Pennsylvania Suburban Deer Management Archive

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15 deer bagged in bow hunt at Abington's Lorimar Park November 3, 2015

Pennsylvania, theintell.com

... The annual hunt, which began in 2002, averages 16 dead deer. Forty-one hunters

last November killed 18 deer ...

324 deer removed from Philly parks over the winter April 11, 2018 Pennsylvania, Metro US
... 324 deer were removed between December and April ... The regular winter cull, instituted in 1999 and now in its 20th year, is conducted by the US Department of Agriculture's Wildlife Services ...

A case for not killing the Valley Forge**deer** December 3,2010 PennsylvaniaPhiladelphia Inquirer In Los Angeles and Orange Counties in **California**, residents have learned to live with coyotes, even in densely populated suburbs. **...**

Officials counted 1,023 deer in the park in early 2009, when they resolved to shoot them. In October, a federal judge deferred to a plan to annihilate most of the herd. As officials have acknowledged, though, the deer population has stabilized, having peaked near 1,400
in 2003.

The National Park Service plans to allow the shooting for four years. Then it vows to impose an expensive regimen of pharmaceutical birth control on the surviving 165 or so deer

Abbington: Committee Approves Karebrook Hunts May 3, 2012 Pennsylvania, Patch.com
... The Abington Board of Commissioners approved deer hunts in Karebrook in 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2011.... Last year, there were 72 deer-related crashes in the township... 25 happened on Valley Road. Eight crashes happened on Meetinghouse Road, and there were seven crashes on Church Road ... dating back to 1990. The highest number of crashes happened in 1994 (84). There were no human fatalities ...

After 20 years, once-controversial deer cull is now routine May 18, 2018 Pennsylvania, Chestnut Hill Local Philadelphia PA
... In 1999, The Fairmount Park Commission decided to tackle the problem of a booming deer population by hiring a sharpshooter... since the cull was first implemented, sharpshooters have removed 3,793 deer from city parks, or approximately 190 deer a year. .... A total of 324 deer were killed in this year's Fairmount Park Deer Management Program ...

Altoona changes regulations to make deer hunting easier within city limitsSeptember 17, 2014 Pennsylvania, Leader-Telegram

... Altoona used to require that residents have at least a 1-acre parcel to hunt on and have permission from their neighbors. But when the Altoona City Council approved its new regulations in August, it decided permission from neighbors and a minimum lot size are no longer hunting requirements...

Archers will get chance to hunt deer on Pittsburgh International Airport propertyAugust 31, 2013 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Tribune-Review
... Airport officials plan to give out 157 permits to archery hunters and open 2,362 acres of airport land... “It's far away from the airport proper. It's separated by fencing and the interstate ... It's archery, not guns ... we found a half-dozen smaller airports, primarily in the Midwest, where this seems to be a regular practice,”

Archery deer hunt allowed on some of Pittsburgh International Airport Land September 15, 2013 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Post Gazette

... a limited archery-only hunt on 2,362 acres of county land leased by the airport... "It was an interest in doing something for the community, to allow them to partake in a hunt," said Kurt Sopp, Airport Authority training and security director. "The reason for opening hunting wasn't a need to reduce the deer herd."... Wildlife Conservation Officer Gary Fujak [said] "The airport has won a PR campaign here with throwing a bone to hunters, ...But the truth is they've been mismanaging the deer population for years." ...

Baiting sought to control deer June 1, 2013 Pennsylvania, Tribune-Review
... Brian Hoover of Delaware County in particular — president of a group of hunters calling themselves the “Deer Management Professionals of Southeastern Pennsylvania Inc.” who work with urban communities to hunt deer — wants baiting legalized in the special-regulations areas in and around Philadelphia... " ... You might be shooting from someone's porch,” he said... Commissioner Ron Weaner of Adams County agreed ...

Bedminster moves to allow deer fencing August 15, 2011 Pennsylvania, Montgomery Newspapers, By Bob Keeler

After reading a letter from a resident outlining damage bydeer to plants on the resident's property over a period of years, the Bedminster Township Board of Supervisors said Aug. 11 a new ordinance will be prepared that will give ...property owners the right to install fencing to keep deer out...Deer fencing will be allowed in the portions zoned for agriculture, which is the majority of Bedminster, he said. The new rules

will be designed to allow higher fences for deer fencing, but not to allow other types of high fencing under the guise of being deer fencing...

Berks, Some say special hunt in Berks aimed at controlling deer population is dangerous September 29, 2023 Pennsylvania, WFMZ-TV

... The Berks County Antietam Lake Park Deer Management Program is well into its third year... A petition's been started to stop the hunt over concerns that someone could get hurt or killed..,

Berks County Deer December 4, 2011 Pennsylvania, Republican & Herald

... Residential developments in Wildlife Management Unit 5C - some as close as Berks County - have grown by leaps and bounds over the last 10 years on what was once open land that was a safe haven for deer. Now, those displaced deer have found their way back to their former home territory and are doing very well, thank you, adapting to backyard wood lots and supplementing their diet on tens-of-thousands of dollars worth of landscaping plants, fruit trees and gardens ...

Bethel Park deer problem being addressed August 10, 2015 Pennsylvania, The Almanac

... The total number of deer harvested for the 19-year period is 1,147. The average number of deer harvested per year is 60. The number of deer harvested per year is limited by the locations available for the hunters...

Bethel Park, Does Bethel Park have a deer plan? August 17, 2015 Pennsylvania, The Almanac

... Don Harrison reported the number of deer harvested by archers in Bethel Park for the last 19 years. This is only a numbers report. ... There are no goals, quota, or guesstimates for the size of the herd...

Bethleham, Town tackles deer nuisanceApril 2, 2015 Pennsylvania, Spotlight News

... Residents were not only worried about Lyme disease [most current researchshows deer density is related to Lyme] , but the number of traffic accidents that have been caused in town by deer [road management can be more cost effective than a cull].

Others have been concerned that the larger numbers of deer are disturbing their gardens....

Bowman's Hill racing to keep the deer out November 14, 2011 Pennsylvania, phillyBurbs.com

Bowman's Hill Wildlife Preserve Executive Director Miles Arnott points out the extensive damage done to the deer fence during the recent flooding there... More than two months after hurricane winds and torrential rains toppled a 10-foot-high deer fence at Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve, officials are still working to save the rare and endangered native plants.

Chambersburg police officers can no longer shoot deer at landfill March 13, 2012 Pennsylvania,

Chambersburg Public Opinion

... The decision of police to control the deer population is unfair to the community at best and hazardous at worst, said Councilwoman Elaine Swartz. "I was furious... Additionally, it is creating a safety hazard to anyone who is taking stuff to the landfill, which is an area that encourages deer anyway based on the landscape ...

Chambersbury: Chief Arnold: Deer shooting all legal, in season March 13, 2012 Pennsylvania,

Chambersburg Public Opinion

... Chambersburg Borough Council passed a resolution prohibiting all hunting and discharge of firearms within the borough without exception after they were told that police had been hunting deer at the landfill. .. The police department's firing range is located on the landfill property...

"We have not issued any deer control permit (for Chambersburg)

Cherry Valley, Deer hunt possible in Cherry Valley September 18, 2012 Pennsylvania, Pocono Record
... The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is seeking public input on its hunting plan for the refuge to help identify issues, concerns and opportunities... To facilitate public review, the Service will provide a copy both on its website (www.fws.gov/cherryvalley) ... Comments should be sent to Michael Horne, Refuge Manager, c/o Wallkill River National Wildlife Refuge, 1547 Route 565, Sussex, NJ 07461. Please label "Attn: Cherry Valley Hunting Plan." All comments should be received by Oct. 5 and will be considered before finalizing the plan.

The Wildlife Society will feature a panel ... Could regulated commercial harvest of deer solve the problem of overabundant whitetails in the suburbs? ... Kip Adams, director of education and outreach for the Quality Deer Management Association, will present the hunters' perspective. "Market hunting is the main reason whitetails were nearly wiped out more than a
Commercial deer harvest [suburban] October 4, 2013 Pennsylvania, PennLive.com (blog)

century ago, so recent calls for commercial harvest have definitely stirred controversy, and QDMA has many concerns," ...

Commissioners Emphasize Deer Control Through Hunting April 5, 2016 Pennsylvania, PGC News

Municipalities and other political subdivisions that request permits to manage deer populations soon might need to more strongly consider managing deer through hunting before gaining approval to use another method... The amendments will be brought back to the July meeting for a final vote...

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The Pennsylvania Board of Game Commissioners today gave final approval to a series of amendments to the application process for special deer-control permits. As part of the background information on deer populations and damage that permit applicants are required to submit, applicants will be asked to specifically define how licensed public hunting has been used in the problem area previously, and how it will be used during the period the permit would be valid.

Commissioners said the measure helps to ensure hunters have an opportunity to manage deer on properties where high deer populations have created problems.

Speaking for the board, President Commissioner Brian Hoover, of Glenolden, said keeping the Pennsylvania hunter as part of the process “always is No. 1 in our minds.”

Communities ponder deer sterilization program February 13, 2014 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
... in communities such as Castle Shannon and Mt. Lebanon ... sharp-shooting and bow hunting may not be the right answers for such densely populated areas... Green Tree manager David Montz called the proposed sterilization program "the least controversial measure that I've seen in 20 years." ... residents might accept the sterilization program because they understand the concept of spaying and neutering their pets... another aerial survey should be done to make sure the problem is acute enough to justify the expense...

Deer herd way down, but Valley Forge continues culling December 4, 2014 Pennsylvania, Philadelphia Daily News
... federal sharpshooters are returning to Valley Forge National Historical Park for a fifth season ... the herd has been reduced by about 80 percent since the culling operation began, the park says - from 1,227 in 2009, or 241 deer per square mile, to about 250, 49 per square mile.

Deer Management Due to Start Again in Valley Forge Park October 3, 2011 Pennsylvania Patch.com

The reduction is part of a larger deer management plan and environmental impact statement. Part of the plan includes reducing the herd from an estimated 241 deer per square mile down to 31 to 35 deer per square mile, or from 1,277 deer to 165 to 185 deer, according to a press release. The management plan, according to the release, addresses the effects of deer on the native forests....To find out more information, visit the National Park Service page.

Deer management long-standing in some South Hills communities September 29, 2015 Pennsylvania, The Almanac
... The Peters Township program is in its ninth year ... Bethel Park started an archery hunt in the mid-1990s, and Upper St. Clair has contracted with the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Wildlife Services for sharpshooting since 2005... the program in Fox Chapel Borough, which launched in 1992...

New regulation expands the role of ‘public’ hunting for suburban deer October 26, 2018 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
... Game Commissioners approved a measure designed to strengthen the “public hunting” component for deer-control permits issued to municipalities to address deer problems on private and public land. The revision defines public hunting as hunting available to the general public …

Deer-Related Crashes Rising October 25, 2018 Pennsylvania, WNEP-TV
... In 2017, 4,258 vehicle crashes in Pennsylvania involved deer - up 240 from 2016 and up 640 from 2015, according to PennDOT...

Demonstration this Saturday in park to protest deer kill December 18, 2014

Pennsylvania, Chestnut Hill Local

... Philadelphia Advocates for the Deer(PAD) will be holding a picket demonstration this Saturday, Dec, 20, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., west on Bells Mill Road from Germantown Avenue, down the hill about a third of a mile to the intersection with Forbidden Drive, a park entrance frequented by joggers and hikers. The purpose of the demonstration is to protest the unjustified, cruel annual slaughter of deer in Wissahickon Park...

Do you know the changes in deer hunting regulations this year? November 18, 2015

Pennsylvania, Penn Live

... commissioners cut the number of antlerless deer permits, which also are known as doe licenses, issued by 33,000 from last year. Most of that reduction – 25,000 – came in WMU 5C in southeastern Pennsylvania, where hunters had previously complained of too many doe licenses issued for conditions there...

Dunbar turns down request for deer permit June 11, 2013 Pennsylvania, Tribune-Review
... resident Roger Hall requested a deer permit from the borough.
Council explained that Hall had a deer four years ago, but the deer escaped and ran away... Councilman John Maddas said Hall could not trap a wild deer and keep it. Instead, he would be required to buy a deer ...

East Lansing: Deer population concerns council October 12, 2011 Pennsylvania, MSU State News

Schweitzer said the neighborhood loves having wildlife in area, but many residents are concerned the deer population is becoming destructive and unfazed by human presence....Department of Natural Resources wildlife biologist Dan Kennedy ... The presence of deer has been noticeable in East Lansing ...

Neighboring Meridian Township already has adopted a bow hunting season to help curb the population...Kennedy said hunting would be a financially viable option for East Lansing, but it might not be as acceptable as other more expensive options, such as trapping and euthanizing the animals.

Fairmount Park neighbors to City Hall: Stop killing our deer January 18, 2019 Pennsylvania, Billy Penn

... The annual cull, formally referred to as the “professional deer management project,” began in the late 90s ... supporters stressed that it would only take about a year for the wildlife to be managed. Twenty years and 3,793 dead deer later ...

Feeding deer could become against the law in Ross August 13, 2011 Pennsylvania, YourNorthHills.com

.....If approved, Ross would become the first community in Pennsylvania to impose a deer-feeding ban, said Gary Fujak, a wildlife conservation officer ... Allegheny County is bucking a statewide trend that showed the deer population decreasing 25 percent from 1.4 million in 2002 to 1.1 million in 2008, the most current data available. The number of deer per square mile in Allegheny County doubled from 1982 to 1994 and has increased ever since,...

Fertility control' can help manage wildlife June 19, 2014 Pennsylvania, Philadelphia Daily News

... Fertility vaccine also works in deer. Research by Tufts University scientists and others performed in three locations - Fire Island National Seashore in New York, the campus of the National Institute of Standards and Technology in Maryland, and Fripp Island in North Carolina - led to reductions in urban deer populations by 30 to 60 percent. The findings were published in Wildlife Research and the Journal of Zoo Wildlife Medicine by Allen Rutberg and colleagues...

Franklin Park mulls ban on feeding deer November 13, 2014 Pennsylvania, Tribune-Review

... Council is considering a ban on feeding deer, with fines of $100 to $1,000... “People become attached to these animals, and they think they're their own, and they're not. Wildlife is a public resource, and it belongs to everyone in the commonwealth,” ... said Jeannine Fleegle, a deer biologist with the game commission...

Franklin Township: Differences emerge on deer management May 24, 2012 Pennsylvania, southern chester county weeklies
... proposing to dissolve the township's deer management committee. John Auerbach, chairman of the board of supervisors, said the committee had been formed to oversee the activities of the Franklin Deer Management Association, a group of local hunters. The group was nonfunctional, Auerbach said ... Supervisor Paul Overton differed sharply with this view, listing a number of ways he said the hunters' group had failed in recent years to meet the township's requirements to alert nearby residents they were hunting in the area ...

Game Commission to direct hunters to deer October 3, 2015 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Tribune-Review

... Traditionally, when the commission has done a timber cut, it's been forced to surround it with deer-proof fencing ... The commission took the $220,000 it had planned to spend on fencing in fiscal 2015-16 and will put it into creating better access. The hope is it can use hunters to control deer ...One is to increase the size of timber cuts, to try and overwhelm deer by cutting more than they can eat...

Game Commissioners considering changes to expired licenses, deer cull March 19, 2016 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Tribune-Review

... In January, board members heard complaints about a deer cull occurring in a gated community in the Poconos... Commissioners subsequently directed staff to draw up regulations saying before a community can get such a permit, it must give hunters a chance to control deer...

Gettysburg National Military Park announces plans to cull deer population September 29, 2020 Pennsylvania, FOX43.com

... it will conduct lethal removal of white-tailed deer ... Because hunting is not permitted inside the two parks, only qualified federal employees will take part ...

Gettysburg, Deer Culling Coming To Gettysburg National Military ParkSeptember 28, 2015 Pennsyvania, National Parks Traveler

... Deer culling will resume next month at Gettysburg National Military Park and Eisenhower National Historic Site in Pennsylvania as staff work to get the deer population under control. Hunting is not permitted inside the two parks--only qualified federal employees will take part in the effort ... In 1995 ... The NPS decided to reduce the number of deer in the parks through shooting...

Gettysburg, Deer Culling To Resume Next Month In Gettysburg National Military Park and Eisenhower National Historic Site September 25, 2012 Pennsylvania, National Parks Traveler
... In 1995, an Environmental Impact Statement described and considered a variety of options for meeting park objectives for deer management, including public hunting, relocation, and the use of sterilization and contraception. Hundreds of people participated in the public review of the EIS and many commented on it in writing. The NPS decided to reduce the number of deer in the parks through shooting. [alternatives have changed since then]

Gettysburg, Park staff thin the deer herd at Gettysburg November 3, 2013 Pennsylvania, witf.org
... the Park Service plans to shoot between 200 and 250 deer, which would help them reach their goal of 25 deer per square mile of forest...

