- to let the Cape Girardeau City Council do it for them... Stigers and other members of Keep Cape Safe ... wondered why Voss was approaching them now after months of sometimes heated debate ...

Cape Girardeau, [Enough signatures gathered to put Cape urban deer hunts on ballot](#) August 10, 2012 Missouri, Southeast Missourian

A group that hopes to overturn a recently passed Cape Girardeau ordinance establishing an urban deer hunting program already has 3000 notarized petition signatures ... More information on the group is available at www.keepcapesafe.com ...

[Group opposed to urban deer hunt concerned about 'gray areas'](#) September 28, 2012 Missouri, Southeast Missourian

... Keep Cape Safe ... believes not allowing time between the first and second readings of the repeal ordinance may affect the outcome of Monday's vote. Five votes instead of the traditional four would be needed for repeal because the decision will be made in a single meeting... The group agreed Thursday that seeking legal advice could be the

next step if the council votes not to repeal the ordinance because there are many questions about the need for a special election ...

[Cape Girardeau, Missouri communities dealing with urban deer problem](#) March 23, 2012, NECN

Twenty-three cities in Missouri currently allow residents to participate in managed bow hunts to curtail growing deer populations that were blamed for an increase in deer-vehicle collisions and lawn destruction ... in the 1990s, Town and Country ... trapping deer and move them to southern Missouri. Officials became concerned about the spread of disease and the survival rate wasn't very high [about 70 percent survived transit], so the department now prohibits moving deer.

Cape Girardeau, [Missouri Department of Conservation Deer Survey Begins in Cape Girardeau](#) December 19, 2012 City of Cape Girardeau

... a team of about 15 personnel from the MDC, the City's Police Department, and the University began the process of counting deer last week. Surveys are conducted simultaneously on 2-14 mile, randomly-determined routes. While driving at slow, consistent speeds, two observers shine spotlights out of both sides of a truck ... "It will take a series of surveys across a few months to generate a quality density estimate for the city's deer population..." Matt Bowyer, an MDC Wildlife Management Biologist.

Cape Girardeau, [Municipal election](#) March 29, 2013 Missouri, Southeast Missourian

... Shall the City of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, repeal Ordinance Number 4340, entitled "An Ordinance amending Chapter 17 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, and adopting a new Section 17-104 relating to Urban Deer Hunting" ...If you are in favor of repealing Urban Deer Hunting in Cape Girardeau, fill in

the oval opposite "YES". If you are opposed to repealing Urban Deer Hunting in Cape Girardeau, fill in the oval opposite "NO"...

Cape Girardeau, [Municipal election](#) March 29, 2013 Missouri, Southeast Missourian
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Cape Girardeau, [Opponents hope referendum signatures come in time to suspend ordinance](#) July 27, 2012 Missouri, Southeast Missourian
... Cape Friends of Wildlife says its members intend to flock to the polls Aug. 7 in an effort to gather most of the 2,466 signatures required to initiate the city's first-ever referendum to repeal the deer hunting ordinance that was narrowly approved by city leaders earlier this month. Keep Cape Safe was formed specifically to deal with the referendum ... " this truly has become a safety issue. We're hearing from so many people in the community ... [Cape Friends of Wildlife leader Stephen Stigers]

Cape Girardeau, [Survey collects data on deer in Cape Girardeau](#) January 13, 2013 Missouri, Southeast Missourian
... the team spends several hours shining spotlights into the yards of homes and along the edges of parking lots. The rest of the team rides in the bed of the pickup... The conservation department's survey is the first of its kind in the city, and follows more than

a year of debate between supporters and opponents of urban deer hunting as a means to manage the deer population... [YouTube Video](#): The survey, which was requested by the Cape Girardeau City Council, is being conducted by the Missouri Department of Conservation and the Cape Girardeau Police Department. The Biology Department at Southeast Missouri State University will assist by helping analyze data collected by conservation - Missouri, January 13, 2013

Cape Girardeau, [Voters will head to polls Tuesday](#) March 31, 2013 Missouri, Southeast Missourian

... Voters in Cape Girardeau will decide whether to repeal an ordinance that would allow bow hunting for deer within city limits ... Supporters of an urban hunting program say too many deer cause damage to property and pose a hazard to drivers, while opponents maintain bow hunting is not safe in urban areas and there are alternatives to reducing the herd. ... If in favor of repealing the ordinance, which means urban hunting would not be allowed, a voter would check the "yes" box ...

Cape Girardeau: [Cape Friends of Wildlife meeting focuses on ways to get city council's attention](#) February 17, 2012 Missouri, Southeast Missourian, By Patrick T. Sullivan

... urged people Thursday night to contact city government officials about the issue.... the city reported that it had 115 deer-related incidents in 2011. Jenny Stigers took a closer look at the data and found that several of the incidents were duplicates because more officers had been called to the scene. In all, Stigers said 41 deer-related incidents ... "The numbers have been misrepresented," Stigers said.

Cape Girardeau: [Deer committee hears ideas from Department of Conservation](#) Missouri, January 10, 2012 KFVS, Christy Millweard

...[DEC] suggested bow-hunting, ... trapping and euthanizing is an option. But, the representative said it takes awhile ... fencing, repellents, scare tactics, and deer "resistant" plants. The department representative said these tactics can work, but are not usually a long term solution [[non-lethal alternatives](#), fencing not long term?] ... Bard Womack says ... "I don't want to see deer eliminated from the City of Cape Girardeau, is my number one goal, my mom is always watching them too much,"

Cape Girardeau: [Deer hunting in Cape limits not a foregone conclusion](#) March 15, 2012, Missouri, Southeast Missourian

[Mayor] Rediger told the group that vehemently opposes allowing hunters to shoot deer in town using bow and arrows that the council has yet to make a decision... the citizen committee that was appointed in late November is expected to tell the council that urban deer hunting is the most cost-effective and efficient method to reduce the number of deer in the city ... "It's about right and wrong ... It's about coexisting with nature. ...

Cape Girardeau: [Group to fight deer hunting in Cape Girardeau city limits](#) January 29, 2012 Missouri, Southeast Missourian

... a group that calls itself Cape Friends of Wildlife ... "We want to educate people that there are other ways to deal with problems with deer and other wildlife short of killing them," said Stephen Stigers, a local physician and group organizer. ... pointed out that reliable estimates about exactly how many deer reside in the city limits aren't available, a fact recently confirmed by the Missouri Department of Conservation.

Cape Girardeau: [Hunt or trapping? Cape council to give direction on deer management](#) May 20, 2012, Missouri, Southeast Missourian, By Scott Moyers

... City Council is being asked to make its choice on how best to thin the herd -- allowing urban deer hunting within the city limits or creating a program that calls for trapping and euthanizing ... Five of the seven members say they support an archery program that, as proposed by Councilman John Voss ...

