

City of Batavia Media Release

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The City of Batavia will be hosting a Community-Based Deer Management meeting on Wednesday August 19th at 7:00 pm at City Hall to discuss challenges and opportunities with respect to managing the deer population within the City. Triggered by an increase in citizen complaints regarding the impact of deer on individual properties the City is partnering with New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYS DEC) for an educational meeting on deer management. NYS DEC Senior Wildlife Biologist, Art Kirsch will be presenting Community-Based Deer Management strategies which will include a discussion on traditional concerns related to deer such as ecological damage, deer-related vehicle accidents and disease transmission. Also being covered will be deer management best practices.

The purpose of the meeting is to gauge resident concern over the deer population within the City and discuss diverse approaches to deer management.

All residents are welcome to attend. Please contact Lisa Casey at <u>lcasey@batavianewyork.com</u> or (585) 345-6330 at the City Manager's Office if you plan on attending.

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