Green Tree looking at law to ban deer feeding October 16, 2014 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

... Dr. Brown said feeding is harmful because it upsets the deer's digestive system, which changes with the seasons. Supplemental foods such as corn cause upset. [Information onfeeding deer] ... Another option that could reduce the deer population is sterilization, which involves surgically removing does' ovaries...

Hunting an option for Mt. Lebanon deer control January 11, 2015 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

... two landmark cases establishing that the state's right to regulate hunting practices overrides local ordinances regulating the discharge of firearms. The most recent ruling struck down an ordinance in which hunting was permitted only with the approval of the local chief of police...

Is this what our kids should learn? October 20, 2018 Pennsylvania, MontgomeryNews.com
... The extermination of our deer by USDA Wildlife Services ended for 2018 at a cost of $19,000 ... The same agent of the USDA WS who shot the deer of Upper Dublin cleared out 78 percent of the deer in Solebury Township from 2007 to 2009. Within two years, the deer population was back up and surpassed initial counts in 2013 because other deer moved in...

Kennett officials looking for ways to curb **deer** population January 24, 2011 Pennsylvania Daily Local News By MATT FREEMAN KENNETT — The booming population of **deer** — hard on people's gardens and a potentially lethal hazard on the roads — was part of the **...**

Lake Township, Controversial Plan to Manage Deer Population January 6, 2015 Pennsylvania, WNEP-TV 16
... The Hideout is requesting 300 tags from the PA Game Commission along with a permit to cull the deer population, but not everyone agrees. USDA Deer Assessment & other documents ... For many people who choose to live at The Hideout, it's a place to get away from the big city and live where wildlife is in their backyard...

Lehman Township, Deer culling debate shows power of petitionsFebruary 13, 2014 Pennsylvania, Pocono Record
... At Saw Creek Estates in Lehman Township, more than 600 residents signed a petition asking the community board for another chance to discuss the plan of a sharpshooter thinning the deer heard there. Leadership has put the culling of the deer on hold and will schedule a meeting....

Living with deer, deer culls in the parks January 3, 2014 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
... White Tail Management Associates of Greater Pittsburgh ... kill approximately 600 deer in our county parks yearly... our county parks are being used as the private hunting preserve for White Tail Management. If this is all we can think to do with our county parks system, it is time to reevaluate what parks management is doing…

Lower Makefield, Protest ends deer hunt behind homes in Lower Makefield. Here's where the hunt will go on September 25, 2023 Pennsylvania, YAHOO!News
... Representatives of 43 families who live in the Yardley Run community near a township-owned tract of land didn't want a bow and arrow deer hunt behind their back yards...While the minutes of the May meeting note that the hunters have $1 million in

insurance, a physician who attended the Wednesday meeting said he didn't think that was not enough to cover an accident in which someone was struck by an arrow..,

Lower Makefield again considers allowing controlled deer hunt on township lands for upcoming seasonJune 15, 2014 Pennsylvania, Bucks Local News

... According to Macan, for the 2013-14 season, bow hunters bagged 144 deer, 71 in Lower Makefield and 73 in Upper Makefield...

Lower Makefield deer hunt to begin on Sept. 15 September 9, 2012 Pennsylvania, phillyBurbs.com
... This will be the fourth hunt authorized by township supervisors to try to reduce the number of deer-related vehicle accidents [transportation safety and deer] ... About 325 deer have been killed since the program began in 2009 ... Big Oak Whitetail Management Association. The non-profit organization coordinates the hunts, [from their website; Our group was started in September 2009 for the purpose of helping to manage the deer herd in Lower Makefield Township] ...

Lower Makefield's archery hunt kills 77 deer March 15, 2013 Pennsylvania, phillyBurbs.com
... Recreational archery hunters killed almost 80 deer between September and January during a Lower Makefield authorized hunt ... The Lower Makefield supervisors have authorized the hunts for about three years in an attempt to reduce the number of deer-involved vehicle accidents in the town...

Lower Makefield, Managed deer hunt to run through January in Lower Makefield September 23, 2016 Pennsylvania, BucksLocalNews.com
... This is the eighth year that the non-profit group will be supervising the hunting on township-owned lands, as well as on some private parcels... 71 deer were killed in Lower Makefield during the 2015-2016 archery season, along with 48 in Upper Makefield Township...

Lower Makefield, Managed deer hunt to run through January in Lower Makefield; township contracts with archers to thin the herd September 18, 2014 Pennsylvania, Bucks Local News

... Lower Makefield has again contracted with the non-profit Big Oak Whitetail Management Association (BOWMA) to supervise the hunt which entails only the use of

crossbows and compound-bows... [Comment from reader]: They been doing this for years and I have not seen a decrease in the deer population …

Lower Merion Police Rescue Deer Stuck In Fence October 13, 2020 Pennsylvania, Patch

... they broke out bolt cutters to snap away one of the metal fence posts. And with one clip of the cutters the deer was free...

Hunters kill more than 40 deer during hunt October 31, 2011 Pennsylvania, phillyBurbs.com

Recreational archery hunters have killed more than 40 deer since a Lower Makefield-backed hunt began in mid-September, the township manager said. The Lower Makefield supervisors authorized the hunts on township-owned properties ... The first hunt, in 2009, resulted in 123 deer being killed by using a combination of archery hunters and sharpshooters. About 100 deer were taken out during the second archery hunt that ended earlier this year.

Lower Merion reports over 150 deer taken out in latest round of deer culling April 22, 2022 Pennsylvania, Main Line

... Since the program began in 2009, 1,565 deer have been removed from the township after a total of 82 days of culling...

Lower Merion, Deer culling in Lower Merion Township to resume in November October 5, 2012 Pennsylvania, Main Line

In the first three years of its deer-culling program, Lower Merion has thinned its herd by 288 animals, at an average cost per deer of $230.... That survey estimated there were 58 deer per square mile in the most affected western half of the township, when the number should be about 10.

Lower Merion board votes for shortened deer cull May 11, 2011 Pennsylvania Urban Deer Management Main Line

By Cheryl Allison

Lower Merion Township's over-abundant deer will not get a reprieve in 2011, but the culling program commissioners recommended for this November will be shorter than some think is needed. In a Police Committee vote May 4, the 8-5 split ...Lower Merion Township began culling in 2009, working with the federal agency, after a survey showed an average of 58 deer per square mile when it should be about 10. an analysis showed deer-vehicle collisions and reports of dead and injured deer had not declined despite

the culling. On the other hand, cases of Lyme disease, transmitted by deer ticks, were at a 10-year low at 30 cases in 2010, he had said.

Lower Merion Township: Precautions Were Taken During Lower Merion Deer Kill December 21, 2011 Pennsylvania, Patch.com

... This is the third year that the township has conducted a deer culling ... A total of 288 deer were eliminated ... the culls conducted over the course of 26 days in 2009, 2010 and 2011, costing the township a total of $66,158, according to police statistics ... there were 70 deer hit by cars in 2006, 57 in 2007, 52 in 2008, 66 in 2009 and 65 in 2010... Deer contribute to the risk of people contracting Lyme disease and cause damage to property, D'Angelo said.

Lower Merion, LM police OK'd to cull deer in township parks November 2, 2017 Pennsylvania, Main Line Media News

... "The position of the Pennsylvania Game Commission is that more township park area must be open to hunting," McGrath said. "In order to meet the requirements of the Pennsylvania Game Commission to get the permit for our annual deer culling we have to open up more parkland ...

Lower Merion, Deer continue to beset Lower Merion Twp.July 24, 2013 Pennsylvania, Philly.com

...The deer population of Lower Merion Township dropped 30 percent from 2008 to 2012 ... from 58 deer per square mile in 2008 to 40.5 in 2012 ... In 2012, there were 65 deer-vehicle collisions. That's just slightly over the annual average ... "Professional" hunters with the USDA's Wildlife Services have been more effective, culling roughly 100 deer a year in Lower Merion since 2009...

Deer population down over 30 percent in Lower Merion from 2008 to 2012Jully 3, 2013 Pennsylvania, Main Line

... According to McGrath, the deer population has fallen from 58 deer per-square-mile to 40.5 deer per-square-mile from 2008 through 2012. For a township such as Lower Merion, 10 deer per-square-mile is considered appropriate... “Despite the fact that they report that there is a reduction in the heard - it’s not noticeable in terms of the number of deer you see on the roads and in yards eating shrubbery,” Commissioner Lewis Gould said...

Lower Merion, Nearly 150 deer taken out in this year’s Lower Merion deer cull February 12, 2-19 Pennsylvania, Main Line

... A total of 148 deer were removed ... Over the 10 years since Lower Merion began its culling program, the only year more deer were removed was last year, when 170 were killed...

Winter deer culling results in Lower Merion March 19, 2013 Pennsylvania, Main Line

... fourth season of deer culling by sharpshooters ... the township brought down a total 100 deer, more than twice the 42 culled in five nights in 2011, McGrath reported. Of that number, 47 were does and 53 bucks. In all, the township has thinned its herd by 388 since the first culling in winter 2009...

Manheim Twp. man charged after bullet strikes house when he shot hunting rifle 7 times August 16, 2019 Pennsylvania, Lancaster Online

... has a permit for deer culling ... one of the seven rounds fired from the hunting rifle struck the sunroom of a residence nearby while the homeowners were home...

Mendham deer-hunt plan endangers residents September 24, 2013 Pennsylvania, Dailyrecord.com, George Nagle

There's been no scientific data to justify this deer slaughter. In addition, this deer killing program will pose a serious safety threat to families, children, pets ... Misfired and

ricocheted bullets and projectiles are a serious lethal threat. You only have to look to Amherst, N.Y., where a bullet fired by a police sharpshooter in a tree stand aiming down toward a deer on the ground ricocheted into a residential neighborhood blowing a baseball-sized hole in a young couple's home while the father was inside with his son...

Meridian Township Looking To Expand Deer Hunt August 19, 2014 Pennsylvania, WILX
... the township is trying to expand its deer management program. Hunters have been allowed on certain public properties, mainly land preserves and parks big enough for hunting and far enough from homes. Now the township wants to expand that to private land...

Meridian's Township deer harvest grows nearly 30 percent January 23, 2014 Pennsylvania, Lansing State Journal
... The third year for a managed hunt on designated township properties yielded nearly a 30 percent increase of deer taken ... some are saying that they are definitely seeing a reduction in deer, while others are reporting large deer herds living in their backyards ...

Montrose looks at deer management options May 7, 2014 Pennsylvania, Independentweekender
... Police Chief Dale Smith said the borough does have a law on the books that bans the firing of weapons inside the town. But he added that some municipalities allow for deer management during archery season. "That's dangerous," O'Malley said. She also said that the borough could run into a problem with sentimentality rising from people who enjoy seeing the beautiful creatures in the borough…

Mt. Lebanon ready to renew deer hunting program June 25, 2021 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

... Mt. Lebanon's deer management program has been in existence since 2015-16 and since then, a total of 598 deer have been removed ... has spent $279,000 on the deer management program ...

Mt. Lebanon Winter deer management approved in Mt. Lebanon December 1, 2020 Pennsylvania, The Almanac
... Suburban Wildlife Management Solutions Inc. will remove up to 50 deer ... at a cost not to exceed $37,000 ... sharpshooting ...

Mt. Lebanon commissioners consider renewing deer management archery program July 24, 2020 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
... Mt. Lebanon has conducted, with the help of contractors and professional hunters, archery hunts and deer sharpshooting to cull the deer, as well as nonlethal methods, including teaching residents about best gardening practices and banning deer feeding...

Mt. Lebanon, Sharpshooting for deer underway in Mt. Lebanon February 6, 2020 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
... A special permit approved by the Pennsylvania Game Commission permits the firearm phase of the deer reduction program ... management firm White Buffalo was contracted to cull up to 55 whitletails... from 2015-19, 195 deer were removed by archers and 271 were taken through sharpshooting ...

Mt. Lebanon to launch sharpshooting program for third year February 8, 2019 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
... White Buffalo will be paid $59,605 for the upcoming cull... The Game Commission permit authorizes White Buffalo to kill up to 100 deer during the upcoming cull, which is defined as a sanctioned wildlife-control operation not bound by state hunting regulations...

Mt. Lebabon Blogger Seeks Emails Related to Deer Cull December 22, 2015 Pennsylvania,

... Mt. Lebanon, PA Commissioners voted in favor of bow hunting in a densely-populated community. Local blogger, Elaine Gillen, filed Right To Know request for all emails/documents related to the passing of this motion. The MTL government denied the request. Elaine appealed to the Pennsylvania Open Records Office and won. On Dec. 18, MTL appealed this decision and will send it up to higher levels of the court system. Elaine has decide to continue to fight, despite the legal expenses ahead of her. You can contribute to her Gofundme campaign.

Mt. Lebanon ... approves deer cull December 1, 2017 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

... Commissioners voted 3-1 to approve another year of sharpshooting whitetail deer in early 2018. "[Spending] over $700 per deer to find, shoot, remove ... The impact on traffic safety has also been dubious — a threefold increase in collisions with deer occurred last year...

Mt. Lebanon advised to rethink deer archery, sharpshooting cull November 7, 2016 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

... the number of deer harvested is only about half of what it was last year at this time ... Through October of this year, the number of reported collisions with deer has risen from 49 in 2015 to 89 this year -- an increase of more than 80 percent... "I'm opposed to the [White Buffalo] contract proposal," Ms. Schevtchuk said. "This commission has no objective, scientific data supporting it...

Mt. Lebanon approves archery hunt to control deer July 14, 2015 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

... commissioners voted 4-1 Tuesday night to approve a vetted archery program. Mt. Lebanon will pay a conservation organization more than $15,000 to coordinate volunteer archers to kill deer in a hunting season that begins in September...

Mt. Lebanon may use archers to control deer July 14, 2015 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

... Commissioners are expected to authorize a $15,460 contract with White Buffalo ... A municipal spokesperson said the agreement will authorize White Buffalo to organize and manage a vetted archery hunt in Mt. Lebanon in the fall...

Deer culling back on table in Mt. Lebanon July 13, 2015 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Tribune-Review

... archery hunters and work with property owners to assemble areas where they would be permitted to hunt the community's deer herd ... Residents and animal welfare activists protested that cull, and a new organization called the Mt. Lebanon Coalition for Coexistence has issued statements opposing the planned archery cull...

Resolving Mt. Lebo's deer management July 13, 2015 Pennsylvania, Tribune-Review

... Taking deer-killing off the table is the only way to keep our family-oriented parks and backyards peaceful, enjoyable and nonviolent, as they were intended... Use sterilization as the primary management method, supplemented by other approaches (promoting deer-resistant plans, enforcing the speed limit, public education) ...

Mt. Lebanon approves archery, trapping to cull deer populationNovember 24, 2014 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Tribune-Review

... The plan, prepared by consultant J. Merlin Benner of Wildlife Specialists in Wellsboro, Tioga County, calls for culling as many as 200 deer per year at a cost of up to $80,000 until the vehicle collision goal has been reached, then move into a “stabilization and maintenance phase” of culling about 100 per year... with eight to 10 archers drawn from local police, firefighters and public works employees ...

Mt. Lebanon awaits formal letter nixing extended deer season January 21, 2015 Pennsylvania, Tribune-Review

... Public Works Director Tom Kelley said staff at the regional game commission office told him they had never extended the hunting season for a single municipality, and weren't going to start with Mt. Lebanon... Hunting on public property is one of the state's prerequisites for other deer-control methods such as trapping and surgical sterilization, both of which the municipality has applied to do ...

Mt. Lebanon awaits Pennsylvania Game Commission approval to corral, kill deer January 27, 2015 Pensylvania, Pittsburgh Tribune-Review

... to lure deer into 8-foot-tall, 30-foot-diameter corrals of fencing covered in fabric. Once remotely monitored cameras confirm a deer or two has wandered into the corrals to feed on fermented corn bait, Wildlife Specialists staff will send a text message to shut an electric gate, then arrive to shoot the deer with rifles equipped with silencers...

Mt. Lebanon board awards contract to trap, euthanize deer January 26, 2015 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Tribune-Review

The Mt. Lebanon board of commissioners awarded a $75,000 contract for trapping and euthanizing deer starting Feb. 1, pending state approval. Wildlife Management Associates, run by biologist J. Merlin Benner, was the sole bidder ...

Mt. Lebanon cancels deer archery cullDecember 22, 2014 Pennsyvlania, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

... suspended its deer culling program due to the lack of licenses available... all antlerless deer licenses have been sold for the wildlife management area that includes Allegheny County...

Mt. Lebanon, Suburb takes aim at deer problem December 21, 2014 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Post Gazette

... Mt. Lebanon commissioners will launch the first part of a “comprehensive deer management plan” with an archery program Dec. 26 through Jan. 24... The hunt was planned with help from the state Game Commission. To qualify, about 20 archers must pass a proficiency test ...