Cape Girardeau: [Many Missouri communities are dealing with urban deer](#) March 19, 2012 Southeast Missourian

... Twenty-three cities in Missouri currently allow residents to participate in managed bow hunts ... in the 1990s, Town and Country ... was to do a research study involving trapping deer and move them to southern Missouri. Officials became concerned about the spread of disease and the survival rate wasn't very high, so the department now prohibits moving deer.... Town and Country did do something Cape Girardeau has yet to do -- get an official deer count before it did anything ... [see list below of Missouri Cities that conduct urban deer culls]

Deer hunting programs



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|-------------------|--|
| 1 Creve Couer | 13 Booneville |
| 2 Hazelwood | 14 Osage Beach |
| 3 Marilyn Heights | 15 Village of Four Seasons |
| 4 Chesterfield | 16 Lake Ozark (anticipating this year) |
| 5 Clarkson Valley | 17 Kansas City, Mo. |
| 6 Wildwood | 18 Independence |
| 7 Manchester | 19 Lee's Summit |
| 8 Rolla | 20 Parkville |
| 9 Springfield | 21 Blue Springs |
| 10 Columbia | 22 Kirksville |
| 11 Fulton | 23 Moberly |
| 12 Jefferson City | |

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[Cape Girardeau: Meyer names committee to study Cape Girardeau urban deer hunting](#) November 29, 2011 Missouri, Southeast Missourian

... The committee is being tasked with taking a look at urban deer hunting ... Residents have complained about deer destroying landscapes and the number of motor-vehicle accidents involving deer ... Some members of the committee tend to favor the idea, while others have concerns... Kathy Swan said she has "mixed feelings" ... safety concerns and... doesn't want the city spending a lot of money to implement the program.

Cape Girardeau: [Opponents of urban deer hunting in Cape not allowed to speak at meeting](#) February 8, 2012 Missouri, Southeast Missourian, By Melissa Miller

Jarett Seiler, a veterinarian, resigned from the deer management committee, citing concerns about how continuing in the role could hurt his business... the Cape Friends of Wildlife group ... has been organizing opposition to the urban hunting proposal... Committee member Jim Whitnel said without an official population estimate, he isn't convinced the city has a problem with deer.

Cape Girardeau: [Urban deer hunting opponents to speak to committee at forum](#) February 26, 2012 Missouri, Southeast Missourian

The Deer Management Committee's public forum will allow people three minutes to express their opinion on potential urban deer hunting in Cape Girardeau. The forum will mark the first time opposition to urban deer hunting can communicate directly to members of the seven-person committee... "I think we'll have a good showing," said Stephen Stigers, who heads up Cape Friends of Wildlife, a group that opposes urban deer hunting.

Cape Girardeau: [Urban hunting opponents, supporters have their say at public forum](#)

February 29, 2012 Missouri, Southeast Missourian

... Deer causing property damage was a major concern among the speakers. Some wanted to remedy the damage with urban bow hunting, while others suggested nonfatal solutions, like store-bought deer repellent and an ordinance against feeding the deer... department biologist Erin Shank said ... communities do not need a deer count to actively control herds ...

[Cape to appoint committee to look more closely at urban deer hunting](#)October 18, 2011 Missouri,

Southeast Missourian, By Scott Moyers

... Cape Girardeau ... damage to lawns, gardens and shrubs. ...Options include nonlethal measures such as using repellent, adding fences and implementing a no-feeding ordinance, which Cape Girardeau currently does not have, he said....The other option, he said, is controlled archery hunting.... "I am very strongly opposed to urban deer hunting," Cape Girardeau physician Stephen Stigers said. "Deer have become domesticated. They wander across our property. They've become precious to us and precious to my 6-year-old little daughter. ...

[CapeGirardeau Deer Survey Results](#)[PDF] March 11, 2013 Missouri, Missouri

Department of Conservation

... Deer density estimated 36.97 deer per square mile, just under the social carrying capacity of 40 deer per square mile so the Department of Conservation recommends: Continue to monitor deer populations in the city. Continue to Cooperate with MDC and network with other communities. Strive to keep residentsinformed on deer

related issues.

The best estimate was for 36.97 deer per square mile, with a 95 percent reliability based on the survey statistics the true density is between 25.86 and 52.85 deer per square mile.

[Chillicothe: Council: Decision on city deer bow hunt delayed](#) September 26, 2011 Missouri,

Chillicothe Gazette

...[Parks and Recreation Chairman Tom] Trutschel said one of the biggest complaints from residents in his ward is yard damage ... "I don't want to have to wait, because there's a bunch of hunters that are waiting for it,"...Council members Dustin Proehl, D-At Large, Joe Sharp, D-At Large, and Pat Patrick, R-6th Ward, all cited safety concerns in their reasons for voting against the ordinance.,,,Patrick said she was concerned about an incident at Adena Mansion & Gardens in which a hunter was shooting from his wheelchair rather than a tree stand ...

[Chesterfield police hitting the streets to patrol for ... deer?](#) January 12, 2018

Missouri, fox2now.com

... A survey of deer in Chesterfield is being done during the evening and early morning hours... the first step in managing your herd is finding out how many you have and where they are living, because you might have problems in one side of town but not the other ...

[Clarkson Valley, Chesterfield say bowhunting has thinned deer population](#) June 28. 2011

Missouri

STLtoday.com

... Clarkson Valley and Chesterfield have adopted ordinances in recent years allowing bowhunting in residential areas during deer archery season...In 2007, Wentzville rejected a proposal to allow bowhunting. Critics said to leave the deer alone since they helped attract people to the city's countrylike setting...It's a sentiment shared by some residents of Town and Country who say the deer are integral to the city's identity. Their city leaders, though, wanted to reduce a growing number of deer-car accidents and damage to landscaping...In 2004, when Clarkson Valley conducted its last helicopter survey, it counted nearly 87 deer per square mile - about four times the number of deer that the Department of Conservation recommends...

[Creve Coeur Council Gets Deer Management Recommendation](#) May 10, 2011 Missouri Urban Management Patch.com

By Gregg Palermo -

Concern over deer without fear. Should the city of Creve Coeur put policy on the books regarding deer management? For the past two months, city leaders have been meeting with state conservation experts, ...Council members have heard reports of deer which have lost their fear of humans, and have caused thousands of dollars in garden property damage. But on Monday night, the council received reports from the city Police and Safety Committee urging the council not to get involved in what could be cost-prohibitive measures or sticky private property matters.

[Creve Coeur Council Gets Deer Management Recommendation](#) May 10, 2011 Missouri Urban Management Patch.com

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Columbia, [Urban deer hunting program enters 14th year in Columbia](#) August 16, 2017 Missouri, Columbia Missourian
... Since 2005, bow hunters have reported killing a total of 236 deer on city land, according to data from the parks department. The city could not provide the number of deer killed in 2004, the first year of the program...

