

Township of



West Caldwell

November 13, 2013

Dear Resident:

This fall and winter, the Township of West Caldwell is sponsoring a shotgun deer management program throughout the municipality. The program is anticipated to take place on three (3) municipal properties; two (2) in the Hatfield Swamp area and one (1) at the Township's leaf composting facility. All individuals participating in the program are people who are certified participants in the Essex County Deer Management Program and have significant prior experience with deer management.

The goal of the management program will not only be to address concerns regarding the increasing deer population and safety issues but to provide food for those individuals in need. Meat harvested from the culled deer will be processed and made available to area food pantries and soup kitchens.

Overall, the program will be from the end of November through early February 2014 and may take place on any of the following dates:

November 2013: 25, 26, & 27

December 2013: 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20

January 2014: 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31

February 2014: 3, 4, 5, 6, 7

In addition to this notification, the Township will also be posting signs around the included municipal properties, announcing the program on the digital display sign and utilizing a robotic telephone call system to notify individuals in direct proximity of the included municipal properties. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 973-226-2300.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "AWB", is written over a horizontal line.

Adam W. Brewer
Township Administrator