Mt. Lebanon challenges Scott for park ownership June 15, 2016 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
... Last year, when Mt. Lebanon considered including Twin Hills Park in a deer-reduction program, Scott officials opposing the program challenged the municipality’s ownership of the park... A Game Commission spokesman, however, said hunting laws established by the state Legislature pre-empt local ordinances banning hunting, and Scott police Chief Jim Secreet concurred...

Mt. Lebanon commission earmarks $68K for deer solution September 11, 2014 Pennsylvania, The Almanac
... Municipal staff are currently in the process of drafting a more detailed deer management plan. In discussing the allocation of funds, commission president Kristen Linfante reiterated her view that some combination of culling and sterilization would be necessary...

You tell me...is he telling the truth? I don't recall all those things happening that he says. Also, I highly doubt he has 1200 signatures from Mt. Lebanon residents. The anti-cull is almost triple that. - March 14, 2015 video

Mt. Lebanon commission, residents debate deer culling February 11, 2015 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Post-Gazett
...controversial corral traps aimed at reducing the community’s deer population. ... More than 50 people opposed to the plan to trap and euthanize a goal of 150 deer rallied along Washington Boulevard outside the Mr. Lebanon Municipal Building. Armed with

results of an online petition signed by more than 3,200 people from across the Internet ...

Divisive deer plan sparks protest in Mt. Lebanon February 10, 2015 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Tribune-Review

... Tioga County-based Wildlife Specialists, LLC to use baited corrals with remotely triggered gates to capture deer in public parks. The contractors would then shoot the deer with silenced rifles from a position above the 8-foot-high fences. The company would be paid $500 per deer, up to a maximum of $75,000 for 150 deer ...

Opponents To Mt. Lebanon Deer Culling Plan Present Petition To Commissioners February 10, 2015 Pennsylvania, CBS Pittsburgh

... “I am thoroughly convinced that firing any kind of lethal weapon in an area this small with this kind of population density is a real problem,” said Bill Noon, who opposes the deer kill plan. Others are criticizing the method as cruel and inhumane to the animals...

Mt. Lebanon commissioners consider 3 proposals to reduce deer September 9, 2015 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

... By a vote of 4 to 1, the board approved a controlled archery hunt organized by White Buffalo... The cost to the municipality will be about $15,000... Commissioners passed 3 to 2 an initiative to request proposals from wildlife sharpshooter groups...

Mt. Lebanon approves archery, wants more data on sterilization, sharpshootersSeptember 9, 2015 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

... Commissioners rejected a proposal from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to cull deer, but is inviting proposals from other sharpshooters... Of 75 archers who applied to participate, 11 were chosen ... Commissioners voted 3 to 2 in favor of accepting a Humane Society proposal for program, which would involved sterilization, immunocontraception or both...

Mt. Lebanon turns to archers in controlling deer population September 9, 2015 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

... The USDA said it preferred the roving trucks to tree stands because a driver, a spotter and a shooter are involved, improving safety ... “We have a very effective, humane and innovative project to address and stabilize the deer population through a nonlethal method,” said Kristen Tullo, state director for the Humane Society... DeNicola said that with sufficient funding, reaching the entire female deer population would be feasible and could reach Mt. Lebanon's goal in five years...

Mt. Lebanon to hear about sterilization to curb deer September 8, 2015 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

... Kristen Tullo, newly installed Pennsylvania director of the Humane Society of the United States, is looking for a place to test an untried, experimental five-year deer sterilization program... “What we want to study — what we want to learn — is what happens in an open system with the movement of animals. Can [that procedure] still reduce the population?”

Mt. Lebanon Commissioners lament ‘divisiveness’ of Mt. Lebanon deer culling debate March 24, 2015 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

... John Lisowski, who said he's a hunter and a gardener, spoke during the comment session for residents and estimated that the commissioners would give themselves a D-plus grade for the cull. “This firestorm in Mt. Lebanon was created by the corralling and assassinating of deer,” ... Kristen Linfante, who was elected Ward 3 commissioner in 2011 and generally favored the deer culling initiative, resigned Monday ...

Mt. Lebanon commissioners take steps toward deer management November 20, 2014 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

... Among the measures is a proposal for deer sterilization that, if approved by the game commission, would be the first permit of its kind to be issued in the state... also is seeking approval to trap and euthanize animals.... culling by archers — does not require a permit...

Mt. Lebanon commissioners to take up deer issue once again August 8, 2016 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
... In 2008, Mt. Lebanon abruptly ended a sharpshooting program ... [last year] a sharpshooting cull using rifles and baited target areas. White Buffalo received another $80,750 and took roughly another 100 deer... commissioners will vote on a proposal to pay $9,000 to retain White Buffalo for a reprise of the controlled archery hunt...

Mt. Lebanon, Archers will cull deer again in Mt. Lebanoni August 10, 2016 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
... Mt. Lebanon commissioners Tuesday approved the continuation of a controversial deer culling program... Despite the cull, however, reported deer-vehicle collisions still are on the rise... I don't think just going out and killing our problem is a civil thing to do, " Marianne Keefer ...

Mt. Lebanon commissioners to vote on deer management July 14, 2016 Pennsylvania, The Almanac
... the goal stated by Mt. Lebanon commissioners was to decrease the number of deer vehicular collisions by half... removed a total of 219 deer from the densely populated confines of Mt. Lebanon. Despite the elimination of deer, vehicular crashes with the animals have risen. In the six months tallied in 2016, with the exception of March, collisions have eclipsed each monthly amount of the past three years ...

Mt. Lebanon consultant says sterilization, culling should go in tandem to control deer population September 24, 2014 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Tribune-Review

Simply sterilizing Mt. Lebanon's deer population won't reduce collisions with vehicles unless it's combined with a program to shoot deer, a consultant told the board of commissioners on Monday. J. Merlin Benner, president of Wellsboro-based Wildlife ... [research on cost effective alternatives to reduce traffic accidents] ... Mt. Lebanon hired U.S. Department of Agriculture sharpshooters from 2006 to 2008 to cull the population but discontinued the arrangement because of safety concerns...

Mt. Lebanon creeps toward decision on deer solution August 26, 2014 Pennsylvania, The Almanac

... Discussion at the Aug. 25 meeting centered on the possibility of allocating $40,000 in unassigned fund balance to deer sterilization... Tony DeNicola, president of wildlife management consultancy White Buffalo, told her new research indicated a community

may have to cull 90 percent of its deer population in the initial effort. Otherwise, breeding may soon offset any population reduction...

Mt. Lebanon deer cull begins Monday night March 7, 2015 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
... commissioners voted last month to pay the company $500 per deer up to $75,000 to remove about 150 white-tailed deer by the end of March. To that end, the Game Commission authorized a cull in which deer will be baited, trapped and shot at night by Wildlife Services employees ...

Mt. Lebanon deer cull spills into ScottSeptember 25, 2015 Pennsylvania, Pittsburg Post-Gazette
... A half-dozen Mt. Lebanon residents showed up at the Scott commissioners meeting Tuesday to protest the bow hunting of deer in Twin Hills Park that has been sanctioned by Mt. Lebanon...

Mt. Lebanon deer cull underway March 13, 2015 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
... Marty Murray, a resident who also has a business locally, questioned how many people actually support a cull. “I’m rather surprised that there has been no referendum,” she told commissioners...

Four deer killed in first week of Mt. Lebanon cull March 13, 2015 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
... With a goal of eliminating 150 deer in Mt. Lebanon by March 31, the culling program so far has resulted in four kills ...

Mt. Lebanon deer issue is pitting neighbors against neighbors January 14, 2016 Pennsylvania, The Almanac

... They would like the general public to believe it is for the sake of reducing deer-auto collisions. However, what is really going on is residents are grouping together and letting the municipality know they don't want any deer in their yards...

Mt. Lebanon deer management program gets go-ahead February 20, 2015 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
... The cost is $500 per deer with a target of 150 and a ceiling of $75,000. The contractor is in the process of setting up traps and baiting them ... The stated goal of Mt. Lebanon commissioners is to reduce the number of collisions between vehicles and deer ...

Mt. Lebanon deer management program gets go-ahead February 20, 2015 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Post Gazette
... Commissioners have agreed on a multi-pronged approach to lethal and nonlethal methods of deer population control... "You'll see that capture and euthanize is very limited on returns," said Mr. DeNicola, who in the summer of 2013 compiled a list of deer population control options for Mt. Lebanon. In that document, he stated that the "technique would be significantly less humane than sharpshooting. Deer are greatly stressed during the capturing process."

Mt. Lebanon deer strategy will not include doe sterilization February 16, 2016 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
... The proposal by the Humane Society of the United States and White Buffalo to surgically render does infertile as an experiment in deer reduction was dropped when a funding group ended its support for the project and the state game commission denied Mt. Lebanon's request for a special permit...

Mt. Lebanon deer survey results inconsistent May 29, 2014 Pennsylvania, The Almanac
... In 2013, an aerial survey counted 342 deer. A year later, a similar survey counted only 196 deer... Deer could have moved beyond the boundaries of Mt. Lebanon ... Benner said many townships use multiple data points to monitor deer populations.

These can include police reports, reports to local administrators and data from insurance companies ... “You don’t have a bunch of scientists out there recording data in the same, repeatable way, so there’s a lot of error,” ...

Mt. Lebanon deer-culling corrals sprayed with urine, repellent March 5, 2015 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Tribune-Review
... J. Merlin Benner, president of Tioga County-based Wildlife Specialists LLC, said the photos taken by his infrared game cameras show people at some of the automatic feeders and corrals taking pictures and spraying the area with either urine or deer and rabbit repellent to keep deer away from his corrals...

Mt. Lebanon expands deer hunt to include disputed Twin Hills Park October 3, 2016 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
... The 25-acre park, which is located in Scott but legally operated by Mt. Lebanon, will be the site of a controlled archery hunt... Twin Hills Park is within Scott, which opposed the hunt... Mt. Lebanon had purchased the park property ...

Mt. Lebanon has a thinking problem April 28, 2016 Pennsylvania, The Almanac
... There used to be a buck that watched over two doe, and a doe I often saw scampering across Cedar Boulevard with her trio of fawns. I have not seen any of these deer since last summer. It breaks my heart to know that they probably perished in the cull. More than 250 deer were killed in Mt. Lebanon this past year ... I am moving out – to a place where wildlife is celebrated, not exterminated...

Mt. Lebanon hiring firm to count deer February 7, 2013 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Post Gazette
... Commissioners decided to spend up to $12,000, a late addition to the 2013 budget, to conduct surveys to estimate how many deer are in Mt. Lebanon... A survey method commissioners have discussed involves aerial infrared sensor technology ... [Commisioner] Mrs. Fraasch has composed and posted online a four-page document, "Deer in Mt. Lebanon [PDF]," ... she expresses her opposition to hunting by rifle or bow, instead favoring sterilization by removal of does' ovaries as a viable option. She cites a significant cost savings over the long term and mitigation of some hazards associated with culling...

Mt. Lebanon leaders should cancel the slaughter February 14, 2015 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

... In the statute designating the state animal of Pennsylvania, the white-tailed deer is described as “possessing intelligence, endurance and character.” In Mt. Lebanon, it’s called a nuisance. The township commissioners, therefore, plan to reduce the deer population in a particularly horrific way: luring the animals into pens and shooting them ...

Mt. Lebanon might add sharpshooting to deer efforts August 12, 2015 Pennsylvania, The Almanac

... The USDA previously conducted sharpshooting in Mt. Lebanon during 2007-08, and Commissioner Dave Brumfield cast doubts on that program’s effectiveness. “I don’t think you can begin to imagine that the USDA will take 200 deer,” ...

Mt. Lebanon commissioners to consider deer management plan on Sept. 8 August 12, 2015 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Tribune-Review

... Sept. 8 promises to be an eventful night for Mt. Lebanon and its deer population. Commissioners will hear three proposals: one for a managed archery deer hunt, one for sharpshooters and one for non-lethal surgical sterilization or contraception... The previous sharpshooting was discontinued because of commissioners' and residents' safety concerns ...

Mt. Lebanon considering sharpshooters for deer managementAugust 11, 2015 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

... will consider contracting sharpshooters through the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s wildlife service ... While the commission has said its goal is to reduce the number of deer versus vehicle collisions by 50 percent in five years, 10 residents ... spoke out against the culling program, saying that bows and bullets flying through the community presents an even more serious safety issue ...

Mt. Lebanon moving forward with deer cull plan November 12, 2014 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Post Gazette

... Game Commission permits are required for trapping and euthanizing and sterilization. If sterilization is approved, it would mark the first such occurrence in Pennsylvania. “Any discussion of sterilization, it will take longer to negotiate that. It’s not something they just pull off the shelf and issue a permit for,” Merlin Benner, president of Tioga County-based Wildlife Specialist ...

Mt. Lebanon must immediately prevent hunting in Twin Hills Park in ScottOctober 5, 2015 Pennsylvania, Tribune-Review
... Allegheny County Common Pleas Judge Michael McCarthy granted a preliminary injunction, ordering Mt. Lebanon to immediately put up posters or markers making it clear that hunting is prohibited in the park…

Mt. Lebanon OKs deer archery cullDecember 11, 2014 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
... Tom Kelley, public works director, formulated a deer management archery program ... Mr. McDonough said archers will be selected from municipal employees in four departments, who will volunteer their time and must meet several criteria... some 20 employees have expressed interest...

Mt. Lebanon deer culling effort gets OK December 10, 2014 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Tribune-Review
... hunting on public land was a prerequisite for state game commission approval of other deer control measures Mt. Lebanon wants to use. ... Cornell had about the same number of deer on campus, because clamping or cutting does' fallopian tubes didn't prevent heat. That brought more bucks to campus, Curtis said. [ovariectomy would prevent the does from going into heat, Cornell used tubal ligation] “I'd settle for a safe, legal, less effective program so we can move forward,” Mt. Lebanon Commissioner Dave Brumfield said...

Mt. Lebanon plans June discussion on deer management May 15, 2015 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

... The commission canceled its regular meeting June 22 to allow for a nonbusiness discussion that will start about 6 p.m ... Commissioners have set a goal of reducing the number of vehicle-deer collisions by 50 percent within five years...

Mt. Lebanon property owners preparing for possible deer archery hunt August 17, 2015 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

... more than 60 Mt. Lebanon landowners want their properties included in a proposed managed archery hunt for deer. White Buffalo, the agency that will manage the hunt, wants more...

Mt. Lebanon puts deer cull out of its misery March 20, 2015 Pennsylvania, Tribune-Review

... Fraught with problems from the start — including a botched first night in which the contractor's ammunition proved ineffective — the plan was called off because of vandalism and interference ... Someone hurled absorbent balls soaked in a foul-smelling chemical at the Robb Hollow site. On March 12, someone removed a corral feeder and tossed it over a hillside, and a woman had a brief confrontation with a contractor ...

Mt. Lebanon required to disclose deer hunt records March 3, 2016 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

... The Pennsylvania Office of Open Records granted resident Elaine Gillen’s appeal challenging the municipality’s refusal to disclose the addresses and names of property owners who participated in the wildlife management program... requires Mt. Lebanon to provide all relevant e-mail messages within a month...

Mt. Lebanon required to disclose deer hunt records March 3, 2016 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

... The Pennsylvania Office of Open Records granted resident Elaine Gillen's appeal challenging the municipality's refusal to disclose the addresses and names of property owners who participated in the wildlife management program... requires Mt. Lebanon to provide all relevant e-mail messages within a month… video

Mt. Lebanon residents reportedly plan private deer hunt January 7, 2015 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Tribune-Review

... Travis Lau, spokesman for the Pennsylvania Game Commission, said his agency wouldn't have to be notified about hunting on private land... Mt. Lebanon staff will draw up more specific plans for trapping and euthanasia, then get contractors to submit quotes ...

Mt. Lebanon residents to get choice in allowing bowhunting on properties to cull deer July 14, 2015 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Tribune-Review

... Commissioner Kelly Fraasch, who cast the lone vote in opposition, is concerned that the archery program might not reach its goal of killing 100 deer, yet the commission would spend $15,460 for the work... Residents again spoke passionately for and against culling, pitting stories of stampedes and ticks against worries about guns near homes and wounded animals fleeing into yards and roads...

Mt. Lebanon sharpshooting program endsMarch 11, 2016 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

... an unofficial count of 115 animals culled... will be charged $74,375 for the service ... [$647 per deer] . "Shooting guns in a community with 5,500 people per square mile is a symptom of a broken local government." ... said resident Nita Fandray ...

