

Alison Foulis - City Clerk

From: Mary Neilan - City Manager
Sent: Monday, June 13, 2016 10:27 AM
To: Alison Foulis - City Clerk
Subject: Fwd: Council Meeting on Deer

Begin forwarded message:

From: Claire McAuliffe
Date: June 13, 2016 at 9:56:52 AM PDT
To: Mary Neilan <mneilan@cityofbelvedere.org>
Subject: Fwd: Council Meeting on Deer

For tonight please.

Claire McAuliffe
415-250-8218

Begin forwarded message:

From: Lawrence Wheat
Date: June 13, 2016 at 8:20:43 AM PDT
To: Frank & Barbro Greene
Cc: Claire McAuliffe
Subject: Council Meeting on Deer

Frank,

I support what the deer committee is recommending but I am unable to attend the meeting tonight.

Over the past few years I have lost hundreds of dollars of landscaping that was supposed to be deer resistant. When we have droughts they will eat anything. They even ate my ivy last year which had never happened before.

My biggest concern has been safety. Since I live on West Shore Road we have to be especially alert to deer at night standing in the middle of the road when you come around a curve and then there are the really scary ones that dart out between parked cars.

Thanks for your efforts to help reduce this escalating problem.

Larry Wheat
65 West Shore Road
Belvedere, CA 94920
415-847-0841

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From: Mary Neilan - City Manager
Sent: Monday, June 13, 2016 10:28 AM
To: Alison Foulis - City Clerk
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From: Claire McAuliffe
Date: June 13, 2016 at 9:57:33 AM PDT
To: Mary Neilan <mneilan@cityofbelvedere.org>, Frank Greene
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And another one.

Claire McAuliffe
415-250-8218

Begin forwarded message:

From: Cam Baker
Date: June 13, 2016 at 9:41:13 AM PDT
To: FPG <fpg@belcap.com>, Lawrence Wheat <larry@wheatsite.com>
Cc: Marshall Turner <turnermc@ix.netcom.com>, John Owen <owen_john@mac.com>, Wyman Harris <boater54@aol.com>, Carolyn Hansen <carolynhansen102@gmail.com>, John Telischak <jct@telischakco.com>, James Campbell <jamesgcampbellsf@gmail.com>, Claire McAuliffe <mcauliffe229@gmail.com>, "Clark Winslow (Minneapolis)" <CWinslow@wincap.com>, George Gness <ggness@gnessoffice.com>
Subject: RE: Council Meeting on Deer

Pancho are you forwarding these to Mary the City Manager...Larry brings up good points about ivy and we're definitely not out of the drought yet.. with our deer fencing, loss of plants and landscapers our damage is easily in the thousands... also very threatening when we had 6 pointer bucks here.and had to chase them out.... ANOPHTER POINT THE NUMBER OF DEER ARE NEITHER GOOD FOR THEM NOR FOR US !!! many thx..here's to your success and WARRIORS tonight...BEST

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-----Original Message-----

From: FPG [<mailto:fpg@belcap.com>]

Sent: Monday, June 13, 2016 9:22 AM

To: Lawrence Wheat

Cc: Marshall Turner; John Owen; Wyman Harris; Carolyn Hansen; John Telischak; James Campbell; Claire McAuliffe; Clark Winslow (Minneapolis); Cam Baker; George Gness

Subject: Re: Council Meeting on Deer

Thank you, Larry, for taking the time to support us. There are 60-70 more, like you and Ann, who have had similar concerns. That is just the number who have pledged support. There are more'

Best, Frank

Sent from my iPhone

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City of Belvedere

Jeri Lynn Johnson
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June 13, 2016

Belvedere City Council
Belvedere, CA 94920

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I will not be able to be at the meeting on this evening concerning the deer problem on the island. We have lived at 118 Bella Vista (aka 209 Bayview) since 1983.

About 14 years ago I contracted Lyme disease as the result of a tick bite. I contracted the Lyme bacteria, another bacteria and two types of parasites from the bite. A deer that came through our yard in Belvedere likely carried the tick. Deer are the most common source of Lyme infected ticks.

I was not finally diagnosed with Lyme disease until after many years of testing. I had not found a tick or developed the classic bull's eye rash (50% of those infected don't, as many of the ticks that carry Lyme disease are tiny). The medical profession was very slow in believing that Lyme disease had come to California. My symptoms were **extremely debilitating**. They thought I had lupus or scleroderma. There are still many doctors that confuse Lyme disease with many other ailments.

After many years of research and testing, I was tested by the leading test lab in the US and those tests resulted in a clear unambiguous Lyme disease diagnosis.

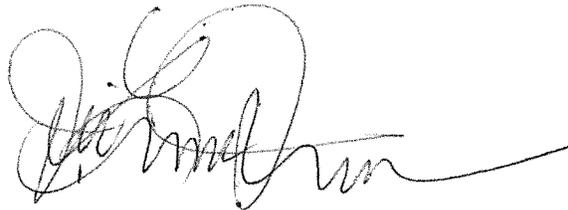
I will never be fully cured; I will need to take several medications every day for the rest of my life. Several of my vertebrae have been damaged, I have permanent nerve damage, and, while the medication has improved my health it is expensive and I still have recurring joint pain, leg swelling etc. A young man who is a friend of my husband has Lyme disease and **it is causing him to lose his sight** (in addition to the symptoms I have); his doctors have tried many things and various antibiotics but have finally **told him there is nothing they can do for him. Lyme disease is very serious.**

As elected officials, I believe it is your responsibility to deal with the deer problem now. Deer are "cute"; so are mice etc. It is common knowledge that **deer devour our plants and flowers**. It is now clear that **Lyme disease has come to California and that deer are the problem** and keeping them out of inhabited areas is the solution. Deer belong in the woods, in the country, not in cities, not with people.

Merely sterilizing the females is not a sufficient answer. There are too many deer in Belvedere and their life span is much too long to rely on that solution alone. Deer are hardly an endangered or threatened species. My husband recalls that the research for the EIR for a Novato development concluded that **the deer population in Marin County is one of the densest in the US.** They simply have no predators. Deer get into our yard almost daily now, even though it is fenced (4-6 feet) and we have large dogs. We have even seen them on the flat roof of our neighbor's house across from us on Bayview (110 Bayview). Driving home at night, the streets are full of them. The problem continues to get worse and worse.

If you do not take decisive action now, I don't see how you can deny Belvedere residents the right to erect a deer fence (at least 8 ' high) to **protect our property and preserve our health.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeri Lynn Johnson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jeri Lynn Johnson