Des Peres, [Firm Hired To Reduce Deer Population](#) March 6, 2020 Missouri, Webster-Kirkwood Times
... resolution allows the board to hire White Buffalo Company to conduct the hunt for up to 50 deer at a cost of \$50,000... would bring the number of deer down to the optimum number of 15 to 20 deer per square mile. The last count by White Buffalo showed 51 deer per square mile ...

[Des Peres City Grapples Over Growing Deer Population](#) August 16, 2019 Missouri, timesnewspapers.com
... Mayor Mark Becker asked Schaefer to look into the PZP vaccine for sterilization. "Let's see what the conservation department thinks about sterilization," he said. "We want this issue to be transparent and we want to make sure we have the answers." ...

[Des Peres's plans for deer hunting at park using sharpshooter rifles, concern residents](#) January 17, 2023 Missouri, Fox2Now St. Louis
... "I don't care how good they are, a stray bullet from a high-powered rifle can go a couple miles to houses and danger," Greenman said. "Dougherty Ferry Road, which is right next to the park, is a major east-west commuter drive. Who knows, it might hit a car." ...

[Duelling donors decide fate of deer in Town and Country](#) October 29, 2010 St. Louis

Post-Dispatch Missouri The cash strapped city has turned to residents for private donations to control their **deer** population. Now two competing camps are raising funds -- those ...

One group funded a management plan to sterilize the animals, while the other gave money for sharpshooters to execute them.

Under the city's latest plan to control the population, the deer lovers needed \$33,800 to sterilize about 25 deer, while those who want them gone needed \$20,000 to kill 60 of them. White Buffalo, a Connecticut-based wildlife management company, set those minimums to perform both the sterilizations and the sharpshooting.

White Buffalo can sterilize five to seven deer a day for \$4,000 and shoot 10 to 15 a day at a cost of \$2,000

Elisville, [Deer Hunting Season Begins In Ballwin & Ellisville Sunday](#) September 11, 2013 Missouri, Patch.com

... Ellisville has joined Ballwin in legalizing bow hunting of deer ... The two cities' ordinances are similar in many ways, although Ballwin hunters need only have 1 acre to hunt, while Ellisville requires 3 acres ...

[Ellisville and Ballwin eye joint measure for deer hunting](#) August 21, 2012 Missouri, STLtoday.com

... we're looking at a regional approach instead of each city, like Wildwood and Chesterfield, doing its own thing," [Mayor] Pogue said. The issue came up before Ellisville council members because a resident, John Ruprecht, wants to allow hunting on his seven-acre property on Covert Lane, Council member Linda Reel said. ... Ruprecht told the council he has a "huge overpopulation of deer," knows an experienced archer, and would like a hunt as early as fall...

[Ellisville city puts moratorium on deer hunting after child finds arrow](#) October 21, 2014 Missouri, fox2now.com

... A moratorium is now in effect for hunting deer in Ellisville... The call for the practice to stop came after a child found an arrow on his property. The Mayor

backed the moratorium, saying allowing residents to hunt the deer really wasn't curbing the over-population problem...

[Ellisville discusses deer management](#) August 25, 2011 Missouri, NewsMagazineNetwork.com

Ellisville has become the latest West County municipality to discuss the deer population issue.... At a work session before the Aug. 17 Ellisville City Council meeting, Councilmember Linda Reel (Dist. 2) reported she had surveyed her constituents about what to do about deer management. She described the situation as "a rock and a hard place," saying half wanted to "do something."...controlled hunting, sharpshooting and the trap-and-kill method among the options the city is considering....

[Ellisville Might OK Deer Hunters at Klamberg](#) January 23, 2012 Missouri, Patch.com

... Councilmember Roze Acup expressed concerns that managed hunts may cause the deer to flee and "expand out" into more populated areas... allowing state-controlled hunts is not the sole solution to reducing Ellisville's deer population from its current state of roughly 65 deer per square mile to a targeted density of 20 to 30 deer per square mile.

[Ellisville passes law to legalize deer hunting in city limits](#) April 16, 2013 Missouri, Newsmagazinenetwork

... residents will be allowed to hunt deer on their property with a composite or standard longbow ... staying at least 150 feet from a church or playground while hunting, always facing away from a dwelling, only hunting from an elevated position and remaining sober while hunting...

[Ellisville to hand deer control over to police](#) August 21, 2015 Missouri, St. Louis Post-Dispatch

... Aldermen approved on Wednesday night allowing city police officers to use rifles to reduce the deer population... The city has 52 deer per square mile ...

Ellisville, [Unusual Deer Population Management in a Missouri City](#) September 15, 2015 Protect the Harvest

... two police officers and one city employee plan to curb the number of deer themselves using bait and rifles as opposed to another proposed option that would've allowed resident urban bowhunting... 50-60 deer per square mile and they would like to decrease that total to 30 per square mile...

[Eureka Aldermen Consider Deer Hunting at Six Flags](#) August 6, 2013 Missouri, CBS Local

... Six Flags Director of Marketing Ron McKenzie says deer creep into the park at times... " ... a lot of our employees are lifelong Missourians who have enjoyed that their entire life and that's why we're allowing them to do that,"

Fenton, [Talk Turns To Speeding Motorists, Deer Population In Fenton](#) August 9, 2019 Missouri, Webster-Kirkwood Times

... After it was noted at a July 25 board meeting that most other cities involved in deer killing are first prompted by current research that verifies deer overpopulation, Fenton staff were instructed to seek options regarding how to conduct an impartial survey of local deer numbers independent of Belleville's estimated numbers...

[Hannibal, City of Hannibal to allow group to curb deer population at Hannibal Regional Airport](#) April 1, 2014 Missouri, Quincy Herald Whig

... The city received a grant and selected Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, affiliated with the USDA, to cut down on the population... "We looked into allowing certain people, bow hunters, it all just seemed too unwieldy to manage,"..

[Deer park overcrowding a concern in Harbor Springs](#) December 2, 201, Missouri, Petoskey News-Review

The park has been kept as a natural deer park -- with the deer population divided almost evenly between males and females. But, because the deer park enclosure is only a space

of slightly less than an acre, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources ... the larger problem of exactly how to thin the beloved herd is still an issue for the city.

[Forsyth now allows 'urban' deer hunting](#) December 24, 2017 Missouri, News-Press
Now

... The city's alderman unanimously passed an ordinance Monday that allows hunters to harvest white-tailed deer during bow-hunting season in Missouri... Hunting may not be done within 30 yards of a building or vehicle, or within 150 yards of a church, school or park...

[Hunters Check 594 Deer in Missouri Urban Hunt](#) October 18, 2014 Kansas City
infoZine

... This year's harvest was below average for the urban portion, which became part of the firearms deer season in 2003. Over the past 11 years, the urban portion harvest averaged 961 deer. However, the harvest has been between 500 and 700 deer in four of the past six years...