Mt. Lebanon still hopes to thin deer population January 15, 2015 Pennsylvania, The Almanac

... Deer could still face trap-and-bolt euthanasia, or even a smaller scale archery program, should the Pennsylvania Game Commission grant Mt. Lebanon deer control permits in the coming weeks. The municipality canceled its planned deer cull in late December when the Game Commission ran out of licenses...

Mt. Lebanon to allow sharpshooting to cull deer October 14, 2015 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Post-Gazett

... In a 3-2 vote, with commissioners David Brumfield and Kelly Fraasch opposing, the board awarded an $80,750 contract ... calls for daily baiting at predetermined sites, use of sound-suppressed .223-caliber or .22-caliber rifles ... At an approximate cost of $451 per deer, the actual cull was estimated to cost $67,670....

Mt. Lebanon to appeal open records decision regarding landowners' addresses, deer ... December 2, 2015 Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

... At a private meeting Wednesday, commissioners agreed to challenge the decision to reveal the addresses of private landowners who volunteered their properties in a deer management program...

Mt. Lebanon to avoid daily reports on deer culling because of contentionMarch 16, 2015 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Tribune-Review

... Mt. Lebanon's deer-culling program has killed six deer, officials said Monday, as the second week got under way. Because the plan to bait, corral and shoot deer on municipal land caused such contention, the municipality will issue only weekly updates …

Mt. Lebanon to consider new options for controlling deer population June 24, 2015 Pennsylvania, Tribune-Review

... commissioners directed Mt. Lebanon staff to compare costs and next steps for using organized bowhunters, tranquilizing and sterilizing female deer and culling the animals with sharpshooters, municipal planner Keith McGill said. “We'll be looking at all three methods independently ...

Mt. Lebanon to continue seeking sharpshooting proposals to lower deer population October 2, 2015 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
... Most of those who stood and addressed the commission were opposed to using lethal methods to control deer, with some imploring commission members not to vote for sharpshooters... Elaine Gillen, said the commission’s decision to allow the cull makes it “Mt. Lebanon’s biggest public safety issue.” ...

Mt. Lebanon to harvest deer December 15, 2014 Pennsylvania, The Almanac
... Santa Claus and his reindeer might want to steer clear of Mt. Lebanon the day after Christmas. The township will hold a controlled archery hunt of deer on municipal property, beginning Dec. 26. and continuing through Jan. 24...

Mt. Lebanon to resume archery hunt for deer June 30, 2017 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
... the third year in a row ... About 310 deer have been killed during archery and sharpshooting culls in the past two years...

Mt. Lebanon to tackle deer problem again June 21, 2015 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
... Jeannine Fleegel, a state Game Commission deer biologist invited to participate in Monday’s panel, said ... “I am not opposed to fertility control as an option, but the fact is, it is not an effective tool to reduce the population now,” she said. “I wish we had that tool available, but study after study shows it’s not effective on open populations of deer.” [Not correct, see summaries of studies and community efforts]

Mt. Lebanon to use sharpshooters to cull deer January 13, 2016 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

... commissioners approved the next stage ... by voting, 3-2 ... Humane Society wildlife biologist and senior director Stephanie Boyles-Griffin explained that a Pennsylvania nonprofit group, the Botstiber Foundation, remains interested in funding most of a surgical sterilization program. The Game Commission would have to approve the program ...

Mt. Lebanon tweaks deer-culling plansFebruary 24, 2015 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

... Mt. Lebanon commissioners Monday night said federal laws prohibit the culling of deer within 1,000 feet of schools, forcing three bait-and-trap sites to be re-evaluated, while a private location was added and a second is being considered...

Mt. Lebanon votes to cull deer with archers July 15, 2014 Pennsylvania, The Almanac

... The measurement for success would be a 50 percent reduction in deer-related crashes over five years ...The contractors would have to find, vet and train local managers and archers, and find property owners willing to waive state-mandated archery setbacks within the municipality, which could take several weeks...

Mt. Lebanon weighing nonlethal methods for deer population control September 19, 2016 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

... does in Mt. Lebanon would be treated with surgical sterilization, immunocontraception or a combination of both ... Stephanie Boyles Griffin, director of the Humane Society's Innovative Wildlife Management and Services division, told commissioners that Mt. Lebanon fits the parameters needed for the test site ...

Mt. Lebanon's controlled archery hunt netted 101 deer January 6, 2016 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

... the hunt harvested eight antlered deer and 93 antlerless deer, of which 10 were male and 83 were female ... Deer control wasn't on the agenda for the Mt. Lebanon commissioners meeting Monday, but all residents at the podium wanted to talk about was deer...

Mt. Lebanon archery culling has so far killed at least 101 deer January 5, 2016 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Tribue-Review

... The three-month kill program cost $15,460 — or about $150 per deer based on the 101 kills reported ... Some opponents dispute that Mt. Lebanon has a deer overpopulation problem...

Mt. Lebanon receives permit for February-March hunt, provides archery numbers January 5, 2016 Pennsylvania, The Almanac

...Among the documents posted on the municipal website early Tuesday afternoon is an amended Pennsylvania Game Commission permit allowing for the killing of up to 150 white-tailed deer in the municipality between Feb. 1 and March 31...

Mt. Lebanon's controversial deer-culling program gets underway March 10, 2015 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Tribune-Review

... Despite earlier reports of the possibility for a delay, Benner said all the necessary equipment and approvals were in place so his workers could start shooting Monday night and early Tuesday morning ... Automated feeders have been acclimating deer to eating at certain spots ... The contractors have since erected fences around the feeders to form corrals … video

Mt. Lebanon's deer herd in the crosshairs February 22, 2015 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

... deer will be baited, trapped and shot at close range in six Mt. Lebanon parks. ... Neither PZP nor Gon-a-con, anti-fertility drugs used on animals, are approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration because every doe vaccinated would need yearly

booster shots, which is not possible. ... said Chris Rosenberry, a biologist and head of the Game Commission deer and elk division. [Gonacon and PZP are approved by the appropriate federal agency and have commonly been applied, Deer Birth Control, Contraception, see case examples at lower left of page]

Mt. Lebanon deer cull is a soulless slaughter February 23, 2015 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

... I sympathize with those whose shrubberies have been damaged, but that harm does not merit killing, especially when there are more humane solutions ... Just because it is cheaper does not mean this is the ethical thing to do.

Mt. Lebanon's deer management meeting sparks no protests June 23, 2015 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

... "If you try to determine a number before you have a plan it will not work because your plan will be influenced by the number of deer you think you have, and the hard count won't be reliable," [Jeannine Fleegle, a deer biologist for the state Game Commission] "The first thing you have to define as a community is whether there is a problem ... [Many communities use a count to to evaluate program effectiveness]

Mt. Lebanon Officials Meet To Discuss New Attempt At Deer Management June 23, 2015 Pennsylvania, CBS Pittsburgh

... "They haven't said how many deer there are. They haven't done a survey since 2014, which showed that the numbers went down since 2013 ...

Mt. Lebanon commissioners hone deer strategy June 23, 2015 Pennsylvania, The Almanac

... A small group of protesters demonstrated outside the Mt. Lebanon High School fine arts theater, where roughly 50 people stayed for the 4 1/2-hour discussion...Municipal planner Keith McGill kicked off the four-person panel by saying the metric for success would be a 50 percent reduction in deer-related traffic accidents over five years. [seeroad management strategies for reducing collisions]

Mt. Lebanon, Controversial deer cull starts again in Mt. Lebanon September 17, 2016 Pennsylvania, WPXI Pittsburgh
... goal of the deer cull is to reduce the deer population by about 50 percent in the next five years...

Mt. Lebanon, Deer cull participants can remain private, court rules December 9, 2016 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
... The state Commonwealth Court ruled Friday that the names of those who participated in a deer cull in Mt. Lebanon — either by bow hunting or by providing their property to hunters — can stay protected...

Mt. Lebanon, 'Deer-proofing' expert to offer lessons in Mt. Lebanon April 2, 2015 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Tribune-Review
... Sandy Baker, whose website calls her “the deer doctor,” will present residents with deer-deterrent strategies and lessons on deer behavior at times to be determined from April 25 to April 27 ....

Mt. Lebanon, Citizens against the Deer Cull March 12, 2015 Pennsylvania, GoFundMe.com
... We are a group of concerned citizens who are disspointed with the Mt. Lebanon commission to go forward with a brutal plan to bait and trap deer in our beautiful parks. We ask for your help to aid us in covering expenses such as posters and materials for our legal and lawful protests and spreading the word to other supporters! ... [Updates on the cull are available at the blogsite, Lebo Citizens]

Mt. Lebanon, Contractor reports first kill in Mt. Lebanon deer cull March 11, 2015 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

... Despite early rain, deer were lured into baited corral traps, shot from elevated platforms and taken to a processor early today ... The location and number of deer taken were not disclosed...

Mt. Lebanon, Controversial deer-culling program may return October 10, 2012 Pennsylvania, Tribune-Review
...Commissioner Kristin Linfante proposed including $50,000 in the 2013 budget for a management plan, which would include a deer population survey; educational materials on nonlethal ways to deter deer; crossing signs for high-density areas; and a culling program in the parks ...

Mt. Lebanon, Controversial Mt. Lebanon deer cull ends March 20, 2015 Pennsylvania, Observer-Reporter
... Merlin Benner, president of Wildlife Specialists said the township's decision to trap deer in corrals – which had never been used in Pennsylvania – led to a delay in starting the deer cull. Only six deer were killed ... Benner acknowledged the protesters played a role in his decision to end the contract. ... Despite the handful of deer that were killed, Morgans [town public relations officer] said the program was not a failure… video

Mt. Lebanon, Corralling, shooting of deer may begin next week in Mt. Lebanon February 19, 2015 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Tribune-Review
... involves Tioga County-based Wildlife Specialists LLC using bait to lure up to 150 deer to corrals and then shooting them with silenced rifles... “I can't understand why anybody would think it's all right to shed blood to protect plants. I can't wrap my mind around that,” Mt. Lebanon resident Barbara Sollenberger said...

Mt. Lebanon, Court allows archery deer hunt in Scott's Twin Hills Park August 19, 2016 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

... Scott lost its attempt to prevent Mt. Lebanon from extending a deer-control program into Twin Hills Park, a 25-acre property fully located in Scott but purchased decades ago by Mt. Lebanon... The court order permits Mt. Lebanon to conduct archery deer control ... forbidding other forms of management, including rifle culls and sterilization programs...

Mt. Lebanon, Culling of 219 deer a success, Mt. Lebanon official says April 30, 2016 Tribune-Review
... Sharpshooters and archers killed 219 deer during Mt. Lebanon's controversial effort to thin its deer herd ... Hunters killed 115 deer in a controlled sharpshooting hunt that began in February and ended in March... They killed 104 deer in an archery hunt ...

Mt. Lebanon, Decrease in deer in Mt. Lebanon perplexing May 28, 2014 Pennsylvania, Tribune-Review
... Counting deer from an airplane with an infrared camera, contractors saw 196 in February 2014 compared with 342 at about the same time last year... the commission hadn't approved any deer-culling activities between surveys ... The municipality's ban two years ago on feeding deer might have led them to range farther in search of food ...

Mt. Lebanon, Deer control expert to Mt. Lebanon says culling still a possibilityMay 30, 2015 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Tribune-Review
... Tony DeNicola, president of Connecticut-based White Buffalo Inc., will address the Board of Commissioners ... would need to sterilize well over 90 percent of the females... You could need $250,000 to $300,000 to do that," DeNicola said. "To capture 300 animals is a very substantial undertaking." ...

Mt. Lebanon, Deer cull called off in Mount Lebanon April 9, 2015 Pennsylvania, Outdoor News

... In trying to explain why it took 11 shots to kill three deer, Benner said the bullets may have been faulty... “All options are on the table,” she said, noting that even sterilization might be considered ... A controlled archery hunt next fall is a definite possibility ...

Mt. Lebanon, Deer culling underway in Mt. Lebanon September 25, 2015 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
... Misinformation. Inaccuracies. Old wives’ tales. That’s what the Mt. Lebanon Coalition for Coexistence believes the town’s commission used to legitimize a controversial deer cull in the community ... “You don’t use lethal weapons in open suburbia,” ...

Mt. Lebanon, Deer reduction redux: Mt. Lebanon tries managed archery to remove deer August 23, 2015 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
... In July Mt. Lebanon voted to pay $15,460 to White Buffalo to organize and execute a managed archery hunt that will start Sept. 19 ... The state archery safety zone is 50 yards from an occupied building ... Mt. Lebanon commissioner Coleen Vuono ... is urging fellow commissioners to hire federal sharpshooters...

Mt. Lebanon, Deer slaughter no solution March 4, 2015 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Tribune-Review
... I was a deer hunter for years until the modern rules left practically nothing to hunt. Now I'm too compassionate to harm such beautiful animals — or any animals. Deer also experience emotions and pain...

Mt. Lebanon, Deer, student parking once again stir ire in Mt. Lebanon February 17, 2017 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
... Although 104 deer were killed during the same time last year, municipal manager Keith McGill said only 36 deer were killed in this season’s archery hunt by wildlife management company White Buffalo, which was paid $9,000 to organize the hunt. A sharpshooting phase of the deer management program is slated to begin within days...

Mt. Lebanon, Efforts to obtain emails about Mt. Lebanon deer hunt raise legal questionsDecember 9, 2015 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
... would appeal a decision by the state Office of Open Records requiring the municipality to release emails ... Hunters and landowners were given assurances their identities would remain confidential to protect them from harassment, citing a community uproar during a previous deer management program...

Mt. Lebanon, Expert offers tips to curb deer woes in Mt. Lebanon September 26, 2012 Pennsylvania, McMurray Almanac
... a presentation by Laura Simon, field director of the Urban Wildlife Program for the Humane Society of the United States ... "The golden rule of deer control is to reduce food for reduced deer numbers," she said. "The best plan is to educate residents on smart choices for planting flowers." ... Simon also recommended the use of electric and non-electric fences, scare devices such as motion sensor sprinklers ... [see details on urban deer management]*

Mt. Lebanon, Fine reduced from $300 to $1 for Mt. Lebanon deer trespasser March 1, 2016 Pennsylvania, Tribune-Review
... she came upon part of Mt. Lebanon's controversial deer cull taking place along a path she had strolled since she was a child.... cited Castor, 52, of Cambridge, Mass., with defiant trespassing and interfering with a lawful hunt after she followed the hunter onto private land, taking pictures with her cellphone…

Mt. Lebanon, Game Commission to provide Mt. Lebanon with information on sterilization permit November 25, 2015 Pennsylvania, The Almanac
... the Delaware County-based Dietrich W. Botsiber Foundation, which has proposed funding a sterilization project in Mt. Lebanon.... Brumfield ... questioned why the municipality should reject pursuing money from Botsiber. “For the life of me, there is no

benefit to this community to turn down the possibility of a fully-funded program because it might not work out," ...

Mt. Lebanon, Game Commission would prefer Mt. Lebanon hunt deerNovember 13, 2014 Pennsylvania, The Almanac
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Mt. Lebanon, Group protest Mt. Lebanon deer cull proposal February 23, 2015 Pennsylvania, WTAE Pittsburgh
... Sterilization is the second part of Mt. Lebanon's deer control management plan, but that sterilization permit has not been approved by the state. Brumfield said they hope to use the cull for a couple years, then move to sterilization for the long term...

Mt. Lebanon, Heyl: All Mt. Lebanon did with failed culling is shoot itself in the foot March 22, 2015 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Tribune-Review
... Mt. Lebanon endured weeks of controversy, and the community remains sharply divided, all for the sake of ridding the community of six animals. This attempt to curb the deer population was a total debacle... It was supposed to be so simple, this mass eviction by euthanasia ...

Mt. Lebanon, High-percentage female harvest cited as success in Mt. Lebanon archery huntFebruary 23, 2016 Pennsylvania, The Almanac
... Eighty-three percent female harvest … ... “The good thing about baiting, what it allows, is for deer to be drawn into areas where they can be harvested, which is critical in Mt. Lebanon,” he said, with regard to the dense population locally. The problem, though, is that it is not permitted in Allegheny County ...

Mt. Lebanon, How to thin deer divides Mt. Lebanon October 29, 2014 Pennsylvania, Tribune-Review
... methods such as trapping and euthanizing deer, tranquilizing and sterilizing does, and hunting them with sharpshooters or archers. Mt. Lebanon is so densely developed, there's almost nowhere it would be legal to hunt deer under state laws for shooting near occupied structures,..

Mt. Lebanon, Killing deer won't resolve Mt. Lebanon's issues January 30, 2015 Pennsylvania, The Almanac
... this new plan is a total waste of taxpayer money. Deer numbers will quickly pop up again as new deer move into the area and more fawns are born. It’s a phenomenon called “compensatory reproduction,” which means that when deer have better nutrition, they breed at a younger age and have higher fawn survival. The net result is a population surge after a hunting decline.

