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To all Ashwaubenon Residents,

Ashwaubenon has a growing deer population that is starting to adversely affect resident's plants and yards, as well as increasing the number of car-deer encounters. The Village Board has recognized this and has been working to come up with deer management options.

In 2013, the Village of Ashwaubenon conducted an aerial survey of deer. The survey gave us a starting population (134 counted) and locations of where the deer were concentrated. Several options have been discussed on trying to manage the herd, including hiring sharp shooters, and birth control darting in conjunction with the Humane Society. The Village Board has chosen the option of letting Ashwaubenon residents control the problem ourselves.

**WI State Act 71 allows hunting within all municipalities, on a residents' private property, with bow and arrow, and crossbows only. NO GUN HUNTING IS ALLOWED. If a property owner wishes to hunt, or if they grant someone permission to hunt on their property, they must first get permission from any owner of a building that is located within 50 yards from where they wish to hunt.** If permissions are given, and if the hunter is successful in harvesting a deer, they must also get permission from a landowner to retrieve that deer on whose property it drops.

As part of the local ordinance # 05-4-15, all entrails have to be removed with the deer and disposed of properly. No entrails may be left in any neighborhood private or public property. The ordinance also grants permission to any hunter to be able to retrieve a wounded or dead deer from any Village owned property.

Hunters will use their Wisconsin issued licenses that they purchase individually and tag per Wisconsin hunting guidelines. We are respectfully asking and encouraging residents who harvest a deer within Village boundaries to report the kill to the Parks, Recreation & Forestry office so we can see if this management option is being successful in reducing the herd. The office number is 920-492-2331, or email us @ [parks@ashwaubenon.com](mailto:parks@ashwaubenon.com)

The neighborhood herd reduction is the first phase of the program, which will start this September. If it is determined the deer population is not being satisfactorily reduced, the Village *may* allow a nuisance deer hunt within designated Village owned parkland/property, which would happen in 2016/17.

Rest assured, the Village does not want to eliminate the Villages' deer population, but the population does need to be controlled. We realize this does not affect everyone in the Village, but all residents need to be aware that bow-arrow/crossbow hunting within the Village is legal if WI State Statutes are followed. If you have questions on the program, please contact one of us or the Village office @ 920-492-2301.

Thanks for your time and understanding in this matter.

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Deer Board Chair

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Village President