[Deer Dying on Kansas City Cemetery Fence](#) February 23, 2012 Missouri, By Cher C.

Missouri residents report that deer are being impaled on a wrought-iron fence at Floral Hills Funeral Home and Cemetery in Kansas City. Others apparently get their feet caught in the fence's bars and thrash until they hurt themselves and die of their injuries.... Send polite comments to: Mike Hunter, Cemetery Superintendent, Floral Hills Funeral Home and Cemetery
816-353-8393, newco@pars.net

Kansas City: [Big-city hunting program helps reduce overpopulation of deer](#) January 7, 2012
Missouri, Kansas City Star

Bow hunters hunt in a program designed to reduce deer and the problems they cause on urban highways [\[alternatives for transportation safety\]](#) ... the City Council in 2003 passed

an ordinance allowing bow hunting in the city under the program... In 2010, 480 deer were taken in the program — 326 does, 104 bucks and 50 button bucks.

Kirkwood, [Counting Deer Can Be A Challenge](#) December 14, 2012 Missouri, Webster Kirkwood Times

... initiatives are underway to gain a more accurate idea of how many of the animals are wandering suburban streets.... Erin Shank, an urban wildlife biologist at Powder Valley, said ... "We'd like to see it below 40 per square mile.... We know that's a big attraction for folks who come here," Shank said. "They like to see the deer and there are lots of opportunities for that here at Powder Valley ..."

Ladue, [Deer survey, latest community to tackle growing deer population](#) January 24, 2018 Missouri, fox2now.com

... the City of Ladue began conducting deer surveys. Police officers in marked vehicles will be out in the late evening and overnight hours, tracking deer and noting information such as gender, approximate age, and location...

Ladue, [Hunters kill 49 deer during first year in Ladue](#) January 19, 2017 Missouri, STLtoday.com

... 49 deer — 34 does and 15 bucks — were harvested during the Ladue's first year of allowing deer hunting...

[Ladue approves bow hunting for deer](#) May 17, 2016 Missouri, STLtoday.com

... A January count of deer in the city showed in the range of about 43 per square mile ... "We don't have a goal of deer per square mile — we just need to maintain healthy herd numbers," ...

[Ladue council supports money for deer census](#) October 20, 2015 Missouri, STLtoday.com

... City Council on Monday recommended that up to \$8,000 be included in Ladue's 2016 proposed budget to determine the city's population of deer... A woman ... has seen the number of the animals coming to her yard to eat plantings increase in recent years, and called the issue "a huge problem." ...

[Ladue moves toward allowing bow hunting to cull deer herd](#) February 17, 2016 Missouri, STLtoday.com

... he and a biologist with contractor White Buffalo Inc. [who will be paid to do the killing] had conducted deer counts ... "In the count south of Clayton Road, we are estimating 43 deer per square mile," Pohlmann said. "North of Clayton Road, we didn't see any deer, so the estimate is less than 10 per square mile." ...

Lake Springfield: [Managed archery deer hunt begins at Lake Springfield, Fellows Lake](#) December 1, 2011 Missouri news-leader.com

Archery deer hunters began an effort to reduce deer populations ... The hunt was authorized in 2009 by the Springfield City Council...

Manchester: [Deer Management Considered in Manchester](#) May 9, 2012 Missouri Town and Country-Manchester Patch

Erin Shank, urban wildlife specialist with the [Missouri Department of Conservation \(MDC\)](#), spoke to the Manchester Board of Aldermen ...

Ecological Carrying Capacity: Approximately 20 deer per square mile is a detriment to habitat. [see latest [U.S. Forest Service](#) research showing 20 deer per square miles allows for regeneration]. Social Carrying Capacity: About 40 deer per square mile is when residents become intolerant of the animals. Biological Carrying Capacity: A look at how many deer an area can hold until they eat themselves out of house and home. Shank said they do not have a number for that...

[Mid-Missouri's urban deer hunting zone will shrink](#) June 15, 2011 Missouri Columbia Missourian BY Katy Mooney

Residents of central and northern Boone County may be seeing more deer this fall, according to authorities at the Missouri Department of Conservation. The northern boundary of the Columbia/Jefferson City urban zone for deer ...This news comes after residents of the area — the rural portion of Boone County just south of Missouri 124 — [voiced concerns of low deer numbers there.](#)

[Missouri reports smaller urban deer hunting harvest](#) October 13, 2011 STL.com

... The season was started in 2003 to help control deer populations around St. Louis, Kansas City, Springfield and the Columbia and Jefferson City areas. Hunters only can kill antlerless deer....The Conservation Department says 570 deer were checked from Oct. 7 through Monday - slightly fewer than last year and roughly half the longer-term average....Conservation officials attribute the lower numbers to warm weather and less deer activity.

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The Missouri Department of Conservation attributes the decrease to unseasonably warm weather.

Year	Harvest	High temp. (degrees F.)
2003	129	50
2004	2,077	70.5
2005	1,838	62.6
2006	1,348	76
2007	554	85.1
2008	678	77.5
2009	1,242	52.7
2010	587	83.7

Hansen said he also has observed a correlation between temperature and deer harvest on opening weekend of the November firearms deer season. He attributes the phenomenon partly to deer behavior and partly to hunter behavior.

[Moberly's deer management program continues](#) January 10, 2012 Missouri, Moberly Monitor Index

The Missouri Department of Conservation supports both the Moberly and Boonville deer management programs, and the department was involved in the decision-making process on this issue, the MPD release said. Moberly's deer management program will involve eliminating female deer to control the population of the herd within the city limits to reduce the property damage and the deer-related traffic collisions....[\[non-lethal alternatives\]](#)

[Deer management program begins \(urban sharpshooters\)](#) December 3, 2010 Missouri

. . . and continue through the end of January 2011, will involve the selective management of the deer population within the city limits by use of certified sharpshooters...The program, which was initiated in Moberly during 2008, was based on a similar program that has been successfully used in Boonville, MO for the past six years. The Boonville and Moberly programs are both supported by the Missouri Department of Conservation, which was involved in the decision making process on this issue.

Powder Valley: [State Deer Hunts OK In Powder Valley](#) January 20, 2012, Missouri, Webster Kirkwood Times

The DOC conducted a controlled archery hunt this month to manage the deer population. However, the hunt excluded the portion of the 112-acre property that lies in Kirkwood in deference to the city's ordinance forbidding the discharge of any firearm "or projectile weapon" within its boundaries... Mayor Art McDonnell said he had understood the hunt would proceed as scheduled until a citizen informed him otherwise.

[Public input sought for urban deer management](#) July 19, 2014 Missouri, Lake Expo

... The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) invites the public to an informational meeting on urban deer management at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 14, at the Runge Conservation Nature Center... For questions ... call MDC Wildlife Regional Supervisor John George at 573-815-7901, ext. 3390 or John.George@mdc.mo.gov.