Mt. Lebanon, Lebo zeroing in on controlling deer October 12, 2013 Pennsylvania, The Almanac
... With sharpshooting, for example, deer are lured to specific areas with bait, then killed with a single bullet to the brain. The cost per deer would be somewhere between $200 and $400. Maddock said the downsides to this approach included negative public perception and legal limits on where firearms could be discharged... Sterilization

...would not involve firearms and could also reduce the long-term costs associated with managing the deer population...

Mt. Lebanon, Michigan community have different approaches to deer population problem March 6, 2017 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
... a two-pronged plan to reduce Ann Arbor's urban deer population. In areas where sharpshooting was impractical, female deer were darted and their ovaries surgically removed ... "The biggest difference is that in Pennsylvania the Game Commission denied us a permit and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources approved the experiment," ...

Mt. Lebanon, Milder weather working against deer cull effort in Mt. LebanonMarch 20, 2015 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
... With just six deer killed since the first shots were fired in the Mt. Lebanon deer cull, the program will not reach commissioners' goal of significantly reducing the whitetail population ... Tom Fazi, spokesman for the Game Commision's southwest district, says the bait, trap and kill corral method continues to seem viable despite the unsuccessful Mt. Lebanon experiment, and may have applications elsewhere in the state...

Mt. Lebanon, Mt. Lebanon could add sharpshooting to deer managementSeptember 28, 2015 Pennsylvania, The Almanac
... a request for proposals pertaining to a sharpshooting program as part of the municipality's deer management efforts. White Buffalo Inc., the nonprofit organization assisting with the current controlled archery hunt in Mt. Lebanon, submitted a proposal with a total cost of $80,750 ... to "safely remove 150 deer" ...

Mt. Lebanon, Mt. Lebanon Deer Culling has officially ended March 20, 2015 Pennsylvania, WTAE 9

... The deer corrals came down on Thursday. At the beginning of this operation, it took 11 shots to kill three deer ... they' have only killed six deer... had hoped to cull 150 ...

Mt. Lebanon, Mt. Lebanon girding for second round of deer culling February 4, 2016 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
... cull opponents gathered to draw attention to the ongoing deer-management initiative. “The purpose of ... the rally is to awaken and inform the general public about the sharpshooting phase of Mt. Lebanon’s plan to kill more deer,” ...

Mt. Lebanon, Mt. Lebanon must still deal with deer March 24, 2015 Pennsylvania, Observer-Reporter
... At a Monday night meeting, according to the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, Mt. Lebanon’s commissioners said they would stay away from any deer-related issues for a couple of months to allow for a cooling-off period...

Mt. Lebanon, Mt. Lebanon residents blast commission over deer cull March 11, 2015 Pennsylvania, The Almanac
... Despite the public outrage, Commission President John Bendel said the municipality has no intention of ending the cull... Kelly Fraasch ... said residents had approached her with the desire to establish a fund for deer sterilization and other non-lethal means of deer management...

Mt. Lebanon, Murder in Mt. LebanonMarch 5, 2015 Pennsylvania, The Almanac, Jan Seybold
... Every hunter I know thinks that the corral is the worst possible option. If they have to kill deer to thin the herd (which has been scientifically proven that the herd will rebound with more births following a cull) there should be a different, more humane method...

Mt. Lebanon, No deer cull planned in Mt. Lebanon November 15, 2012 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Post Gazette
Mt. Lebanon residents continue to express concerns about the possibility of a deer cull in the municipality ... A public hearing addressing the proposed 2013 municipal budget, held Tuesday during the commission meeting, drew a full house, with many in the audience voicing opposition to any money going toward killing deer... Among Mt. Lebanon commissioners, Kristen Linfante of Ward 3 is the only one pushing for a deer cull ...

Mt. Lebanon, Open records office orders Mt. Lebanon to release deer cull emailsNovember 24, 2015 Pennsylvania, Tribune-Review
... Mt. Lebanon earlier denied a resident's request for emails tied to the program, citing the potential for the property owners to be harassed. The resident, Elaine Gillen, appealed to the state...

Mt. Lebanon, Opponents denounce Mt. Lebanon deer cull March 10, 2015 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
... A standing-room crowd of more than 100 people packed the Mt. Lebanon Commission meeting ... It appeared the majority of those in attendance were opposed to the plan to cull ... Prior to the commission meeting, nearly 40 protesters faced Washington Road ... sign quoted Genesis from the Bible about the beauty of all living things...

Mt. Lebanon, Opponents of Mt. Lebanon deer cull protest at corral site March 1, 2015 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
... More than two dozen protesters stood on the side of Connor Road in Mt. Lebanon on Saturday afternoon, demanding more humane options for dealing with the community's deer population... "They want to shoot a gun where there is high traffic, gas lines, and power equipment," ...

Mt. Lebanon, Opposing sides in Mt. Lebanon deer culling run deep March 11, 2015 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Tribune-Review

... The plan to lure deer into five corrals and have sharpshooters with small-caliber rifles equipped with suppressors kill them seems barbaric to some. Others say there just aren't any good options... Protesters packed a commission meeting Tuesday night...

Mt. Lebanon, Ordinance tries to deter Mt. Lebanon deer June 28, 2012 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Post Gazette

... commissioners voted Monday to prohibit residents from feeding deer in the municipality.... , the municipality is considering contracting with the U.S. Department of Agriculture to curb the deer population. Residents are concerned, however, about the safety of bringing high-powered rifles with silencers into the walking community where lots sit close together... The municipality had an agreement with the federal agency from 2006-08, but has not renewed the contract.

Mt. Lebanon, Pennsylvania Game Commission OKs Mt. Lebanon deer-culling plan February 17, 2015 Tribune-Review

... The Pennsylvania Game Commission authorized Mt. Lebanon's controversial plan to lure up to 150 deer into corrals with bait, trap them with remotely-triggered gates and shoot them with silenced rifles ... the first time such a deer population control measure has been attempted in Pennsylvania...

Mt. Lebanon, Potential Mt. Lebanon deer sterilization project could be in jeopardyJanuary 14, 2016 Pennsylvania, The Almanac

... In order to move forward with a project that they would provide substantial funding for, the majority of funding [for the sterilization program] ... “Mt. Lebanon would have to agree to suspend the archery program and they would have to postpone moving forward with any sharpshooting program until the research project was completed.”

Mt. Lebanon, Pro-deer culling Mt. Lebanon commissioner steps down from post March 24, 2015 Pennsylvania, Tribune-Review

... Commissioner Kristen Linfante, who was the board's strongest and longest-standing advocate of culling with trapping or sharpshooters, tendered her resignation in a letter before the meeting, citing continuing health issues... “We don't know how many deer there are,” said resident Elaine Gillen, whose Lebo Citizens blog was a forum for people opposed to culling... An aerial survey in 2013 counted 342 deer in Mt. Lebanon, but a follow-up survey in early 2014 found just 196...

Mt. Lebanon, Sharpshooters' deer culling to resume in Mt. Lebanon February 1, 2018 Pennsylvania, Tribune-Review

... Last year, the sharpshooters killed 55 deer; in 2016 there were 115, according to reports released by the municipality... the $77,110 contract with White Buffalo allows sharpshooting to begin Thursday ...

Mt. Lebanon, State orders Mt. Lebanon to provide locations of deer hunt November 26, 2015 Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

... The request involves Mt. Lebanon’s contract to pay $15,460 to nonprofit wildlife management organization White Buffalo for a controlled archery hunt... During a prior wildlife management program, participants said they were harassed and had equipment sabotaged by opponents of the Mt. Lebanon hunt ...

Mt. Lebanon, Technical issues could delay Mt. Lebanon deer cull March 9, 2015 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

... Brian Benner of Wildlife Specialists in Wellsboro, Tioga County, said Sunday that some necessary equipment wasn’t in place... contracted to receive $500 per deer up to $75,000 per year ...

Mt. Lebanon, Trap and euthanize in Mt. Lebanon February 1, 2015 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
... council last week requested approval for an experimental taxpayer-funded program that would spend $500 each for the trapping and euthanization of 150 does. The state Game Commission has never approved such a program ...

Mt. Lebanon, Vandals steer deer from Mt. Lebanon corrals, help some escapeMarch 18, 2015 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Tribune-Review
... The contractor reported five incidents since March 11, when someone put deer feed outside the Bird Park corral, presumably so deer would be less tempted to enter what opponents call the “killing cage.” On Thursday, someone removed a corral feeder ...

Mt. Lebanon, Weak ammunition delays deer cull in Mt. Lebanon March 19, 2015 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Tribune-Review
... The operator of Mt. Lebanon's controversial deer culling program cut short the first night after contractors needed 11 direct shots to the head to kill three deer at close range ... Mt. Lebanon spokeswoman Susan Morgans referred comments to the state game commission, which could not be reached...

Mt. Lebanon, ‘Deer Doctor’ addresses Mt. Lebanon commissioners April 28, 2015 Pennsylvania, The Almanac
... Sandy Baker ... said the municipality had attempted to implement a lethal deer management strategy based on incomplete information, adding that population reduction should be the final step in a comprehensive deer management plan, not the first...

Mt.Lebanon, Nonlethal deer management plan pitched in Mt. Lebanon March 10, 2015 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Tribune-Review

... The nonlethal plan proposed by Commissioner Kelly Fraasch called for a volunteer phone bank to educate residents about Mt. Lebanon's deer-feeding ban. It also called for bringing in a nationally recognized expert, Sandy Baker of Rochester, N.Y., to speak about landscaping and flowering to manage the deer population...

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Muddy Run deer count tops 500January 19, 2014 Pennsylvania, Lancaster Online

... For nearly three decades, volunteers have gathered on a January afternoon to count the deer at Muddy Run," just so we have an idea how many deer are in there," ... by doing the count the same way every year, Byers said, Exelon can get an idea of the size of the deer population at Muddy Run ... more than 500 deer, according to park manager Dave Byers... "It should have been up this year, because the winter wasn't too bad last year," …

Muhlenberg Officials reluctant to kill deer 8/17/2010 Reading Eagle

The Muhlenberg Township Commissioners voted against killing deer that are eating flowers from gardens along River Road. Instead, the board ordered parks and ...o put together a flier to be mailed to people who live in that area.

Officials said talk of culling the herd was prompted by complaints from a resident at last month's meeting.

"My fear is we're getting on a path to kill deer," Commissioner Craig W. Fink said.

Board President James A. Murray said, "The deer were here before we were."

Both said wildlife is an asset to the community.

McNutt said the flier would include tips on landscaping

Neighbors decry killing of deer in suburban neighborhood; game commission investigating October 23, 2018 Pennsylvania, The Patriot-News
... I was trying to figure out why he was shooting with a bow and arrow in our neighborhood where the houses are pretty much close together." She was stunned, saying it was a friendly deer, known in the neighborhood... "We definitely have some safety concerns...

New approach to deer management takes aim at urban and rural problems April 13, 2014 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
... The system he calls "tri-tag" or "earn a buck" would be an archery-only program. Hunters would apply for permits to hunt deer in problem urban areas that could be as narrowly focused as the township level. The tag would permit the hunter to take two does and buck. But because deer are most effectively controlled through managing does, an antlerless deer would have to be killed before the hunter could take a buck

New Montco commissioners OK with deer hunt January 18, 2012 Pennsylvania, phillyBurbs.com
... deer hunters will be firing away in a Montgomery County park. ... There are in excess of 200 deer in the park. ... The hunts were initiated to cut down on the number of deer-vehicle accidents in the area and to reduce damage to park and farm vegetation and to the landscaping of neighbors. ... cut down on Lyme disease [deer cull not shown to be effective against Lyme] ...

Newton, State plans regulated deer hunts at Tyler State Park in Newtown, Northampton November 17, 2014 Pennsylvania, Bucks Local News
... On December 3, 150 hunters will be allowed to hunt with only manual, semi-automatic, or muzzleloader shotguns with “00” buckshot ammunition for both antlered and antlerless deer... The hunt is held every year ...

Norristown, Hunters bag 28 deer during Norristown Farm Park hunt January 25, 2013 Pennsylvania, phillyBurbs.com

... A total of 28 hunters, using 12-gauge shotguns, killed 28 deer during the one-day hunt, according to county communications assistant Jessica Willingham... The deer kill included 13 antlerless bucks (young “button” bucks or mature bucks that had shed their antlers) and 15 doe... This is the eighth year for the hunt ...

Norristown, Hunters sought for controlled deer hunt in Norristown Farm Park November 7, 2013 The Times Herald

... a wildlife management program that began in 2005... In addition, the program seeks to control the spread of Lyme disease-carrying ticks [deer cull not generally effective against Lyme] ... public lottery will be held at the Farm Park Headquarters ... Additional information related to the hunt may be posted on the web atwww.parks.montcopa.org.

Peters Township, Approvals granted for deer sharpshooting program in Peters Township December 29, 2021 Pennsylvania, Observer-Reporter

... “The township has engaged in an archery program to cull deer since 2008, and that program, alone, has not effectively controlled the deer population. To me, the logical next step is the sharpshooter program,” ... Archery kills generally have numbered between 50 and 60 annually ...

Peters Township considering adding sharpshooting to deer culling effort September 17, 2021 Pennsylvania, Post-Gazette

... “The archery program has been pretty steady from the inception as to its impact on the deer population,” ... the archers in the program have dwindled from about 50 at the start to about 30 and said some of the archers only kill one or two deer per season...

Peters Township business owner plans deer cull to help cut losses August 14, 2019 Pennsylvania, The Almanac

... Because the Pennsylvania Game Commission considers his property to be for agricultural use, he does not need a permit to carry out culling activities...

Penn Hills, Game Commission enters battle between hunters, Penn Hills residents November 26, 2014 Pennsylvania, Tribune-Review

... Penn Hills' general offense code prohibits hunting in the municipality, though state law says hunters may hunt on private land with the landowner's permission.
State law supersedes local laws in this instance, Game Commission spokesman Travis Lau said.

Pennsylvania communities must try hunting before getting deer-cull permits April 12, 2016 Outdoor News
... Communities using deer-cull permits have been making headlines in recent years, perhaps most notably western Pennsylvania's Mount Lebanon, that has controversially used contractors ... will change if a regulation ... approved ...

Pennsylvania Game Commissioners debate who best to control potentially sick deer July 23, 2016 Tribune-Review
... a rules change that indicates municipalities and other political subdivisions have to try using recreational hunting to control whitetail populations before they can seek a permit allowing for other methods... Laroche said ... The number of deer with wasting disease may still be manageable now, he said. In five years, it may not...

Pennsylvania's hunting law takes precedence over local ordinancesNovember 30, 2013 Pittsburgh Post Gazette
... Most municipalities have laws banning the discharge of firearms ... "They need to reconsider their laws," said Jason Raup, assistant council for the state Game Commission, the agency charged with enforcing hunting laws. "Those authorities have no jurisdiction over the discharge of firearms dring the course of legal hunting ...

PGC board hunts for solution in controlling "backyard" deer numbers July 31, 3016 Pennsylvania, News Item
... revised regulations passed by the PGC Board of Commissioners will require municipalities and other subdivisions that request permits from the agency to manage deer populations need to consider managing deer through hunting before gaining approval to use another method...

PGC mulls permit specific to urban deer January 1, 2015 Pennsylvania, Outdoor News

... the creation of an urban deer tag ... “My thought is, why don’t we develop a tag that allows a second buck, an inferior buck, to be taken instead of allowing that deer to be hit by a vehicle and be wasted.”

Philadelphia will close large city parks at night for annual deer kill November 27, 2020 Pennsylvania, Philadelphia Inquirer
... U.S. Department of Agriculture sharpshooters who kill hundreds of deer each winter... they have every year since 1999 ... The city’s goal is to limit deer there to about 8 to 10 per square mile. Across Pennsylvania, there are about 30 deer per square mile, which state and federal wildlife managers consider sustainable ...

Philadelphia Advocates for the Deer (PAD) holds vigil to protest deer hunting December 10, 2014 Pennsylvania, Montgomery News
... the upcoming killing of the deer in the Wissahickon Valley for the 17th consecutive year. To date, 2,736 deer have been reported killed in Fairmount Park... Philadelphia Advocates for the Deer

Philadelphia lifts park winter curfew, deer cull ends April 7, 2015 Pennsylvania, Montgomery News
... The deer management program removed a total of 165 deer, the majority coming from Pennypack Park in the Northeast (68) …

Controversial Deer Hunt Returns to Philly This Weekend October 20, 2020 Pennsylvania, Philadelphia Mag
...Heinz Wildlife Refuge deputy manager Mariana Bergerson explains ...the 1,000 acre refuge contains about 74 deer per square mile, while studies have concluded that somewhere between 20 and 38 deer per square mile would be ideal for maintaining a healthy ecosystem...

