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City of Belvedere

August 16, 2016

Dear Members of the Belvedere City Council,

I want to share with you some of my impressions of the deer discussion at the August 8th meeting of the Belvedere City Council.

First of all, I was relieved as I feel for the most part that the City Council has a realistic and unbiased picture of this situation that creates strong feelings on both sides.

Secondly, I realized that the 2016 deer group is much better organized (and funded) than the group that is against the current proposal for thinning down the deer population. I believe this is partially due to their head start. It probably should be noted that membership on the 2016 deer group is confined to those anti-deer unlike the deer committee of 2107-2008. It is my understanding that you have a letter on file with approximately 80 signatures of Belvedere residents who are against the current proposal for decreasing the deer population

Third, I had expected to hear more concern about accidents (thus my comments at the meeting). And while there was a discussion about lyme disease, the main objection to the deer seems to me to center around damage to individuals gardens.

I feel some confusion here for I have had less deer in 2016 than I have experienced in previous years back to 1996. I wonder if this is merely a resurfacing of the deer discussion in 2007-2008 as I understand some of the posted letters are not current.

I do understand the frustration and anger of disappearing plants and landscaping. I have been mostly able to solve the problem by planting natives and grasses that are fairly deer resistant. In a draught-stricken California this type of planting serves another purpose.

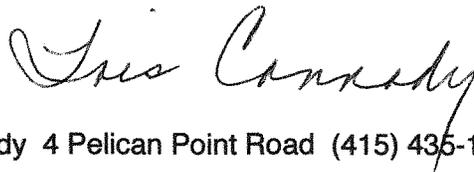
I am willing to put up with deer irritations because I love living 45 minutes away from the cities of San Francisco and Berkeley, and then returning to my country home surrounded by trees with their squirrels and birds, raccoons and deer.

I think it is important that we have experts speak on lyme disease. I know you will make certain they are factual and not biased.

Also I would like to see continuing research on a more-humane way to decrease the number of deer in Belvedere.

Everyday I wake up and feel so thankful for living in such a beautiful and vibrant city. We are also blessed with so many very talented and community minded individuals. Thank you for your service- your time and talent.

Sincerely,



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The Honorable James Campbell,
Mayor of Belvedere,
And other members of the
Belvedere City Council

Dear James and Council members,

Eight years ago six of my grand children, ranging in ages from 4 to 17 years, drew pictures of the deer they saw in my garden. Attached are copies of some of their pictures. Since a picture says a thousand words, I feel I do not need to say much more. One can see these children were filled with awe and wonder at seeing wildlife in their midst. Many of Belvedere's residents still have that feeling of awe and wonder. Some, sadly, do not.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Virginia Doyle". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end of the name.

Virginia Doyle
Belvedere resident
August 4, 2016

Cc: Mary Neilan, City Clerk



Charlotte
Doyle 7

(by 7-year old)



My NAME is Julia
Knepper I love the
dear! PLEASE don't
take all of them.
WE love them! AWAY

Julia
Knepper
age: 10 2/09

(by 10-year old)



(by 11-year old)

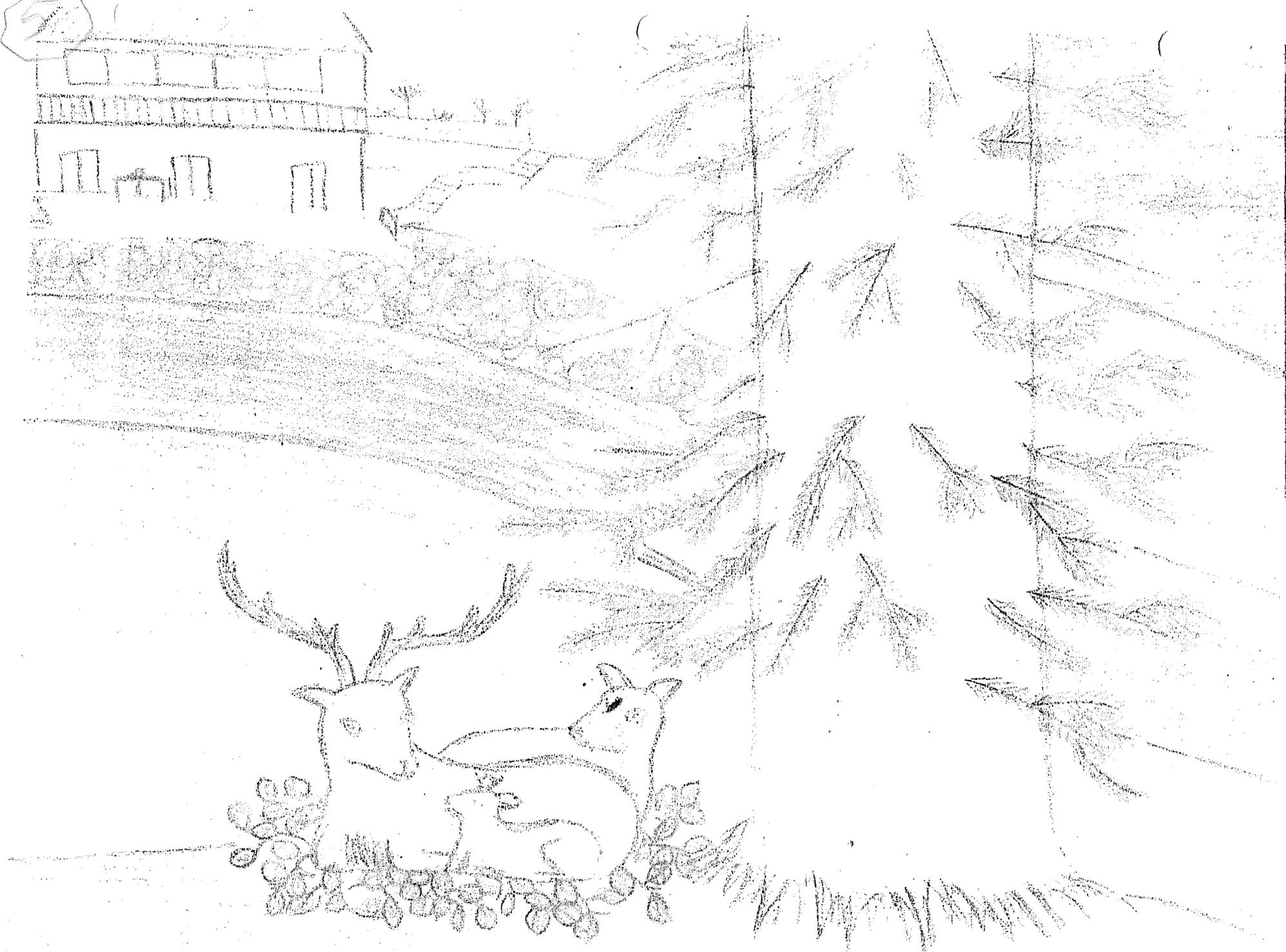
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Laurie
Boyle

11 yrs old

by 11-year old



(by 16-year old)

at Mountain View



(by 17-year-old)

June 17