[Rolla City Council considers more deer hunting inside city limits](#) March 9, 2016

Missouri, The Rolla Daily News

... for some of the councilmen had questions and misgivings about expanding hunting within the city limits... Mayor Lou Magdits IV said that bow hunting will certainly lead to many instances in which a deer is mortally injured but able to flee the property on which it is hunted. ...

[Signs Go Up Promoting No Kill Deer Management in West County](#) August 18, 2011

Missouri, CBS By mckeena

Alderman Fred Meyland-Smith tells KMOX he has seen the signs, but adds Town and Country continues to have a deer over-population problem that is managed by the police department. the police department has submitted a report to the Town and Country Board of Alderman recommending a deer management program be implemented this year.

Six Flags, [Aldermen Approve Permit For Deer Bow Hunting Near Six Flags](#) July 16, 2013 Missouri, Patch.com

... A guest requested permission to bow hunt deer on Six Flags property, away from the theme park, at the Eureka Board of Aldermen meeting Tuesday night... the applicant said. "Now Six Flags has opened that up because they're having a deer problem with them coming into the park." ...

Smithville Lake, [Managed deer hunt scheduled at Smithville Lake](#) November 7, 2016 Missouri, The Smith Herald

... This is the 27th anniversary of the annual Managed Deer Hunt consisting of 65 blinds accessible by truck in and around designated park areas and Waterfowl Refuge ...

[Springfield council authorizes deer hunting ...](#) November 10, 2014 Missouri, The Springfield News-Leader

... City Council voted 5-2 Monday evening to authorize bowhunting of deer within city limits under certain conditions. Three amendments proposed by Councilwoman Cindy Rushefsky — [who expressed concerns about whether the bill had adequate restrictions to ensure the public's safety](#) — failed to gain the number of votes necessary...

[Demand an End to "Future Annual Deer Hunts" at the Nature Center](#) (Springfield, MO) December 18, 2016 Missouri, ThePetitionSite.com

... The Nature Center had a controlled deer hunt in November 2016, and based on media reports, intend on having one annually. The Nature Center is one of the few places deer have left to live naturally and free of hunting, now this last resort is being taken away from them. ...

Springfield, [New restrictions for Springfield deer hunters](#) November 11, 2014 Missouri, Coonnect Mid Missouri

... The city council voted Monday night on a proposal that would allow hunters to hunt on private property at least two acres in size with consent ...

Springfield, [Deer in Springfield seen with arrow in back](#) August 4, 2014 Missouri, KY3 ·\

... Susan says she's keeping an eye out for Buttons the injured deer. "He's still eating, as long as it comes up I'll keep feeding it and when I don't see it I'll know something happened to it," ... an officer did come out to the area Sunday to look for the deer, but couldn't find it...

[Springfield, Missouri: Urban deer hunt planned](#) July 8, 2011 KY3

With urban deer numbers growing local hunters are applying to be among the select few to take part in a managed hunt.... The city of Springfield approved the urban hunt because of population numbers. Conservation wants 25-deer per square mile. Lake Springfield has 90 to 100 deer per square mile and Fellows Lake has 50-deer per square mile. The actual hunts will be in the fall for Fellows Lake and December for Lake Springfield. The hunters will use bows only and will be required to hunt from a tree stand so the projection will be downward ...

Springfield, [Rushefsky, Hosmer express concerns over deer hunting proposal](#)

November 8, 2014 The Springfield News-Leader

... Springfield City Council can vote Monday on a bill that would allow bowhunting of deer ... Councilman Craig Hosmer said he wants to ensure there is "some built-in safety for a margin of error" in the bill ...

Springfield, [Urban Deer Hunting Possible in Springfield City Limits](#) June 16, 2014

Missouri, Ozarks First.

.... the Missouri Department of Conservation will hold several open houses to discuss the idea of urban deer hunting. All events begin at 3 pm – 8 pm. June 16 – Rolla Junior High, Rolla, MO. June 17- Missouri State University Christopher Bond Learning Center, Springfield, MO. June 19 - Warsaw Community Building Gym, Warsaw, MO. June 26 - West Plains Civic Center Exhibit Hall, West Plains, MO ...

[Springfield: Urban Hunt Planned for Encroaching Deer](#) July 12, 2011 Missouri, OzarksFirst.com

"Right now the estimates of Fellows Lake is that there are 50 deer per square miles," says Francis Skalicky, spokesman for the Department of Conservation. "Lake Springfield is 90-100 per square miles. The preferred number of deer is 25 per square mile [not explained why this is preferred] so as we could see both our numbers are above that." To drop those numbers, the Missouri Department of Conservation is scheduling more urban deer hunts in the Ozarks.

[St. Louis County Council approves bill allowing controlled deer hunts in parks](#)

January 6, 2020 Missouri, KMOV

... allow archery hunts in the parks to help reduce the deer overpopulation... their biggest concern is public safety. They had 57 accidents involving deer in 2019 ...

[Group sues to stop deer hunting in St. Louis area parks this weekend](#) November 5, 2020 Missouri, KMOV

... An animal rights group and two area residents are suing to try to force an end to deer hunting in several St. Louis County public parks. Archery hunting of deer is scheduled to begin Saturday ...

[Sunset Hills committee to discuss deer population](#) February 13, 2013 Missouri, STLtoday.com

A sampling is taken when a crew drives on the city's streets at night, counting the male and female deer and fawns. Sunset Hills then will use White Buffalo's computer programming to determine deer per square mile ... The Deer Control Committee was formed at the Nov. 20 aldermanic meeting... [The town is using the same contractor to count the deer as they would use to shoot the deer - conflict of interest]

[Sunset Hills Considers Bowhunting For Deer Population Control](#) July 17, 2013

Missouri, KMOX.com

... Lou Salamone, of the group Suburban Bowhunters, agrees with the recommendation. "Town and Country tried silly stuff like sterilizing the deer and relocating deer. That don't work," ...

[Sunset Hills hires firm for deer survey](#) December 19, 2012 Missouri, St. Louis

Post-Dispatch ·

White Buffalo Inc., a firm that specializes in population control of white-tailed deer in urban areas, will conduct a study to determine if Sunset Hills has a deer problem. The aldermanic board approved Dec. 11 a \$2,500 contract for the study. ... For suburban areas, 20 to 30 deer per square mile is a desired number, according to the conservation department.

[Sunset Hills residents agree deer a problem; disagree on approach](#) September 4, 2013 Missouri, Call Newspapers

... Two studies conducted when deer were at their peak population in Sunset Hills last December found 72 deer per square mile in the area of the city ... Residents conducting the study drove through another part of town and did not find enough deer for their study... An audience member cited a study from the Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife that found that bow hunters wound more deer than they kill: Their rate of killing deer when they try is only about 50 percent ...