Philadelphia, Hill activists seek help from Cindy Bass to end killing March 12, 2015 Pennsylvania, Chestnut Hill Local... The annual kill, announced by the city as a "one-time-only" event by then-Executive Director of the Fairmount Park Commission, William E. Mifflin, back in 1999, has presently been going on for 15 consecutive years. Since then over 1,000 deer have been killed in the Wissahickon, according to the Park Commission's own statistics... Folks who would like to sign the petition to Councilwoman Cindy Bass, and lend their voices to stop the 15 years of killing the deer in Fairmount Park can go online to phillydeeradvocates.com and click on 'SIGN OUR PETITION.'"

Pine, Reducing deer herd aim in PineJune 12, 2014 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Tribune-Review
Pine property owners now can request that hired sharpshooters reduce local deer herds... "When township involvement is requested, the township can seek permission from private property owners, but will not authorize activity on private property, without the owner's consent," according to the new policy…

Pittsburg, Opinions mixed on allowing limited hunting in some Pittsburgh parks to control deer population August 30, 2023 Pennsylvania, TribLIVE.com
... The city has attempted to fence off portions of parks that have been "significantly, negatively impacted ecologically by deer overpopulation," but efforts to protect those areas with fencing have been "largely unsuccessful" as deer have found ways around the barriers...

Pittsburgh introduces plan to cull deer population with controlled bow hunt in 2 parks August 29, 2023 CBS News
... "A lot of people have asked, 'Why can't you use sort of a chemical birth control, some other options for that?' But the reality is that the population of the deer itself has gotten to where those mitigation measures are less effective, are not as effective until we're

able to lower those numbers," said Maria Montaño, communications director of the mayor's office...

Humane Society urges Pittsburgh not to use bowhunters to kill deer in Riverview and Frick parks September 5, 2023 Pennsylvania, WTAE-TV

... The Human Society wrote: "... there are important elements to consider before lethal actions are taken... Those elements include an assessment of existing population dynamics and an assessment of the impacts that deer may be causing, followed by an evaluation of what specific mitigation actions can be applied to each type of situation, including browsing impact and community plant concerns." ... Montano said fencing to control deer in city parks was not a feasible solution. "..We just don't have the city resources to be able to do that," ...

Pleasant Hills Arboretum hunt yields 7 deer November 7, 2014 Pennsylvania, Tribune-Review

... “All nine county parks have had controlled deer hunts since 1995,” ... “It seems like it's working,” Smith said. “There was a man walking his dog, and the dog was wearing a little orange vest...

Pleasant Hills, Controlled deer hunts approved at Pleasant Hills ArboretumOctober 29, 2014 Pennsylvania, Tribune-Review

... “We'll have it every year if it's successful and no opposition crops up,” ... Residents whose homes abut the arboretum's grounds received letters asking for permission to enter their yards if a wounded animal falls there... pricing for an 8-foot fence was determined to be $105,000. If grant opportunities come about, Smith said, the arboretum board would be willing to consider that option...

Plumstead nursery using deer feeder to help battle Lyme disease, ticks April 30, 2015 Pennsylvania, theintell.com

... As a deer bends its heads down to reach the corn in the feeder, its neck and ears are brushed with rollers coated with the pesticide permethrin, explained Hirst.

“It turns the deer into a tick-killing machine,” ...

Pocopson schedules managed deer hunt season August 9, 2011 Pennsylvania, The Unionville Times
Pocopson plans a managed deer hunt to thin local herds, starting with bow hunting, next month.... A vision of beauty and grace, deer are nice to look at...According to Don Lane, Chairman of the township’s Deer Management Committee, state game officials say there should be no more than 10 deer per acre of land. In semi-rural, wooded areas like the township, that number jumps to as many as 20 deer per acre....Anyone with questions pertaining to the Pocopson Township Deer Management Program should call 484-433-2957.

Presque Isle, Regulated deer hunt taking over Presque Isle in December November 6, 2023 Pennsylvania, YourErie.com
... Up to 85 hunters will be allowed to hunt using shotguns that are not semi-automatic and are loaded with slug ammunition, black-powder muzzleloaders or archery equipment for both antlered and antlerless deer...

Presque Isle Asks State for Guidance on Deer June 29, 2015 Pennsylvania, Blood Horse
... The track just south of Erie canceled the last five races June 22 and the last four races June 28 because of deer on or near the racing surface...

Oh, deer: Wildlife puts horse racing on hold June 29, 2015 Pennsylvania, Courier-Journal
... track officials aren't sure where the deer are coming from ... "Can we just shoot them? We don't know ...

Presque Isle deer hunt set for Dec. 11-13 November 9, 2013 Pennsylvania, GoErie.com
... the herd, which now numbers about 50 ... "Our goal is to keep it under 30," said Jason Heasley, an assistant park manager. ... The current herd size is similar to past years at hunt time....

Presque Isle, 18 deer taken during three days of Presque Isle hunt December 8, 2012 Pennsylvania, GoErie.com
... The combined antlered and antlerless deer hunt is held to help manage the deer population at Presque Isle. Eight deer were taken during the three-day hunt at the park in 2011, 15 in 2010, nine in 2009, 19 in 2008, and 20 in 2007 ...

Radnor Board of Commissioners OKs deer cull June 20, 2012 Pennsylvania, Main Line
... The recommendation is a result of a recent study involving the police department and the USDA's Wildlife Services ... Last year 144 deer incidents were reported to police, the majority of which involved automobiles.The deer-density study indicated that the current deer density in the township was 101 per square mile while the desirable level of deer density should be 30 per square mile.

Radnor Board of Commissioners OKs deer cull June 26, 2012 Main Line Media
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Radnor committee to recommend deer cull [recommended density 30 per square mile] June 9, 2012 Pennsylvania, Main Line

... Radnor Board of Commissioners' Subcommittee on Public Safety, will recommend before the full board hiring sharpshooters for 10 nights at a cost of $45,829... A deer-density survey conducted during February 2012 indicated the average deer density in the township was 101 deer per square mile. Approximately 1,394 deer were in the township... According to Gino J. D'Angelo, a wildlife biologist with Wildlife Services, a more acceptable average deer density per square mile for an area such as Radnor should be 30 deer, or a total township population of 414.

Radnor deer hunt removes 74 as winter storms delay cull January 7, 2014 Pennsylvania, Main Line Media News

... This is the second season that the township has engaged sharpshooters from the USDA to cull deer. The Board of Commissioners approved $76,263 for the deer management program ... deer have also been blamed for the spread of Lyme disease.

Deer incidents in Radnor highest in Delaware County February 28, 2012 Pennsylvania, Philadelphia Inquirer (blog)

... Schaeffer's residents' first complaint, though, is speeding, which is why Philadelphia Advocates for Deer's Lee Hall said most are looking to the wrong solutions.... "If we kill deer, then the deer will just come back ... USDA wildlife biologist Gino Dangelo .. determined there are approximately 101 deer per square mile in Radnor. Prior to beginning its culling program in 2008, the deer density in Lower Merion Township was 58 deer per square mile…

Reading to consider thinning white-tailed deer population September 13, 2021 WFMZ-TV

... the U.S. Department of Agriculture will be conducting a controlled, nonpublic hunt for the deer in the mountain areas around Antietam Lake Park...

Redding, Local hunters ask: 'Where are the deer? January 24, 2014 Pennsylvania, thereddingpilot.com

... A debate has been sparked between local hunters and town officials as to what is an adequate number of deer per square mile in town.... there isn't a follow-up survey of deer in the area at the end of the regular hunting season — before White Buffalo comes in and kills more deer... It is stated in the town's 2008 Plan of Conservation and Development that in order to "contain" Lyme disease, 10 to 12 deer per square mile is the target level

Restaurant owner dumpster diving for deer parts accused of selling them in NYC July 25, 2016 Pennsylvania, PennLive.com
... at an Elizabethtown deer processor ... hearing noises and finding deer parts strewn on the ground. They went out to investigate, and when they opened the dumpster were shocked to find a woman inside gathering deer parts ...

Deer in crosshairs in hunt at Ridley Creek State Park (With Video) December 3, 2010 Delaware County Daily Times By JOHN KOPP, jkopp@delcotimes.com EDGMONT — Jeff Fisher called the annual **deer** hunt at Ridley Creek State Park a "fishbowl," because the park is packed **...**
About 1,200 hunters applied to take part in the event, McChesney said

Ridley Creek State Park, Deer hunters kill 49 in Ridley Creek State Park December 12, 2013 Pennsylvania, DelcoTimes,com
... The 92 deer killed is the lowest total in recent memory. That compares to the two-day totals of 146 deer killed in 2012, 136 in 2011 and 134 in 2010... hunters, who often sit for hours waiting for a prize buck to cross their paths [a hunt for population control would target does] ...

Rose Valley approves another fall bow deer hunt September 18, 2012 Pennsylvania, Delco News Network

... Council voted unanimously to approve a bow and arrow harvesting on borough land. The hunt, the third in as many years, came at the recommendation of the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC)... Deer have been involved in vehicle accidents on Rose Valley Road, and the spread of Lyme disease is a continuing concern

Rose Valley approves bow hunting on borough property September 26, 2011 Pennsylvania, Delaware County Daily Times
...In an effort to control the ever-increasing number of white tail deer, council voted to approve bow-and-arrow harvesting on borough land. The decision was made in consultation with the environmental advisory council ...The hunt on public land will be the third in as many years. While council approved a cull for last winter, discussions with the Pennsylvania Game Commission resulted in a decision to defer the action until 2012.

Rose Valley approves contract for deer cull February 13, 2012 Pennsylvania, Delaware County Daily Times

... council voted 5-0 Wednesday night to approve an agreement with Eccologix Biodiversity Consulting Group to conduct a limited deer cull on borough-owned parkland....Unlike regular hunting, baiting will be permitted and the location of the baiting stations, deer stands and dates and times of the cull will remain confidential for the safety of the technicians.

Rose Valley deer bow hunt to start on Saturday September 28, 2016 Pennsylvania, The Delaware County Daily Times
... Approved bow hunting, primarily by local law enforcement personnel, will be permitted Oct. 1-Dec. 10 in the municipal-owned Long Point Wildlife Sanctuary and Todmorden Woods... Initiated in 2010, the original deer management plan estimated 27 white tails should be removed ... a paid cull have resulted in the taking of 26 animals. As the totals do not account for births, this year's public hunt is considered maintenance…

Rose Valley deer hunt to be later and shorter this year October 25, 2014 Pennsylvania, Delaware County News Network

... The deer issue has been an ongoing one, resulting in extreme forest degradation, wildlife habitat quality, vehicle accidents on Rose Valley Road and the possible spread of Lyme disease [deer cull generally not effective against Lyme]. The EAC plan recommended long-term actions to control the population and to date, the controlled hunts and cull in 2011 have resulted in the taking of 23 deer...

Rose Valley oks fall deer cull September 20, 2011 Pennsylvania, Delco News Network ...Rose Valley Council voted 5-0 to approve bow and arrow harvesting on borough land....The population, at an all-time high and probably still increasing, has resulted in extreme forest degradation. Their intrusion has caused an ongoing decline in tree regeneration, understory health and wildlife habitat quality....Controlling the herd is also a safety issue. Deer have been involved in vehicle accidents on Rose Valley Road and the spread of Lyme disease is a continuing concern. [deer cull not effective for Lyme,

Rose Valley prepares for deer cull December 28, 2011 Pennsylvania, Delco News Network Rose Valley Borough Council ... voting 5-0 to authorize a limited cull on borough-owned parkland... The white tail population has resulted in extreme forest degradation; the animals have been involved in vehicle accidents on Rose Valley Road; and the spread of Lyme disease is a continuing concern. [deer cull not effective against Lyme] ...Eccologix will charge $189 per deer …

Rose Valley to permit bow hunting for deer management September 27, 2013 Pennsylvania, Delco News Network
... Environmental Advisory Council liaison Dave Firn. “The idea is to maintain, not to eliminate, in the hope of preventing a future cull.” [effect of hunting on deer population] ... The need to hunt in the Saul Wildlife Sanctuary, the area behind the Old Mill popular for hiking and dog walking, was challenged by Andy Saul. Noting only four deer were taken in the parkland last year, he questioned the necessity of including it as a hunting destination... “As it is, all the dogs chase the deer out of the sanctuary.” ...

Rose Valley, Deer hunt pushed back in Rose Valley October 14, 2014 Pennsylvania, Delaware County Daily Times
... Selected individuals, primarily local law enforcement personnel, will be permitted to harvest in the municipal-owned Saul and Long Point wildlife sanctuaries and Todmorden Woods. No firearms will be allowed. Bow hunting will be approved ...

Ross Commissioners Avoid Vote on Feeding-Ban, Kill Issue September 13, 2011 Pennsylvania, Patch.com, By AmyJo Brown

Ross Township's Board of Commissioners agreed Monday to cut off funding to its deer management committee, including money to advertise its proposed ordinance, which is needed before it can be voted on by the board...."It's a dead issue," said Ross Township Solicitor Bonnie Brimmeier.

Ross Feeding Ban Proposal Gains Second Wind; Targets Deer Feeding August 6, 2011 Pennsylvania, Patch.com

A proposed feeding ban in 2008 failed in a split 4-4 vote before the commission, with one member absent...."I'm convinced there's an even split in the township, 50 percent want us to control it and 50 percent want us to keep our nose out of it," said Dan DeMarco, who represents the 1st Ward. "That's what makes the issue very difficult."...People always want to know, how many deer," he said. But that hard data doesn't exist, he said, not in any clean form, at least. "It all comes down to if the residents of Ross or West View feel there is a problem," he said.

Ross may revisit deer-feeding ban July 31, 2011 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Tribune-Review

...the commissioners are revisiting an ordinance, narrowly rejected in 2008, that would make it illegal to place "fruit, grain, mineral, salt, salt stick, vegetable or other material outdoors ... for the purpose of attracting or feeding deer."...If approved, Ross would become the first community in Pennsylvania to impose a deer-feeding ban, said Gary Fujak, a wildlife conservation officer for the Pennsylvania Game Commission. State game officials are not aware of any other communities looking to adopt a similar ordinance....Allegheny County is bucking a statewide trend that showed the deer population decreasing 25 percent from 1.4 million in 2002 to 1.1 million in 2008...

Ross's Wildlife Feeding-Ban proposal is misguided, ineffective and unenforceable August 13, 2011 Pennsylvania, Patch.com

..."Acid rain is more responsible than white-tailed deer for Pennsylvania forests not regenerating, claims Bill Sharpe, a Penn State College of Agricultural Sciences forest hydrologist. "They can kill all the deer, but it will take a lot more than that ...The game commission spends more than 40 percent of its $80 million budget on wildlife habitat improvements for game species. This includes planting food plots, thinning tree canopies and clear cutting so deer browse will grow. The deer are deliberately managed for "maximum sustained yield" for the benefit of the commission's hunter constituents....This artificial

propagation of the deer population is responsible for the increase in deer-car collisions, crop, forest and landscape damage in suburban communities....If Ross wants an effective deer feeding ban, they should ask the game commission to stop feeding the deer...

Ross, Game warden to talk deer management in wake of Ross feeding ban proposal July 17, 2018 Pennsylvania, TribLIVE.com

... municipality's proposal to outlaw feeding deer... The first failed attempt to impose a ban occurred about a decade a go. The measure was revived in 2011 but was defeated by a one-vote margin ... It's headed toward being a statewide ban ...

Salem Township, Protesters Rally Against Community's Plan to Kill DeerJanuary 18, 2015 Pennsylvania, WNEP-TV 16

... They are upset at the prospect of having 300 deer killed. A recent USDA study estimated there are around 600 deer in the Hideout. The protesters said seeing the Pennsylvania state animal in their backyards is one of the best things about living in the development near Lake Ariel...

Saw Creek postpones deer cull pending special meeting with members February 6, 2014 Pennsylvania, Pocono Record

... some of the Lehman Township community's 3,000 property owners are opposed to shooting the deer and petitioned for a meeting... The board contracted with a USDA sharpshooter team to reduce the herd through a controlled hunt, to be conducted by one expert shooter, a driver and spotter... For now, the board has postponed the deer cull ...

Saw Creek resident says deer kill ballot is slanted June 12, 2014 Pennsylvania, Pocono Record

... The board has been vocally opposed to a controversial amendment to community bylaws that would require a vote of the membership before any deer management

efforts are implemented ... Anyone about to vote "yes" for the amendment gets a pop-up message as the computer's curser hovers over the "yes" box. "The board of directors urges you to vote 'no' on this amendment," the pop-up says in underlined red letters...

Deer kill in Saw Creek stopped until at least July May 1, 2014 Pennsylvania, Pocono Record

... The plan to thin the deer herd in Saw Creek Estates Community Association with a sharpshooter is on hold while homeowners consider the issue with a community vote... Petitioners had enough signatures to get a proposed amendment ... require a vote of the membership before any deer management efforts are implemented, and that any change require a "super majority" of a two-thirds vote...

