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Dear Resident:

The Township of Hanover has adopted a resolution authorizing the implementation of a controlled bow and arrow deer hunt. The hunt will be held between September 9, 2017 and February 17, 2018 on Township owned property. Hunting will not be permitted on Sundays.

The resolution authorizes the culling of deer on eight (8) Township owned open space parcels designated for the hunt. The Countrywood and Trailwood deer culling areas consists of three (3) parcels. Two (2) parcels are in the Countrywood Section; they are designated as Lots 16 and 18 in Block 803. These tracts are bounded by North Belair Avenue to the north, McNab Avenue to the east; Poplar Drive to the south and Countrywood Drive to the southwest. The third parcel is Lot 6 in Block 605 in the Trailwood Section. This tract is bounded by Forest Way to the north, the vacant Route 178 and 24 rights-of-way to the south and east, and the Borough of Morris Plains to the west.

The Malapardis deer culling area consists of one (1) parcel. The parcel is designated as Lot 23 in Block 2903, and is also known as the Jefferson Woods open space area. This tract is located between South Jefferson and Malapardis roads.

The Bee Meadow deer culling area also consists of three (3) parcels. Two (2) parcels are designated as Lot 2 in Block 8104 and Lot 9 in Block 8401. These tracts are bounded by Buckingham Road and Howell Street to the north, Reynolds Avenue to the east and Parsippany Road to the west. The third parcel is Lot 12 in Block 8001. This tract is bounded by Bee Meadow Parkway to the north and Reynolds Avenue to the west. No hunting will be conducted in proximity to Bee Meadow Park, the paths around Bee Meadow Pond and any paved pedestrian paths.

Also in the Whippany Section of the Township, is the former Muscarelle tract, now owned by the Township and designated as the Hanover Meadows parcel (Lot 1 in Block 5101). This 195.15 acre tract of open space is located southeast of Crescent Drive, Lafayette Court, Adams Drive and Cove Lane Road and adjacent to Morristown Municipal Airport.

The program authorizes the Hanover Township Chief of Police to issue permits to up to thirty-five (35) bow hunters. All hunters shall comply with the rules and guidelines established by the Chief and the rules, regulations and laws of the State of New Jersey governing hunting in general.

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Please visit the Township's web site at www.hanovertownship.com and click "controlled deer hunt" to view a copy of the Township Committee's resolution and the hunting rules promulgated by the Chief of Police.

Prior to the actual culling of deer, the hunters may bait the Township parcels for a period of time. Culling activities will be conducted periodically between September 9, 2017 and February 17, 2018. The Police Chief or his designee will determine how many hunters will be allowed to hunt on a given property on any day.

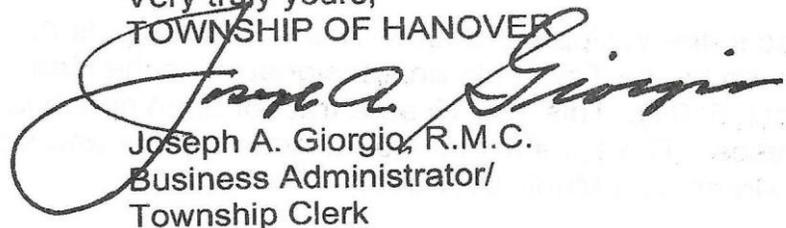
The culling activities will **ONLY** take place on the eight (8) Township owned parcels mentioned above. Although all culling will take place on these open space lands, the hunters may wish to station themselves within 150' of a residence. Under new regulations adopted by the State of New Jersey for bow and arrow hunting only, hunting is prohibited within 150' feet of any structure that may be occupied, except if specifically authorized in writing by the owner or lease of the structure. If a hunter feels the best place to be positioned is within 150' of a residence, he or she will request written permission from the owner or lessee prior to taking up the position.

At any time during the culling period set forth above, property owners may direct inquiries to the Police Department by calling Captain David White at 973-428-2506, Mondays through Fridays, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. After 3:00 p.m., inquiries may be directed to the on-duty police dispatcher by calling 973-428-2513.

The Township's controlled bow and arrow deer hunt is being conducted in order to reduce health risks related to the transmission of Lyme disease from deer to humans, limit damage to ornamental plantings within the community, reduce deer v. motor vehicle collisions, and restore native plant materials and habitat for other wildlife.

Your patience and understanding during the deer culling operation is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Very truly yours,
TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER



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