Sunset Hills, [Baebler Wants Amendments To Deer Archery Ordinance](#) October 24, 2013 Missouri, South County Times

... the language of the ordinance, which passed on a 5-2 vote in September, is vague and could allow a subdivision homeowners' association by majority vote to allow hunting on common grounds...

Sunset Hills, [Bow Hunts Could Continue In Fall](#) May 22, 2014 Missouri, South County Times

... With a handful of Sunset Hills residents in attendance — all opposed to the city's bow hunt ordinance — the Deer Control Committee last week expressed mild

satisfaction with the results of the city's first hunt and voted to recommend another ... Bill Craig, said the "distance sampling" method White Buffalo used to determine the deer population is flawed and should be replaced by the "pellet group" method ...

Sunset Hills, [Deer Dilemma Continues In Sunset Hills](#) July 3, 2014 Missouri, South County Times

... "We do not in any way have the intention of eliminating deer from the landscape..." Erin Shank, MDC urban wildlife biologist ... According to Shank, the deer-vehicle collisions are the conservation department's main concern... After five surveys conducted after the hunting season, the deer density stands at 69 deer per square mile... According to Shank, 40 per square mile is an ecologically realistic goal...

[Powder Valley Deer Bow Hunt A Near Bust](#) November 15, 2018 Missouri, Times Newspapers

... the annual Sunset Hills urban bow hunt, begun in 2013, was based on "general, national statistics" that indicate deer increase in numbers in suburban areas if they are not killed. Ankney has regularly confronted the city, insisting that an official deer head count be performed. No survey has been taken since 2014, Ankney said...

Sunset Hills, [Deer population growing problem in south Sunset Hills](#) April 23, 2013 Missouri, STLtoday.com

... The Sunset Hills Deer Control Committee ... drove around the city at night, counting the males, females and fawns... 75 deer per square mile in the area south of I-270. The survey found only two deer per square mile north of I-270...

With 20 deer per square mile, it is ecologically viable for them to survive. They can eat without disturbing the land or eating vegetation favored by other animals. When the number is 40, the deer are on the limits of living off the land, according to the Missouri Department of Conservation...

Sunset Hills, [Residents raise concerns about deer problem](#) November 27, 2012

Missouri, STLtoday.com

... Resident Don Stoppelmann stepped up to talk about the deer in his neighborhood... Stoppelmann has three redbud and two dogwood trees. The male deer rub their antlers on the bark, damaging the trees.... Mayor Bill Nolan suggested the city form a committee to look into the matter. He asked if Stoppelmann .. would serve on it ... Sunset Hills also would need to amend its ordinances about shooting guns or using bows, City Attorney Robert Jones said.

[Sunset Hills, Stop Deer Hunt Now To Stop The Over-Kill](#) December 26, 2013

Missouri, southcountytimes.com, Sandra Jo Ankney

... In 2012, a few vocal residents complained to the city, demanding it kill the deer wandering in their subdivisions and eating their plants.... because of extreme seasonal heat and drought, the deer had become seasonally "vulnerable," in "survival mode," ... On each of the two-night surveys, only 66 and 83 total deer were counted in four square miles. MDC then turned 66 and 83 into a "fantasy 288" total deer population supposedly "hiding" in the four square miles...

[Town and Country goes from management to maintenance as deer population shrinks](#) November 27, 2018 Missouri, St. Louis Post-Dispatch

... This year, White Buffalo, the city's contracted agent, killed 361 deer on a \$230,000 contract [\$637 per deer]. The number allowed to be killed next year is 150...

[Town and Country wants deer control plan for Queeny Park](#) June 26, 2018

Missouri, St. Louis Post-Dispatch

... It partially stemmed from a report from White Buffalo, the hired sharpshooting agent, that many deer are coming from Queeny Park...

[Town and Country continue ongoing battle against deer population](#) June 20, 2017

Missouri, KMOV.com

... For the last decade, the city has spent upwards of \$600,000 taxpayer money to help control the deer population with the sharp shooter method... With the deer population bouncing back, the task force is back at the drawing board for a fix, including revisiting sterilization...

[Town & Country Vigil Will Protest City's Deer Cull](#) January 9, 2017 Missouri,

Riverfront Times

... A former Town & Country councilman ... who has a Ph.D in mathematics, argued during his time on the council that, while sterilization was more costly on the front end, it would actually save money over time. It can cost \$1,200 to sterilize a deer, and just \$300 to hire a professional to kill one, he acknowledges. "But if you sterilize a deer, that's fourteen or fifteen offspring you don't have to kill ...

[Town and Country to again pay firm to kill deer](#) December 13, 2016 Missouri,

STLtoday.com

... the killing of up to 225 deer by the White Buffalo firm of Connecticut. The city has employed the firm for seven consecutive seasons of winter deer control. It will pay \$74,000, and incur other costs of about \$30,000...

[Town & Country again plans to contract for sharpshooting of deer](#) December 3,

2013 Missouri, Newsmagazinenetwork

... Former Alderman Al Gerber questioned the success of the culling effort... “We’re seeing the deer population go down, but the number of crashes has remained about constant,” ... “In 2010, we said we’d use deer-vehicle crashes as a barometer of the success of the deer management program,” ...

[Town & Country authorizes sharpshooting despite resident complaints](#) November

16, 2012 Missouri, Newsmagazinenetwork

... While the Board agreed strongly with the measures to cull the deer herd to the recommended goal of less than 30 deer per square mile – a recommended culling of 125 deer – some in the community disagreed with the methods to do so.

Barbara Hughes, a former Town & Country alderman, is against the sharpshooting initiative.

“Biologists told the Board of Aldermen that when you kill deer you get into a cycle of killing (i.e. bow hunting, sharpshooting) that needs to be done annually,” ...

[Town & Country considers entering into another year of sharpshooting](#) November 5,

2012 Missouri, Newsmagazinenetwork

The ordinance would allocate \$57,250 for deer management services including: sharpshooting ... the municipality authorized a study conducted from January to September to examine deer and vehicle accidents ... Capt. Gary Hoelzer, of Town & Country Police, acknowledged that the 2012 numbers are looking a little bit better... Barbara Ann Hughes, a resident and former member of the Board, voiced

her concerns about going forward with the deer management program. She said she favored the non-lethal method of deer sterilization...

[Town & Country Renews Contract to Lower Deer Count](#) December 10, 2013

Missouri, Cbslocal.com

... The City of Town & Country has voted to continue its contract with White Buffalo Inc. to kill up to 100 deer in 2014... last year the city approved \$58,000 for the company to kill 125 deer but will be spending less this year, \$40,000 ...