Saw Creek, USDA to cull 150 Saw Creek deer February 16, 2018 Pennsylvania, Pocono Record

... The cull has drawn some pushback from some residents inside Saw Creek. Two pages were created on Facebook – United Deer Hunters of Bushkill and Take back Sawccreek (sic) – each opposing and questioning the need for a cull... In 2015, 300 deer were killed. In 2016, another 122 deer were shot ...

Scott considers suing Mt. Lebanon over deer cull in Twin Hills Park September 23, 2015 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Tribune-Review

... considering legal action to block archery deer hunting in a park located in Scott but owned by Mt. Lebanon. “They are trying to stick it to us. We consider this illegal hunting,” said David Jason, president of the Scott commissioners...

Mt. Lebanon residents warn deer hunters their property is off limits September 18, 2015 Pennsylvania, WPXI

... Some homeowners are making it clear that their property is off limits. Signs have popped up in Mt. Lebanon as archers prepare to hunt. Stephenson and her neighbor have put up “No hunting, no trespassing” tape around their yards...

Mt. Lebanon deer hunt locations unspecified September 17, 2015 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Tribune-Review

... Bow hunters, dressed in camouflage, will target deer on private tracts .. Some residents are miffed that officials refuse to specify the location or number of hunting sites. "I think someone is going to get hurt once the archery starts," said resident Jan Seybold ...

Deer archery hunt set to open Saturday in Mt. Lebanon September 18, 2015 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

... White Buffalo president Tony DeNicola said later he has been pleased with community cooperation. "The support from the residents of Mt. Lebanon has been overwhelming ... Despite the unprosecuted acts of trespass, sabotage, destruction of property and attempts to disrupt the spring cull by anti-hunt activists, Mr. DeNicola said he was not aware of any plans to interfere with the hunt...

[See updates about the hunt on theLebo Citizens site]

Scott residents object to deer cull, but decision stands Pittsburgh Post Gazette By Carole Gilbert Brown

The decision last spring by Scott commissioners to employ experienced bow hunters for culling the township's deer population remains a target for residents' objections

Committee chairwoman Lynda Nathenson said: "The overwhelming majority of residents we spoke to do not have a deer problem and do not want hunting in their community."

She was backed up by Janet Mosti of Robin Drive, who presented nearly 300 signatures from residents who oppose hunting and who urged the board to drop its plan to use Whitetail Management Associates to cull the herd for free.

Though there was little reaction from officials following the presentation, Commissioner Tom Castello said Tuesday that the board's decision to hire Whitetail Management stands.

Scott says no to Mt. Lebanon deer culling in Twin Hills Park August 28, 2015 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

... The 25-acre park at Cochran and Greentree roads was purchased for $1 million in 1995 by neighboring Mt. Lebanon. Scott officials made it clear earlier this year that Mt. Lebanon has no right to cull deer there because the park is within Scott's borders...

Scott totals its cost from Mt. Lebanon deer cull January 8, 2016 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

... nearly $15,000 in legal fees ... from a suit Scott filed in October to prevent Mt. Lebanon from conducting a controlled archery hunt in Twin Hills Park ... Allegheny County Common Pleas Judge Michael McCarthy agreed ...

Scott Township sues Mt. Lebanon over use of park in deer hunt October 2, 2015 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

... The park is subject to Scott zoning regulations ... and the township was not informed in advance about the hunt. Mr. McTiernan said Scott commissioners also were concerned about public safety...

Scott Township votes against deer culling in park bordering Mt. LebanonFebruary 25, 2015 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

... Scott Township officials say Mt. Lebanon has no legal right to cull deer in Twin Hills Park and voted against allowing the municipality access to the property...

Scott, senior living center criticize Mt. Lebanon deer cull February 26, 2015 Pennsylvania, Tribune-Review

... "Our patients and residents enjoy seeing the wildlife, the deer have a history of being tame, and their presence is seen as a positive part of our patient care environment,"

Neil said. “Killing them in sight of our patients would be very emotionally disruptive for our patients and adversely impact their care.” ...

Shaler, Survey aims to help Shaler keep tab on wildlife numbersSeptember 3, 2014 Pennsylvania Pittsburgh Tribune-Review

... The Shaler Township website now features an anonymous survey through which hunters can log their animal kills ... In 2013, archers killed 35 deer in township parks... “We're more curious to see if they (deer) are repopulating at greater numbers than we're killing,” ...

Shotgun deer hunt to be held at Tyler State Park Dec. 2 November 18, 2015 Pennsylvania, theintell.com

... The hunt has been held since 1987 ... The annual shotgun hunts have killed more than 2,700 deer at Tyler... Hunters applied for permits and were selected by a lottery system...

Should Whitehall Council Control the Borough's Deer Population? July 31, 2011 Pennsylvania, Patch.com
Since at least March, this year, the Whitehall Borough Council has been hearing complaints from Whitehall residents over the amount of deer in the borough. The complaints range from deer eating flowers and other plants to deer posing driving hazards on ...due to disagreements over how to control the animals' population, if at all, the council is not taking any action anytime soon.

Solebury ponders action against deer February 6, 2013 Pennsylvania, phillyBurbs.com

At their meeting on Tuesday, the supervisors agreed to spend $7,000 to count the number of deer in the township this winter and spring, as well as create the necessary documentation should the township later agree to a deer-hunting program... The township last sought to reduce the number of deer in the township in 2007, when there

were about 155 deer per square mile, said Michael Kennerley, chairman of the deer committee. Afterward, the number dropped to 99 deer per square mile. Ever since, the number has been increasing, rising from 99 to 105 that following year and then ever upward until the most recent estimate of 141 deer per square mile

South Park, Deer management, Suburbs November 18, 2013 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

... Some of the woods in South Park are so devoid of ground vegetation that everybody blames the deer. This is not all true. One only has to walk down East Park Drive from the BMX Track to the Oliver Miller Homestead and see huge trees that almost totally block out any sunlight from reaching the ground....There is nothing for the deer to eat, so they move into the neighborhoods to feast on homeowners' flora. Why can't these parks get logged out of these big trees so new vegetation can regenerate the woods? ...

Municipalities eye joint effort to control deer March 7, 2015 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Tribune-Review

As Mt. Lebanon struggles to get its controversial deer-culling program under way this month, its neighbors in Upper St. Clair were finishing their 10th consecutive season of culling with sharpshooters and archers ..

St. Mary's hearing planned; deer hunting moratorium rejected September 10, 2014 Pennsylvania, Montgomery News

... A study to determine the size of the herd "was to be conducted, but we heard it was not done because it was too expensive," Driban said. "That leaves the effectiveness question unanswered." ... A motion by Tackel, who said he didn't believe the program was "having any demonstrative effect on the herd," to exclude Mondauk Woods/Dublin

Chase from the program for this year while the township determines the size of the herd failed 3-4…

Swarthmore, Deer management continues at Crum Woods October 9, 2019 Pennsylvania,The Delaware County Daily Times
... A deer cull will continue at Swarthmore College for the 10th year ... Sharpshooters who are professionally licensed with the Pennsylvania Game Commission will conduct the cull at pre-approved sites in the woods...

Thirty deer to be shot in Franklin County for CWD testing January 28, 2018 Pennsylvania, Chambersburg Public Opinion

... The wild deer will be shot in Guilford Township near a hunting preserve where deer recently tested positive for chronic wasting disease. “It is a sampling effort to see if CWD is in the wild herd,” ...

Tinicum Conservancy discusses solutions for deer issues January 11, 2013 Pennsylvania, phillyBurbs.com

... the sportsmen have found it difficult to strike up relationships with certain property owners -- relationships that could open the door for them to hunt on large tracts of privately owned wooded land... the Tinicum Conservancy ... is considering facilitating the creation of a volunteer organization that would bridge the gap between ethical, responsible hunters and local landowners...

Tinicum considers deer-culling initiativeOctober 19, 2013 Pennsylvania, phillyBurbs.com

... An estimate on how many deer there are in Tinicum and whether the local herds surpass standards of what would be considered a healthy head count for the area was not available. Still, Supervisor Vincent Dotti said that farmers and local advocates who

want to restrengthen Tinicum's agricultural base identify deer overabundance as a pressing concern...

Tinicum discusses deer management survey February 5, 2014 Pennsylvania, The Intelligencer

... the Tinicum Conservancy — a nonprofit land conservancy that protects the rural character, open space and scenic areas in Tinicum — wants to have residents participate in a survey to determine the level of interest there is for initiating a deer-management program... According to John Morgan, a wildlife supervisor for the state Game Commission, the deer population in Upper Bucks has remained relatively consistent over the past 10 years...

Treasure Lake, More homes, fewer deer at Treasure Lake July 22, 2013 Pennsylvania, The Courier-Express

... Data showed that the deer population was more than 100 deer per square mile... when the deer management hunt started in October 2006, 37 deer - 33 does and four bucks - were harvested. Last year, 132 deer - 124 does and eight bucks - were taken....

Tyler Park, Stop Deer Mismanagement at Tyler State Park in Pennsylvania, Petition December 18, 2014 Pennsylvania, Care2

... For nearly 30 years, the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources has been mismanaging urban deer. Every year in December and January, they turn the tranquil and historic Tyler State Park into a bloody killing field ..

Tyler Park: Deer hunt in Tyler Park December 8, 2011 Pennylvania, phillyBurbs.com

... Though protesters gathered at the entrance to Tyler State Park to speak out against the annual deer hunt early Wednesday... One held up a sign that said “Killing deer doesn’t work!” [effect of hunting on deer population] ... About 100 deer are killed in the hunt every year. ... Hunters at Tyler Park are chosen using a lottery system. This year, about 600 applied. About 85 percent of those chosen had hunted in the park before.

Tyler State Park deer hunt plays out again December 3, 2014 Pennsylvania, Bucks County Courier Times

... As 150 hunters lined up for a chance to shoot deer with shotguns inside the park, a dozen protesters gathered ... "Thirty years of killing deer is not a solution to the problem, but a problem to the solution," said Barbara Pearl ... Hunters are given a safety orientation before entering the park ...

Tyler State Park, Annual shotgun hunt aimed at culling deer over population at Tyler State Park in Newtown, Northampton December 5, 2012 Pennsylvania, Bucks Local News

... Between 135 and 140 hunters are expected to participate in the shotgun hunt ...also expected to show up is a group of protestors who plan on arriving at the entrance to the park on Route 332 around 7:30 a.m ... Barbara Pearl, a college math professor from Lower Makefield ... wants [Parks Manager] Barth to start a task force to look at non-lethal options... On average, about 100 deer per year are harvested for the regulated shotgun hunt.

Tyler State Park, Hunters, protesters at Tyler for annual deer huntDecember 6, 2012 Pennsylvania, phillyBurbs.com

“The hunt is an exercise in futility, or as we like to call it, an execution in futility, because it has the effect of actually increasing the number of deer,” said Pearl. “It has the effect of making the deer reproduce that much faster ... The number of deer killed in the most

recent hunt was not available Wednesday. Before the most recent hunt, the total was 2,577 since the hunts started in 1987. The average yearly harvest is 117....

Stop The Senseless Slaughter Of Deer In Tyler - Care2

At least 2661 deer have been killed by hunters in Tyler State Park, and there is no end in sight ...

Tyler State Park, If deer hunts worked, there would be fewer deer December 9, 2012 Burlington County Times

This is the 25th consecutive year that Tyler State Park officials have sanctioned the slaughter of deer. This fact demonstrates the futility of the hunt, because if it truly worked to reduce the population, the hunt would not have to be repeated year after year... Verne Smith, a professor who teaches animal law at Widener University says, "Hunting decreases the herd one year and increases it the next. It's called compensatory rebound and the DCNR knows these facts. Wildlife scientists showed that twin-fawn births were almost three times greater in hunted herds. Hunting provides the PGC with license revenues and residents with a feeling that something is being done about deer numbers.

Tyler State Park, State plans regulated deer hunts at Tyler State Park in Newtown, Northampton December 23, 2014 Pennsylvania, Bucks Local News

... On December 3, 150 hunters will be allowed to hunt with only manual, semi-automatic, or muzzleloader shotguns ... The entire park will remain open to the public during the late season archery hunt...

Upper Dublin deer management program questioned February 12, 2014 Pennsylvania, Montgomery Media

... About 20 residents have banded together to ask the commissioners to discontinue the program. The main objections are safety and efficiency. Among safety concerns expressed are: the tree stands, which must be 50 yards from an occupied structure, are too close to property lines, rendering them unnerving for homeowners to view and unsafe; a deer shot in the woods may move onto private property to die; having hunters in the woods makes it unsafe for residents to walk in the woods or for children to play there...

Upper Dublin Township Board of Commissioners agrees to revisit deer hunting program May 19, 2016 Pennsylvania, Montgomery Newspapers

... the deer management program was started in 2009 ... “It’s dangerous, costly and is a failure,” Crosby Drive resident Melvin Driban said. “It provides sport hunting in view of residents’ backyards...

Upper Dublin, Deer hunting program in Upper Dublin to be expanded July 19, 2017 Pennsylvania, Montgomery Newspapers

... The bow-hunting program, which runs from mid-September to the end of January, was started in 2009 ... There was a waiting list of 75, he said, for what he termed “a very popular program.” ... police received 144 “deer-related” calls for service in 2016, up from 114 in 2015 ...

Upper Dublin, Deer management program in Upper Dublin may be altered June 17, 2016 Pennsylvania, GeosNews

... The township board of commissioners voted Tuesday night to have the U.S. Department of Agriculture survey the number of deer in the municipality and help formulate a plan — possibly involving sharp shooters — to reduce the herd...

Upper Dublin, Deer of Upper Dublin again under siege September 25, 2016 Pennsylvania, Montgomery Newspapers

... The average deer killed annually for most of the last seven years is 27. Last year, hunters sat for 1,300 hours to kill 27 deer. In the meantime, our public lands cannot be used from Monday through Saturday ... The City of Philadelphia's payments to the USDA for deer kills in Fairmount Park beginning in 2001 through 2016 total $408,566.90 with around 3,100 deer killed...

Upper Dublin, Deer survey report presented during Upper Dublin meeting June 12, 2017 Pennsylvania, Montgomery News

...The final decision was to have the police come up with options for expanding bow-hunting while balancing the need for residents to use the parks and keeping sharpshooting as an option... The committee asked that the options be ready for consideration by the full board in July in order to have something in place by the fall...

Is this what our kids should learn? October 20, 2018 Pennsylvania, Montgomery News — Chris Posey, Upper Dublin. Used by permission.

The extermination of our deer by USDA Wildlife Services ended for 2018 at a cost of $19,000, including deer processing, but they plan to be back next winter with access to more private property at a greater cost. [66 deer killed]

Do we really want to have our kids see this, or should we use nonviolent methods to encourage compassion, safety toward wildlife, taxpayers, residents and especially the young ones?

USDA WS baited the deer in many parks, but over 38 percent of the deer taken were from the 25-acre private property of BET Investments and also from the 50-acre BT Dreshertown, both to be developed by BET. According to USDA WS records, there were two older deer killed along with 12 fawns and yearlings in one minute on March 1 at 12:30 a.m.; 14 were killed at that time at the BET Investments property, according to a USDA WS data sheet. They used Remington bolt-action rifles; therefore, hitting all of them in the brain, as they say they do, is highly questionable. This massacre required multiple shooters. No one supervised USDA, and they refused a request to use non-lead bullets. Therefore, the poor kids served by Philabundance most likely also ate fine lead particles along with their deer meat.

Of the total deer taken, two-thirds were fawns and yearlings of our township. It takes unusual people to kill baby animals. Morality is based and assimilated by showing examples of compassion and empathy. But we are showing that it's OK to kill deer, including the young. Is this what our kids should learn?

Someone asked, is it better to kill the fawns or wait until they are older? The answer is that nature abhors a vacuum. Other deer will fill the void. The same agent of the USDA WS who shot the deer of Upper Dublin cleared out 78 percent of the deer in Solebury Township from 2007 to 2009. Within two years, the deer population was back up and surpassed initial counts in 2013 because other deer moved in.

Accepting USDA WS' "estimate" of township deer population is questionable since computer inputs are not public. It could mean that the data is grossly incorrect.

The township made a major mistake by hiring the USDA WS to estimate the deer population because it has a financial interest in "getting the job." In fact, did anyone ask the archers for their estimates?

USDA WS was scheduled to shoot deer from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m., but they shot deer at MonDaug Bark Park at 8:25 p.m. and 8:34 p.m. and Mondauck Commons at 8:41 p.m. and 8:42 p.m. on March 6. This is very dangerous to people walking their dogs at night.