[Town & Country residents oppose simply shooting deer](#) September 13, 2011 Missouri,

STLtoday.com

.... The current deer population is about 660, or 66 per square mile....The short-term goal is to reduce that number to about ... 30 per square mile...."Thirty (per square mile) is overkill," [Alderman] Gerber said. "If you sterilize a doe early in her first year, you spend \$1,100 per deer and then no money after that. Over a long period, sterilization costs less, because no more fawns are produced that then have to be killed." ... "After that, only 15 would have to be sterilized each year.... Town & Country would be completely out of the killing business."

[Town and Country Alderman Hear Report On Deer Management](#) June 27, 2011 Missouri Urban

KPLR 11

...He cited that studies from around the country support that the most effective way to reach a goal of 30 deer per square mile, was to employ sharp shooters; but also stated that this is only one of many methods that could be used to control the deer population in Town and Country. Currently Town and Country has a population estimated at 66 deer per square mile. Captain Hoelzer, states that urban wildlife experts say the city has too many deer and that a population should be closer to 30 deer per square mile for the area. [The physical carrying capacity of a suburban environment can be 100+ deer per mile].

[Town and Country Aldermen Consider Solutions to Deer Dilemma](#) September 13, 2011 Missouri, KMOX.com

No decision yet ... The police department recommends a sharp-shooting exclusive agenda ... "Of course it's cheaper to kill than it is to sterilize immediately," Alderman Al Gerber declared at the work session. "Long term, I believe it's cheaper to sterilize." He proposes half-and-half: half sterilization, half sharp-shooting.... "If you sterilize a deer, then you don't have to deal with the effects of that deer for the next few years," he said. "If you don't sterilize a doe, then it keeps having fawns year after year that you have to take care of. That you have to kill." A survey of residents found a wide majority chose sterilization as their preference.

[Town and Country Aldermen Sworn In Monday Night](#) April 24, 2012 Missouri, Patch.com

All three candidates sworn in Monday night primarily support sharpshooting as a method of deer management in the city, which many voters said was a key issue that brought them out to the polls in the April 3 election.

[Town and Country Deer Management Report Revealed](#) July 6, 2011 Missouri Silobreaker

For six months, Town and Country Police Captain Gary Hoelzer has worked on the report...Hoelzer said that according to wildlife conservationists, the ideal number of deer is 10 to 20 per square mile [this number vary widely]...there is an estimated 60 to 66 deer per square mile in Town and Country....there are 350 to 500 deer-vehicle collisions annually in St. Louis County....Hoelzer said sterilization would work well as a complementary method, but alone it would not reach the desired goals.,,, "It makes no sense to try to even consider a drug like GonaCon at this point," Hoelzer said. Resident Mariette Palmer, who attended the meeting, told Town and Country and Manchester Patch she too was not pleased with the outcome of the report. Palmer, who has been an outspoken advocate for non-lethal deer control methods, said the majority of the people in Town and Country support non-lethal methods...

Town and Country Deer Management: [Candidates React After Election Results Come In & Show Incumbents Are Out](#) April 4, 2012 Missouri, Patch.com

... Deer management seemed to be a hot button issue among voters, with all three winning candidates of contested seats being in favor of using lethal methods of control... "In my opinion, the deer management philosophy I advocated was the deciding factor," Lenz said. He said at a recent candidate forum that he felt using sharpshooters was a less expensive as well as more effective means of controlling the deer...

[Town and Country Explores Bowhunting for Deer Management](#) June 2, 2011 Missouri Urban Patch.com

On May 23, resident Traci Cardenas addressed the Town and Country Board of Aldermen with three pictures of deer with arrows piercing through their bodies. She is opposed to the possibility of these images becoming a reality for Town and Country, ...I have many friends who bowhunt, and they have all said to me, "You just don't do this in a city," resident Barbara Ann Hughes told the aldermen.

[Town and Country Residents Receive Anti-Kill Postcard](#) October 9, 2011 Missouri Patch.com

As the Town and Country Board of Aldermen prepares to vote on a city deer management plan, residents mail and receive postcards against the use of lethal methods of deer control.... The cards state they were sent out by the [Committee for Safe and Responsible Deer Management](#)Alderman Al Gerber, who chairs the city's Conservation Commission, has also proposed a revised version of a deer management program that includes sterilization ...

[Town and Country to again use sharpshooting to control deer population](#) November 25, 2015 Missouri, St. Louis Post-Dispatch

... The White Buffalo firm based in Connecticut will get a \$65,000 contract to kill up to 175 deer [\$371 per deer] ... On Monday, only former Alderman Al Gerber protested, saying the current program has failed to reduce the frequency of deer-vehicle accidents...

[Town And Country Vigil Protests Deer Kill](#) December 28, 2011 Missouri, FOX2now.com

... More than \$130,000 has been used to hire sharpshooters to kill the deer. The citizens group says that is too much money. They say almost 70% of residents only want to use non-lethal methods to control the animal population... Opponents of the city's decision say officials refuse to find a middle ground.

[Town and Country votes to stick with sharpshooters to control deer](#) November 13, 2012, STLtoday.com

The city will pay White Buffalo, a Connecticut-based wildlife management firm, up to \$57,000 with a goal "to euthanize up to 125 unmarked deer," under the ordinance which was approved 8-0... Resident Barbara Ann Hughes was the only public speaker. "The board is being addicted to annual killing which is not effective, and a waste of money," ...

Town and Country, [\\$57K to Fund Winter Deer Management in Town and Country](#) October 23, 2012 Missouri, Patch.com

The city's plan was to reduce the population of deer from 660 to 300, or 30 per ... Captain Gary Hoelzer, who researched and helped develop the city's deer ... Last winter 288 deer were shot... Former alderman Barbara Hughes also once again spoke out against the sharpshooting. She referred to the city's deer versus car data that shows 50 collisions last year and 48 this year and said she doesn't see sharpshooting as making Town and Country safer for drivers.

[Town and Country, Creve Coeur OK regulations for deer control](#) October 11, 2011 Missouri, STLtoday.com

... [Town and Country] Alderman Al Gerber, who had proposed a sterilization-only bill, offered a series of amendments to the sharpshooting plan, including adding sterilization to it. The amendment proposals by Gerber, the lone vote against the plan approved Monday, were turned down by the board...[Creve Coeur] City Council voted 5-2 to establish a policy that allows bow hunting...only with the approval of the property owner.

Town and Country, [Critics oppose sharpshooters to kill local deer](#) January 13, 2015 Missouri, KSDK

... City leaders of Town and Country agreed to spend about \$46,500 on sharpshooters to kill 100 deer this year... Former aldermen Barbara Hughes and Al Gerber believe it would be more cost effective to sterilize the deer. [non-lethal deer control] ...

[Oh Deer! A Candlelight Vigil Against Sharp-Shooting](#) January 9, 2015 Missouri, CBS St. Louis

... friends of deer in Town and Country took to the streets for a candlelight vigil last night. Holding candles in the wind, they mourned the 600 deer [they say have been killed by the city's sharp-shooting program](#)...