If the township really wants to reduce deer/vehicle accidents, they would reduce the speed limit on Susquehanna, Limekiln Pike and Welsh Roads and include deer hot spots to watch. There

are at least three identified hot spots without any major study. Susquehanna is a “race course” at 6:30 a.m. during the week without any police presence.

USDA WS wants to be back next February, but this time they will be shooting on more private property regardless of the acreage and will cost more money. Should our kids see this kind of killing so close to their homes with reduced safety zones?

Upper Dublin is quickly moving away from the “family oriented” township that we have loved and want to continue to live in. There are many nonviolent means of living with the few deer we have in our township that could be emphasized instead. The township residents should take a vote on this long, costly project. Please tell your commissioners what you think.

Upper Dublin, Sharpshooters hired to cull deer herd in Upper Dublin January 17, 2018 Pennsylvania, Montgomery Newspapers

... The board voted 6-1 to pay the U.S. Department of Agriculture Cooperative Service a not-to-exceed amount of $12,479 to bring in sharpshooters over four nights to reduce the herd by an estimated 75 deer... “A number of wildlife biologists say it’s not the deer, it’s the acidic soil” that’s damaging forested areas ...

Upper Makefield Police Relocate Fawn From Busy Township Roadway May 16, 2023 Pennsylvania, Patch
... "The traffic was zooming past this baby only inches away from her adorable face ... We were able to move the deer to a safer place, near where she was left, where she bedded down again, and where Mom will be able to find her upon her return."

Upper Dublin, Should sharpshooters cull the deer herds in Upper Dublin? June 29, 2016 Pennsylvania,

On Tuesday, June 14, 2016, the commissioners voted to obtain permits needed so the USDA’s APHIS Wildlife Service can evaluate our township’s deer population ... USDA Wildlife Services run by Gino D’Angelo, Ph.D., is in its 16th year or so at

Fairmount Park, Philadelphia. D'Angelo took out over 3,100 deer from Fairmount Park. Regardless, the deer population in 3 out of 5 parks doubled last season...

Upper Makefield board rescinds deer hunt proposal February 20, 2013 Pennsylvania, phillyBurbs.com

... the Upper Makefield supervisors have backtracked on a previous decision to have a professional firm kill deer in the township... Eccologix hunters killed 1,024 deer in Upper Makefield between 2007 and 2010, mostly using bows and arrows. That effort reduced the township's deer population from about 125 per square mile to 90, Schade said at the Feb. 5 meeting. Since then, it's gone back up to about 125 deer per square mile ...

Upper Makefield hires deer managment company February 6, 2013 Pennsylvania, phillyBurbs.com

... Eccologix killed 1,024 deer in Upper Makefield between 2007 and 2010 and thinned the population down to about 90 deer per square mile, said company co-owner Eric Schade. It's now climbed back up to about 125 per square mile ... , the supervisors hired Eccologix of Bedminster to kill deer at a cost of $139 per deer up to a maximum of 150... [non lethal options for urban deer management]

Upper Makefield OKs 2014 deer huntJune 5, 2014 Pennsylvania, Bucks County Courier Times

... The township supervisors have again decided to hire the Big Oak Whitetail Management Association to control the township's deer population through a bow hunt... Last year, BOWMA hunters killed 71 deer in Upper Makefield...

Upper Makefield, Deer hunting group retained by Upper Makefield February 19, 2015 Pennsylvania, Bucks County Courier Times

A volunteer deer hunting group has been retained for another year by Upper Makefield after hunters from the group bagged 61 deer via bow hunting this past season... Big Oak Whitetail Management Association ... 105 deer killed in Upper and Lower Makefield ...

Using Deer Feeders to Control TicksAugust 11, 2013 Pennsylvania, Times Leader

... A feeder with upright rollers saturated with tick treatment is filled with corn. When a deer attempts to consume the corn, it squeezes its head between the rollers and the tick treatment is applied as the animal feeds. Why deer? Because they're one of the primary carriers of the deer tick, which can transmit the Lyme disease bacteria. Representatives from the Lyme Disease Association of Southeastern Pennsylvania and the Brandywine Conservancy both spoke in favor of the baited tick stations [more information on 4-poster system]

Valley Forge rejects deer birth control, so hunting continues December 5, 2019 Pennsylvania, Valliant News

... The park spends between $97,000 and $173,000 of its $6 million annual budget on culling, the park service reported in 2015. Park officials estimated reproductive control would cost slightly more — $108,000 to $195,000 annually... Stephanie Boyles Griffin, a scientist who opposes the culling, accused officials of setting the bar too high "so that no fertility control agent will ever be acceptable for use" at Valley Forge..

Valley Forge, Culling reduces deer population at Valley Forge park Philadelphia Inquirer ... February 22, 2011 Pennsylvania Philadelphia Inquirer

Under a controversial "culling" operation that began in November. Two groups rebuffed by a judge in the fall are asking a federal appeals court to halt the program before it begins again next November.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard Bernstein said the government would file a "vigorous" response this week on behalf of the National Park Service, which holds that Valley Forge's precious forests are fighting for their lives against the deer's voracity.

Valley Forge **deer** cull: 600 killed March 28, 2011 Pennsylvania Urban Philadelphia Inquirer

By Anthony R. Wood

Federal sharpshooters have killed 600 deer at Valley Forge National Historical Park - or nearly half the park's deer population - officials announced this afternoon. ...Park officials estimated that 1,277 deer were living in Valley Forge before the culling began in November. Ultimately the goal is to reduce the herd to well under 200....Animal-rights activists have asked U.S. Appeals Court judges in Philadelphia to halt the shootings. ...Lee Hall, an attorney with Friends of Animals, said today.

Valley Forge **deer** hunt set to begin next month October 7, 2010 6abc.com

Pennsylvania -- Officials at Valley Forge National Park say a **deer** hunt will begin next month after a yearlong delay due, in part, to protests. **...**

The idea is to eliminate 86% of the herd, from an estimated 1300 deer to fewer than 190, in about four years.

"There's no native forest regenerating in the park and the primary problem is the deer are eating every bit of vegetation in the park," said Deputy Park Superintendent Barbara Pollarine.

Animal rights activists say the shootings are unnecessary and dangerous to people living nearby.

"The mass deer kill has never proven to be effective and we would hope that, someday, they would develop some birth control methods rather than mass slaughter just for the sake of killing animals," said Carmen Ronio of the Montgomery County SPCA.

Valley Forge National Historical Park completes **deer** management program April 1, 2011 Pennsylvania The Times Herald

By JENNY DeHUFF UPPER MERION –

...The lethal reduction phase, as it's called, of the white-tailed deer management plan/Environmental Impact Statement, reduced the park's deer population by 600, during nighttime operations from November 2010 to March 2011....The deer are charged with preventing the ability of native forests to

grow and mature and are also linked to diminishing the habitat for a variety of native wildlife species and trees.

Valley Forge National Historical Park proceeds with deer culling December 17, 2012 Pocono Record

It has set off a heated debate, a federal lawsuit ... But for the third consecutive year, Valley Forge National Historical Park is proceeding with a deer-culling program ... Before the culling began, the park counted 291 deer per square mile. A "sustainable" population would be closer to 35 per square mile, said Deirdre Gibson, the park's chief of resources. About 1,000 deer were killed during the first two years of the program, reducing the herd to 71 per square mile ...

225 deer in Valley Forge Park killed so far in culling operation December 8, 2010 Pennsylvania Philadelphia Inquirer By Anthony R. Wood As part of a controversial culling operation, US Department of Agriculture sharpshooters killed 225 deer in November, Pennsylvania Game ...That's about 18 percent of the park's estimated population and about half of the goal for the winter shooting cycle.
The park service says the killings are necessary because the Valley Forge deer population has jumped eightfold - to about 1,275 - in the last 25 years.
The cull, in which deer are lured to baited areas and shot, is "reprehensible," said Lee Hall, vice president for legal affairs of Friends of Animals.

Hiring snipers at Valley Forge Park is a bad move 10/25/2010 Pottstown Mercury
There is no evidence the deer at Valley Forge are impacting public use of the park. In fact, according to VFNHP's own survey, the deer are an attraction to ...
According to the law, human intervention in wildlife management is limited to those rare circumstances when wild species interfere with human use of a park. Only in those cases when wildlife attacks visitors like the bears in Yellowstone can the Secretary of the Interior per USC 3 destroy wildlife. There is no evidence the deer at Valley Forge are impacting public use of the park. In fact, according to VFNHP's own survey, the deer are an attraction to many visitors.

Valley Forge to implement **deer** management plan October 9, 2010 Phoenixville News By LEANN PETTIT VALLEY FORGE -

The Valley Forge National Historical Park will begin implementing a white-tailed deer management plan beginning in November. ...Natural Resource Manager, Kristina

Heister, explained they looked at 16 alternatives to lethal reduction, as well as combinations

In suburban forest of Valley Forge, balancing coyotes vs. deer November 7, 2010 Pennsvylania Washington Post
This month, park managers intend to proceed with the deer cull...
...animal rights advocates are arguing that the number of coyotes in Valley Forge should be encouraged to grow, as a way to provide a predatory check on the deer and eliminate any cause for gunfire.
"It would serve as a natural form of population control," said Matthew McLaughlin, director of the Pennsylvania chapter of Friends of Animals.
Park officials say it wouldn't work - certainly not fast enough to help a forest that's being devoured by deer. This month, park managers intend to proceed with a plan to eliminate 86 percent of the deer over the next four years.

Valley Forge, Control deer population with natural predators November 17, 2015 Pennsylvania, Philly.com

... The management plan instituted at Valley Forge resulted in the deaths of 1,433 deer over the first four winters of shooting - substantially more than the 1,277 initial population count. This number suggests that other deer fill the park's forcibly created vacuums, that park deer are reproducing with compensatory speed, or both. Last year, the park service announced that it would continue winter shooting at Valley Forge. For how long? ...

Controversial deer kill thins Valley Forge herd June 9, 2014 Pennsylvania,

Philadelphia Daily News

... Jeff Houdret once enjoyed watching white-tailed deer roam Valley Forge National Historical Park... Over eight nights between November 2013 and March 2014, Department of Agriculture sharpshooters killed 116 deer... Valley Forge was home to about 1,277 deer...

Federal employees plan to shoot 200 deer in Gettysburg parks September 25, 2014 Pennsylvania, The Evening Sun

... The Park Service's deer management program got its start in 1995, when an estimated 447 deer occupied each square mile of forest. Officials at the time established a goal of 25 deer per square mile. The Gettysburg parks currently have a deer population of about 60 to 65 deer per square mile ...

Valley Forge, Park service extends Valley Forge deer culling December 17, 2015 Pennsylvania, Philadelphia Daily News

... the shootings started in 2010 ... The program does not have an end date. That would depend on coming up with a "nonlethal" means of controlling deer, such as a practical and acceptable contraceptive...

Valley Forge Deer Hunting Extended Again December 18, 2015 Pennsylvania, Patch.com

... The fall of 2015 represented the sixth year of deer culling in Valley Forge National Park, and even though deer numbers are presently at acceptable levels, the park service says the hunt will continue...

'Lethal reduction' culls Valley Forge deer by 70 percent April 25, 2012 Pennsylvania, Philadelphia Inquirer, By Anthony R. Wood ... Federal sharpshooters have killed close to 1000 deer ... In 2009, the park's deer density was estimated to be 241 per square mile, the park service said, and the recent cullings have brought it to 71. The target density is 31 to 35 per square mile, or a total of 165 to 185 deer... scheduled to consist of two more seasons of shootings, and after that might resort to birth-control methods. Over the 15-year life of the program, the total cost could go as high as $2.9 million.

Bambi! Duck! February 21, 2011 Pennsylvania Newsworks.org Animal rights activists have not given up trying to stop Valley Forge National Historical Park from hiring sharpshooters to cull its **deer** herd.

Killing **deer** cruel, but usual, punishment. Cost effective humane solution to Valley Forge Deer Management December 4, 2010 Pennsylvania The Times Herald And why are **deer** always the guilty party and humans are never responsible as though the **deer** created this situation for themselves? And most galling of all,**...**

Sharpshooting is typically about $500 per deer

Studies show that immunoncontraception leads to a rapid reduction in deer population of 30-40 percent in 3 years. In 5-6 years, that number reaches goal levels of 80-90 percent reduction. Valley Forge is talking about a 4-year killing program, so while the National Park Service is busy killing, the deer will actually be re-populating each spring—the compensatory rebound effect seen with killing deer to reduce numbers. Efficiency this is not. But with contraception, there isn't a sharp decline in deer populations, and, instead, the population will level off in a more natural and sustainable manner.

Marksmen will begin killing Valley Forge deer soon October 31, 2011 Pennsylvania, Philadelphia Inquirer

... even though the deer population has declined statewide, Last season, sharpshooters took out 600 deer, and the park aims for 500 this time, said Kristina Heister, the park's natural-resource manager. ... Animal-rights activists, who filed unsuccessful legal challenges to the cull, are appalled. They want the park to "rethink its management policies," said Lee Hall of Friends of

Animals. "The ecological goal should be enabling animals on public lands," she said.... The Valley Forge goal is to reduce the herd to 165 to 185 deer per square mile under a 15-year program estimated to cost $1.8 million to $2.9 million. After four years of controlled kills, the park would resort to a birth-control agent, should an effective one become available.

Western Pa. community again considering deer feeding ban as population jumps July 31, 2011 Pennsylvania Daily Journal

A western Pennsylvania community is once again considering imposing a ban on feeding deer to deal with a surging population of the animals. Commissioners in suburban Pittsburgh's Ross Township narrowly rejected such a ban in 2008 ... the deer feeding ban would be the first in the state... the statewide deer population is down by one-quarter, the numbers have increased in Allegheny County…

White Township wisely halted deer management issue for the current hunting season October 21, 2022 Pennsylvania, Indianagazette.com

... Residents raised a number of concerns regarding the bow hunting plan, from its lack of public input (false) and unclear objectives and goals (somewhat true) to unresolved property and safety considerations (true)...

Whitehall, Some Whitehall residents fighting against deer management program September 16, 2022 Pennsylvania, CBS News

... Kenezevich and neighbors have been selling and delivering signs to other concerned residents. About 50 have been sold so far. She hopes to gain enough support to convince the borough to consider other methods such as contraceptives, but leaders say this is the least effective and economic option...

Whitehall mayor forming committee to examine wildlife in borough September 24, 2015 Pennsylvania, Tribune-Review

... Of the 223 people who answered the question “Is there a deer problem in Whitehall Borough?” 38 percent said there is an “urgent problem requiring immediate action,” while 25 percent said there is “not a problem at all.” Another 16.6 percent said there is a “serious problem requiring study.” ...

Whitehall meeting to discuss deer issueAugust 12, 2015 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Tribune-Review

... A Whitehall woman nearly was in tears as she talked about the calamity in her yard: There were deer droppings everywhere, and the animals that settled on her property were eating her shrubbery and plants... a community conversation on deer in Whitehall at 7 p.m. Sept. 10 in the Dr. Regis V. Shalley Performing Arts Center at Baldwin High School ...

Whitehall residents turn out to discuss possible solutions to growing problemSeptember 15, 2015 Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Tribune-Review

... Of the 223 people who answered the question “Is there a deer problem in Whitehall Borough?” 38.1 percent said there is an “urgent problem requiring immediate action,” while 25.1 percent said there is “not a problem at all.” Another 16.6 percent said there is a “serious problem requiring study.” ...

Whitehall wildlife committee appointedJanuary 7, 2016 Pennsylvania, Tribune-Review

... Nowalk has said he broached the topic after hearing residents' concerns about deer invading their yards... With 12 members on the wildlife committee ...

Whitehall Wildlife Committee expands focus to deer problem in borough March 22, 2016 Pennsylvania, Tribune-Review

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Whitehall, Interest strong to serve on Whitehall Wildlife Management Committee November 10, 2015 Pennsylvania, Tribune-Review

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Wissahickon deer kill continues as opposition wanes 3/16/2011 Pennsylvania Urban Chestnut Hill Local
by Luke Harold Deer protestors are fewer, but still passionate. (From left) Sheryl Richman, Zipora Schulz and Jim Harris were among 15 people who turned up to protest on Feb 26. Nearly 13 years ago, more than 100 local residents marched down Germantown ...Thirteen years and more than 2,000 culled deer later, the Fairmount Park Commission, Wildlife Services, and Friends of the Wissahickon (FOW) still deem the cull necessary to preserve the park’s ecosystem. But public advocacy for the deer has waned considerably. Irons co-founded Philadelphia Advocates for the Deer (PAD), which holds monthly protests of the cull.
Philadelphia Advocates for the Deer

The decision to hold a deer cull was made based on the results of a 1996 study conducted by Natural Resource Consultants Inc. An aerial count of the deer in the Wissahickon Valley showed there were approximately 49 deer per square mile. When a deer population exceeds 28 per square mile, it adversely affects other animal species and vegetation in the area, the study said.