Town and Country, [Deer Sharpshooting Finished in Town and Country For The Winter](#) January 23, 2013 Missouri, Patch.com

..., the City of Town and Country approved allocating \$57,250 for this winter's deer management which included sharpshooting by White Buffalo of up to 125 deer ... The summary was released by the city in an email.... 115 deer culled between December 14 and December 29th ... [remaining deer density] an estimate of 33 deer mi/2.

Town and Country: [Protesters Rally Against Local Deer Sharpshooting](#) December 29, 2011 Missouri, Patch.com

... The protest was organized by the [Committee for Safe and Responsible Deer Management](#), which consists of Town and Country residents who are in favor of sterilization of the deer or the combination of sterilization and sharpshooting.... Anyone with questions about the deer management program should call Captain Gary Hoelzer at 314 587-2850.

[Signs Appear in Town and Country Against Killing Deer](#) August 30, 2011 Missouri, Patch.com

A volunteer for the group “Safe and Responsible Deer Management” says they want the city to know there are a lot of residents in favor of non-lethal deer-control methods.... “We are trying to make the community aware that non-lethal methods of deer management proves to be cost-efficient, effective and safe,” Cardenas said. “Town and Country promotes itself as a wildlife corridor. They should manage that wildlife with the will of the people.”...The signs point to the websitewww.saferesponsibledeermanagement.org. On it, residents can submit their contact information to receive more information about non-lethal methods of deer management

[Town and Country: Deer reduction plan approved in Town and Country](#) June 28, 2010 Missouri STLtoday.com

... the sterilization option comes with a hefty price tag — \$750 to \$1,000 per deer. Town and Country has essentially decided to split the difference, contracting with a company to both shoot some deer and capture and sterilize others, which will be tagged and released. About \$75,000 was budgeted for sterilization late last year, with another \$50,000 to put sharpshooters in tree stands to take aim at some of the animals.

Town and Country: [Deer-Shooting Opponents Persistent in Town and Country](#) January 10, 2012 Missouri, KMOX.com

The plan to sharp-shoot 300 of the animals, half of the city's population, is well underway, but a vocal group of opponents continues to speak out at Board of Aldermen meetings.... One alderman who opposes the shooting, Al Gerber, said that as he was driving to a kill site to observe operations, his path was blocked by alderman Fred Meyland-Smith's vehicle.

Town and Country: [In Town & Country, it's always deer season](#) January 19, 2012 Missouri, STLtoday.com

A few days after Christmas, sharpshooters hired by the city of Town & Country began the methodical killing of deer, citing the need to thin the animal's population to reduce the number of collisions and eaten hostas ... Days after the shooting began, a candlelight vigil was held to show solidarity and to protest the city's actions ... The committed opposition — who, according to a 2008 poll, account for 67 percent of Town & Country residents ...

Town and Country: [Some Town And Country Residents Oppose Deer Culling](#) December 28, 2011 Missouri, FOX2now.com

...About fifty demonstrators ... voicing their displeasure about the city-sanctioned shooting of deer Since 2009, there has been a two-pronged approach to controlling the population, shooting about 100 per year, and sterilizing others to prevent population growth. This year, they're only using sharpshooters.... these folks who are doing the sharpshooting ... have removed over 10-12 thousand deer from urban communities ...

[Urban deer hunt above 10-year average](#) October 11, 2012 Missouri, Wayne County Journal Banner

Hunters checked 1,108 deer during Missouri's four-day urban firearms deer hunt ... All or parts of 12 counties are included in urban deer zones around Kansas City, St. Louis, Springfield and the Columbia-Jefferson City area ... in the 10 years the

urban season has been offered, hunters have checked an average of 997 deer per year. The smallest urban deer harvest, 129, occurred the first year...

[Urban-dwelling deer](#) December 19, 2013 Missouri, Rapid City Journal

... This season, just 600 deer were killed state-wide in Missouri's urban areas, according to the Missouri Department of Conservation. The department reported that about 187,000 deer overall have been harvested so far in the season. Point being, the urban hunt plays a relatively small part in Missouri's deer season...

[Wildhood Council chokes on wildlife feeding ban](#) October 30 2012 Missouri, STLtoday.com

The City Council voted 8 to 6 to defeat legislation which would have banned the feeding of deer, Canada geese ... Former Council member Jean Vedvig advocated educating residents on wildlife management rather than "jumping on punitive measures." "Also, a number of businesses in the city, like West County Feed, Dierbergs and Schnucks, sell animal feed," she said.

[Wildwood's planned no-feeding law hard to swallow](#) October 16, 2012 Missouri STLtoday.com

The City Council is set to vote Monday, Oct. 22, on final approval for legislation which would ban the feeding of deer, Canada geese, duck ... Fran Gagnani, who lives on Scofield Valley Lane, questioned why the city needed the law. "When people move to this area, they should know there'll be deer, wild turkey and geese... This law won't stop deer from crossing roads. I don't see this as a public safety issue. I think you'll be pitting one neighbor against another, and any

ordinance that relies on neighbors telling on each other for enforcement isn't reasonable." ...

[Wildwood, Ballwin tighten wildlife laws to control deer](#) October 3, 2012 Missouri, STLtoday.com

... Wildwood's City Council could vote as early as this month on legislation that would ban feeding of deer, geese and other wildlife.... Alderman Richard Boerner ... believes the city's deer problem won't be solved if there's no hunting allowed in Castlewood and surrounding areas. Linda Bruer, director of parks and recreation, said state officials with the Department of Natural Resources have told Ballwin they have no interest in doing this kind of hunt at Castlewood...

[No-Feeding Wildlife Ordinance Not Passed in Wildwood](#) October 25, 2012 Missouri, Patch.com

... Residents who addressed Wildwood City Council members at Monday's meeting all spoke against a proposed ordinance that would prohibit feeding wildlife within city limits, yielding a \$1,000 fine and potential 90-days jail time... the motion failed with only six of the 14 council members present in support of it... One resident said ... city officials would have to cut down people's trees ... for compliance of such a law. "You are not taking the fun out of living here. My daughter will continue to provide apples to wildlife. I will replace my front yard trees with apple trees if I have to,"

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[Wildwood, Town and Country Deer Evaluated as Wildwood Considered No Feeding Ordinance](#) October 26, 2012

... Ryan Thomas, Wildwood director of public works/city engineer ... research indicated the following: Town & Country has had their ordinance in place since February of 2009. There have been no enforcement actions taken. Ballwin has had their ordinance in place since August of 2005... did not believe a summons has ever been written. Chesterfield has had their ordinance in place since 2005, and their court clerk advises there has been no enforcement actions associated with violations. Clarkson Valley has had their ordinance in place since 2006; there have been no enforcement actions taken

